



Source Protection Committee

**Wednesday, November 26, 2008, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
The Little Inn, Bayfield**

MEMBERS PRESENT

SPC Chair Larry Brown; SPC Members; Al Hamilton, Ian Brebner, Matt Pearson, Gerry Rupke, Don Jones, Jim Nelemans, Meredith Schneider, Karen Galbraith, Rowena Wallace, Gib Dow

LIAISONS PRESENT

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; Keith Black, Marilyn Miltenburg, Mike McElhone, Bill Rowat, Walpole Island First Nation Liaison Kennon Johnson, MOE Liaison, Rita Zaro

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 everyone and informed all members that they would receive a full day per diem. It was requested by members that they receive a statement indicating a summary of per diem payments. Chairman Brown suggested that all meetings start at 9:30 a.m. from now on so that meetings can be adjourned by 1:00 p.m. There was some discussion about providing proxy to other members in order to make quorum when attendance is low. The importance of giving a proxy in writing was stressed. Chairman Brown cancelled the January SPC meeting due to low attendance and suggested that meetings should perhaps switch to every other month rather than every month. It was mentioned that a new acting chair will need to be appointed at the next Committee meeting for 2009.

Action item #1: Appoint an acting chair for 2009 at next SPC meeting in February.

AGENDA

MOTION #SPC: 2008-11-01

Moved by Gerry Rupke
Seconded by Jim Ginn

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

Carried by Consensus.

MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 26, 2008

MOTION #SPC: 2008-11-02

Moved by Ian Brebner
Seconded by Don Jones

That the SPC minutes from October 29, 2008 be approved.

Carried by Consensus.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A correction to the October 29th minutes needs to be made to change the next meeting date from October 29 to November 26, 2008.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

WORKPLAN

Project Manager, Cathie Brown gave an introduction of the framework for the 2009-2010 workplan. It is annually required to present a workplan to the MOE in order to receive funding for the following year. The annual workplan is submitted by the lead SPA and is due before April 1st of each year. The prescribed format for the plan involves budget and cost details of the following items: staff, Source Protection Committee, formal consultation, communication and outreach, information management (e.g. software licenses), pilot studies and special projects (e.g. water budget, baseflow study), and other (e.g. prescreen for Kettle Point). All of this is funded by MOE. The water budget and water quantity risk assessment is funded by MNR. Other technical studies are funded by MOE. All of these costs will be broken down and presented to the SPC at the next meeting. Question was raised as to whether a budget committee should be formed or whether overall decisions will be made as a group. Chairman Brown recommended that once the information is presented at the next SPC meeting it can then be decided whether a separate committee needs to be formed. Another question was raised as to how this budget ties into the lead Source Protection Authority's budget. Project Manager, Brown explained that it fits in quite well because it is already accounted for in the Conservation Authority's budget. A concern was raised over what kind of information will be provided in order to make a decision on the workplan. It was explained that the Committee will be provided with the previous years budget as well as

the cost estimates for next years budget. Costs will be forecasted to predict budget up to March 2009 when the actual budget is due.

REGION OF WATERLOO

Supervisor of Source Water Protection Programs for the Region of Waterloo, Leanne Lobe gave presentation on Source Protection programs in Region of Waterloo. An overview of the region, population, water supply and well systems was given. A water protection strategy was implemented in Waterloo in 1994, after the Elmira incident, which is very close to the guidelines set out by the Clean Water Act. The goal of the strategy was to minimize the impact of land uses on water systems. In 2005/2006 the strategy was updated to incorporate provincial legislation. Under the new legislation, the Region of Waterloo will need to identify 50,000 properties which will have significant impacts on costs and timelines. Therefore, Waterloo Region has incorporated an interim plan in order to stay ahead of the issues. The Region's current initiatives currently fall into 4 categories: regulatory, incentive, education and voluntary. For each category, the speaker described the programs that the Region has implemented or is currently involved in. A question was raised as to how the protection plan related to planning regulations. It was explained that the Region is requested to review any development applications. Another question was raised regarding the future of agriculture activities within 100m zones and it was explained that programs would remove activities within these zones and replace with them with tree planting etc. Committee members were informed that while municipal and regional roads are managed differently (in terms of salt application) but are trying to work together to reduce impacts to drinking water. It was asked whether there was any evidence that the recharge program that the Region is implementing is improving water quality. It was explained that there hasn't been an impact from current understanding but that it will likely take quite some time for systems to respond. Committee was also informed that the programs the Region is implementing are funded through water rates as opposed to tax rates. For more information the Committee was directed to the Region of Waterloo's website or the Conservation Authority's website. However, specific examples of case studies are not available.

COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

County of Wellington, Planner, Mark Van Patter gave a presentation on the County's official plan on Source Protection for Wellington County. Committee members were provided with a copy of the framework for the plan which was read through and discussed as a group. The ammended plan identifies Well Head Protection Areas (WHPA's) for each municipal supply well in the County and limits land use activities in sensitive areas. It also imposes studies for new developments in WHPA's. The Speaker reviewed the various restrictions imposed on WHPA's and discussed other programs that have been developed to protect groundwater in the County. Questions were raised about the status of private communal wells. The speaker explained that if a communal well is developed a WHPA would be required. Questions were also raised about the County's tree planting program. It was explained to the Committee that the County is trying to put a windbreak around every tree lot in Mapleton and will provide

rent to landowners to have the windbreak in place for 3 years. While there is not currently any plans to reforest WHPA's, there are trees available for that purpose. A concern was also raised about the compatibility of the County plans with the impending Source Protection Plans. It was explained that Wellington County plans are more restrictive than Source Protection Plans and that the County plans will likely change to parallel the Source Protection Plans.

CORRESPONDENCE AND DELEGATIONS

Chairman Brown informed the Committee that the Assessment Report Regulations and Director's Rules had been approved by the MOE and that staff and Committee members would be taking part in training sessions to understand the new rules in the near future.

Two pieces of correspondence were received from the Director of the Source Protection Programs Branch at the Ministry of the Environment, Ian Smith. The first was a letter informing the Committee about a new General Regulation that came into effect on November 4, 2008 under the Clean Water Act, 2006. The second was a letter in response to the letter that the Committee sent regarding the scientific information used to develop the Technical Rules for the Assessment Report.

Group facilitator, Mary Lynn MacDonald informed the Committee about a make-up session for working group members that would be taking place on December 10th. Four speakers will repeat the presentations that were previously given at working group meetings so that any members who have missed meetings can hear the presentations that they have missed. All Source Protection Committee members are welcome to attend.

MOTION #SPC: 2008-11-03

Moved by Gerry Rupke
Seconded by Karen Galbraith

That the pieces of correspondence be received and filed.

Carried by consensus

LIAISON UPDATES AND OTHER BUSINESS

No liaison updates.

Project Manager, Brown informed the Committee that interviews are to take place this week for the vacant agricultural position on the Source Protection Committee. The decision will be made in early December and the new member will join the Committee for the next meeting February.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING ON FEBRUARY 25, 2009

- Workplan 2009-2010
- Appointment of 2009 acting chair

Future Meeting Schedule

February 25, 2009

March 25, 2009

April 29, 2009

May 27, 2009

ADJOURNMENT

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

Larry Brown
Chair

Jenna Bowen
Recording Secretary