

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

May 30, 2018

White Carnation, Holmesville

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bruce Godkin, Karen Galbraith, Keith Black, Mary Ellen Foran, Ian Brebner, Matt Pearson, Don Jones, John Graham, Bert Dykstra, Philip Keightley, David Blaney, Myles Murdock

LIAISONS PRESENT

Ausable Bayfield SPA Liaison - Brian Horner
MOECC Liaison Officer – Olga Yudina
MOECC Program Analyst Caryn MacLoghlin

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kerri Ann O'Rourke, Jennette Walker, Gerry Rupke, Mark MacKenzie

LIAISONS ABSENT

Maitland Valley SPA Liaison – Phil Beard
Health Unit Liaison – Jean-Guy Albert

DWSP STAFF PRESENT

Donna Clarkson, Tim Cumming, Mary Lynn MacDonald, Judith Parker

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Matt Pearson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

AGENDA

MOTION #SPC: 2018-05-02

**Moved by Don Jones
Seconded by Keith Black**

“That the SPC agenda for May 30, 2018 be approved as presented.”

Carried by Consensus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #SPC: 2018-05-03

**Moved by Karen Galbraith
Seconded by Bert Dykstra**

“That the SPC minutes from May 2, 2018 be approved as presented.”

Carried by Consensus.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

None.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Correspondence from the Huron County Health Unit advising there is no concern with the levels of fluoride and sodium in the Zurich Drinking Water
- b) Copy of news release advising the SPC has approved the Annual Progress report.
- c) Copy of a news article from the May 11, 2018 edition of the Toronto Star regarding the aftermath of health issues for an individual poisoned during the Walkerton water quality crisis in 2000.

TIER 3 WATER BUDGET

Donna Clarkson, Co-Program Supervisor provided background to the Tier 3 Water Budget and Water Quantity Risk Assessment project for Century Heights which began in 2011. After a lack of data to create a model to complete the assessment, a request was made to MOECC Director of the SPP Branch for approval to use an alternative approach. In March 2018 following the required peer review, the final report was submitted by Matrix Solutions Inc. and forwarded to the Province in April 2018. The SPA received acceptance of the report in May 2018.

Ultimately the risk level was low and the study concluded that Century Heights water wells will be able to supply their allocated pumping rates considering increased municipal water demand, future land development, drought conditions and impacts on other water uses. There is no requirement for water quantity policies to be considered for the Source Protection Plan.

MOTION #SPC: 2018-05-04

**Moved by Don Jones
Seconded by Myles Murdock**

“That the Source Protection Committee for the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Region direct staff to incorporate the components of the report entitled *Century Heights Scoped Tier Three Local Area Risk Assessment Report (Matrix Solutions Inc., March 2018)*” into the Maitland Valley Assessment Report.

Carried by Consensus.

SECTION 36 REVIEW WORKPLAN

Mary Lynn MacDonald, Co-Program Supervisor presented a draft schedule of consultations for the Section 36 review workplan. Information sessions were held in May with municipal staff and water operators. A meeting of the CA Technical team was also held to identify portions of the assessment report that warrant review and update. Members suggested some other stakeholders to consult were insurance companies, chambers of commerce, community futures organizations and summer agriculture meetings. Throughout the summer staff will meet with

Huron County planners, Huron County Health Unit, and other stakeholders to review policy implementation and effectiveness . Non-implementing municipalities will also be contacted to determine if they have plans to apply for a municipal drinking water licence for a new system.

Mary Lynn and Donna provided a chart summarizing the outcomes of discussions to date on the topics addressed for the Section 36 review workplan: Results of Environmental Monitoring Programs, Growth and Infrastructure Changes, Council Resolutions (New Systems), Policy Effectiveness, Prohibition Policies of Agricultural Activities, Implementation Challenges, Technical Rule and Regulation Changes, Other. The draft Section 36 workplan will be brought to the next SPC meeting on September 26 for review and final comment. In October the final workplan will be submitted to the SPAs for endorsement and submitted to MOECC by November 30, 2018.

Suggestions or comments following the summary review include:

- Olga Yudina stated that when deciding on policy gaps, the SPC could supply justification as to why a policy is not being written for inclusion in the SPP.
- Matt Pearson commented that the SPC must make decisions based on funding. There is no new funding in the 2018-2019 approved budget for completing or implementing the workplan. Consideration must be given to what needs to be done and what needs to be brought into the Source Protection Plan because of new information.
- Staff will continue to do more consultation for comments from stakeholders.
- Caryn MacLoughlin from MOECC Source Protection Branch has offered to review the workplan before it is brought to the next SPC meeting.
- Can possibly use the Conservation Ontario template but it will depend on the local issues and which policies need reviewing.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. The Huron Clean Water Project brochure was distributed and SPC members were made aware of the opportunity landowners have for funding to do stewardship projects in municipal wellhead protection areas by planting trees and cover crops.

2. Matt Pearson reminded the SPC members that there are communication materials available from Tim Cumming or on the website when engaging with their sectors to update them on the source water protection program.

LIAISON UPDATES

Brian Horner – No report.

Olga Yudina – No report.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at the White Carnation, Holmvesville.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Matt Pearson
Chair

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator