

Source Protection Committee

MEETING 7 – June 19, 2008 at Sir Sanford Fleming College, Frost Campus, Lindsay

Welcome from Principal of Frost Campus, Sir Sandford Fleming College

Blane Harvey stressed the importance of the work of the SPC and the College has an active interest in source water protection. It is a partner in the Institute for Watershed Science with MNR, MOE and Trent University which recently co-authored of report regarding source water protection. The campus is home for the Centre for Alternative Wastewater Treatment which is focused on technology in constructed wetland research that does not present exist in Canada. The College will launch a Bachelor of Science program in ecological restoration in conjunction with Trent University this fall.

What's in the Terms of Reference documents?

Terms of Reference identifies who does what to complete the Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan. Two documents have been prepared – one for the Trent River watershed (includes Lower Trent Lake Ontario/Bay of Quinte tributaries), and one for the Ganaraska Region watersheds. Specifically the documents include:

- Source Protection Committee Commitment
- Summary of Source Protection Planning Process
- Description of the Source Protection Areas
- Maps of Region & Areas
- List of First Nations, municipalities, municipal drinking water systems, and other drinking water systems
- Matters that affect other Source Protection Committees
- Work Plan to complete the Assessment Report
 - Coordinating & supporting projects to complete Assessment Report
 - Undertaking communications & consultation
 - Information management (data management & mapping)
 - Undertaking a Watershed Characterization
 - Assess Water Quantity Stress/Risks
 - Water budget work to determine if there are water quantity stresses or risks
 - Assess Water Quality Risks
 - Identify vulnerable areas (wellhead protection areas, intake protection zones, highly vulnerable aquifers, significant recharge areas)
 - Threats inventory & issues evaluation
 - Assessment of risks to drinking water (combining vulnerability and threats)
- Work Plan to complete the Source Protection Plan
 - Coordinating & supporting projects to complete the Plan
 - Undertaking communications & consultation
 - Information management
 - Policy development to address threats, monitoring, Great Lakes issues
 - Establishing timelines

- Assignment of Tasks & Funding
- Timelines to complete watershed studies (by early 2009), municipal technical studies (by mid 2009), assessment reports (by early 2010) and source protection plans (by 2012)
- Submission date for the Source Protection Plan to the Minister of the Environment

Terms of Reference Public Consultation

A total of 62 members of the public attended the six Public Meetings as well as four media. Questions were raised about:

- Water quality & quantity concerns within the Region
- Source protection planning process
- Clarification of various facts within the documents
- Technical work

One written comment had been received to date related to preventing bulk removal of water from area. Staff will prepare a Q&A for the website that addresses the questions asked at the public meetings.

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 – July through August
- SPC submits proposed ToR to Source Protection Authority (SPA) – by August 20
- SPC publishes proposed ToR for final consultation – by August 20
- Deadline for written comments to SPA – mid September
- SPA submits proposed ToR to Minister – by October 20

Watershed Characterization

Mark Majchrowski from the Kawartha Conservation provided an overview of the Kawartha Conservation portions of the Kawartha-Haliburton Source Protection Area.

Committee Members – Updates on public engagement

Jim Hunt met with the Minister of the Environment on June 12 along with other SPC Chairs.

Dr. John Fitzgibbon of the Ontario Farm Environmental Coalition (OFEC) presented to the recent Chair/Project Managers meeting.

Wayne Stiver & Rosemary Kelleher-MacLennan attended the Ontario Waterworks Conference.

EBR Posting of draft Regulations and Director's rules for the Assessment Report

The proposed Assessment Report Regulation (#010-3873) and Director's Rules (010-3866) were posted on the EBR for a 45 day comment period ending August 3, 2008.

Website Link:

[http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB External/searchNotice.do?menuIndex=1_2&searchType=splash](http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB%20External/searchNotice.do?menuIndex=1_2&searchType=splash)

Next Meeting

July 3, 2008 at 10 a.m. at the Delta Pinestone Resort, 4252 County Rd. #21 in Haliburton.

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