

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES – MEETING #73

MEETING: SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

DATE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2017

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

LOCATION: GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION, OWEN SOUND ON

The Project Manager confirmed the accord of the Source Protection Committee by motion dated October 28, 2016 to appoint Bill Twaddle as Interim Chair.

Motion No. **Moved by Carolyn Day**
SPC-17-268 **Seconded by Les Nichols**

THAT Bill Twaddle serve as Interim Chair of the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee until the official appointment of a Chair to the Committee has been announced by the Office of the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change.

Carried

CALL TO ORDER

The Interim Chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

In Attendance: Interim Chair, Bill Twaddle
Andrew Barton, David Biesenthal, Bruce Davidson, Carolyn Day, Robert Emerson, Ken Furlong, Brent Lanktree, Les Nichols

Others Present: Beth Forrest, Ex-officio, Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC)
Angela Newman, Ex-officio member, Grey-Bruce Health Unit
Carl Seider, Project Manager, Drinking Water Source Protection (DWSP)
Nancy Guest, Recording Secretary, DWSP

Also in Attendance: Dick Hibma, Chair, Grey Sauble Conservation
Sonya Skinner, CAO, Grey Sauble Conservation
Wayne Brohman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Saugeen Valley Conservation
Emily Vandermeulen, Program Supervisor, DWSP
Karen Gillan, Communications Specialist, DWSP

Regrets: Kathie Hughes, Mark Kraemer, Mitch Twolan

Proxy Appointed by: Kathie Hughes

The Interim Chair updated the Committee respecting the outstanding Ministry appointments to Chair positions in various Regions and welcomed Dick Hibma, the newly appointed Chief Administrative Officer for Grey Sauble Conservation Sonya Skinner, Wayne Brohman, Beth Forrest and the new ex-officio from the Grey Bruce Health Unit, Angela Newman.

1. Adoption of Agenda

**Motion No.
SPC-17-269**

**Moved by Bruce Davidson
Seconded by Andrew Barton**

THAT the Agenda be adopted as distributed.

Carried

2. Declaration of Pecuniary or Conflict of Interest

Source Protection Committee (SPC) members were reminded to disclose any pecuniary interest that may arise during the course of the meeting. No disclosures of pecuniary interest were expressed at this time.

3. Adoption of Minutes

**Motion No.
SPC-17-270**

**Moved by Les Nichols
Seconded by Brent Lanktree**

THAT the Minutes of the September 23, 2016 Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Proposed Source Protection Plan Amendments Report 4a

The Project Manager reviewed Report 4a and the amendments to the Source Protection Plan (SPP) that required finalization with respect to grammar and further clarification as to intent. These amendments are being made under s.51 of Ontario Regulation 287/07 and do not change the original intent of the policies.

Sewer Requirement for New Lots Policy #02-05 was reviewed noting that some municipalities are interpreting this policy to mean that any development on new lots would be prohibited unless the lots are serviced by a municipal sewage system. An addition to the wording of the policy was made clarifying that, new lots could be created where the lots will be serviced by a municipal sewage system “or an on-site septic system could be located outside of a vulnerable area with a vulnerability score of 10”.

Water Services for New Lots Policy #TP-04 addresses municipalities giving “due consideration” to including a provision in the Official Plan regarding the servicing of new lots in a wellhead protection area (WHPA) A or B with a vulnerability score of 10; as well as stipulating that new lots are only permitted where the property will be connected to a municipal water system. This policy, if applied to an Official Plan update, would restrict any development of new lots that are currently not serviced by municipal water systems within these vulnerable areas.

Possible changes to Road Salt Application Policy #12-01 are pending updates and direction to the Technical Rules from the MOECC, as well as best management practices or road salt management plans currently under development.

**Motion No.
SPC-17-271**

**Moved by Carolyn Day
Seconded by Robert Emerson**

THAT pursuant to s. 51 of O.Reg. 287/07, the Source Protection Committee for the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region approves the Amended Source Protection Plan for the Saugeen Valley Source Protection Area, the Grey Sauble Source Protection Area and the Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Area pending the implementation of changes, agreed to by the Source Protection Committee during its meetings on September 23, 2016 and February 3, 2017.

Carried

5. Correspondence

Copy of letter from Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority dated December 1, 2016 respecting a moratorium on water bottling was **noted and filed**.

A discussion followed respecting commercial water taking and water quantity matters and the Project Manager advised that he will contact the Committee members requesting comments if there are any relevant postings on the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR).

6. Reports

Administration Report 6a

The Project Manager reviewed Report 6a and advised that there are several outstanding items included in the workplan.

Work on the transportation of fuels around highly vulnerable intakes located in the Great Lakes is expected to be undertaken in the next year, as well as updating the mapping respecting nutrient units and managed lands.

The websites located at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/list-environmental-approvals-and-registrations> and <https://www.wunderground.com/> provide information respecting water testing and emission approvals.

Changes to the Technical Rules may require possible increases in vulnerability scoring.

There is an opportunity for stewardship funding with the Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund and Tara has been identified as a suitable pilot project for tree planting and fencing due to its large WHPA-E area. Source Water will work with Grey Sauble Conservation when a stewardship coordinator has been appointed.

Seventy-five per cent of the risk management threats verification work has been completed and the remaining properties are in the process of being completed. The City of Owen Sound has been added to the municipalities using the Grey Sauble Conservation Risk Management office to assist in its implementation obligations.

Communications Report 6b

The Project Manager reviewed Communications Report 6b and advised that the workshop held in Tara in November 2016 was a successful outreach to agricultural sectors. The workshop covered a template for risk management and best practices respecting farming.

Staff attended a realtors tradeshow in October 2016 and were successful in informing attendees with respect to source water protection and risk management.

The Communications Specialist attended Farmers' Week in Elmwood, Ontario in January 2017 and had an opportunity to interact with producers and hear presentations respecting local stewardship projects that benefit soil and the environment.

The www.waterprotection.ca website is in the process of being updated to become more user-friendly and simplify the availability of information.

An update respecting the Saugeen Valley Conservation and Maitland Valley Conservation Agricultural Outreach Program was attached to the report and the facilitator of this program may attend an upcoming SPC meeting to discuss the progress of the program.

The Committee recessed from 10:05 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

7. New Business

Environmental Bill of Rights Postings Comments Report 7a

The Project Manager reviewed Environmental Bill of Rights Postings Comments Report 7a and advised that members are welcome to offer comments as individuals and comments on behalf of the SPC should be agreed upon by consensus of the Committee and be submitted by the DWSP office. Members are welcome to forward any comments to the DWSP.

Contaminated Sites Update Report 7b

The Project Manager reviewed Report 7b and advised that the Owen Sound MOECC district office has a comprehensive database of all known contaminated sites and there appear to be none that they are aware of in Grey or Bruce Counties. DWSP Staff will meet with the Guelph MOECC district office to review any sites that may exist in the southern portion of our Region.

**Motion No.
SPC-17-272**

**Moved by Bruce Davidson
Seconded by Andrew Barton**

THAT Drinking Water Source Protection Staff suspend any review of threats from potential contaminated sites until such time as additional information or evidence that warrants further analysis becomes available.

Carried

New Ripley Wells & Point Clark Delineations Consultation Report 7c

The Program Supervisor reviewed the new well delineations in a powerpoint presentation and advised that the larger wellhead protection area (WHPA) for Ripley is due to new methodology. The Project Manager reviewed Report 7c and advised that the new delineations have been presented to Huron-Kinloss and people have 35 days to comment during the consultation period which starts March 1, 2017 and ends at 4:30 p.m. on April 7, 2017. It is anticipated that the Source Protection Plan amendments will be submitted to the MOECC by the end of April or early May.

**Motion No.
SPC-17-273**

**Moved by Carolyn Day
Seconded by Bruce Davidson**

THAT the Source Protection Committee for the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region approves the Amended Source Protection Plan for the Saugeen Valley Source Protection Area, the Grey Sauble Source Protection Area and the Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Area with respect to the Ripley wells and Point Clark delineations pending the implementation of changes agreed to by the Source Protection Committee during its meetings on September 23, 2016 and February 3, 2017; and further,

THAT: Drinking Water Source Protection Staff be directed to forward the Amended Source Protection Plan, following the public consultation period, to the Saugeen Valley Source Protection Authority, to seek support prior to submission to the Ministry.

Carried

8. Other Business


Dave Biesenthal requested that a letter be sent to each member of the Agricultural and Rural Working Group thanking them for their contribution to the program.

There was no other business.

9. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next Committee meeting will be held on **Friday, June 23, 2017** at the **Walkerton Clean Water Centre**, 20 Ontario Street, Walkerton, Ontario.

There being no further business, Ken Furlong made a motion to adjourn at 11:50 a.m.



Bill Twaddle
Chair

Nancy Guest
Recording Secretary