



Source Protection Committee

**Wednesday, November 25, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Holmesville Community Centre, Holmesville**

MEMBERS PRESENT

SPC Chair Larry Brown; SPC Members; Keith Black, Don Jones, Gerry Rupke, Ian Brebner, Matt Pearson, Marilyn Miltenburg, Jim Nelemans, Mike McElhone, Al Hamilton, Rowena Wallace, Mert Schneider

LIAISONS PRESENT

Health Liaison Bob Worsell, Source Protection Authority Liaison, Jim Ginn, MOE Liaison, Tu Van Duong, Kettle and Stoney Point First Nations Liaison, Bob Bresette

WITH REGRETS

SPC Members; Gib Dow, John Vander Burgt, Karen Galbraith, Bill Rowat

DWSP STAFF PRESENT

Cathie Brown, Project Manager; Jenna Bowen, Project Assistant/Recording Secretary; Tim Cumming, Communications Specialist; Derek Matheson, SP Technician

OTHERS PRESENT

None

CALL TO ORDER

Larry Brown, Source Protection Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and informed the Committee that they would receive 2 full days of per diem due to the amount of material they were required to read as preparation for the meeting.

AGENDA

MOTION #SPC: 2009-11-01

Moved by Al Hamilton
Seconded by Rowena Wallace

That the agenda be approved.

Carried by Consensus.

MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 28th, 2009

MOTION #SPC: 2009-11-02

Moved by Ian Brebner
Seconded by Marilyn Miltenburg

That the SPC minutes from October 28th be approved

Carried by Consensus.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

ASSESSMENT REPORT

Project Manager, Cathie Brown presented information on the Assessment Report. Several components of the draft report were handed out to SPC members including; dividers for the map binder, the executive summary for the MV SPA, and a copy of the glossary for the appendices binders. The executive summary provides a complete overview of the contents of the report and should be very helpful when consulting with the public. A table of threats has yet to be released by MOE, which will go in the appendices binder when it comes out. Additionally, a summary table was provided to SPC members containing the total number of affected properties and hectares within each SPA. This summary table will be added to the end of each of the reports.

Currently staff have contacted 97% of property owners and have completed 58% of the property visits for the threats inventory. Property visits continue to be arranged with landowners and verification of threats through visits will carry on into the winter until all visits have been completed. Updated threats information will be added to the draft proposed Assessment Report as it is gathered. In total there are 2024 properties that are in areas that score either an 8 or a 10 in the MV SPA and 217 in the AB SPA.

At this juncture, SPC member comments on the work so far are welcomed. The overall process would be to receive SPC comments, public comments, and SPA comments by the middle of March, 2010. These comments would be received and incorporated for the final draft that goes to the SPA for a 30 day comment period in April. The final draft and any additional comments will be sent to the Minister for June 8th, 2010.

It was noted that there was an error in the property summary table in the column showing the hectares without roads. This will be corrected in an amended version of the table and sent to SPC members following the meeting. There was a brief discussion about the proportion of affected properties in the Maitland Valley SPA as compared to the Ausable Bayfield SPA. The MV has a much greater number of affected properties due to the higher reliance on groundwater in the area. There was a comment made that more recent data for livestock populations should be used. The SPC agreed that the most recent

version of the draft was much improved from earlier versions and that the executive summary is very helpful in pulling the whole document together.

MOTION #SPC: 2009-11-03

Moved by Marilyn Miltenburg
Seconded by Gerry Rupke

That the draft Assessment Report is accepted subject to updates and public consultation be proceeded with.

Carried by Consensus

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Communications Specialist, Tim Cumming presented the communications plan. A table summarizing the various phases of public consultation and dates for public meetings was included in SPC package materials. Since the program is moving into a new phase of consultation, there needs to be a plan to make sure that the minimum legal requirements for consultation are met. It is hoped that the proposed consultation plan will not only achieve but go beyond what is legally required. The locations of copies of the draft proposed AR for public viewing requires some reflection. Since the completed document is so large and costly to produce, it is proposed that a copy be posted on the website and have physical copies be available at each CA office. Discs or flash drives containing completed reports will be provided to each of the municipalities.

Public meetings would include six in total; two in January, two in February, and two in March. Three of these would take place in the AB SPA and three would be in the MV SPA. The meetings in February would be delegation style meetings, while all other meetings would be an open house style. Notices for meeting dates will be posted on the website on January 6th and show up in weekly newspapers on January 13th. The delegation meetings in February would meet the minimum consultation requirements. The schedule would also mean that the location and time of the SPC meetings in January and February would have to change so that the public meetings could follow the SPC meetings. The SPC was asked to review the proposed dates for public meetings and inform of any conflicts.

The Project Manager and Project Assistant will be meeting with municipalities in January and February to double check information contained in the report and get feedback on how to deliver this information in the best way. This will be independent of the public consultation. It was suggested that DWSP staff speak to municipal staff as well as municipal council. SPC members were encouraged to attend the public consultation meetings.

PATHOGENS PRESENTATION

Garry Palmateer of Early Warning Inc. presented information on pathogens and a device to detect disease causing microorganisms in drinking water. Early Warning is a spinoff company from NASA in the U.S. NASA has developed a detector of microorganisms which has been developed to use for detecting contaminants in drinking water. Background information was provided on the various types of water contaminants e.g.

pathogens, viruses, and bacteria, as well as the causes and effects of drinking water contamination. The device that is being developed detects viability of pathogens and can give results within two to three hours. A detailed description of the mechanisms of the device was given. Each device will be sold for approximately \$35,000.

CORRESPONDANCE AND DELEGATIONS

None

Chair Brown informed the Committee that Lois Sinclair from OMAFRA was in attendance.

LIAISON UPDATES AND OTHER BUSINESS

MOE Liaison, Tu Van Duong informed the Committee that the application period for ODWSP was now open with a deadline of December 15th. It was noted that the early actions component will change in the next reiteration of the program.

Kettle and Stoney Point First Nations Liaison, Bob Bresette informed the Committee that a meeting with MOE and staff from the Thames Sydenham and ABMV regions was held recently. It was indicated at that meeting that Kettle and Stoney Point will enter into a memorandum of understanding and ABMV will oversee the completion of the work.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING – January 27, 2009 – Wingham (1-3 p.m.)

- Update on First Nations
- Update on public consultation
- Workplan for 2010/2011

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Brown reminded the Committee about the recycling program for old AR binders and wished the Committee and staff a happy holidays. Chair Brown declared the meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Larry Brown
Chair

Jenna Bowen
Recording Secretary