

**SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING
DELTA PINESTONE RESORT, HALIBURTON ON
JULY 3, 2008**

ATTENDEES:

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- ◆ Jim Hunt, *Chair*
- ◆ Monica Berdin, *Recreation/Tourism*
- ◆ Alanna Boulton, *Trent Severn Waterway*
- ◆ Dave Burton, *Municipal*
- ◆ Bill Cornfield, *Drinking Water Expert*
- ◆ Edgar Cornish, *Agriculture*
- ◆ Bruce Craig, *Municipal*
- ◆ Kerry Doughty, *Aggregate/Mining*
- ◆ Roberta (Bobbie) Drew, *Public – Rural **
- ◆ Dave Golem, *Municipal*
- ◆ Rick Johnson, *Large Non Municipal Water User*
- ◆ Jim Kelleher, *Source Protection Authority Liaison*
- ◆ Rosemary Kelleher-MacLennan, *Municipal*
- ◆ Robert Lake, *Economic Development*
- ◆ Gerald McGregor, *Municipal*
- ◆ Glenn Milne, *Agriculture*
- ◆ Terry Rees, *Waterfront Landowner*
- ◆ Mary Smith, *Municipal*
- ◆ Bev Spencer, *Agriculture*
- ◆ Wayne Stiver, *Drinking Water Expert*
- ◆ Richard Straka, *Municipal*
- ◆ Matt Taft, *Public – Urban*

REGRETS:

- ◆ Anne Alexander, *Health Unit Liaison*
- ◆ Mary Jane Conboy, *Environmental Non Government Organization*
- ◆ Pam Crowe, *Alderville First Nation*
- ◆ Debbie Scanlon, *MOE Liaison (interim)*
- ◆ Tracey Taylor, *Curve Lake First Nation*

OTHERS PRESENT:

COMMITTEE SUPPORT STAFF:

- ◆ Glenda Rodgers, *Project Manager*
- ◆ Myriam Genet, *Administrative Assistant*
- ◆ Marilyn Bucholtz, *Communications Coordinator*
- ◆ Holly Youden, *Technical Studies Coordinator*

CONSERVATION AUTHORITY STAFF:

- ◆ Diana Tyner, *CVCA*
- ◆ Mark Peacock, *GRCA*
- ◆ Mark Majchrowski, *Jessica Mueller, KRCA*

PUBLIC

- ◆ Stephen Foster

* Left after agenda Item 8.

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jim Hunt called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

4. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING (MAY 2008)

The minutes were approved.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Mary Smith asked about the outcome of the discussion surrounding delegations/presentations and apologized for missing that part of the meeting. She also suggested that she supported Matt's suggestion that the Committee undergo an annual review of the committee's procedures. Chair Hunt said that the Committee was statutory and has set guidelines. He said that as we go from meeting to meeting, everyone was free to bring forward any suggestions for changes to the procedures. He saw this as on-going and not just the focus of one meeting. Mary said that she had not sat on this type of statutory committee before and it was as new a process for her as it was for others.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

DURHAM RESOLUTIONS ON THE TCC SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE DRAFT PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Glenda briefed the Committee on the contents of the letter. Durham Council passed a resolution agreeing to undertake specified technical studies, outlined in the draft proposed Terms of Reference, recognizing that the costs are estimates only and will later be negotiated through an agreement with Lower Trent Conservation when the scope of the work is identified.

DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT REPORTS

This was a similar letter from City of Kawartha Lakes advising Glenda that Council passed a resolution agreeing to undertake the technical studies and recognizing that the costs are estimates only.

8. PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE

PROPOSED STAFF REVISIONS TO TERMS OF REFERENCE (SPC REPORT-11/08)

Glenda provided an overview of the proposed changes.

Mary Smith suggested that the Terms of Reference document cover pages should include an address and contact information. It was agreed that this was a good idea. The addition will be made to the covers.

On page 19 of the Terms of Reference, Bob Lake suggested a wording change. Instead of saying "The Trent-Severn Waterway **occasionally** allows water..." replace with "The Trent-Severn Waterway **periodically directs** water..."

The remainder of the proposed changes were accepted as presented.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION COMMENTS (SPC REPORT-12/08)

Glenda provided a summary and a list of all the comments/questions raised at the six public meetings, as recorded by Conservation Authority staff.

It was agreed that the comments/questions from the public meetings did not affect either of the Terms of Reference documents; therefore, no changes were required in response to the oral comments. During the public meetings, responses to the questions were provided. As discussed at the last committee meeting, a *Frequently Asked Questions* (FAQ) section will be added to the website.

PROPOSED REVISIONS BASED ON COMMENTS RECEIVED

The Committee reviewed the written responses received and draft responses prepared by staff. It was agreed that a response will be sent for every written comment received.

Recommended Response to CELA/Environmental Defence Comments

- i. "...provisions be made for incorporating local knowledge and aboriginal traditional knowledge into the source protection process..." It was decided that a bullet would be added to the Source Protection Committee Commitment stating: *Considering and incorporating voluntarily contributed local and traditional knowledge*
- ii. "Potential threats to source water can be addressed through guiding principles, the most notable of which is the precautionary principle..." Considerable discussion took place on this item, with some members indicating that it was already embedded in the legislation and therefore there was no need to add it, some indicating that it was already embedded in the legislation but there being no harm in adding it, and others indicating that it should not be added. Since there was no resolution, it was agreed to table the decision until after lunch.

After lunch it was agreed to change the 2nd Paragraph of the Committee Commitment from:

"The Committee's ultimate role is to develop a Source Protection Plan that establishes policies for reducing or eliminating significant threats to sources of drinking water" to The Committee's ultimate role is to develop a Source Protection Plan that establishes policies for preventing,

reducing or eliminating threats to sources of drinking water” (adding the word "preventing" and removing the word "significant").

The Committee agreed to make that change; however, they also want to see how other Committees are dealing with this issue.

Action: Staff will contact other Source Protection Committees and the Ministry of the Environment.

- iii. *“The MOE or CAs could be asked to provide lists of all drinking-water systems in your Region...”*
It was agreed to respond to CELA that no change was recommended and reply as indicated in the staff recommended response. It was agreed to also make reference to the proposed Technical Rules, where it suggested that such systems need to be listed and described in the Watershed Characterization.
- iv. *“Pending further direction from the MOE, priorities should be made for designating clusters for inclusion in the Source Protection Plan.”* It was agreed that no change was recommended, however the reply should say that the Source Protection Committee cannot add clusters as it is the responsibility of Municipalities or the Minister.

All other recommended responses were approved.

Recommended Response to Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF)

Glenda reported that the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow may wish to appear as a delegation, but since only ten minutes is allocated, they prepared a list questions. Depending on the responses, they may be able to prepare a more focused presentation. William (Bill) Cornfield added that the responses to the questions will be an education tool.

All recommended responses were approved, with the correction of "locates" to "located".

Recommended Responses to Public comments

- i. Public Comment – Bailieboro Resident
It was recommended that the comment back to the individual indicate that the Source Protection Committee had sent a letter to the Minister of the Environment recommending that the stewardship program be extended to provide further extensions for funding of affected individuals and businesses.
- ii. Public Comment – Township of Hamilton Resident
In the reply that the comments are not relevant to the Terms of Reference, also reassure the resident that there are other regulations in place to address this concern. Also indicate that all potential threats will be examined.
- iii. Public Comment – Town of Port Hope Resident
In the reply, also indicate that there is provincial legislation dealing with water taking and transfers (Ontario Water Resources Act).

All recommended responses were approved, with the additions noted above.

Recommended Response to Durham (Beata Golas) comment

- i. Staff's recommended response was approved, with the words "*by the municipality*" added after "*If requested.*"

Recommended Response to Ganaraska comments

- i. It was suggested that the word "several" in Table 3—third column, 3rd line, be changed to "many". While the committee agreed that either would work, they agreed with the change.
- ii. Jim Hunt suggested that the response to the Ganaraska note that he had spoken to the Minister regarding the need to provide funding to municipalities for their participation.

All other recommended responses were approved.

Action: Mark Peacock will contact Hamilton Township regarding responsibility for undertaking technical work in the Township and obtaining a council resolution, if required. No change will be made until confirmation is received from Hamilton Township.

PROPOSED REVISIONS BASED ON COMMENTS RECEIVED

It was suggested that a glossary be added to the Terms of References, but after discussion, it was agreed that it was not necessary.

Glenda said she will make the changes to the documents, as discussed and approved at today's meeting, and prepare responses to the written comments. She asked the Committee members if they wanted to see them before she sent them out. The Committee felt this was unnecessary. The Committee will be copied on the responses. Glenda said the revised document will be presented at the next meeting.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE

Glenda reported that the Terms of Reference Regulation requires that the Proposed Terms of Reference (the next version) must be sent out to the same circulation list as the draft was sent to and posted on the web-site. She asked if the Committee wanted to go beyond what was regulated (e.g. ads in newspapers). Bev Spencer felt that a lot of money was already spent and those that are interested in the process are already informed. Mary Smith suggested that a media release be distributed; the Committee agreed this was appropriate. Members of the public who provided contact information, as well as those who commented, will also be advised.

9. PROPOSED ASSESSMENT REPORT REGULATIONS/DIRECTOR'S RULES

Glenda gave a brief overview of the new rules, and with Holly Youden, answered questions. She indicated that Conservation Authority technical staff would be meeting next week to review the proposed regulations/rules and that she would report back. Staff and some Committee members will be attending the MOE round table sessions to further discuss the proposed regulations and rules, and will also report back to the Committee. The Conservation Authorities will be submitting comments on the EBR posting.

10. REPORTS/UPDATES

- **STAFF**

Marilyn Bucholtz reported that some examples of the media coverage from the public meetings were distributed electronically.

- **MUNICIPAL WORKING GROUPS**

There was nothing to report.

- **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Wayne and Richard attended a conference at Trent University on Water Quality.

Terry said there will be a FOCA meeting on July 17th at CVCA.

11. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE/LOCATION DISCUSSION

- July 17th – Marmora Community Centre
- August Meeting – cancelled. The Committee agreed it was no longer necessary.
- September 8th – Lakefield area. Myriam will coordinate the logistics with Mary Smith.
- October 2nd – Limerick. Myriam will coordinate the logistics with Dave Golem.
- November 25th – Port Hope. Myriam will coordinate the logistics with Jim Hunt.
- December – no scheduled meeting
- January 14, 2008 – Lindsay Golf Course.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

Bev asked if any one would be interested in seeing a working dairy farm after the Marmora July 17th meeting (her farm is nearby). Several committee members indicated that they would be interested. Myriam will send out an email to confirm numbers and will get back to Bev.

Matt felt that more time may be required at the next meeting to discuss the new regulations. Glenda said that if any committee member wants to review them and want to share their comments, she will compile them.

Bill questioned how the Watershed Characterization report could be changed/updated. He referred to an error he discovered in one of the reports. Glenda said that this would be a topic for discussion at a future meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.