

Source Protection Committee Wednesday, August 31st, 2011 Oakwood Inn, Grand Bend

MEMBERS PRESENT

SPC Chair Larry Brown; SPC Members; Matt Pearson, Gerry Rupke, David Blaney, Ian Brebner, Bill Rowat, Don Jones, Keith Black, John Vander Burgt, Mike McElhone, Rowena Wallace, Karen Galbraith, Al Hamilton, Gib Dow

LIAISONS PRESENT

Source Protection Authority Liaison, Jim Ginn, MOE Liaison, Lisa Ross, Health Liaison Bob Worsell, Kettle and Stony Point First Nations Liaison; Bob Bresette

WITH REGRETS

SPC Members; Marilyn Miltenburg, Mert Schneider

DWSP STAFF PRESENT

Cathie Brown, Project Manager; Jenna Allain, Project Assistant/Recording Secretary; Tim Cumming, Communications Specialist; Mary Lynn MacDonald, Group Facilitator; Aaron Clark, GIS Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT

Geoff Cade, Supervisor of Water and Planning, ABCA; Jennifer Arthur, Land Use Planner, MOE

CALL TO ORDER

Larry Brown, Source Protection Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

AGENDA

MOTION #SPC: 2011-08-01 Moved by Gerry Rupke

Seconded by Don Jones

That the agenda be approved.

Carried by Consensus.

MINUTES FROM June 29th, 2011

MOTION #SPC: 2011-08-02 Moved by Ian Brebner

Seconded by Matt Pearson

That the SPC minutes from June 29th, 2011 be approved.

Carried by Consensus.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

Two documents discussed at the June meeting were included in SPC meeting materials. They included a glossary of definitions taken from the *Clean Water Act*, and a support document for developing monitoring policies provided by MOE.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

OVERVIEW OF SUMMIT

Project Manager, Cathie Brown provided SPC members with an overview of the agenda for the two-day summit event for policy development that was following the SPC meeting. A number of documents were handed out to SPC members as workbooks for the summit. They included the draft Source Protection Plan, the explanatory document, and an exercise book to evaluate each policy. It was explained that the SPC has lots of work ahead of them, but very little time to do it in. The documents for the summit should help to provide a better understanding of the policy format for the plan. A number of maps to help the SPC understand the implications of each policy were displayed and explained. While official voting on each policy will not happen until November the goal of the summit is to get an idea of the policy direction the SPC is leaning towards. In August of 2012 the Proposed Source Protection Plans must be submitted to the Province. In advance of that date, extensive consultation on the plans needs to take place. Prior to formal public consultation, there is a stage called pre-consultation which will take place largely with the Province and municipalities. Every implementing body named in a policy must look at those policies and provide feedback to the SPC.

DRAFT SOURCE PROTECTION PLAN

Project Assistant, Jenna Allain described in detail the contents of the draft Source Protection Plan. The format of the document has changed since it was first presented at the SPC meeting in June. The changes have been made to the layout of policies in the document to match the information required by the Province. The Province has developed a database for policy entry and requires information to be entered into separate fields such as: policy text, monitoring policy, tool, implementing body, and policy rationale. The policies therefore have been presented in a table format with each row represented a different policy. The Committee was informed how to reference each policy in the workbook in order to complete the evaluations. The policy evaluations were based on the following criteria: appropriate tool, effectiveness, and economical.

EXPLANATORY DOCUMENT

Project Assistant Jenna Allain described the explanatory document that was included in SPC meeting materials. The explanatory document is a required component that will get submitted as a companion piece to the plan. The requirements for the explanatory document are to describe the rationale behind each policy decision. The ABMV explanatory document has been organized by land use, and for each policy, a description of how the policy was chosen by the municipal working groups is listed. It then discusses the input provided by the SPC and how the policy was revised to reflect that feedback. The explanatory document will continue to be added to as the Committee moves forward with policy development. Feedback received through pre-consultation and public consultation will be recorded in the explanatory document.

CORRESPONDENCE AND DELEGATIONS

Three pieces of correspondence were included in SPC meeting materials. The first two were letters from the Director informing the SPC that the Assessment Reports for the Ausable Bayfield and The Maitland Valley Source Protection Areas had been approved. The third piece was also a letter from the Director which provided instructions on how to comply with subsection 34 of the Regulation for identifying legal provisions of the policies in the source protection plan.

MOTION #SPC: 2011-08-03 Moved by Don Jones Seconded by David Blaney

That the pieces of correspondence be received for information.

Carried by Consensus.

LIAISON UPDATES AND OTHER BUSINESS

MOE Liaison, Lisa Ross provided clarification to the Committee on the Directors letter regarding legal provisions. The letter is fairly complex but provides information on how to ensure that each policy in the plan has legal effect. The authorities the *Clean Water Act* invokes need to be stated in a certain way, in order to take legal effect.

Kettle and Stoney Point First Nations Liaison, Bob Bresette informed the Committee that work has been progressing at the Kettle Point to delineate the IPZ and identify threats. A consultant was hired to do this work and has prepared a very complex technical report which the Environmental Committee at Kettle Point is currently reviewing. It was noted that the information included in the report will be quite helpful in the future and that it has been an extraordinary achievement to complete this work.

One of the agriculture representatives on the Committee informed the SPC that they had attended a meeting in Zurich regarding the approval of sewage lines in the community. The engineers at the meeting had indicated that the Source Protection Committee has the authority to shut cottages down if the septic systems on the property are not working properly. The SPC member had tried to convey the message that this was not the case and encouraged other SPC members and staff to ensure that the right message is provided to the public.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING – SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2011

• Review of next draft of the SP Plan

ADJOURNMENT Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.	
Larry Brown	Jenna Allain
Chair	Recording Secretary