

**SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

**February 26, 2015**

**REACH Centre, Clinton**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Laurence Brown, Gib Dow, Karen Galbraith, Ian Brebner, Keith Black, Marilyn Miltenberg, Matt Pearson, Rowena Wallace, David Blaney, John VanderBurgt

**LIAISONS PRESENT**

MOECC Liaison, Teresa McLellan  
Ausable Bayfield SPA Liaison, Dave Frayne, Brian Horner  
Maitland Valley SPA Liaison, Phil Beard  
Health Unit Liaison, Jean-Guy Albert

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Gerry Rupke, Don Jones, Mike McElhone, Bill Rowat

**DWSP STAFF PRESENT**

Jenna Allain, Aaron Clarke, Tim Cumming, Mary Lynn MacDonald, Donna Clarkson, Judith Parker

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Laurence Brown called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

**AGENDA**

MOTION #SPC:2015-02-01

Moved by David Blaney  
Seconded by Rowena Wallace

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

Carried by Consensus.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION #SPC: 2015-02-02

Moved by Marilyn Miltenberg  
Seconded by Karen Galbraith

**That the SPC minutes from November 27, 2013 be approved as presented.**

Carried by Consensus.

## **BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES**

None

## **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None

## **CHAIR'S UPDATE**

Chair Brown advised that a DWSP Signage Initiative promoted by the Chairs has been adopted provincially. Municipalities will have access to the signs for putting at roadsides where source protection areas are located. Another issue being considered across the province is the need to have a protection plan in place for village and hamlet wells. Heating oil tanks below grade are the highest number of significant threats in the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley source protection region. The Province is also considering updating the Table of Circumstances to upgrade above grade home heating oil tanks from a moderate to a significant threat. Since the SPC last met, the Ministry of Environment has been renamed to include Climate Change with Hon. Glen Murray as Minister. The SPC Chairs will be meeting next week in Toronto.

## **PROGRAM UPDATE**

Jenna Allain, Program Supervisor thanked the Source Protection Committee for their patience and commitment over the time period it has taken to receive approval for the Plan. She also acknowledged the work of Geoff Cade as DWSP Program Supervisor during her maternity leave.

The Source Protection Plans for the Ausable Bayfield and Maitland Valley source protection areas were approved January 19, 2015 with an effective date of April 1, 2015. The Plan was approved without the results of the Tier 3 Water Budget for the Century Heights Well System. There have been some significant issues which have delayed the Tier 3 project. However, the anticipated result is that a low risk level will be assigned to the area, and no significant water quantity threats will be identified. Staff are working with the primary consultant and the peer review committee to resolve the issues. Teresa McLellan, MOECC Liaison advised there is a similar scenario in another source protection area.

DWSP staff have been holding meetings and workshops with staff in affected municipalities to discuss roles and responsibilities in implementing the SPP policies. Agreements have been signed with 8 of the 9 municipalities in the ABMV Region to delegate Risk Management Official duties to Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority. Kyle Davis will be the RMO for the Town of Minto in Wellington County.

Staff will be initiating education and outreach efforts with impacted landowners by hosting two open houses. Information on the approved Plans will be provided as well as an opportunity to meet RMO's and septic inspectors. Municipalities have expressed concerns about the deadline for using their provincial implementation funding by the end of the year, given that implementation will just be beginning in April. Teresa McLellan acknowledged the concern, however, she was not aware that the Province will be extending the December 31, 2015 deadline.

### **APPROVED SOURCE PROTECTION PLANS**

The priority over the next year will be implementation of the source protection plan policies. Monitoring reports will be submitted by the implementing bodies to the Source Protection Authorities for preparation of an annual report for the Province. The first annual report will cover the period from April 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017 and be due by May 2018. Before submitting the annual report to the Province, the SPC will have an opportunity to provide written comments to the SPA about the extent to which the committee feels the objectives set out in the plan are being achieved.

When the Plan was approved, the Ausable Bayfield SPA was directed by Minister Glen Murray, to develop and submit workplans as an initial step for reviewing future amendments to the Plans. These workplans are due by November 30, 2018. For moving forward, the roles for the Source Protection Authorities and Source Protection Committee were reviewed.

### **SPC MEMBERSHIP**

The following members from the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley SPC have resigned their positions or indicated they are willing to resign:

- Mert Schneider - East Municipal Group (resigned)
- Marilyn Miltenberg - North Municipal Group
- Al Hamilton - Economic - Industry (resigned)
- Gib Dow - Economic - Commerce
- Bill Rowat - Environment
- Mike McElhone - Landowner/Property Associations

A Call for Applications went out to the print media with the Notice of Source Protection Plan Approval. The Joint Management Committee reappointed the four SPC members willing to resign until their positions have been filled. The deadline for applications is March 6<sup>th</sup> and the Joint Management Committee will be reviewing and interviewing qualified candidates.

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Sample Risk Management Plans templates were circulated for review by the SPC members. Donna Clarkson reviewed the Handling and Storage of Fuel template and asked for feedback on the criteria for heating oil storage tanks. The members agreed that storage tanks must meet current codes as per TSSA CAD amendment FS-202-12 (double-bottom or double-walled or secondary containment) as a mandatory requirement for the risk management plan.

Jenna Allain reviewed the DNAPL Handling and Storage template. The sample template is from the Waterloo region and could be made more concise. Mary Lynn MacDonald reviewed the Pesticide Risk Management Plan. If the farmland requiring the Risk Management Plan is rented, the Risk Management Plan needs to be completed with the lease holder and needs to be monitored. It was suggested that an email reminder be sent to farmers spraying in vulnerable areas at the start of the cropping season. Gib Dow suggested that sprayers only need to be calibrated annually. Another suggestion was to put a sign on the fenceline designating the threat boundary.

## **ONTARIO DRINKING WATER STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE**

Donna Clarkson reported that the Early Actions and Early Response phases of the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program have been completed. This provincial program provided financial assistance to landowners located near sources of municipal drinking water to complete stewardship projects. Since 2007, landowners in our region's wellhead protection areas have received over \$1 million in grants to complete 314 projects.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Letter from Hon. Minister Glen Murray advising of the approval of the Ausable Bayfield and Maitland Valley Source Protection Plans.
2. Letter from Municipality of Bluewater advising of the discontinuation of two municipal wells that serve the subdivisions of Harbour Lights and Carriage Lane in Bayfield.
3. Resolution from the Township of North Huron dated August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 stating that North Huron Council authorizes Azimuth Environmental to proceed with engineering for the installation, testing and assessment of a test well for the purpose of providing an additional potable water production well in Blyth.
3. Copy of letter from Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee to the Director of the Source Protection Programs Branch of MOE requesting an extension to the Municipal Implementation Fund, and copy of response letter from the Province.

MOTION #SPC: 2015-04-15

Moved by Matt Pearson  
Seconded by Marilyn Miltenberg

**That the Source Protection Committee for the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Region request the Province extend the Municipal Implementation Fund deadline, and**

**Further, that the eligible municipalities be allowed to put unused funds into reserves.**

Carried by Consensus.

## **LIAISON UPDATES**

Teresa McLellan extended congratulations to the SPC for approval of their Plan. She advised that the Great Lakes Protection Act has been tabled in the legislature and is open for comments on the EBR until April 18, 2015. The internal branches of various Ministries are ramping up for implementation of the source protection policies. Ministry of Environment and Climate Change has developed an interactive mapping layer that will be linked to SPP policies. There are 7 Plans awaiting approval in the province. The ministry is doing a wells review with a focus on having a provincial plan for decommissioning wells and creating regulations for geothermal heating.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next SPC meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 30, 2015.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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Laurence Brown  
Chair

Judith Parker  
Recording Secretary