

Source Protection Committee

MEETING 5 – April 17, 2008 at Holiday Inn, Trenton

Procedures for Delegations

The procedure for receiving delegations has been given to some sectors that have expressed interest in the SPC meetings. Delegations are welcome at any time. Requests must be received 2 weeks in advance. Presentations are limited to 10 minutes plus discussion time.

Handbook

The policies and procedures for conducting the business of the Committee were approved on April 10, 2008 by the Lower Trent Source Protection Authority (lead SPA). The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) has been advised of its approval and it will now be posted on the Source Protection Committee page of the website.

Private Well Systems

Discussion took place around the existing resources available to assist homeowners with the protection of their private well supplies. With 46% of the population within the Source Protection Region on private wells, some concern was expressed about how this process could address the protection of these water supplies. While the Clean Water Act and the development of source protection plans deals specifically with municipal drinking water supplies, issues regarding private supplies can be brought forward through this process.

Terms of Reference for Municipal Working Groups

A draft terms of reference for the municipal working groups (WG) was amended based on comments from the Otonabee-Peterborough WG and will be circulated to all WG's for final review. Conservation Authorities circulate the minutes from WG meetings to ensure all municipalities are informed about their activities.

Terms of Reference (Work Plan)

a) Municipal Responses

Correspondence was sent to all municipalities on January 29 notifying them that work on the ToR was commencing and requested specific information related to the ToR. In summary, feedback received was:

- Durham and City of Kawartha Lakes will lead work associated with their systems
- City of Kawartha Lakes has an additional planned system (surface water supply on Balsam Lake)

b) Preliminary Terms of Reference

The ToR will identify the details of what needs to be done, and how much it will cost, to complete the Assessment Report and the Source Protection Plan. Recent guidance from MOE has now indicated that there is flexibility in the format of the document used for public review. A reformatted, user-friendly ToR will be

prepared and circulated to the SPC. The draft proposed ToR will need to be approved for public consultation at the May meeting.

c) Public Meetings

Dates for the public meetings to receive comments on the draft proposed Terms of Reference were confirmed:

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Wednesday June 11, 2008	Marmora, Crowe Valley Conservation Authority Office Trenton, Lower Trent Conservation Office	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Thursday June 12, 2008	Port Hope, Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority Office Peterborough, Otonabee Conservation 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, Kawartha Conservation Office	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

SPC member involvement along with other logistics will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan

As part of the ToR, consideration must be given to any Great Lakes agreements existing within the Source Protection Region. Under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, the Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan was initiated in 1991 to clean up the Bay of Quinte as one of 43 'areas of concern' (pollution hot spots) around the Great Lakes. Jim Kelleher (Restoration Council co-Chair) and Jeff Borisko (Implementation Manager) provided the SPC with an overview of the program. Note: consideration will also need to be given to the Port Hope Remedial Action Plan.

Clean Water Act Regulations

MOE has posted on the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry (EBR) a proposed regulation under the *Clean Water Act* for requirements of the 1) Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program, and 2) Property Entry Training under section 88 of the Act. The EBR Registry Number is 010-3297 (<http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca>). The commenting period for this posting ends May 16, 2008.

The proposed regulation for the Assessment Report is anticipated to be posted on the EBR by mid June.

Watershed Characterization

Watershed characterization is the first step in the development of the Assessment Report. Conservation Authorities have been preparing Watershed Characterization Reports over the past 3 years. Based on existing data, the reports provide a comprehensive overview of each Source Protection Area. Digital copies of the six reports – Crowe Valley; Ganaraska Region; Kawartha-Haliburton (Kawartha and Burnt & Gull Rivers); Lower Trent; and Otonabee-Peterborough County – will be provided to the SPC at the next meeting.

An overview of the Lower Trent Source Protection Area was provided by Anne Anderson, Lower Trent Conservation.

Committee Members – Updates on public engagement

Guest speaking engagements: Lindsay Rotary Club (Jim Hunt); Alderville First Nation (Glenda Rodgers); FOCA meetings and the Cottage Life Show (Terry Rees)

Next Meeting

May 15, 2008 at the Best Western, 930 Burnham Street, Cobourg.

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