



## Source Protection Committee

Tuesday, June 23, 2009, 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Knights of Columbus Hall, Goderich

### MEMBERS PRESENT

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

### LIAISONS PRESENT

Health Liaison Bob Worsell, Source Protection Authority Liaison, Jim Ginn, MOE Liaison, Teresa McLellan

### WITH REGRETS

SPC Members; John Vanderburg, Kettle and Stony Point First Nations Liaison, Bob Bresette

### DWSP STAFF PRESENT

Cathie Brown, Project Manager; Tim Cumming, Communications Specialist, Jenna Bowen, Project Assistant/Recording Secretary, Mary Lynn MacDonald, Working Group Facilitator

### CALL TO ORDER

Larry Brown, Source Protection Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m.

### AGENDA

**MOTION #SPC: 2009-06-01**

Moved by Gerry Rupke  
Seconded by Karen Galbraith

**That the agenda be approved.**

Carried by Consensus.

### MINUTES FROM MAY 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**MOTION #SPC: 2009-06-02**

Moved by Jim Nelemans  
Seconded by Don Jones

**That the SPC minutes from May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be approved.**

Carried by Consensus.

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

### **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None

### **ASSESSMENT REPORT UPDATE**

Project Manager, Cathie Brown updated the committee on the status of the Assessment Reports (AR's). Since the two Terms of Reference were approved and posted on the EBR on June 8<sup>th</sup>, the Assessment Reports are therefore due for submission on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Two reports will be prepared, one for Ausable Bayfield and one for Maitland Valley. The AR's will primarily focus on significant risks to drinking water. Moderate risks will be considered more in the second round of AR's through an amendment process. It is inevitable that the AR's will contain some data gaps since it is not possible to visit all 2000 affected properties before the submission deadline. Most of the affected properties are located in wellhead protection areas, and staff are planning to visit approximately 400 farm and industrial properties. A protocol for visiting properties will be followed and all landowners will be contacted initially by phone to arrange an appointment. The staff has been trained, will wear a uniform to site visits, and carry identification. Questionnaires for landowners are currently being prepared to correlate the practices occurring on the property with those activities outlined in the table of drinking water threats. A few properties will be selected as trial properties to determine how effective the questionnaires are.

Over the course of the summer, the Assessment Reports will be prepared and reviewed. Some elements of the reports will require peer review; others will simply require stringent editing. A schedule for reviewing AR's was handed out to SPC members. Two meeting dates have tentatively been scheduled for the last week of September in order to provide the Committee ample time to review and discuss the AR's.

The Committee had a discussion about threats and vulnerability scoring, and MOE Liaison, Teresa McLellan agreed to give a presentation in August to go through the science and rationale behind scoring methodology. The issue of geothermal wells was raised and the MOE Liaison informed the Committee that MOE has been investigating geothermal wells and how to deal with them.

### **CHAPTER 4 – ASSESSMENT REPORT**

Project Manager, Cathie Brown gave an overview of the contents of chapter four of the Assessment Report to the Committee. The draft chapter that Committee members received contained only a small portion (2 sample municipalities) of what the completed chapter will look like. The chapter will be organized by municipality with maps, tables and text for each municipality. Drinking water threats that may exist will be presented for each municipality. Consultants are providing the information on the exact number of threats. However, their counts were constrained since they had to be estimated without visiting properties. Worst case assumptions were made, which is why staff are visiting properties to verify numbers.

Due to the large amount of material that will be presented in chapter four, staff will be looking for SPC input in August to determine the best way to present information to the public.

*Action Item: Number the pages in chapter four of the Assessment Report.*

### **WORKING GROUPS UPDATE**

Project Assistant, Jenna Bowen, provided the Committee with an update on working groups. The final round of working group meetings took place over the first two weeks of June. Attendance for the meetings was around 60 %. Essentially working group members spent the meetings completing their policy suggestions to present to the Source Protection Committee. A template for policies was distributed that allowed working group members to choose one of the 21 prescribed drinking water threats, provide background on that threat, and then create policies around them.

Evaluation forms were handed out to working group members in order to receive feedback on the various aspects of the working group program. Comments from evaluations will be summarized in a report that will be available sometime in the fall. Working group members were also informed that registration is now open until the end of August with Sir Sandford Fleming College, to receive a Statement of Recognition for their participation in the program. In order to receive the Statement of Recognition, working group members are required to submit their policy suggestions as well as a personal reflection that demonstrates their understanding of the various components of the curriculum.

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

MOE Liaison, Teresa McLellan informed the Committee that she is now the permanent liaison for the ABMV SPC. She also informed the Committee that that a liaison newsletter will be published sometime over the summer which will become a monthly publication.

Health Liaison, Bob Worsell informed the Committee that the Huron County Health Unit has now started small drinking water systems assessments.

### **WORKING GROUPS POLICY SUGGESTIONS**

Working Group Facilitator, Mary Lynn MacDonald introduced working group members to present their policy ideas and thanked members for the participation in the program. Kingsbridge working group policy suggestions were presented by Roger Watt and Wayne Black. Exeter policies were presented by Paul Nairn, Claire Dodds and Joanna Wallace. Clinton policies were presented by Rob Ayers and Chris Grande. The presenters for Listowel were Jim Connell and Art Versteeg. Frank Delitala, Donna Ferguson and John Peters presented policy ideas for the Parkhill group and Bob Bregman and Rosemary Rognvaldson presented for Wingham. Finally, Judy Dirksen presented the policy suggestions for the Municipal Sub-Committee. Policy suggestions were organized by threat into a single document and handed out to SPC members. Policy suggestions will also be posted on the ABMV drinking water source protection website following the meeting.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING ON August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

- EBR Posting – SPP Discussion Paper
  - MOE Liaison, Teresa McLellan informed the Committee that the discussion paper will be posted for a 90 day consultation period. MOE is also suggesting SPC's conduct a mock exercise for policy development. The possibility of also having a planning group conduct a mock exercise was discussed.
- Threats and Issues Presentation
- Rough Draft Assessment Reports

*Action Item: Send SPC members SPP discussion paper once it is posted on the EBR.*

**Future Meeting Schedule**

August 26, 2009

September 30, 2009 (Tentative meeting also on October 2, 2009)

October 28, 2009

November 25, 2009

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Brown declared the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m. .

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Larry Brown  
Chair

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Jenna Bowen  
Recording Secretary