

Source Protection Committee

MEETING 8 – July 3, 2008 at Delta Pinestone Resort, Haliburton

Comments on Draft Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR)

Reviewed proposed staff revisions related to the Trent River & Ganaraska Region ToR documents including:

- create a separate stand alone document summarizing the public consultation on the ToR
- further description regarding work for the Lake Ontario Collaborative
- terminology revisions based on proposed Assessment Report Technical Rules
- several updates to cost estimates
- additional changes for Trent River ToR related to: removing Kingsview as a planned system; and two additional matters affecting other SPC's

Reviewed a summary of comments/questions received at public meetings. The SPC agreed that no changes to the ToR documents are required. A "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) section will be prepared for the website.

Written comments were received from eight individuals/groups/organizations. A written response will be sent to everyone providing comments including an explanation of how, where appropriate, changes were made to the ToR.

Public consultation on Proposed Terms of Reference

The Proposed Terms of Reference will be posted on the website, and sent to municipal clerks, First Nations, Chairs of adjacent SPC's, and Great Lakes/Remedial Action Plan agencies by August 20, 2008 for a 30 day comment period. At this time, a press release will be issued to notify the public that the documents are available for review and comment. People who attended the public meetings and provided contact information, and those who submitted written comments will also received notification.

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

Proposed regulations, technical rules & summary documents related to the Clean Water Act were posted on June 20 on the EBR for a 45 day comment period. The following postings were reviewed by the SPC:

- # 010-3873 - Proposed Assessment Reports regulation made under the Clean Water Act, 2006
 - provides information regarding administration and documentation related to the development of the Assessment Report
 - details other information to be contained in the assessment report
 - outlines consultation requirements on the draft assessment report
 - details the process for updating assessment report

- # 010-3866 - Technical rules proposed to be made under the Clean Water Act, 2006 to establish requirements related to the preparation of an assessment report
 - content of the watershed characterization reports
 - requirements for water budget technical work – conceptual, Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3
 - delineation of vulnerable areas for groundwater and surface water
 - methods to identify vulnerability for groundwater and surface water
 - drinking water threats for water quality: identification of issues, list of activities, conditions that may exist from past activities
- # 010-3893 - Proposed Definitions of Words and Expressions Used in the Act regulation made under the Clean Water Act, 2006
 - defines expressions relevant to the *Clean Water Act* including: wellhead protection area; surface water intake zone; highly vulnerable aquifer; significant groundwater recharge area; etc.
 - provides a list of prescribed drinking water threats

Next steps for review and comment of the proposed regulations & rules:

- Staff will be reviewing with:
 - Conservation Authority staff within Trent Conservation Coalition
 - other Conservation Authorities and consultants
 - other Project Managers
 - consultants currently undertaking technical work
- Staff and some SPC members will be attending Round Table sessions being organized by the Ministry of the Environment (MOE)
- Conservation Authorities will be submitting comments to MOE
- SPC will review preliminary staff comments at next meeting (July 17)

Final regulations & rules are not expected until October.

Website Link: <http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca> (search for Clean Water Act.). Deadline for comment on the EBR is August 4, 2008

Committee Members – Updates on public engagement

- Wayne Stiver & Richard Stratka attended the Greater Peterborough Economic Development Corporation session at Trent University related to water quality testing and treatment technologies.
- Terry Rees announced that the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association (FOCA) will be hosting an information session for lake associations related to source protection at the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority office in Marmora on July 17.

Future Meetings

August 7 – cancelled

September 8 (previously scheduled for September 4) – Lakefield area

October 2 – Limerick (north of Madoc)

November 25 – Port Hope

December – no scheduled meeting

January 14 – Lindsay

Next Meeting

July 17, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at the Marmora District Community Centre (Arena), Victoria Street, Marmora.

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