

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING #32

SEPTEMBER 17, 2010

STIRLING, ONTARIO

MINUTES

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Jim Hunt, Chair
- Alanna Boulton, Trent Severn Waterway
- Monica Berdin, Recreation/Tourism
- Tom Cathcart, Health Unit Liaison
- Bill Cornfield, Drinking Water Expert
- Edgar Cornish, Agriculture
- Bruce Craig, Municipal
- Bobbie Drew, Public-Rural
- Dave Golem, Municipal
- Jim Kelleher, SPA Liaison
- Rosemary Kelleher-MacLennan, Municipal
- Robert Lake, Economic Development
- Wendy Lavender, MOE Liaison
- Gerald McGregor, Municipal

- Glenn Milne, Agriculture
- Terry Rees, Waterfront Landowner
- Mary Smith, Municipal
- Bev Spencer, Agriculture
- Richard Straka, Municipal
- Wayne Stiver, Drinking Water Expert
- Alix Taylor, ENGO
- Dave Workman, Industrial/Commercial

REGRETS:

- Darla Blodgett, Hiawatha First Nation
- Dave Burton, Municipal
- Pam Crowe, Alderville First Nation
- Kerry Doughty, Aggregate/Mining
- Mae Whetung, Curve Lake First Nation

COMMITTEE SUPPORT STAFF:

- Glenda Rodgers, Project Manager
- Myriam Genet, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS:

- Anne Alexander, Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit
- Dr. John Fitzgibbon, University of Guelph
- Kevin Heath, Clerk-Administrator, Stirling-Rawdon
- Keith Taylor, Quinte Conservation

CONSERVATION AUTHORITY STAFF:

- CVCA: Marnie Guindon, Vicki Woolfrey
- GRCA: Mark Peacock
- KRCA: Mark Majchrowski
- LTC: Anne Anderson, Caroline Zawadzka
- ORCA: Terri Cox, Meredith Carter
- TCC Regional Staff: Shan Mugalingam, Andrew Doiron, Jeffrey Meyer

1. Call to Order

Chair Hunt called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. Welcome to Stirling

Mayor Peter Kooistra of the Township of Stirling-Rawdon sent his regrets. Kevin Heath, CAO of the Township, welcomed the Committee on his behalf. Kevin provided information on the Stirling Theatre, Museum of Agriculture as well as the recently restored Heritage Railway Station. Kevin encouraged Committee members to visit the community.

3. Disclosure of any conflicts of interest

There were no disclosures.

4. Approval of the Agenda

To accommodate Dr. John's Fitzgibbon's revised schedule, the Committee agreed to move his presentation up on the agenda. It was noted that an additional letter from the Ministry of the Environment received on September 16th would be added to the agenda under correspondence.

SPC 2010-09-17-01

By consensus, the Source Protection Committee approved the agenda with the above noted amendments.

5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Approval of minutes from last meeting – August 20, 2010

SPC 2010-09-17-02

By consensus, the Source Protection Committee approved the minutes.

7. Business arising from minutes of last meeting

a. SPC letter of support of KRCA Septic Inspection proposal

Glenda Rodgers updated the Committee on the status of the KRCA Septic Inspection proposal.

Glenda was informed by Heather Malcolmson, MOE, that the project was not eligible for technical funds since inspections would be covered under the new changes in the building code regulations.

Terry Rees indicated that the letter sent to Kawartha Conservation from the committee was premature as it offered unqualified support of the application.

Kawartha Conservation indicated that they are still interested in pursuing the project, and would do so if supported by the Source Protection Committee.

Concerns raised were similar to concerns from the August SPC Meeting:

- Supportive of septic inspection but suggest it be done through the Health Unit

- Geographical scope is limited, work not very technical, questionable expertise
- Questions regarding fees, costs, etc.

Further discussion was deferred to item 12.

b. Finalization of Proposed Assessment Reports

Glenda Rodgers reported that the Proposed Assessment Reports are complete and are posted on the website. Copies of the Ganaraska report were distributed to Committee members, as well as DVDs of both reports. Because of technical difficulties at the printer, hard copies of the Trent Report will be provided at the next meeting.

c. Regional Source Protection Meeting

Glenda Rodgers reported that a Regional Source Protection Meeting would be scheduled in Peterborough after the November 9th Regulations training. Attendees would include municipal staff, councillors, Source Protection Committee members as well as Conservation Authority staff. It was noted that the value of a fall meeting was questionable because of the municipal elections. Glenda noted that it was the first of two meetings to be scheduled (with the second meeting planned for the winter 2011). The first meeting would probably be of most interest to staff – but interested council members would be welcome to attend.

Glenda suggested that the draft agenda could include:

- Overview of Source Protection Program (Clean Water Act, TCC program)
- Overview of Assessment Report Findings
- The Source Protection Plan (regulations/contents)
- Early Response Program
- Risk Management Officials/Inspectors
- Round Tables (Input on consultation/planning approaches)

It was agreed that the meeting be scheduled on November 29th, 30th or December 2nd.

Action: Staff will work with Municipalities and CA staff to set a date (November 29th, 30th or December 2nd) and advise the Source Protection Committee.

8. Nutrient Management Plans & other Agricultural Initiatives for Water Protection – presentation by Dr. John Fitzgibbon, University of Guelph

Dr. John Fitzgibbon provided an overview of Nutrient Management Plans and other Agricultural Initiatives for Water Protection. Dr. Fitzgibbon provided a copy of various manuals that can be made available to Committee members interested in more information. These include:

- EarthTramper Consulting Inc. KD Communications (2007). Caring for the Land – Our Farm Environmental Commitment. Agriculture and Agri-Foods Canada
- MOE (2009). Guide to Pesticide Licensing and Certification – Pesticides Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.11 and Ontario Regulation 63/09. Ontario Ministry of the Environment

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- Best Management Practices – Nutrient Management Planning (Revised Edition 2006) Agriculture and Agri-Foods Canada, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
- Ontario Farm Environmental Coalition (2004). The Canada-Ontario Environmental Farm Plan Program
- Ontario Regulation 267/03 Amended to O.Reg. 447/03. Nutrient Management Act, 2002

To view Dr. Fitzgibbon's presentation see www.trentsourceprotection.on.ca

9. Correspondence

- Letter from Ian Smith, MOE, re: Ontario's Regional Adaptation Collaborative: Source Protection Climate Change Plan, dated August 27, 2010**
- Letter from City of Kawartha Lakes re: Cumulative Impact Assessment - Quarries, dated August 31, 2010**
- Letter from Ian Smith, MOE, re: Guidance on Updated Assessment Reports, dated August 31, 2010**
- Letter from Ian Smith, MOE, re: Overview of Source Protection Plan Requirements**

SPC 2010-09-17-03

By consensus, the Source Protection Committee accepted the correspondence.

10. Work Plan for Updated Assessment Report – presentation by Glenda Rodgers

Glenda Rodgers provided a Work Plan for the Updated Assessment Report outlining tasks and completion dates. The date the report is to be submitted is June 30, 2011).

11. Chair's Quarterly Report

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By consensus, the Source Protection Committee accepted the Quarterly Report.

12. Update on Ontario Building Code Amendments re: septic bed re-inspection program – Wendy Lavender

Wendy Lavender updated the Source Protection Committee on Ontario Building Code Amendments related to septic system inspections. The amendment was made through Ontario Regulation 315/10 in June, 2010 and will come into force in January 2011. Inspections will be mandatory in vulnerable areas associated with municipal drinking water systems where the vulnerability score is high enough to consider the septic system a significant threat. Municipalities are provided with discretionary powers to establish inspection programs in other areas. Once a Municipality decides to establish an inspection program for other areas, the inspections become mandatory. Inspections will be required within five years of the assessment report's or source protection plan's approval and every five years thereafter.

Mark Majchrowski indicated that if support from the Committee was received, KRCA would move forward with their re-inspection program proposal. It was agreed that while the Committee found merit in the proposal, support could not be offered at this time.

13. Source Protection Planning Training Needs – Glenda Rodgers

A planning training session for the Committee has been scheduled by MOE for November 9th. Other potential training includes sessions with SPC Committee Members: Planning Tools (Richard Straka), Septic Systems (Tom Cathcart) and Certificate of Approvals (Wendy Lavender or another MOE employee).

Other suggestions for topics / guest speakers:

- Home Heating Oil (TSSA)
- Drinking Water threats
- Climate Change
- Dr. David Biesenthal (re: agriculture), Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee
- Blue Green Algae

Action: Committee Members should contact Glenda Rodgers if they have suggestions for guest speakers/topics.

14. Early Response Application – presentation by Anne Anderson, Caroline Zawadzka and Terri Cox

Anne Anderson, Caroline Zawadzka and Terri Cox presented an overview and update of the Early Response Application. The Review Committee, consisting of staff from each Conservation Authority, a staff member from the regional team, and three Source Protection Committee Members met on September 9, 2010 to prioritize significant threats for the application.

To view their presentation see www.trentsourceprotection.on.ca

SPC 2010-09-17-05

By consensus, the Source Protection Committee accepted the following recommendation:

That the Trent Conservation Coalition SPC supports the prioritization of significant threats to be addressed in the TCC Early Response application

Chair Hunt thanked the Review Committee for their good work.

Meredith Carter reported that Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield is going to submit an application to the Early Response Special Projects Program (over \$100K) to deal with the geese adjacent to the Lakefield Intake. The proposed Goose Management and Habitat Modification Project will include two components:

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- Goose Management including bird relocation, egg oiling and nest removal
- Shoreline restoration, naturalization and establishment of riparian buffer

It is anticipated that the project will result in a reduction in the population of Canada Geese that utilize the area upstream of the Lakefield Surface Water Intake, reducing the threat of contamination to the municipal water supply.

The Township would appreciate a letter of support from the SPC for this project to include with the application to MOE that will be submitted on or before September 30, 2010.

Bob Lake suggested that the wording be changed from “Canada Geese” to “Waterfowl,” to make the application more encompassing.

SPC 2010-09-17-06

By consensus, the Source Protection Committee Members accepted the following recommendation:

That the Trent Conservation Coalition SPC write a letter of support for the Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield application for Waterfowl Management and Habitat Modification Project.

15. Source Protection Plan Regulation (Presentation and Discussion) - Wendy Lavender and Glenda Rodgers

Wendy Lavender presented an overview of the Source Protection Plan Regulation. Future training of the regulations will take place on November 9th in Toronto. To view Wendy’s presentation see www.trentsourceprotectionon.ca.

16. Reports/Updates

- **Staff**
 - No additional reports
- **Municipal Working Groups**
 - No reports
- **Committee Members (updates on public engagement/conferences)**
 - Gerald McGregor reported on the Ontario East Municipal Conference in Kingston (September 15-17). He indicated that Sommer Casgrain-Robertson, Co-Project Manager of Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Region, spoke at the conference and did an excellent job.
 - Rosemary Kelleher-MacLennan mentioned the upcoming Eastern Ontario Municipal Water Association (EOMWA) Conference on September 28th in Smith Falls.
 - Jim Kelleher reported that this was his last meeting as he was retiring. Jim said he would miss the Committee members. He was very impressed with the tremendous job the Committee was doing and is confident the good work will continue. Chair Hunt thanked Jim Kelleher for his contribution.

- November 9th Source Protection Plan Regulation Training in Toronto – details will be e-mailed when available.

17. Next Meetings

Date	Location
October 15	Cardiff Community Centre 16 Monck Road Cardiff
November 16, 2010	Orono Town Hall 5315 Main Orono, ON L0B 1M0
December 8, 2010	Havelock Community Centre (Arena) 39 George St. E Havelock, ON K0L1Z0

18. Questions/Comments from the Public

There were no questions.

19. Other Business

There was no other business

20. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.