



**Source Protection Committee
Wednesday, June 26, 2013
Holmesville Community Centre, Holmesville**

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

LIAISONS PRESENT

MOE Liaison, Lisa Ross; Acting AB SPA Liaison, Tom Prout

WITH REGRETS

Health Unit Liaison, Jean-Guy Albert; MV SPA Liaison, Phil Beard; SPC Members: Al Hamilton, Bill Rowat, Meredith Schneider

DWSP STAFF PRESENT

Jenna Allain, Program Supervisor; Aaron Clarke, GIS/Data Specialist; Tim Cumming, Communications Specialist; Mary Lynn MacDonald, Facilitator; Donna Clarkson; SP Technician; Judith Parker, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

SPC Chair, Larry Brown, called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. and stated the purpose of the meeting was to keep the SPC informed on progress during the transition period of awaiting review and approval of the Plan by the Ministry of Environment and the implementation phase.

AGENDA

Chair Brown asked that the agenda be amended to include 'Election of an Alternate Chair' as Item 3(b).

MOTION #SPC: 2013 -06-01

Moved by Gerry Rupke
Seconded by Rowena Wallace

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried by Consensus.

MINUTES FROM November 28, 2012

MOTION #SPC: 2013-06-02

Moved by Karen Galbraith
Seconded by Ian Brebner

That the SPC minutes from November 28, 2012 be approved as presented.

Carried by Consensus.

ELECTION OF ALTERNATE CHAIR

As it was the first meeting of the year, Chair Brown asked for nominations to elect an Alternate Chair. Gerry Rupke nominated Matt Pearson. Chair Brown asked two more times for any further nominations.

MOTION #SPC: 2013-06-03

Moved by Rowena Wallace
Seconded by Mike McElhone

That nominations be closed.

Carried by Consensus.

MOTION #SPC: 2013-06-04

Moved by Karen Galbraith
Seconded by Gerry Rupke

That Matt Person be appointed as Alternate Chair for 2013.

Carried by Consensus.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

CHAIR'S UPDATE

Chair Brown reported that Tom Prout was attending as liaison on behalf of the Ausable Bayfield SPA replacing Jim Ginn. Phil Beard will be liaison for the Maitland Valley SPA but was unable to attend today's meeting. Jean-Guy Albert will be replacing Bob Worsell as Health Unit Liaison but was unable to attend.

A recent announcement by MOE advised there will be \$13.5 M available to small rural municipalities to assist with implementation of the Plan over the next three years. Municipalities will be encouraged to develop partnerships (e.g. with a conservation authority or neighbouring municipality).

Jenna Allain and Chair Brown attended a Chair's Meeting in Toronto recently. Discussions held were on ascertaining effective dates of Plan implementation once approved by MOE; future roles and responsibilities of the SPC; annual progress reporting; ongoing responsibilities with amendments to the Plans.

UPDATE ON SOURCE PROTECTION PLAN FEEDBACK

Jenna Allain, Program Supervisor reported it is anticipated that MOE will provide review comments on the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Plans sometime in the next two months. The Lakehead SP Region has received approval of their Plan. There have been five Source Protection Regions that have received comments to date, and a summary of the common themes centre around: prescribed instruments policies; salt application policies; more flexible language for moderate, low or 'other' policies; policy gaps; additional clarification in explanatory documents; and minor clerical and administrative changes. Once those comments have been received and reviewed by staff, a meeting of the SPC will be called to discuss the feedback and make decisions regarding amendments.

UPDATE ON THREATS VERIFICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

Mary Lynn MacDonald provided an update on the field work she and Donna Clarkson have undertaken to verify the number and types of significant drinking water threat activities within the wellhead protection areas. It is becoming apparent that there are fewer significant threat properties than originally estimated. All the information gathered for the retail, industrial, residential and municipal sites being visited over the next couple of months will be entered into a threats database for easier retrieval in the future. Also while doing site visits in the communities, landowners were provided information on the voluntary stewardship funding available for eligible projects.

Donna Clarkson advised that in early 2013, the Early Response program received an extension from MOE to December 1, 2013 (or the effective date of the SPP). Approximately 10 landowners have expressed interest in submitting an application. This could equate into \$120,000 if all projects are undertaken. At this time, there is \$178,234 of unallocated funding available.

THREATS DATABASE DEMONSTRATION

During the Assessment Report phase of the DWSP project, a database was created to transfer information about drinking water threats to the Province. However, the database was not functional for tracking regional information about threats. DWSP GIS Specialist, Aaron Clarke gave a demonstration on a new Threats Database developed in-house for compiling all site visit information, correspondence, mapping, landowner surveys, etc. for properties identified in wellhead protection areas in the ABMV region. The database will assist the Risk Management Official by providing an historical record and has received positive feedback from peers and MOE staff. John Vander Burgt inquired as to who has access to the database information. Jenna Allain responded that the new threats database is password protected and is currently only available to the SPP staff. In the future, the database may be shared with municipalities once they have appointed a Risk Management Official.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH STRATEGY

Tim Cumming, Communications Specialist circulated a draft Education and Outreach strategy document with the proposed budget for the SPC to review. The strategy will provide municipalities with options for delivery of required education and outreach policies in the DWSP Plan. Activities included in the budget are: direct mailing of outreach print materials and letters; hosting two education workshops; personal contact to all significant threat property owners requiring risk management plans; personal contact to significant septic system threat properties with no risk management plan, advertising and media releases for the broader community including moderate and low drinking water threats. Total project cost of implementing the proposed education and outreach program for the ABMV region is \$64,417 and would be allocated to the nine municipalities who have significant threats.

SPC MEMBERSHIP TURNOVER

The *Clean Water Act* states that there must be a 1/3 turnover of membership once the Plan is approved. Jenna Allain provided clarification from MOE that the current SPC members can request to be reappointed without going through the recruitment process of advertising for new members.

Mike McElhone left the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) MOE Liaison Lisa Ross, provided a written report to answer some questions raised by the SPC at the November 2012 meeting.
- b) MOE provided a guidance document for staff on how to update assessment reports and source protection plans as a result of newly established or decommissioned wells, intakes or well systems and associated changes to vulnerable areas.

LIAISON UPDATES

1. Tom Prout, Acting Liaison for Ausable Bayfield SPA reported that he or ABCA Chair Dave Frayne will be appointed as liaison for the next SPC meeting.
2. Lisa Ross, MOE Liaison reported that at the provincial level, indications are drinking water source protection implementation continues to be a priority with the Ministry. MOE staff are currently involved in review of the Source Protection Plans; internally preparing MOE for SPP implementation, and integrating with other Ministries involved with the policies; preparing for MOE implementation of policies to support regional SPCs; and reviewing how the SPP program will move forward (e.g. frequency of updating Assessment Reports and Plans).

OTHER BUSINESS

Gib Dow requested an update on the Tier 3 Water Budget. Jenna Allain responded that staff were awaiting approval of the 2013-14 budget before transitioning the Century Heights water budget project to Waterloo Numerical Modelling Corporation from Brian Luinstra. It is anticipated the project will be completed by the end of 2013.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, 2013 provided staff have had time to review comments received from MOE on the Source Protection Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.m.

Larry Brown
Chair

Judith Parker
Recording Secretary