



## **Source Protection Committee**

**Wednesday, October 29, 2008, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Noon)  
Holmesville Community Centre, Holmesville**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

SPC Chair Larry Brown; SPC Members; Marilyn Miltenburg, Al Hamilton, Ian Brebner, Matt Pearson, Gerry Rupke, Don Jones, Jim Nelemans, Meredith Schneider, Keith Black

### **LIAISONS PRESENT**

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

### **WITH REGRETS**

SPC Members; Karen Galbraith, Gib Dow, Rowena Wallace, Mike McElhone, 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

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Larry Brown, Source Protection Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m. Chairman Brown welcomed all of the working group members in attendance and the Ministry of the Environment Liaison, Ian Smith. He also welcomed Keith West, Chief Drinking Water Inspector for Ontario.

### **AGENDA**

**MOTION #SPC: 2008-10-01**

Moved by Marilyn Miltenburg  
Seconded by Gerry Rupke

**That the agenda be approved as circulated.**

Carried by Consensus.

**MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 24, 2008**

**MOTION #SPC: 2008-10-02**

Moved by Jim Nelemans  
Seconded by Al Hamilton

**That the SPC minutes from September 24, 2008 be approved.**

Carried by Consensus.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Project Manager, Cathie Brown discussed the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter financials for Drinking Water Source Protection which had been requested by the Committee at the September SPC meeting. It was explained that Ausable Bayfield is the lead source protection authority and takes on the financial responsibilities of the Source Protection Program which is approved by the Joint Management Committee. The financial information was presented to the SPC for their information only.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None

**ASSESSMENT REPORT - GETTING TO RISK**

Project Manager, Cathie Brown gave a brief overview on the process for completing the Assessment Report (AR). The purpose and contents of the Assessment Report were explained and there was some discussion about how risks are being assessed in the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Region. It is anticipated that the regulations and Director's rules related to the preparation of the AR will be posted shortly. It should take 3 months once the regulations and rules have been posted for consultants to get a draft report to the Staff. It will then take an additional 8 – 9 months for staff to provide a draft AR to the SPC. A public process is then expected. There is a concern that the AR will be due 12 months after the Minister approves the ToR and yet there is 18 months of work yet to complete. Questions were raised about whether the recommendations that come out of the AR will narrow potential development of properties and require farms to make upgrades to reduce their risks. It was explained that while there is potential for this to happen, it is not expected to have a large impact (i.e. it shouldn't affect many farms). There was also some discussion about whether landfill sites are included in the risk assessment. It was explained that they will only be focused on if they are located in a significantly vulnerable area.

**OXFORD COUNTY – SOURCE PROTECTION FRAMEWORK**

Corporate Manager of Community and Strategic Planning for the County of Oxford, Margaret Evans gave a presentation about the history and direction of Source Water Protection in Oxford County. A description of Oxford County was given, highlighting drinking water and wastewater systems for the county. It was indicated that there has been a history of groundwater protection in the county since 1997, when there was a public outcry over the proposed development of two large hog barns in the area. A timeline of the various

committees that have been formed and the studies that have been undertaken in order to protect drinking water was given. To date, Oxford County has purchased quite a sizable amount of land which had been identified as areas that had the highest concerns with respect to nitrate transfer. While these county owned properties are within the 2 year Time of Travel (TOT), there is still quite a bit of privately owned land in the 2 year TOT where best management practices will have to be put in place.

#### **CHIEF DRINKING WATER INSPECTOR**

The Chief Drinking Water Inspector for Ontario, Keith West addressed the Committee and emphasized the importance of the work that the SPC is doing. Mr. West also explained that while Drinking Water Source Protection is a provincial program, it is locally based and driven. It was indicated that this is why we have local SPC's and why SPC's play such an important role in implementing plans from a local perspective. Mr. West thanked the SPC on behalf of the MOE for taking part in this process.

An update on the consultation process through the environmental bill of rights was given with regards to the regulations and directors rules for the AR. The consultation process has finished and the MOE is in the final stages of the approval process. The regulations and Directors Rules will be available within the next couple of weeks. The process has been delayed since all the comments that have come in have need to be assessed and changes made where appropriate. The importance of the Drinking Water Report and the White Paper that came out from the province several years ago was stressed.

#### **REPORT ON SEPTEMBER CHAIR'S MEETING**

SPC Chair, Larry Brown updated the Committee on what was discussed at the September Chair's meeting. The major topic for discussion was on Source Protection Plans. There is an expectation that it will be posted to EBR and will be available for public discussion and comment. This will hopefully be available sometime this fall.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE AND DELEGATIONS**

A letter from the Minister of the Environment, John Gerretsen regarding the temporary storage of asphalt and other building materials was attached to SPC package material.

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

Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation Liaison, Bob Bresette updated the committee about the recent Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA) training course that he had attended. MOE Liaison, Ian Smith informed the Committee that there will be a number of other MFIPPA sessions being held for those that are interested.

MOE Liaison, Ian Smith explained that the Kettle and Stony Point First Nation's request to be included in the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Region TOR has been

acknowledged. The MOE has had many informal discussions with the Band Council and staff regarding this issue. It will now be moving to a more formal discussion on the process to be followed so that First Nation plans can be worked into one of the other regions plans. The question was raised as to why the Kettle and Stony Point water intake is being looked at since it might be a better use of resources to connect it with the closest available water system. It was explained that while this will be part of the discussions, it is a First Nation decision as to what happens next.

Mr. Smith also informed the Committee that the Province is officially in possession of the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Region's Terms of Reference. In total, 26 regions have submitted their TOR and the first ones are moving through the process of approval. However, it is unknown when approval will be granted.

In response to the information requested by the SPC during the September meeting on the science that was used to develop the threats table, it was explained by Mr. Smith (MOE) that this will be addressed in the Director's Rules and Regulations when they are posted.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING ON OCTOBER 29, 2008**

- Water Source Protection Presentation
- Wellington Source Protection Presentation

Future Meeting Schedule

January 28, 2009  
February 25, 2009  
March 25, 2009  
April 29, 2009

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

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Larry Brown  
Chair

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Jenna Bowen  
Recording Secretary