



**Source Protection Committee
Wednesday, October 27th, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Holmesville Community Centre, Holmesville**

MEMBERS PRESENT

SPC Chair Larry Brown; SPC Members; Matt Pearson, Keith Black, Karen Galbraith, Gerry Rupke, Jim Nelemans, Mert Schneider, Marilyn Miltenburg, Ian Brebner, Don Jones, Bill Rowat, John Vander Burgt

LIAISONS PRESENT

Source Protection Authority Liaison, Jim Ginn, MOE Liaison, Tu Van Duong, Health Liaison Bob Worsell

WITH REGRETS

SPC Members; Gib Dow, Mike McElhone, Rowena Wallace, Al Hamilton, Kettle and Stony Point First Nations Liaison, Bob Bresette,

DWSP STAFF PRESENT

Cathie Brown, Project Manager; Jenna Allain, Project Assistant/Recording Secretary; Tim Cumming, Communications Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT

Hydrogeologist, Dr. Brian Luinstra

CALL TO ORDER

Larry Brown, Source Protection Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:44a.m.

AGENDA

MOTION #SPC: 2010-10-01

Moved by Jim Nelemans
Seconded by Gerry Rupke

That the agenda be approved.

Carried by Consensus.

MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 29th, 2010

MOTION #SPC: 2010-10-02

Moved by Mert Schneider
Seconded by Marilyn Miltenburg

That the SPC minutes from September 29th be approved as amended.

Carried by Consensus.

The date on the minutes should be amended to say September 29th rather than June 30th.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

CONDITIONS

Project Assistant, Jenna Allain provided an update on conditions. A report was provided in SPC package materials which provided information on the potential issues identified and presented to the Committee at the last SPC meeting. It was determined that there was no evidence that showed any of the former fuel stations or closed landfill sites were conditions that were a drinking water threat. The former rail yard in Palmerston is located in the 2 year time of travel but has a vulnerability score of 6. Therefore, it could never be a significant threat. While records indicate soil and shallow groundwater contamination exist at this site, there is no indication that this contamination is affecting the municipal supply of drinking water. The property is owned by the municipality and extensive remedial work has been undertaken in the process of converting the property to parkland. Further information on spills in the region is being provided by MOE.

TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS

Project Manager, Cathie Brown discussed the report on transportation corridors that was included in SPC package materials. The report provides a summary of the transportation corridors in the region. There are many ways to consider transportation corridors in a plan, however, if a corridor is identified as a significant threat, a policy is required that will cease it to be a significant threat. This strategy presents a problem since the SPC does not have jurisdiction over provincial highways. To reduce the impacts of a spill, the SPC may choose to work with municipalities on emergency preparedness and transportation policies rather than declaring transportation corridors a local threat.

ISSUES

Consulting Hydrogeologist, Brian Luinstra provided a report on issues. Issues were discussed at the last SPC meeting and the Committee chose to delay the decision to declare issues until further information on policy implications could be provided. If an issue is related to a system in the Terms of Reference (TOR), any land use contributing to the issue is a significant threat. If the issue is not related to a system in the TOR, contributing land uses are only moderate threats. Should issues be declared in the sinkholes or in Seaforth, these would only be moderate threats.

It is recommended that both the sinkholes and the radionuclides and salt in Seaforth be declared issues. The SPC had a discussion about how to address the problem of increasing nitrate levels near the intakes. It was explained that since the nitrate levels are still much lower than the drinking water standards, this problem cannot be addressed until Great Lakes targets are set by the Minister.

MOTION #SPC: 2010-10-03

Moved by Gerry Rupke
Seconded by Karen Galbraith

That a letter be written to the Minister of the Environment to encourage Great Lakes targets to be declared in order to address local emerging issues.

Carried by Consensus

MOTION #SPC: 2010-10-04

Moved by Don Jones
Seconded by Marilyn Miltenburg

That the radionuclides and salt in Seaforth, and the sinkholes be declared issues, and that staff proceed with identifying the issue contributing areas and threats.

Carried by Consensus

ACTION ITEM: An updated issues report should be sent to the SPC with the information corrected.

EMERGENCY SPILLS RESPONSE

Project Manager, Cathie Brown presented a report on emergency spills response. The information from the report was reviewed which discussed the responsibilities municipalities have included in the emergency response plans to protect water. Water contamination seems to be addressed in a very limited fashion in most of the plans. This will be helpful to know when the SPC starts to develop policies about spills. Now that sinkholes have been declared an issue, the SPC may choose to put emergency spills plans in place around sinkholes.

CORRESPONDENCE AND DELEGATIONS

There were two items of correspondence included in SPC meeting materials. One was a memo from Ian Smith about the changes to the Building Code Act making septic inspections mandatory in areas where they are a significant threat. The second item was a bulletin released by MOE on transportation threats.

MOTION #SPC: 2010-10-05

Moved by Jim Nelemans
Seconded by Don Jones

That the pieces of correspondence be received, noted and filed.

Carried by Consensus.

LIAISON UPDATES AND OTHER BUSINESS

MOE Liaison, Tu Van Duong informed the Committee that the stewardship fund applications were due on September 30th and decisions should be provided by the end of the year.

Health Liaison, Bob Worsell informed the Committee that the septic system inspection program is going to the Committee of the Whole for Huron County in November. The Liaison will provide a report on the program to the SPC at the next meeting. The

program is just for Huron County and does not address septic systems in the Kettle Point area because that is in Lambton County.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING – November 24th, 2010

- Update on the Planning Progress
- Communications update
- Updated AR
- Septic Inspection Program

ADJOURNMENT

SPC Chair, Larry Brown offered his congratulations to both Mayor Jim Ginn and Councilor Mert Schneider on their recent reelection to council. For the municipal representatives that did not return to council, staff will be working with municipalities to either appoint new members or reappoint existing members. At the time the SPC was formed, municipalities chose to appoint sitting council members. The chair will be talking to county council in December and at that time, will encourage them to make their reappointments as soon as possible. The process for appointing new members was discussed. It was added by the MOE Liaison that MOE is also developing strategies to support committees who have replacement members appointed.

Chair Brown declared the meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Larry Brown
Chair

Jenna Allain
Recording Secretary