

**SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING
LAKEFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE, LAKEFIELD ON
SEPTEMBER 08, 2008**

ATTENDEES:

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- ◆ Jim Hunt, *Chair*
- ◆ Anne Alexander, *Health Unit Liaison*
- ◆ Monica Berdin, *Recreation/Tourism*
- ◆ Alanna Boulton, *Trent Severn Waterway*
- ◆ Dave Burton, *Municipal*
- ◆ Mary Jane Conboy, *Environmental Non Government Organization*
- ◆ Bill Cornfield, *Drinking Water Expert*
- ◆ Edgar Cornish, *Agriculture*
- ◆ Bruce Craig, *Municipal*
- ◆ Pam Crowe, *Alderville First Nation*
- ◆ Wanita Dokis, *Curve Lake First Nation **
- ◆ 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*
- ◆ Robert Lake, *Economic Development*
- ◆ Gerald McGregor, *Municipal*
- ◆ Glen Milne, *Agriculture*
- ◆ 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:

- ◆ Rosemary Kelleher-MacLennan, *Municipal*

COMMITTEE SUPPORT STAFF:

- ◆ Glenda Rodgers, *Project Manager*
- ◆ Myriam Genet, *Administrative Assistant*

CONSERVATION AUTHORITY STAFF:

- ◆ Marnie Guindon, *CVCA*
- ◆ Pam Lancaster, *GRCA*
- ◆ Mark Majchrowski, *Jessica Mueller, KRCA*
- ◆ Tim Beckenham, *Shan Mugalingam, TCC*
- ◆ Kathy Reid, *ORCA*

PARKS CANADA TRENT-SEVERN WATERWAY

PRESENTERS:

- ◆ Dave Ness, *Water Control Engineer*
- ◆ Mike Jamieson, *A/Director, Canal Operations*

OTHERS:

- ◆ Anita Locke, *Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield*
- ◆ Barbara Reid, *Township of Minden Hills*

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1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hunt welcomed the Committee, Conservation Authority Staff, Presenters and others. He introduced Wanita Dokis as the representative for the Curve Lake First Nation (replacing Tracey Taylor who had to resign for employment reasons). The meeting was called 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

Bruce Craig indicated that he had an item from the minutes that he wished to discuss. The minutes were approved as presented.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

CLARIFICATION OF THE ROLE OF THE MUNICIPAL WORKING GROUPS

Bruce Craig referred to the question from the last meeting on why the Ganaraska comments were addressed to the Source Protection Committee when the Ganaraska is part of the Trent Conservation Coalition. Bruce said that the comments were from the Working Group, and not from the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority, although it was on their letterhead. The Mayor of Clarington asked that the working group submit them on behalf of the Municipality and it was thought that this was the correct way of doing it.

Chair Hunt explained that the Municipal Working Groups were sub-committees of the Source Protection Committee and that input can be brought forth informally and internally. Each Municipal Working Group is chaired by a Source Protection Committee member and they were welcome to provide comments at any time through minutes or verbal reports from the Committee member at the meetings. If municipalities want the Working Group's comments to "carry more weight" the best process is for Municipalities to submit comments through council directly to the Source Protection Committee.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Glenda Rodgers summarized each of the following letters:

Item 1: Letter to Lower Trent Conservation from Township of Alnwick/Haldimand re: compensation, dated July 8, 2008 and response from Lower Trent Conservation to Township of Alnwick/Haldimand, dated July 21, 2008

Item 2: Letter to Minister from City of Kawartha Lakes re Carden Plain, dated July 21, 2008

Item 3: Letter to Chair Hunt from Ian Smith, MOE in response to SPC letter to Minister, dated July 18

Item 4: Letter to Jim Hunt from John O'Toole, MPP re SPC letter to Minister, dated July 24, 2008

Item 5: Letter to Chair Hunt from Kawartha Community Midwives re: uranium mining activity, dated July 25, 2008

Item 6: Letter to Ian Smith from EC re Invitation to comment on TOR, dated July 30, 2008

Item 7: Letter to Premier McGuinty from the NFU (National Farmers Union) on the issue of compensation for farm losses, dated August 7, 2008

The following points of discussion were raised from the correspondence received:

Item 2 (Carden Plains)

- Gerald McGregor updated the Committee on water takings within the Carden Plains area. He indicated that a meeting took place between MNR, MOE and the City of Kawartha Lakes to discuss the issue. He thanked Mark Majchrowski for his involvement. Chair Hunt asked that Gerald continue to provide updates to the Committee on behalf of the City.
- Kerry Doughty asked if there were any Aggregate representatives at the meeting. Gerald indicated that there was not. Kerry will follow up with the Aggregate industry.
- Bruce Craig mentioned the issue of compensation with regards to aggregate proposals that may pose a threat to a drinking water source.

Item 3 (Ian Smith to Chair Hunt Letter)

- Edgar Cornish asked when Landowners would be advised of any issues/concerns on their property. Glenda indicated that property owners that will be affected will be notified during the development of the Assessment Report, as required by the draft regulation. This is expected to take place in 2009.
- A further discussion took place on the eligibility for stewardship funds and the level of landowner contact to date.

Glenda Rodgers said she did not have the numbers with her, but that staff could do a presentation at the next meeting.

- Wayne Stiver indicated that through a conversation with Ian Smith, he was under the impression that any monies not spent on the first phase of the "stewardship program" could be carried over.
- Bob Lake mentioned the OFA Letter writing campaign.

Item 5 (Kawartha Community Midwives re. Uranium mining)

- Mary Smith said she had been approached by the Kawartha Community Midwives and suggested that a letter be written to the Committee with their concerns.

Glenda Rodgers will prepare and send a written response to the letter on behalf of the Committee summarizing the overall process.

Item 7 (National Farmers Union letter to Premier)

- This letter referred to *Berendsen v. Ontario, 2009 Can LII 1416 (ON S.C)*. Chair Hunt had reviewed the case briefly and did not agree that the issues brought forth in the case were reflective of what was implied within the correspondence to the Minister.

Mary Jane Conboy will provide a 6-page summary of the case prepared by Dianne Saxe.

8. TRENT-SEVERN WATERWAY PRESENTATION

Dave Ness gave a presentation on the Trent-Severn Waterway and, with Mike Jamieson, answered questions. A copy of Dave's presentation is attached. Questions that were asked concerned the issue of regulation of flows and the outcomes of a recent panel study that has looked into the future management of the Trent-Severn Waterway.

9. WATERSHED CHARACTERIZATION – GULL & BURNT WATERSHEDS – KAWARTHA-HALIBURTON SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

Mark Majchrowski provided an overview of the Gull & Burnt Watersheds. A copy of his presentation is attached.

10. WATERSHED CHARACTERIZATION – NEXT STEPS

Glenda Rodgers reported that Mark's presentation completed the 6 presentations on the Watershed Characterization reports. She hoped that the presentations have helped Committee members get to know the watershed region.

The Conservation Authorities have been working on these reports for 3 years and have done an excellent job of pulling together and presenting the available information for their watersheds.

There have been a number of peer reviews—internal (each Conservation Authority reviewed the other reports), a consultant was hired to peer review them, and there was a provincial review, organized by Conservation Ontario.

The draft Technical Rules lists what is to be included in the Assessment Report, including Watershed Characterization — but they do not call for the full report. There is only a short list of what needs to be included.

The full report therefore does not need to be approved by the committee or taken to the public for review and input, only the parts that need to go in the Assessment Report.

Glenda Rodgers proposed that the current drafts of the Watershed Characterization reports be treated as background documents only. Each Conservation Authority could make them available to the public, upon request.

When the regulations and rules are finalized, the Conservation Authorities will then compile the information from the Watershed Characterization reports that needs to be included in the Assessment Report (updating as necessary – for example, the maps will need to be changed because of new symbology rules) and bring the information to the Committee for their consideration. This information would be subject to public consultation along with the rest of the Assessment Report.

The Committee agreed with this approach.

Glenda will prepare a summary of the Watershed Characterization Report components that are to appear in the Assessment Reports based on the proposed technical rules and circulate it to the committee members.

11. REPORTS

• STAFF

- Glenda Rodgers updated the Committee on the Terms of Reference. It was submitted to the Source Protection Authorities on August 12th, posted on the web-site, and sent to the circulation list. Deadline for comments is September 11th. To date, only one comment was received (not requesting changes, simply stating that they were satisfied with the work). The Source Protection Authorities also have the opportunity to comment and will send any comments they receive, along with their own comments and the five individual proposed Terms of References to the Minister of Environment by October 20th. Once the documents are approved by the Minister, the Assessment Report must be completed within one year from the date of approval.
- Glenda indicated that she had now received the resolution from Hamilton Township indicating that they will take the lead for the technical work on the two municipal groundwater systems in the Township.
- Glenda reported that the Ministry of Environment database for the Terms of Reference is now populated (to reflect the proposed Terms of References as prepared by the committee) and will accompany the Terms of Reference submission to the Minister.

• MUNICIPAL WORKING GROUPS

- Otonabee-Peterborough Working Group Minutes (May 1, 2008) were sent out with the agenda package.

• COMMITTEE MEMBERS (UPDATES ON PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT/CONFERENCES)

- Wayne Stiver will be attending the Canadian Wastewater Conference in Quebec in October (www.cwwa.ca).
- Mary Jane Conboy sent an email out inviting all Committee Members to Well Aware Information Provider Workshops, and is also attending.

- Mary Jane will be attending the Alternatives to Disinfection symposium hosted by the Ontario Drinking Water Council on September 22, 2008.
- Chair Hunt talked about his teleconference with Ian Smith and other SPC Chairs. Most of the meeting dealt with the technical rules and regulations. Chair Hunt was advised that the finalized technical rules are to be expected by November. He will attend a SPC Chairs meeting in Niagara at the end of the month.
- Terry Rees reported on the upcoming 8th Annual Lakeland Conference at Fleming College's Haliburton campus, September 27, 2008. (Terry later provided information on the conference that was emailed to all Committee members).

12. AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

Glenda Rodgers indicated that at the next meeting that she would like to focus on the Water Budget as the Tier 1 water budgets are complete. A Stewardship Program Update will also be provided. November's meeting could include a summary of the Rules and Regulations, if they are finalized by that date.

Glenda asked for suggestions for presentations for upcoming meetings. Some suggestions:

- Mary Smith would like to see a summary of the Source Protection Authorities comments on the Terms of References.

Glenda said that this information will be circulated to the committee members.

- Wayne Stiver indicated that a presentation on treatment of Drinking Water would be a possibility. He agreed to lead this presentation and suggested that Bill and Bruce may wish to assist him.
- Mary Jane Conboy indicated that she was giving a presentation to other Source Protection Committees (e.g. "backyard briefs for" Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley SPC.)
- Bob Lake asked if there was any value on receiving a Great Lakes Initiative Update.

Glenda said she was attending a Steering Committee Meeting on October 1, 2008 and will provide an update.

- Bev Spencer said she was asked if the Source Protection Committee had concerns about Quebec selling water. Chair Hunt said he didn't believe it would be an issue in this area.

Staff will prepare a brief report outlining the issue of international water takings within the Great Lakes basin.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Hunt thanked Mary Smith for taking care of all the arrangements for the day's meeting.

The location of the January 2009 meeting in Lindsay was changed to Peterborough.
The following dates were confirmed:

- February 11, 2009 – Peterborough
- March 11, 2009 – Peterborough

14. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

A tour of the Lakefield Water Treatment Plant followed, arranged by Wayne Stiver.