

**SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**MEETING NO. 05-08-SPC**

Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008

Holiday Inn – Barrie, ON

**SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lynn Dollin	Chair, Source Protection Committee
Colin Elliott	Agricultural Sector Representative
John Hemsted	Agricultural Sector Representative
David Ritchie	Agricultural Sector Representative
Colin Nisbet	Economic / Development Sector Representative
Gerry Brouwer	Industrial / Commercial Sector Representative
David Ketcheson	Industrial / Commercial Sector Representative
John Boucher	Municipal Sector Representative, Town of Penetanguishene
Clayton Cameron	Municipal Sector Representative, Township of Severn
Bob Duncanson	Public Sector Representative, Source Protection Committee
David Marquis	Municipal Sector Representative, Durham Region
Brian Milligan	Municipal Sector Representative, Town of Midland
Ilmar Simanovskis	Municipal Sector Representative, York Region
Stan Wells	Municipal Sector Representative, Town of Wasaga Beach
Dianne Corrigan	Public Sector Representative
Stephanie Hobbs	Public Sector Representative
Tom Kurtz	Public Sector Representative
Alex Millar	Public Sector Representative
Fred Ruf	Public Sector Representative
Larry Slomka	Public Sector Representative

**LIAISONS:**

Lee-Anne Rajnauth	Ministry of the Environment
Gayle Wood	Source Protection Authority Liaison Representative (LSRCA)

**REGRETS:**

Ted Devine	Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit
Robert Grimm	Aggregate Sector Representative
Rick Newlove	Municipal Sector Representative, Simcoe County

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Chris Galway	Lafarge Canada Inc.
Anne Guiot	Skelton, Brumwell and Associates

**SOUTH GEORGIAN BAY LAKE SIMCOE REGION STAFF PRESENT:**

Don Goodyear	Manager, Source Protection Planning
Melanie Rumley	Project Assistant, Source Protection Planning
Shawn Slattery	Hydrogeologist
Andrea Torok	Project Coordinator, Source Protection Planning

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**I WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS**

Chair Dollin welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced one of the guests, Chris Galway, as a possible Aggregate Sector Representative to fill Robert Grimm's space on the Source Protection Committee while Robert is on leave for the next few months. This temporary replacement will go to the LSCBR SPA for approval on Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008.

**II DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None identified for the record of this meeting.

**III APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was amended to include three (3) additional correspondence items: 1) Letter to Paul Heeney at MOE; 2) Draft letter to MOE regarding development and potential refinement of Terms of Reference document; and 3) Letter from Ian Smith at MOE regarding potential inclusion of policies related to compensation.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS THAT the content of the Agenda for the May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 meeting of the South Georgian Bay/Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee be approved as amended to include Correspondence c, d, and e under Agenda Items.**

**IV ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

a) Source Protection Committee

i) Chair Dollin reviewed the minutes of the April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Source Protection Committee meeting and recognized that several suggested amendments have been included in the minutes.

ii) Chair Dollin provided an update of the action items as outlined:

Bio-Security Issue

This matter continues to be worked on and will be carried forward as an action item for future meetings.

Agricultural Guest Speaker

Member Dave Ritchie will continue to pursue the possibility of having an agricultural guest speaker attend a future Source Protection Committee meeting to make a presentation and answer questions. This action item will be carried forward to the next meeting.

"Workplan"

Kate Turner of MOE checked on using the word "Workplan" to describe the Draft Terms of Reference documents, and the MOE approves. The word has been used in the current documents.

New Action Items

Chair Dollin identified the following action items for the next Source Protection Committee meeting:

- The new SWP Communications person is currently being hired and will hopefully be introduced at the next meeting.
- There will be further research conducted on the Georgian Bay Waterworks event.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS THAT the minutes of the South Georgian Bay/Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee, held on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008, be approved as amended, printed and circulated.**

b) Technical Working Group (TWG)

Member Larry Slomka, Chair of the TWG, reviewed the minutes of the April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 meeting of the Technical Working Group.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS THAT the minutes of the April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 meeting of the Technical Working Group be received for information.**

Larry Slomka also reviewed the draft minutes of the May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting of the Technical Working Group and explained that these minutes are included here to allow for Source Protection Committee review and input. He explained that there are some questions around the Tier 3 Water Budget rationale and that the TWG decided to change to Robert's or Bourinot's Rules for its meeting format to allow for more concise records.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS THAT the draft minutes of the May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting of the Technical Working Group be received for information.**

There was a discussion around the Source Protection Committee changing its meeting operating procedures to abide by Robert's or Bourinot's Rules instead of by Consensus format.

**RECOMMENDED THAT the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee operate under Bourinot's Rules of order.**

Moved by: D. Marquis

Seconded by: J. Hemsted

Motion tabled until next Source Protection Committee meeting on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

**Action:** Suggested changes to the meeting operating procedures be identified by committee members to the Chair and SPC staff prior to the next meeting.

**Responsibility:** SPC Committee Members

**Action:** Research on what meeting operating procedures other SPCs in Ontario are following and what is required to meet the regulations in the Clean Water Act

**Responsibility:** Chair Dollin, SPC and Lee-Anne Rajnauth, MOE

**V**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

a) Activities of the Committee and Chair

- i) Chair Dollin attended the Draft Terms of Reference meeting for the Nottawasaga Source Protection Area on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008. Chair Dollin will also be attending the LSCBR Source Protection Authority meeting on May 23, 2008, as well as the Source Protection Committee Chairs Meeting on June 2/3, 2008.

- ii) Member Colin Elliott noted that he will be attending the Nottawasga Valley Source Protection Authority meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup>, and that there will be other Representatives from the Source Protection Committee in attendance as well.
- iii) Member Fred Ruf attended a meeting in Ottawa earlier this month for the Federal drinking water process. He noted that this group has an ongoing interest in the Source Protection Committee and the process.
- iv) Member Gerry Brouwer asked about other groups that are studying/managing water resources and expressed concern about overlap with other work. Don Goodyear explained that although there are a number of agencies involved in water management, the Source Protection Program is intended to compliment existing and on-going efforts by those other agencies, and that Source Protection staff are collaborating with representatives from those other water management groups.

## **VI DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations scheduled for this meeting.

## **VII PRESENTATIONS**

Technical Briefing – Geological Mapping and Source Protection (Shawn Slattery)

Shawn Slattery gave a presentation on recent research on the geology within a portion of the Source Protection Region, and how the results of that research benefit the Source Protection program.

## **VIII DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION**

Agenda Items 1(a) (Letter from Township of Amaranth), 1(d) (Draft letter to MOE), 1(e) (Letter from Ian Smith), 2 (Communications Update), and 3 (Terms of Reference Update) were identified for discussion.

## **IX ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION**

It was identified that Agenda Items 1(b) (Letter from Claude Cousineau) and 1(c) (Letter from Paul Heeney) have been received by the Committee and do not require separate discussion.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS THAT the items above listed as “Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion” be adopted as submitted.**

## **X CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION**

### **1.(a) Letter from Township of Amaranth Council regarding a Resolution passed on April 16, 2008**

Don Goodyear explained that the letter from the Township of Amaranth regarding a resolution they passed refers to a series of technical products, and that there have been concerns over differences in these products. There has been some discussion with the CTC and Lake Erie Source Protection region staff and NVCA staff to try to better

understand the concerns of Amaranth. The Source Protection groups recognize the need to rationalize the differences in versions of technical products and resolve them for the Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan.

Chair Dollin noted that this area is a very small section of our watershed region (no water systems here), but that the Source Protection Committee will be kept up-to-date on what happens.

Bob Duncanson gave some of the background on this issue and noted that the concern is over the cost of mandatory upgrades to a small water system under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Clayton Cameron commented that there are many small systems in our region that face similar issues as Amaranth Township.

Don Goodyear will be in attendance at a meeting with Amaranth and the three Source Protection Regions involved to discuss the issues and will report back to the Source Protection Committee.

**1.(d) Draft letter to MOE regarding ammendment to the Terms of Reference documents for Source Protection Planning**

Chair Dollin reviewed the draft letter that has not yet been sent to the MOE. The letter is based on suggestions from the last Source Protection Committee meeting of April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 that there should be a simplified procedure for amending the Terms of Reference, especially for minor amendments. As it currently stands, the amendment process calls for full public consultation for all changes.

Don Goodyear explained the differences between major vs. minor amendments. Major amendments are defined as a change that will create a 20% or more change in cost, will delay the work for greater than one year, or where deliverables are dropped from the Terms of Reference. Minor amendments are defined as circumstances where the change will not remove a deliverable/product, will not increase the cost by more than 20%, or will not delay a task for more than one year.

Chair Dollin noted that she will also take this letter to the Source Protection Committee Chairs meeting on June 2/3, 2008.

Moved by: D. Marquis

Seconded by: A. Millar

**RESOLVED THAT the Draft Letter to the MOE regarding development and potential refinement of Terms of Reference documents for Source Protection Planning be circulated as amended and,  
FURTHER THAT all other Source Protection Committees in the province be copied on the letter.**

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**1.(e) Letter from Ian Smith at MOE regarding potential inclusion of policies related to compensation in the Terms of Reference documents**

Colin Elliot expressed concern with Section 92 of the Clean Water Act regarding expropriation of land for farmer and small business owners. He also had concerns about the compensation in Stewardship Program not being sufficient. Colin noted that

agricultural stakeholders will be meeting in the coming weeks to plan a response to the letter from Ian Smith. Dave Ritchie also supported Colin's comments.

Fred Ruf noted that this is an issue that exists in other Source Protection Committees and suggested that the agricultural sector work together to bring the issue forward.

Don Goodyear explained that existing land uses that are assessed as risks to drinking water represent the biggest challenge in the program, along with the funding of implementation.

Chair Dollin reminded the Committee that this letter refers to the Terms of Reference documents, and that the Program Oversight in the Terms of Reference Executive Summary (Paragraph 2 and subsequent bullet points) were added in an attempt to address the concern over the financial implications of policies in the Source Protection Plan.

Don Goodyear indicated that SWP staff will be compiling all comments on the Terms of Reference for consideration by the Source Protection Committee for revision prior to release of the second draft (due in early August 2008). He encouraged Source Protection Committee members to forward concerns like these to staff as they continue to digest the Terms of Reference documents so that they can be formally considered by the Committee as the Terms of Reference are revised for the second draft.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS THAT the correspondence listed in the May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 agenda as items 1(a) through 1(e) be received for information.**

2. **Communications Update (Staff Report No. 2008-05-01-SPC)**

David Ketcheson noted the article "Canada, don't take fresh water for granted" as being an important article. It explains how water resources will become limited in the future because of melting in the glacier ice sheet.

Chair Dollin noted that interviews for the new SWP Communications employee will be taking place the week of May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS THAT the Staff Report No. 2008-05-01-SPC describing media and other communications and outreach activities surrounding Source Water Protection be received for information.**

3. **Terms of Reference Update (Staff Report No. 2008-05-02-SPC)**

Don Goodyear indicated that there were a number of changes made to the Terms of Reference documents since the last Source Protection Committee meeting of April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 to the public posting of the first draft on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 based on the Source Protection Committee member feedback. He noted that the more general changes included use of the word 'workplan' to describe the document (confirmed by the MOE), information about Policy Development and information added about the process being fair and transparent, and information on the four Public Open Houses (four in total in the watershed area).

Andrea Torok reviewed the more specific changes in each of the Terms of Reference documents, outlining the changes in all three Source Protection Authority Terms of Reference, as well as changes in each of the three documents (Lakes Simcoe and Couchiching-Black River Source Protection Authority, Nottawasaga Valley Source Protection Authority, and Severn Sound Source Protection Authority).

Feedback from the Source Protection Committee, municipalities, First Nations, and public is encouraged. The deadline is June 20, 2008.

Don Goodyear noted that we have already heard from about 25% of the 52 municipalities in our watershed region.

Stephanie Hobbs indicated that she has a comment for the Terms of Reference regarding format and readability, which she will put in writing and send to SWP staff.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS THAT Staff Report No. 2008-05-02-SPC regarding the update of the draft Terms of Reference documents be received for information.**

**XI OTHER BUSINESS**

The next meeting of the Source Protection Committee will take place on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the Holiday Inn in Barrie (20 Fairview Road). The meetings following that will take place in other areas around the region.

**XII CLOSED SESSION**

There are no items for this meeting requiring in-camera discussion.

**XIII ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: C. Cameron

Seconded by: F. Ruf

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.