

## Source Protection Committee

Wednesday, April 29, 2009, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Holmesville Community Centre, Holmesville

### MEMBERS PRESENT

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

### LIAISONS PRESENT

Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation Liaison Bob Bresette; Health Liaison Bob Worsell, Source Protection Authority Liaison, Jim Ginn, MOE Liaison, Rick Vantfoort

### WITH REGRETS

SPC Members; Bill Rowat, Walpole Island First Nation Liaison, Kennon Johnson

### DWSP STAFF PRESENT

Cathie Brown, Project Manager; Tim Cumming, Communications Specialist  
Jenna Bowen, Project Assistant/Recording Secretary, Mary-Lynn MacDonald, Group Facilitator, Derek Matheson, Source Protection Technician,

### OTHERS PRESENT

Brian Luinstra, Hydrogeologist, Luinstra Earth Sciences

### CALL TO ORDER

Larry Brown, Source Protection Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

### AGENDA

MOTION #SPC: 2009-04-01

Moved by Matt Pearson  
Seconded by Jim Nelemans

**That the agenda be approved.**

Carried by Consensus.

### MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2009

Remove the word regulate from the section regarding policies around road salting on page 3.

MOTION #SPC: 2009-04-02

Moved by Don Jones

Seconded by Marilyn Miltenburg

**That the SPC minutes from February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be approved as amended.**

Carried by Consensus.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None

**2009-2010 WORKPLAN**

The workplan is submitted annually to the Ministry of Environment which is based on the tasks outlined in the Terms of Reference. The process is undertaken by Source Protection Authorities and funding comes from two partner sources: MNR and MOE. MNR funding includes: general operations, staffing, SPC costs, consultation and outreach, information management, first nations, and technical work. The funding provided by MOE has already been advanced. This funding is for surface water vulnerability analysis, peer review, and threats scoring. The tasks listed are work that either staff or consultants will have to do. A letter has been received recently to indicate that the workplan has been approved, however some things have been removed or switched to a different partner to fund. Removed items included the cluster study and the communications evaluation. The process for next year is to have the 2010-2011 workplan in draft by January so that the SPC and SPA's can review it. It will be submitted in February of 2010. The Committee discussed the reasoning behind removing the communications review and the need for a tier 3 water budget.

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

A letter from the Minister of the Environment was received on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 requiring the ABMV Terms of Reference be amended. The amendments include dividing the original document into two, one for the Ausable Bayfield Source Protection Area and one for Maitland Valley. Other amendments included removing the Dundass well supply from the ToR and changing the language around financial compensation. MOE provided various wording options regarding financial assistance for the program and the SPC obtained consensus on the most suitable wording option for the ABMV region. The Committee discussed, at length, the issue of compensation and agreed to submit a letter reiterating their concerns and attach it to the Terms of Reference.

**MOTION #SPC: 2009-04-03**

Moved by John Vander Burgt

Seconded by Mike McElhone

**That the Terms of Reference be re-submitted to the Minister with amendments as presented, and a strongly worded letter be sent to the Minister insisting that costs to affected property owners and municipalities be revenue neutral and be funded on an**

**ngoing basis by the Province, and further a copy of the letter be sent to all local MPP's.**

Carried by consensus.

### **ASSESSMENT REPORT**

Drafts of the introductory and climate change chapters have been completed and included in SPC package materials for Committee members to review. All AR chapters will be presented to the SPC as they are prepared. Between now and May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 the AR will be developed and then submitted to the Minister of the Environment for approval. The plan is to have a completed draft version of the AR to give to the SPC in September. The chapter will be a collection of existing information/ research and discussion on how it applies to the ABMV region. The current draft of the chapter is a brief overview and is likely to change once guidelines have been provided by the Minister.

Hydrogeologist, Brian Luinstra, spoke to the SPC regarding the water quality thresholds for the purposes of the issues evaluation as part of the Assessment Report. The primary reason for an issues evaluation is to provide the SPC with the opportunity to address a known water quality problem where no threat exists. The SPC discussed the proposed water quality thresholds at the last meeting in February. The proposed thresholds were developed to remain consistent with existing standards. Where a well is not under the influence of surface water, there should be no *e coli*. If that threshold is exceeded, it suggests that there is an operational problem at the well. It is recommended that if a threshold is exceeded, the operators of the water supply will be contacted to determine if there is an operational problem.

**MOTION #SPC: 2009-04-04**

Moved by Don Jones

Seconded by Karen Galbraith

**That the revised thresholds for water quality in issues analysis be adopted.**

Carried by Consensus.

### **TIMES OF TRAVEL AND VULNERABILITY SCORES**

The maps provided in the SPC package materials delineate and score vulnerable areas. An area with a score of 10 is the most vulnerable and an area with a score of 2, is the least vulnerable. Priorities need to be set on areas that have a significant vulnerability where the score is 8 or 10. The maps do not identify properties and do not identify any activities, uses or risks. Even if an area scores a high vulnerability, it does not mean that there is a risk to drinking water there. The maps indicate where to start looking for threats.

Within the Region, there are 853 properties in areas with a score of 10. Out of these 853, twenty-four are agricultural properties. Out of ½ million hectares in region with 55,000 property owners, 1148 hectares with 2237 property owners are found in areas with a score of

8 or 10. Staff will likely be visiting the businesses, industry and farms within the 1148 hectares, and will be sending surveys to the residential property owners in these areas.

**MOTION #SPC: 2009-04-04**

Moved by Gerry

Seconded by Mike McElhone

**That the WHPA maps be adopted by the SPC so that they can be used in the analysis of the AR but can be amended from time to time.**

Carried by consensus.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE AND DELEGATIONS**

Three pieces of correspondence were included in the SPC package materials. The first was a letter from the Minister of the Environment outlining the amendments to be made to the Terms of Reference. The second piece of correspondence was sent to the SPC on behalf of the MV SPA listing things that the SPC should keep in mind when amending the Terms of Reference. The General Manager for the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority spoke to the correspondence informing the Committee that the MV SPA wanted to stress that as part of the planning process, the associated costs should be identified and the SPC should identify who should pay for these costs. The Committee discussed at length, the implications of, and the costs associated with Source Protection Planning policies. The third piece of correspondence was the technical memorandum for issues identification developed by the consulting company Stantec. This was reviewed during the discussion on the Assessment Report.

#### **WORKING GROUPS UPDATE**

Working groups met during the period of March 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 with an overall attendance of 60%. Information about classifying drinking water risks was presented to the groups by Hydrogeologist, Brian Luinstra and Project Manager, Cathie Brown. Groups also spent time working on the Vulnerableville workbooks to develop source protection policy suggestions. These policies will be presented to the SPC at their June meeting and a barbeque will follow the meeting to thank working group members for their participation.

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

MOE liaison, Richard Vantfoort, who was there in place of Teresa McLellan informed the Committee that MOE has been receiving good technical questions regarding the Assessment Reports. He encouraged SPC members to continue to provide feedback through the liaisons. He congratulated the SPC and the staff for the organization of the working groups. By considering future source protection planning through the development of potential policies the SPC is well positioned for the overall process.

Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation Liaison Bob Bresette informed the Committee that the Band had officially requested to have water intakes elevated into the ABMV Source Protection Region. MOE has informed them that the Minister will not act on

the request until the ToR has been approved. He stressed the need to have the Minister approve the request soon or else work will have to be put off until next summer.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING ON MAY 27, 2009**

- Great Lakes Discussion
- PTTW Presentation
- Communications Update
- Assessment Report Chapters

Future Meeting Schedule

May 27, 2009

June 23, 2009

August 26, 2009

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Brown declared the meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

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Larry Brown  
Chair

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Jenna Bowen  
Recording Secretary