

Source Protection Committee

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING 29

– May 14, 2010 at Bridgenorth Reception Hall

Welcome to Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield

Reeve Ron Millen welcomed the Committee on behalf of the municipality. He provided a brief overview of the Township including its history and profile of the community.

Correspondence

A calendar of events commemorating the Walkerton Tragedy was provided.

Water Budget Technical Reports - Updates

The Committee expressed concerns regarding the technical rules related to the use of actual versus permitted water takings in the water budget assessment. A letter will be sent to MOE indicating these concerns.

The Committee accepted the results of the Tier 2 water budget and water quantity stress assessment indicating a low water quantity stress for the sub-watershed associated with the Havelock municipal groundwater system.

The Orono/Wilmot Creek Tier 2 Water Budget has been carried out based on the indication of a surface water stress on a groundwater system. MOE has now confirmed that Orono is not considered a GUDI system (groundwater system under the direct influence of surface water) therefore there is no requirement to include the Tier 2 water budget in the Assessment Report.

Water Quality Technical Reports - Updates

The Committee accepted the following results for inclusion in the draft Proposed Trent Assessment Report:

- Revised vulnerability assessment and threats enumeration completed by XCG Consultants for 10 Trent River surface water systems (Lakefield, Peterborough, Hastings, Marmora, Campbellford, Warkworth, Frankford, Batawa, Trenton, Bayside)
- Vulnerability assessment completed by XCG Consultants (EarthFx) for Keene Heights, Crystal Springs, Millbrook

The SPC had some discussion regarding the consideration of hydraulic lifts for Trent-Severn Waterway locks as a local threat and an inquiry about storm sewers as transport pathways for Lakefield and Marmora.

The Committee accepted the following results for inclusion in the draft Proposed Ganaraska Assessment Report:

- Vulnerability assessment completed by Stantec Consulting for the Lake Ontario Collaborative Study for Newcastle, Port Hope, Cobourg surface water systems

It was noted that there are no significant drinking water threats, as defined under the Clean Water Act, for these three drinking water systems and no drinking water issues have been identified to date.

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Finalization of the Draft Proposed Assessment Reports

Director's Approval has been received for the addition of the congregation of waterfowl as a local threat for Lakefield and Peterborough.

The SPC accepted a recommendation to proceed with the posting of a notice on the website to initiate public consultation on the draft Proposed Assessment Reports. The Lower Trent Source Protection Authority will resubmit a request to the Ministry of the Environment for an extension of the deadline for submission of the Proposed Assessment Report to October 29, 2010.

Glenda Rodgers indicated that it is intended to post both reports on June 2, 2010, with a 37 day comment period ending on July 9. Potential dates and meeting locations were provided for the public meetings:

- **Dates:** June 23, 24, 28, and 29. July 05, 06. (3 p.m. to 8 p.m.)
- **Locations (to be confirmed):** Baltimore, Norland, Havelock, Peterborough, Blackstock, Stirling

The reports and maps will be posted on the internet and hard copies will be available for viewing at Conservation Authority and municipal offices along with DVD copies. Newspaper ads will be placed in all newspapers within the region. Letters will also be sent to landowners that have been identified with one or more significant threats on their property.

Upcoming Municipal Elections

Municipal representatives on the Committee may need to be reconsidered following the municipal elections this fall. Representatives were appointed by a group of municipalities, not the individual municipality that they are from. A representative that is not re-elected could still sit on the SPC if the group of municipalities was agreeable and as long as the individual works or lives in the source protection region.

Municipal representation on the working groups may also need to change. The membership should be revisited after the election, keeping in mind the shift from the technical stage to the planning stage as well.

A letter will be sent to municipalities on the process in late summer/early fall.

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program – Early Response Program

Glenda Rodgers provided an update on the next phase (2010-2012) of the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program – Early Response Program. The intent of the Early Response Program is to ensure that funds are prioritized to address the greatest risk to drinking water sources and are available to affected landowners. The SPC will have a role to play in setting priorities for funding of significant threats.

Updates on Public Engagement/Conferences

Wayne Stiver and Rosemary Kelleher-MacLennan attended the Ontario Municipal Water Association Conference held in Windsor from May 2-4, 2010.

Next Meeting:

- The June 17 meeting date has been cancelled. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, July 14 (Ganaraska Forest Centre).