



**SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING
HOLIDAY INN, TRENTON
APRIL 17, 2008**

ATTENDEES:

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

• Jim Hunt, <i>Chair</i>	• Robert Lake, <i>Economic Development</i>
• Anne Alexander, <i>Health Unit Liaison</i>	• Gerald McGregor, <i>Municipal</i>
• Monica Berdin, <i>Recreation/Tourism</i>	• Glenn Milne, <i>Agriculture</i>
• Dave Burton, <i>Municipal</i>	• Terry Rees, <i>Waterfront Landowner</i>
• Mary Jane Conboy, <i>Environmental Non Government Organization</i>	• Debbie Scanlon, <i>MOE Liaison (interim)</i>
• Bill Cornfield, <i>Drinking Water Expert</i>	• Mary Smith, <i>Municipal</i>
• Edgar Cornish, <i>Agriculture</i>	• Bev Spencer, <i>Agriculture</i>
• Pam Crowe, <i>Alderville First Nation</i>	• Wayne Stiver, <i>Drinking Water Expert</i>
• Kerry Doughty, <i>Aggregate/Mining</i>	• Richard Straka, <i>Municipal</i>
• Roberta (Bobbie) Drew, <i>Public – Rural</i>	• Matt Taft, <i>Public – Urban</i>
• Dave Golem, <i>Municipal</i>	REGRETS:
• Rick Johnson, <i>Large Non Municipal Water User</i>	• Bruce Craig, <i>Municipal</i>
• Jim Kelleher, <i>Source Protection Authority Liaison</i>	• Alanna Boulton, <i>Trent Severn Waterway</i>
• Rosemary Kelleher-MacLennan, <i>Municipal</i>	• Tracey Taylor, <i>Curve Lake First Nation</i>
OTHERS PRESENT:	
• COMMITTEE SUPPORT STAFF:	• Glenda Rodgers, <i>Project Manager</i> • Myriam Genet, <i>Administrative Assistant</i>
• CONSERVATION AUTHORITY STAFF:	• Don Greer, <i>ORCA</i> • Mark Peacock, <i>GRCA</i> • Diana Tyner, <i>CVCA</i> • Anne Anderson, <i>LTC</i>
• OTHER:	• Jeff Borisko, <i>Implementation Manager, Bay of Quinte Remedial Action</i>

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jim Hunt called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He welcomed the Committee and thanked everyone for the great turnout. Alanna Boulton and Tracy Taylor sent their regrets.

2. DISCLOSURES OF ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A new item was added to correspondence: Letter from Ian Smith

There was consensus on the agenda with the addition.
(Note: items were rearranged in the afternoon)

4. DELEGATIONS

Jim Hunt reported that he had several conversations with sectors who were interested in the source protection committee meetings. He explained the procedure for being on the agenda to these individuals and reminded them that all meetings are open to the public.

There were no delegations or public present outside of Conservation staff.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING (MARCH 19, 2008)

On page 5 of the draft minutes, Item 12, the 4th paragraph was amended to read:

Mary Jane Conboy noted that the Ontario Drinking Water Advisory Council (ODWAC) is holding public consultation meetings next week (March 26 & 27) regarding the current standard for tritium in drinking water. ODWAC provides advice to the Minister of the Environment on drinking water standards, legislation, regulations and issues.

With that change, there was consensus on approval of the minutes.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

a) LOGISTICS FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS ON TERMS OF REFERENCE

After discussing with the partner Conservation Authorities, the dates and locations were confirmed:

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Wednesday June 11, 2008	Marmora, CVCA Office Trenton, LTC Office	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Thursday June 12, 2008	Port Hope, GRCA Office Peterborough, ORCA Office	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Monday June 16, 2008	Haliburton area, location tba Lindsay, KRCA Office	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Bob Lake asked how many people were expected at these meetings. It was reported that this type of meeting is not usually well attended. Glenda indicated that there would be advertising for these meetings in local papers across the watershed.

Action: Committee Members are to let Myriam know if they are interested in attending any of these meetings. Logistics will be discussed at the next meeting.

b) COMMITTEE MEMBERS' HANDBOOK

Glenda reminded the Committee that the handbook was not approved at the March meeting of the Lead Source Protection Authority because there was no quorum. The Source Protection Authority met again on April 10, 2008 and the handbook was approved. Committee members received copies of the signature page to add to their handbooks. Glenda also reported that the Ministry has been advised of its approval and that the handbook is on our website.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

a) LETTER FROM MINISTER GERRETSEN

Glenda gave some background information on the letter. Jim Kelleher, General Manager of the Lead Source Protection Authority, replied to the letter. It was agreed that the Source Protection Committee did not need to comment on the letter.

b) LETTER FROM MARY JANE CONBOY, WELL WISE RESOURCE CENTRE

Jim Hunt reported on a letter received from Mary Jane and the contents of the Well Wise package that she provided. Mary Jane then gave additional background on the Well Wise Resource Centre. She indicated that there were a lot of groups doing important work, and that it was her hope that the Committee not "reinvent the wheel" and would take advantage of outside expertise and knowledge.

During this update, the Committee discussed how they could get their message out to the public, to perhaps link it with flooding being a threat to private wells. Bob Lake suggested some type of advertising, however, Glenda reminded the Committee of the costs. She indicated that the flood bulletins sent out by Conservation Authorities include warnings about potential contamination of wells in flood prone areas. Jim Hunt reiterated that although it was a very important issue, private wells were outside of the mandate of the Committee.

Terry Rees reminded the Committee that over 46% of the population in our watershed is on private wells and to not consider these water supplies would be negligent. He felt that it could be addressed and that the Committee should make a commitment to engage those not on the municipal system. He believed that mention of it should be in our Terms of Reference. He also said he would be happy to sit on a sub-committee to begin the process. Bobbie Drew suggested that the Committee did not have it in the budget to fund any such sub-committees.

Jim Hunt reported that the issue was not being ignored, but that it was not in our mandate. He said it did not preclude the Committee from making recommendations. He said the Committee had to be very careful not to exceed the mandate, and that the issues outside of the mandate could be brought to the attention of others. He also mentioned that outside issues could be brought forward. All comments received that the Committee cannot deal with are still part of the record.

c) MEMO FROM IAN SMITH, RE: CONFIDENTIALITY AND PUBLIC RELEASE OF DRAFT TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS

Glenda reported on the memo. There was a discussion about how confidentiality will be an important issue. Wayne Stiver asked if they would have any resources regarding MFIPPA.

Mark Peacock reminded the Committee that each Conservation Authority has staff that has been trained and they can provide support to the committee.

8. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR MUNICIPAL WORKING GROUPS

The Committee referred to Glenda's Memo: File No. SPC Report-7/08. The draft Terms of Reference was reviewed at the January meeting and then sent to the Municipal Working Groups for review. There were no changes recommended from four of the five Municipal Working Groups. Otonabee-Peterborough Municipal Working Groups had some comments.

The following recommendations were made:

Recommendations:

Re: items 1, 2, 6 in the comments

That under 4.3, the following sentence be added: Minutes may also be distributed to the Source Protection Authority.

Re: item 3 in the comments

That under 2.5 Municipal Working Group, "municipalities" be replaced with municipal councils"

Re: items 4 and 5 in the comments

No change is recommended (the wording in the draft document provides an explanation and clarity)

There was consensus with these recommendations.

Action: The changes will be made to the Working Group Terms of Reference and circulated to the Working Groups.

Richard Straka asked how information is exchanged between the Municipal Working Groups and representatives from the Municipalities. Glenda said that the sharing and distribution of minutes would address this.

9. TERMS OF REFERENCE

a) MUNICIPAL RESPONSES

A print out of all the responses received was distributed. Glenda remarked that all municipalities have now responded, and that there were no surprises in the feedback. Durham and City of Kawartha Lakes have indicated that they want to take the lead for technical and planning work associated with their systems. The responses indicated that there is an additional planned system in the City of Kawartha Lakes (surface water supply on Balsam Lake).

Glenda was asked about Curve Lake. She indicated that no request has been made. She indicated that First Nations can bring forward systems to be included at any time.

b) PRELIMINARY TERMS OF REFERENCE

Glenda provided a brief overview, using power point slides, of the Terms of Reference requirements. Glenda indicated that the documents previously circulated were preliminary drafts and that they would be updated and revised. The document was made using the Wizard, and members were only given a portion of it. Glenda had full versions and invited

anyone to review them if they wished. Since inputting the information, Glenda learned that different formatting can be used for public review (but the Wizard database will still need to be completed for the Ministry submission). To make the document more user friendly, a revised format will be developed and distributed to the committee for comments.

The draft proposed terms of Reference will need to be approved for circulation at the May 15th meeting to allow for initiation of the public consultation process.

Action: Staff will distribute the revised document prior to the May meeting. It was suggested that the email only include the text and not the maps as this would allow it to be emailed. The maps could be mailed.

There was discussion about the impact the committee's recommendations/source protection plan could have on landowners. Bev suggested that a compensation policy should be developed. Debbie reminded the Committee that the Terms of Reference was about the preparation of the plan, not about the implementation. After much discussion, it was agreed that Glenda would prepare a statement to be used as a preamble in the document, and distribute to the Committee for their review and comment. The following suggestions were provided:

- *public concerns must be taken into consideration*
- *need to be fair and reasonable*
- *need to consult with affected landowners before meetings*
- *economic impacts need to be considered up front*
- *stewardship fund needs to continue to provide financial assistance to land owners/compensation*

10. BAY OF QUINTE REMEDIAL ACTION

- **JIM KELLEHER (RESTORATION COUNCIL CO-CHAIR) &**
- **JEFF BORISKO (IMPLEMENTATION MANAGER)**

Jim and Jeff provided the Committee with background information and responded to questions on the Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan. A copy of the presentation is attached.

11. REPORTS/UPDATES

a) COMMUNICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS

On Marilyn's behalf, Glenda reported:

- Five copies of a booklet prepared by the Ministry of the Environment on Stakeholder Consultation were received. (Copies were distributed to interested committee members after the meeting.)
- Stewardship Fund update: GRCA had 7 seminars, with an attendance of about 50. LTC had 3 seminars, with an attendance of about 36. As an aside, ¾ of the attendees at the LTC meetings were on private wells, and a low percentage of them reported that they do not check their septic or well on a regular basis. Durham region had 6 meetings, with 750 attendees. Mary Jane reported that at one meeting 350 people attended. Information on the other Conservation Authority seminars will be provided at a further date.
- On Friday April 11th, Lou Rinaldi, the MPP for Northumberland – Quinte West, made an announcement at the Lower Trent Office about the 2.179M in funding for Source

Protection technical studies from the Ministry of Environment. Some press were present for the announcement. A press release was also sent from Lou Rinaldi's office.

- The website is constantly being updated and members are encouraged to view it for updates. The members' handbook was recently uploaded.

b) PROJECT MANAGER

- Glenda gave information on the new EBR posting which is posted for 30 days for comments. Note: the website address was sent to SPC members following the meeting.
- Glenda reported that at yesterday's Project Managers Meeting, the Ministry indicated that they are aiming to have the proposed Assessment Report regulation posted on the EBR by June 15, 2008.

c) MUNICIPAL WORKING GROUPS

Dave Burton had to leave the meeting early, so he was not able to report on Kawartha-Haliburton meetings. However, minutes of their last meeting were provided. Dave will be asked to report at the next meeting.

d) COMMITTEE MEMBERS (UPDATES ON PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT)

Jim Hunt reported on a meeting with the Lindsay Rotary Club.

Glenda made a presentation at Alderville First Nation. Pam Crowe reported that it was well received, and that there was little concern because most of the residents are on individual wells but they were thinking of having the water supply for their daycare considered.

Terry Rees reported on several FOCA meetings that he attended, as well as the Cottage Life Show.

12. WATERSHED CHARACTERIZATION

• **STATUS REPORT – GLENDA RODGERS**

Glenda said that the draft Watershed Characterization Reports will all be complete within the next couple of weeks. She indicated that the memory sticks have been purchased and the draft reports will be copied onto them for the next meeting.

• **LOWER TRENT SOURCE PROTECTION AREA – ANNE ANDERSON**

Anne Anderson gave a presentation and responded to questions on the Lower Trent Watershed Characterization Report. Handouts of Anne's presentation are attached.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

The next meeting is on May 15th at the Best Western in Cobourg.