

**SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING
MARMORA COMMUNITY CENTRE, MARMORA ON
JULY 17, 2008**

ATTENDEES:

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- ◆ Jim Hunt, *Chair*
- ◆ Monica Berdin, *Recreation/Tourism*
- ◆ Alanna Boulton, *Trent Severn Waterway*
- ◆ Mary Jane Conboy, *Environmental Non Government Organization*
- ◆ 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*
- ◆ Terry Rees, *Waterfront Landowner*
- ◆ Debbie Scanlon, *MOE Liaison (interim)*
- ◆ Mary Smith, *Municipal*
- ◆ Bev Spencer, *Agriculture*
- ◆ Wayne Stiver, *Drinking Water Expert*
- ◆ Richard Straka, *Municipal*
- ◆ Matt Taft, *Public – Urban*

REGRETS:

- ◆ Anne Alexander, *Health Unit Liaison*
- ◆ Dave Burton, *Municipal*
- ◆ Pam Crowe, *Alderville First Nation*
- ◆ Glenn Milne, *Agriculture*
- ◆ Tracey Taylor, *Curve Lake First Nation*

OTHERS PRESENT:

COMMITTEE SUPPORT STAFF:

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

CONSERVATION AUTHORITY STAFF:

- ◆ Marnie Guindon, Tim Pidduck, Diana Tyner, *CVCA*
- ◆ Mark Peacock, *GRCA*
- ◆ Jessica Mueller, *KRCA*

* Arrived later on in morning

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jim Hunt welcomed the Committee to Marmora and called the meeting to order at 9:45 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

The minutes were approved as presented.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

• **PRECAUTIONARY PRINCIPLE**

At the July 3rd meeting, staff was asked to contact other Source Protection Committees and the Ministry of the Environment to see how they were dealing with the “precautionary principle.” Glenda reported that she sent out an e-mail and had received some responses. She indicated that some regions were not mentioning the precautionary principle as they felt that it was embedded in the Clean Water Act. Cataraqui Source Protection Committee has included a statement in their proposed Terms of Reference indicating that they would be mindful of the precautionary approach. Ian Smith, MOE, indicated that this wording was appropriate.

The Committee agreed to add to the first bullet of the Terms of Reference Committee Commitment:

- Basing policies on the best available science ***and where there is uncertainty, being mindful of the precautionary approach.***

• **HAMILTON TOWNSHIP**

Mark Peacock was asked to contact Hamilton Township regarding responsibility for undertaking technical work and obtaining a council resolution, if required. Since Mark Peacock was not available for this agenda item, Glenda reported that both she and Mark met with Doug Thompson of Hamilton Township. Doug said he would seek a council resolution indicating that Hamilton Township take the lead for the technical work on the two municipal groundwater systems in the Township. Glenda made the change to the proposed Terms of Reference. She noted that if the resolution is not forthcoming, there is an opportunity to provide comments on this item through the Source Protection Authority.

Terry Rees asked why the Ganaraska comments were addressed to the Source Protection Committee when the Ganaraska is part of the Trent Conservation Coalition. Jim Hunt said he was puzzled by that as well, and did not know why the issues were not dealt with internally.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

• **MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH LIAISONS TO THE SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

Glenda reported that a letter was received from the Ministry of the Environment confirming Anne Alexander's appointment to the Source Protection Committee as Medical Officer of Health Liaison. The letter also suggested that when Anne is unable to attend the meetings, the Health Units could send an alternate. The alternate does not need to be named. Glenda reminded the Committee that the position was non-voting and did not count towards quorum.

There are four health units in the region:

- Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit
- Durham Region Health Department
- Hastings and Prince Edward Counties Health Unit
- Peterborough County-City Health Unit

Action: Glenda will send a letter to Anne indicating that she is welcome to send an alternate when she is unable to attend a Source Protection Committee meeting.

8. WATERSHED CHARACTERIZATION – CROWE VALLEY SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

Marnie Guindon and Diana Tyner provided an overview of the Crowe Valley Source Protection Area. Tim Pidduck, Crowe Valley Conservation Authority General Manager, was also available to respond to questions. *A copy of their presentation is attached.*

9. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE

• **FINAL DRAFT OF PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE DOCUMENTS**

She noted that the documents were amended with the feedback received at the last meeting.

Glenda noted that the draft proposed Terms of Reference was amended since the last meeting, with the following changes:

- The changes discussed at the July 3, 2008 Source Protection Committee meeting
- The table and text re: municipalities in the source protection areas was modified to provide better clarity
- Minor wording changes, which did not affect the intent and brought the Terms of Reference more in light with the proposed Assessment Report Regulations and Technical Rules posted on the EBR.

Glenda asked if the Committee had any additional changes. There were none. With the change noted above regarding the precautionary approach, the versions presented were approved through consensus as the Proposed Terms of References to be sent to the Source Protection Authorities and posted/circulated for further comment

Glenda noted that new cover pages and the revised Committee Commitment would be sent to the committee members to be attached to their current versions of the Terms of References.

Bobbie thanked staff for the fantastic job of incorporating all the comments.

• **SUBMISSION PACKAGE TO SOURCE PROTECTION AUTHORITIES**

Glenda gave a short presentation on the submission. *A copy of her presentation is attached.*

The Source Protection Committee will submit the proposed Terms of Reference documents to the five Source Protection Authorities by August 20 for review and comment. The Source Protection

Authorities will post the Terms of Reference documents on the internet for public review at www.trentsourceprotection.on.ca, and circulate to Municipalities, First Nations, Great Lakes bodies, and neighbouring Source Protection Regions. There is a 30 day comment period (comments will go to Source Protection Authorities, not the Source Protection Committee). The cover letter to the Source Protection Authorities will include the Source Protection Committee concerns identified in a letter sent previously to MOE regarding compensation/funding for implementation phase, and inclusion of private systems. Other notification on the proposed Terms of References will include a notice to the e-mail list from first round of public consultation and a press release.

The submission to Ministry of the Environment by the Source Protection Authorities will take place by October 20th. The submission will include: 5 proposed Terms of Reference, as prepared by Source Protection Committee; digital data base (Wizard file); and the public consultation process document.

Bev Spencer asked for clarification on the difference between the Source Protection Committee and the Source Protection Authority. There was a discussion about the differences and the relationship between the two. The Source Protection Authority is a legislative oversight of the Source Protection Committee and the overall process. The Source Protection Authorities were responsible for making nominations to the Minister for Chair, appointing the Committee and approving the Committee Rules and Regulations. They also handle the financial aspects of the project, employ the staff, and hire consultants. Jim Hunt noted that the Source Protection Committee deals more with content, while the Source Protection Authorities deal with process.

Action: Source Protection Authority Minutes are to be circulated digitally to the Source Protection Committee

10. COMMENTS ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENT REPORT AND DEFINITIONS REGULATIONS/ DIRECTOR'S RULES

Glenda said she was looking for guidance on how to proceed with the comments. The letter she presented was based on technical staff's review of the proposed regulations and rules and discussions at various meetings that have been held.

The Committee reviewed the comments, and a few suggestions were made:

- Item 112 (2) - add comment re: permanent versus mobile above ground storage
- Part v.4 Delineation of wellhead protection areas, type II and III systems: Mary Jane Conboy disagreed with the technical staff recommendation.

After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the Conservation Authorities in the Trent Conservation Coalition should submit the technical comments presented, rather than the letter coming from the Committee. The Source Protection Committee would submit a brief letter including the following key points:

- Technical comments were being submitted by others in the region
- Concern with identification of issues to drinking water "after treatment" which doesn't apply the multi-barrier approach and trivializes the role of the SPC
- Urging the finalization of technical rules in a timely fashion so that the process is not slowed.

11. REPORTS/ UPDATES

- **STAFF**

Marilyn said that new name plates will be made, and if anyone wanted changes to theirs to write the changes directly on the paper name plates and changes will be made. There were no changes. New name plates should be available at the next meeting.

- **MUNICIPAL WORKING GROUPS (MINUTES/REPORTS)**

There was no information to share.

- **COMMITTEE MEMBERS (UPDATES ON PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT/CONFERENCES)**

Terry Rees reported that representatives from 12 lake associations will be attending the FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations) later that afternoon at the Crowe Valley Authority office.

Mary Jane Conboy advised that the Well Wise Centre has released a report titled "*A Study of Private Well Owners Information Requirements and Possible Outreach and Education Programs*". More information can be found on their website www.wellwise.ca

Bev Spencer provided directions to her dairy farm for all committee members interested in having a tour of the farm following the meeting.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no new business.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:30