



SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

November 22, 2017

White Carnation, Holmesville

MEMBERS PRESENT

Keith Black, David Blaney, Ian Brebner, Bert Dykstra, Mary Ellen Foran, Karen Galbraith, John Graham, Don Jones, Philip Keightley, Myles Murdock, Kerri Ann O'Rourke, Matt Pearson, Rowena Wallace

LIAISONS PRESENT

Maitland Valley SPA Liaison – Phil Beard
MOECC Liaison Officer – Brian Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bruce Godkin, Mark MacKenzie, Gerry Rupke

LIAISONS ABSENT

Ausable Bayfield SPA Liaison – Brian Horner
Health Unit Liaison – Jean-Guy Albert

DWSP STAFF PRESENT

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Matt Pearson welcomed everyone to the meeting introduced the two SPC members representing the agriculture sector – Bert Dykstra and Mary Ellen Foran.

Rowena Wallace was called to the front and Matt Pearson acknowledged her many contributions as a representative for the agriculture sector, on the Source Protection Committee since its inception. She was presented with a parting gift.

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m.

AGENDA

MOTION #SPC: 2017-11-01

Moved by Keith Black
Seconded by Mary Ellen Foran

“That the agenda be approved as presented.”

Carried by Consensus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #SPC: 2017-11-02

Moved by David Blaney
Seconded by John Graham

“That the SPC minutes from April 19, 2017 be approved as presented.”

Carried by Consensus.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

SCP MEMBERSHIP

David Blaney declared a conflict of interest with this agenda item. Geoff Cade, Program Supervisor, reported that the Source Protection Authority is progressing with a request to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change for an exemption to permit David Blaney, representative for the municipal sector, to remain on the SPC. The issue arose when Mr. Blaney was appointed to the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority’s Board of Directors and the *Clean Water Act, 2006* states a Board member of the Conservation Authority cannot also sit on the SPC without an exemption from the Minister.

MOTION #SPC: 2017-11-03

Moved by Ian Brebner
Seconded by Myles Murdock

“That the Source Protection Committee for the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Drinking Water Source Protection Region supports the Ausable Bayfield Source Protection Authority in seeking from the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, an exemption permitting Mr. David Blaney to remain on the Source Protection Committee.”

Carried by Consensus.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter of support was received from Kyle Davis, Risk Management Official for the Municipality of Minto, supporting the proposed amendment to extend the deadline for completion of Risk Management Plans.

CHAIR'S MEETING

Matt Pearson reported on the Chair's Meeting he attended in October in Toronto. There were 19 Chairs present, as well as Program Supervisors and MOECC staff. MOECC is reviewing the regulations to see what is and isn't working. There may be more funding put into the budget for increased education and outreach. The vision is to secure long term funding for the Source Protection Program. There was discussion on end of life vehicles and the potential impact on the environment. Bruce Davidson from Walkerton was the guest speaker. Each SPC needs to keep their sector groups informed. Tim Cumming will prepare tools for members to attend meetings of their sector. This keeps the program alive for more discussions in the future.

PROGRAM UPDATES

Geoff Cade reported that DWSP staff are continuing to work closely with municipal staff and provide support for implementation responsibilities. The agreement with ABCA to provide Risk Management Official services (Part IV) is being extended with all the affected municipalities.

In regards to the Tier 3 Water Budget for Century Heights Municipal Drinking Water System, Matrix Solutions Inc. provided a draft report of their findings. Staff will be reviewing the report and providing further information.

DWSP staff met with MOECC representatives on October 24, 2017 for an information exchange between the region and the province. It was a day-long meeting with discussions on our region's characteristics, education and outreach program, stewardship successes, land use planning and risk management. It was conveyed to MOECC that small rural municipalities have a challenge in regards to budgeting and general capacity for responsibilities so they rely on partnerships.

Phil Beard commented that MOECC needs to move away from year-to-year budgeting. It is a permanent program that can't get permanent funding.

The minister's report on drinking water has been released by the province and the link will be circulated to the SPC. The members also asked that the presentation given to MOECC by staff in October be circulated to the SPC.

MOTION #SPC: 2017-11-04

Moved by David Blaney
Seconded by Philip Keightly

“That a letter be sent to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change and our MPPs stating the SPC welcomes the opportunity to provide more outreach and education on the Source Protection Program and expects the commitment of resources to support the Ministry's initiative.”

Carried by Consensus.

RMO Status Report

Mary Lynn MacDonald, RMO reported that there has been a huge turnover in municipal staff so there is a need to do 'lunch and learn' meetings every six months to keep the water operators, planning staff and CAOs informed on their implementation responsibilities. There has been an increase in calls from real estate agents, lawyers and certified crop advisors. This is a welcome opportunity for education and outreach. Presentations have been held with area fire departments to give an overview on the source water protection program and possible threats to water quality.

Some examples of issues being worked on:

- Geothermal installation for industrial systems where 24 bore holes were made next to a well in a WPHA and no policies
- Hamlet where a vacant property was sold but now wanting a large septic system and the policy prohibits it
- End of life vehicle impacts on the environment
- Large special events like the IPM or Music in the Fields – and the need to train staff and volunteers if it is near a wellhead
- Having photo record of the WPHA during the major rainfall event in Harriston on June 23, 2017

LIAISON UPDATES

1. Phil Beard had no report.
2. Brian Wright, MOECC Liaison reported that there is RMO training January 15-18. Honourable Chris Ballard has replaced Glen Murray as Minister of Ministry of Environment and Climate Change. There is ongoing reorganization at MOECC Source Protection Branch. Beth Forrest is currently on maternity leave. Mary Wooding is the liaison officer leading initiatives with First Nation communities on drinking water program systems. As of November 2017 there are now three liaison officers available across the province.

SPP AMENDMENTS

There are multiple changes to municipal drinking water sources being addressed through a Section 34 amendment and have been approved by the SPC at previous meetings. Another proposed policy revision for the SPA and SPC's consideration is Policy P.12.2 - to allow a longer timeline for completion of risk management plans (RMP). Neighbouring regions allow five years for RMP completion rather than 3 years as stipulated in the ABMV SPPs.

MOTION #SPC: 2017-11-05

Moved by Don Jones
Seconded by Karen Galbraith

“That the Source Protection Committee supports the revision of Policy P.12.2 of the Maitland Valley Source Protection Plan and Ausable Bayfield Source Protection Plan to extend the 3 year deadline for the completion of all risk management plans to 5 years.”

Carried by Consensus.

Lunch was served at 12:10 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

SCIENCE UPDATE

Geoff Cade gave further explanation on the Tier 3 Water Budget draft report that was received from Matrix. Once staff have reviewed the report it will be sent to the Minister. The science says only utilizing 20% of the maximum permitted use and expecting 5% increase in use by increased development. The well for the Sifto plant was deeper into the aquifer and it has been determined there is a barrier between the two wells underground so the impact is only 1% between the two wells.

DWSP REFRESHER

Brian Wright gave an overview of the Source Protection Program for the new members. The *Clean Water Act* addresses 12 recommendations from the Justice O'Connor Inquiry following the Walkerton Tragedy. There are 22 approved Source Protection Plans across the province protecting 450 municipal drinking water systems.

The Section 34 Amendment is in regards to new or upgraded systems and completion of technical work. Section 36 Amendment refers to the periodic review of the Source Protection Plan. There are 21 prescribed threats deemed by the Province with different vulnerability scores. *Clean Water Act* restrictive tools under Section 57, 58 and 59 were reviewed. Each implementing body reports to the Source Protection Authority by February 1 of each year and the SPA must submit the progress reports to the Minister by May 1.

The MOECC Source Protection Program Analysis Project analyzes and looks for potential improvements to the program. Of note is the Source Protection Information Atlas (SPIA) interactive map. www.ontario.ca/page/source-protection

OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at the call of the Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Matt Pearson
Chair

Judith Parker
Recording Secretary