

Source Protection Committee

Meeting Summary

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING 34

– November 16, 2010 at Orono Town Hall

Welcome to Orono

Beatta Golas, Hydrogeologist for the Regional Municipality of Durham provided a welcome to the community of Orono. Founded in 1832, Orono is located within the Municipality of Clarington and is primarily an agricultural community. She also provided a brief overview of the municipal wells used as the source for Orono's drinking water system.

Correspondence

The following correspondence was accepted as information by the Source Protection Committee:

- Ministry of the Environment re: receipt of Proposed AR — November 3, 2010
- Letter to Ministry of the Environment re: sustained funding – November 3, 2010
- Ministry of the Environment re: DWSP – November 4, 2010
- MOE Bulletin re: Notice of when Plan Preparation Begins
- Director, Source Protection Programs Branch re: on-site sewage (septic) systems
- Letter to Ministry of the Environment from K-H SPA re: sustained funding – October 26, 2010

Source Protection Planning Strategy – Jennifer Stephens

Jennifer Stephens provided an overview for the Source Protection Committee of a proposed strategy for the development of the source protection plans including:

- Tools to assist SPC in understanding threats
- Tools to assist SPC in developing policies
- Policy Development Framework: A proposal
- Timelines
- Considerations

Staff will be preparing the first drafts of policies in January/February 2011 for input and feedback from the municipal working groups. There will be a number of opportunities in January through June for both the working groups and Committee to amend and refine policies. The Committee will start to finalize policies for the source protection plan from July through October with the plans completed by December 2011.

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Staff is investigating other ideas on how to engage other agencies and individuals that will be responsible for implementation of the source protection plan. Another consideration is that an updated Assessment Report along with regulatory consultation must be completed by June 2011.

Source Protection Planning Consultation Strategy – Marilyn Bucholtz

Marilyn Bucholtz provided an overview for the Source Protection Committee of the proposed Consultation Strategy with the following objectives:

- Fulfill legislative and regulatory consultation requirements for the development of the source protection plan and updated assessment report
- Ensure two way communications between stakeholders and the SPC
- Promote Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program, and
- Increase the local community awareness of the source protection planning process

Municipal Working Groups Membership

In accordance with the Clean Water Act, Regulation 288/07, a member is appointed to the Source Protection Committee at least until the Source Protection Plan is completed in 2010. The regulation sets out a schedule for renewing membership, once the plan is complete. As all existing SPC municipal representatives were re-elected during the recent municipal elections, there is no need to re-appoint municipal representatives unless they no longer reside or work in the region, or do not meet other conditions set out in s. 7 of the regulation.

A letter will be sent to all municipalities outlining the appointment process for municipal representatives on the Committee. Municipalities will also be reminded that, as the committee drafts policies, it will be very important for them to remain involved through their local municipal working group which is chaired by their municipal representative on the committee.

Each working group should also be reviewing existing membership to ensure that municipal planning staff has the opportunity to participate.

Updates on Public Engagement/Conferences

- Edgar Cornish – attending the Durham Region Federation of Agriculture on November 16 to provide an update on Source Protection

All meeting presentations are available at:

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Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on December 8, 2010 at the Havelock Community Centre (arena), 39 George Street East, Havelock.

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