

## **Source Protection Committee**

**MEETING 6** – MAY 15, 2008 at Best Western, Cobourg

### **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. EBR is a public process and individual members of the SPC have the right to submit comments. Lower Trent, Otonabee & Ganaraska Region Conservation Authorities have submitted comments.

### **Watershed Characterization**

Six Watershed Characterization Reports – Crowe Valley; Ganaraska Region; Kawartha-Haliburton (Kawartha and Burnt & Gull Rivers); Lower Trent; and Otonabee-Peterborough – are now complete in draft form and have been provided to the Province. Digital copies of the reports were provided to the SPC.

Mark Peacock and Pam Lancaster from the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority provided an overview of the Ganaraska Region Source Protection Area.

### **Lake Ontario Collaborative**

Lake Ontario provides water to 6 million people in Ontario. While it provides a high quality source for drinking water, there are threats that could impact that supply including: contaminants in rivers/streams; sewage treatment; stormwater discharges; ecosystem changes; industrial discharges. The Lake Ontario Collaborative was initiated to ensure the long-term, proactive and strategic protection of Lake Ontario-based drinking water supplies.

Larry Moore, Coordinator of the Lake Ontario Collaborative provided an overview of the program. There are 17 municipal drinking water systems across the province that draw water from Lake Ontario of which 3 are located within the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Region.

Further detail about the research is available at <http://www.owwrc.com/SPcollaborative.htm>. The presentation will be posted on the website.

### **Terms of Reference Public Consultation**

A comment period of 35 days on the Draft Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) documents will commence on May 21, 2008. As defined by regulation, the documents will be published by:

- Posting on website
- Circulating to municipal clerks, First Nations, Chairs of adjacent SPC's, Great Lakes/Remedial Action Plan agencies
- Making available for public inspection at Conservation Authority Offices

The documents will also be circulated by e-mail to Source Protection Authorities, etc.

A public notice providing details on the commenting process will be placed in all approximately 30 newspapers within the region from May 21 through May 30. The notice is also posted on the website and at Conservation Authority Offices and will be circulated to local cable stations.

<b>Public Meeting Schedule</b> All meetings will include a formal presentation with open house to follow			
<b>June 11</b>	2 to 4 PM	Crowe Valley Conservation Authority	70 Hughes Lane, Marmora
<b>June 11</b>	6:30 to 8:30 PM	Lower Trent Conservation	714 Murray St, RR1, Trenton(Quinte West)
<b>June 12</b>	2 to 4 PM	Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority	2216 County Road 28, Port Hope
<b>June 12</b>	6:30 to 8:30 PM	Otonabee Conservation	250 Milroy Drive, Peterborough
<b>June 16</b>	2 to 4 PM	Haliburton Legion	719 Mountain Street, Haliburton
<b>June 16</b>	6:30 to 8:30 PM	Ops Community Centre	2569 Highway 7, Lindsay

### Draft Proposed Terms of Reference

The ToR identifies the details of what needs to be done, who will do the work, and how much it will cost, to complete the Assessment Report and the Source Protection Plan.

Glenda reviewed the changes made to the documents based on comments received from the Otonabee-Peterborough Municipal Working Group.

Considerable discussion took place regarding two outstanding concerns:

- compensation policies
- addressing the interest of people on private supplies

A memo from Ian Smith, Director, MOE Source Protection Programs Branch was reviewed regarding the inclusion of policies in the ToR.

The Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program provides financial assistance to those whose activities and properties may be affected by the *Clean Water Act*. References to this Program were added to the ToR documents in a number of locations.

The Draft Proposed ToR documents were approved for circulation for public consultation.

### Next steps for Development of Terms of Reference:

- Deadline for written comments on Draft Proposed ToR – June 25
- SPC consider public input, finalize proposed ToR – June through July (3, possibly 4 SPC meetings)
- SPC submits proposed ToR to SPA – by August 20
- SPC publishes proposed ToR for final consultation – by August 20
- Deadline for written comments to SPA – approx. September 20
- SPA submits proposed ToR to Minister – by October 20

### Committee Members – Updates on public engagement

Upcoming: Jim Hunt, Peterborough County Council, May 21, 2008

### Next Meeting

June 19, 2008 at the Sir Sandford Fleming College – Frost Campus at 200 Albert Street South, Lindsay.