



**Source Protection Committee  
Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Holmesville Community Centre, Holmesville**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

SPC Chair Larry Brown; SPC Members; Matt Pearson, Karen Galbraith, Jim Nelemans, Mert Schneider, Marilyn Miltenburg, Ian Brebner, Don Jones, John Vander Burgt, Gib Dow, Keith Black, Mike McElhone, Rowena Wallace, Al Hamilton

**LIAISONS PRESENT**

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

**WITH REGRETS**

SPC Members; Bill Rowat, Gerry Rupke

**DWSP STAFF PRESENT**

Cathie Brown, Project Manager; Jenna Allain, Project Assistant/Recording Secretary; Tim Cumming, Communications Specialist; Abigail Gutteridge, Source Protection Technician; Darrell Innes, GIS Specialist; Donna Clarkson, Source Protection Technician; Mary Lynn MacDonald, Group Facilitator

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Hydrogeologist, Dr. Brian Luinstra; Ross Wilson, ABCA Water Resources Technologist

**CALL TO ORDER**

Larry Brown, Source Protection Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:38a.m.

**AGENDA**

**MOTION #SPC: 2010-11-01**

Moved by Jim Nelemans  
Seconded by Don Jones

**That the agenda be approved.**

Carried by Consensus.

**MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**MOTION #SPC: 2010-11-02**

Moved by Karen Galbraith  
Seconded by Ian Brebner

**That the SPC minutes from October 27<sup>th</sup> be approved as amended.**

Carried by Consensus.

Keith Black was present at the October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES**

None

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None

**SEPTIC INSPECTION PROGRAM**

Health Liaison, Bob Worsell gave a presentation on the Huron County Septic Inspection Program. A septic inspection program was initially suggested by the lakeshore community who suspected that adverse lake water results were due to faulty septic systems. From 2005 to 2007, Huron County ran a voluntary septic inspection program that demonstrated an interest and need for a full scale, county-wide program. The Huron County Water Protection Steering Committee made a recommendation to County Council to initiate a mandatory program in the County. County council approved a user pay program in March of 2010. There are 21 other municipalities in the province running septic inspection programs and the total system replacement needs for these programs have been fairly low. Initially the budget for the proposed program was \$322 per visit which would be allocated to properties with septic systems on their tax bills over a 7 or 12 year cycle. During inspections, property owners would receive an aerial photo of the property and a copy of the report. The program would be delivered by the Health Unit with community demonstrations, letters to property owners and site visits by staff. The goal of the program is education and prevention of future problems.

One of the requirements of an inspection is a pump-out of the system in order to look at the tank. This was challenged by several councils who were not convinced about the value of doing this. Presentations were provided to each of the lower tier municipalities in the County. Five municipalities approved of the program in principal and 3 did not approve. The municipalities that did not approve were concerned about the costs for people faced with replacing their systems. The County has looked into funding options for those circumstances. The SPC discussed the financial implications for the program. Due to changes in the *Building Code Act*, the program proposal went back to the Committee of the Whole to run the program on a 5 year cycle. Changes to the budget included using students under the supervision of a licensed inspector to conduct the inspections. This brought the costs of the program down substantially. This proposal will be taken back to the lower tier municipalities.

**MOTION #SPC: 2010-11-03**

Moved by Marilyn Miltenburg

Seconded by Mike McElhone

**That the SPC send a letter to the Minister of the Environment (with copies to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Minister of Natural Resources) to address the funding issue for the septic inspection program with copies also sent to Huron County lower tier**

**municipalities encouraging uptake of this funding and to move forward with the program.**

Carried by consensus.

**COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE**

Communications Specialist, Tim Cumming presented a communications update. The extensive consultation undertaken for the draft proposed Assessment Report was described and plans for the outreach during the planning phase of the project was discussed. Widespread outreach has taken place over the last few months due to the changes in the stewardship funding. Currently all properties within the IPZ-2 of the Goderich intake and all 2 year times-of-travel are eligible for funding. This is changing next year to only properties with significant threats. Staff have been sending letters and calling landowners to let them know it is their last chance to take advantage of the funding. Various community engagements events and communities with high uptake of stewardship funds were discussed. Beginning in the New Year, the SPC has the responsibility to let the public know that the planning phase of the project is underway. Staff are working to get municipalities and some members of the public to actively engage in policy development through working groups. Over the course of the next year, the project will continue to host events to engage different audiences.

**UPDATE ON PLANNING PROCESS**

Project Manager, Cathie Brown presented information on the planning process. A report was provided in the SPC meeting materials which outlines the process and timelines for policy development in 2011. The plan will be developed in three phases. This first phase will involve reviewing background documents prepared for each of the 27 wells systems. These reports will provide information about municipal official plans and bylaws, neighbouring land uses, and existing threats in each WHPA. A background report will also be prepared for each of the 21 threats that the SPC will be developing policy for. Each month, a broader discussion of each topic will take place. Staff are currently developing 3 working groups comprised of largely municipal staff and some consultants. The first meeting of these groups is planned for February to discuss the background materials and provide recommendations about policy options for each threat. Phase 2 of planning will be the development of a draft Source Protection Plan for SPC review from the summer through to the fall of 2011. Phase 3 of planning will be the formal consultation on the draft proposed plan. The Committee discussed their role during the consultation period.

**UPDATED ASSESSMENT REPORT**

Consulting Hydrogeologist, Brian Luinstra gave presentation on updated Assessment Report (AR). A report was provided in SPC meeting materials outlining the tasks and timelines for the completion of the updated AR. These tasks include; the identification of issues and conditions, a Tier 3 water budget, IPZ-3 delineation, climate trend analysis, and adjustments to vulnerability scoring through identification of transport pathways. The Tier 3 water budget process was described in detail and the SPC had a lengthy discussion regarding the implications of water quantity threats that could be identified through the Tier 3 process. The process for the delineation of an IPZ-3 was also described in detail.

While the tasks undertaken for the development of the updated AR could change the number of threats identified, the category of threats will not change. Therefore policy development should not be affected.. The updated AR will be submitted in June of 2011.

### **CORRESPONDENCE AND DELEGATIONS**

There were two items of correspondence included in SPC meeting materials. The first was a letter to Minister Wilkinson from the SPC regarding great lakes targets. The second was a source protection planning bulletin developed by the Ministry of the Environment.

The Committee requested that a copy of the letter informing landowners about the commencement of the SPP be provided to the SPC for discussion prior to mailing it out. This will be brought to the January meeting.

### **LIAISON UPDATES AND OTHER BUSINESS**

Kettle and Stony Point First Nation Liaison, Bob Bresette informed the Committee that he is very pleased with the uptake of stewardship funding for upgrading and replacing septic systems at Kettle and Stony Point.

### **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING – January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

- Well System Profiles
- Residential Threats
- Prohibit vs. Manage Threats

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Brown presented the municipal representatives with a token of appreciation for their participation on the Committee. The Chair also thanked everyone on the SPC and the staff for the successes achieved in the last year.

Chair Brown declared the meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

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Larry Brown  
Chair

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Jenna Allain  
Recording Secretary