

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING #19

AUGUST 19, 2009

MARMORA COMMUNITY CENTRE, MARMORA ON

MINUTES

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- ◆ Jim Hunt, *Chair*
- ◆ Monica Berdin, *Recreation/Tourism*
- ◆ Darla Blodgett, *Hiawatha First Nation*
- ◆ Alanna Boulton, *Trent Severn Waterway*
- ◆ Dave Burton, *Municipal*
- ◆ Bruce Craig, *Municipal*
- ◆ Pam Crowe, *Alderville First Nation*
- ◆ Edgar Cornish, *Agriculture*
- ◆ Roberta (Bobbie) Drew, *Public – Rural*
- ◆ Dave Golem, *Municipal*
- ◆ Rosemary Kelleher-MacLennan, *Municipal**
- ◆ Robert Lake, *Economic Development*
- ◆ Wendy Lavender, *MOE Liaison*
- ◆ Gerald McGregor, *Municipal*
- ◆ Glenn Milne, *Agriculture*
- ◆ Tim Pidduck, *Source Protection Authority Liaison*
- ◆ Terry Rees, *Waterfront Landowner*
- ◆ Mary Smith, *Municipal*
- ◆ Bev Spencer, *Agriculture **
- ◆ Wayne Stiver, *Drinking Water Expert*
- ◆ Matt Taft, *Public-Urban*
- ◆ Mae Whetung, *Curve Lake First Nation*

REGRETS:

- ◆ Tom Cathcart, *Health Unit Liaison*
- ◆ Mary Jane Conboy, *Environmental NGO*
- ◆ Bill Cornfield, *Drinking Water Expert*
- ◆ Kerry Doughty, *Aggregate/Mining*
- ◆ Richard Straka, *Municipal*

COMMITTEE SUPPORT STAFF:

- ◆ Glenda Rodgers, *Project Manager*
- ◆ Marilyn Bucholtz, *Communications Coordinator*
- ◆ Myriam Genet, *Administrative Assistant*

CONSERVATION AUTHORITY STAFF:

- ◆ CVCA: *Marnie Guindon, Vicki Woolfrey*
- ◆ GRCA: *Mark Peacock*
- ◆ KRCA: *Mark Majchrowski, Jessica Mueller*
- ◆ TCC Regional Staff: *Andrew Doiron, Shan Mugalingam*
- ◆ ORCA: *Meredith Carter, Dick Hunter*

PRESENTERS:

- ◆ Rita Cimprich, *Marmora and Lake*
- ◆ Janet Noyes, *XCG Consultants*

OTHERS:

- ◆ Clare Mitchell, *Conservation Ontario*
- ◆ Kayla Beach, Jill Reynolds, *Ministry of Environment*

* Left after item 9c.

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to Order at 9:35 a.m. Chair Hunt welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. WELCOME TO MARMORA AND LAKE – RITA CIMPRICH, DEPUTY REEVE

Rita Cimprich welcomed the Committee on behalf of Marmora and Lake Council and Staff. Having served on both Crowe Valley and Quinte Conservation’s Board of Directors, she is familiar with the important work that the Committee is doing and thanked the Committee for their work and commitment.

3. DISCLOSURES OF ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

SPC: 2009-08-19-01

By consensus, the Committee approved the agenda.

5. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING (JULY 21, 2009)

SPC: 2009-08-19-02

By consensus, the Committee approved the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Committee July 21, 2009 Meeting Minutes.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

a. UPDATE FROM WENDY LAVENDER ON SITE 41, TINY TOWNSHIP

Wendy Lavender provided a brief update. It was noted that the site is outside of the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Area. The update was received as information. Mae Whetung reported that there will be an aboriginal women’s protest of dump site 41 on August 22, 2009.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

a. LETTER FROM IAN SMITH IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FROM CTC/LAKE ONTARIO COLLABORATIVE RE: PATHOGEN STUDY, DATED JULY

b. LETTER FROM IAN SMITH RE: APPROVAL OF ALTERNATE METHOD FOR GROUNDWATER VULNERABILITY, DATED AUGUST 4, 2009

The Committee reviewed the correspondence items.

SPC: 2009-08-19-03

By consensus, the Committee accepted the correspondence.

9. SOURCE PROTECTION PLAN DISCUSSION PAPER – GLENDA RODGERS/WENDY LAVENDER

a. OVERVIEW OF POTENTIAL POLICY APPROACHES

Glenda Rodgers provided a brief summary of the key points in the discussion paper, which was discussed in more detail at the previous meeting.

b. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RAISED AT LAST SPC MEETING

Wendy Lavender provided a written response to questions asked at the July 21, 2009 Source Protection Committee Meeting (included in the agenda package.) There were no additional questions.

c. DRY RUN EXERCISE

Glenda Rodgers and Wendy Lavender led a discussion on several scenarios provided in the workbook that was previously circulated to the Committee. This exercise allowed the Committee to test the policy approaches set out in the discussion paper and provoked much discussion. The Committee found that the discussion paper provided sufficient flexibility and appreciated the option to use “other” approaches not identified. Committee members commented on the need to have future training on prescribed provincial instruments such as Certificates of Approval and the Nutrient Management Plans.

There was considerable discussion regarding a reasonable approach for addressing threats for existing uses/activities. It was suggested that an activity could be prohibited when a property changes ownership.

Action: *Wendy will investigate whether a permitted use can be terminated when a property is sold or there is a change of ownership.*

Gerald McGregor indicated that he was mostly concerned about pharmaceuticals and wondered how the Committee would address it. Wendy Lavender reported that the Ministry of Environment was studying the issue and that she would address it at a future meeting.

Wayne Stiver commented on the application of aquacide; he felt that it should be included with pesticide applications. Wendy Lavender replied that aquacide is not considered to be critical because it is applied for a short duration and the amount applied would result in a very low amount when it reaches the downstream intake.

Action: *Wendy will request further information on why application of aquacides were not included with pesticide applications as a threat and if the committee can have it added as a threat.*

d. PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON DISCUSSION PAPER

SPC: 2009-08-19-04

By consensus, the Committee agreed that staff prepare a draft letter to the Ministry of the Environment, to be reviewed at the next Source Protection Meeting, mentioning that the approach

outlined in the Discussion Paper allowed sufficient flexibility for the Committee for policy development, and that the Committee looked forward to reviewing the draft regulations.

It was noted that the Municipal Working Groups were holding meetings over the next month and may provide comments back to the Source Protection Committee at their next meeting through the Municipal Working Group Chairs. The Committee may choose to incorporate any comments received from the working groups in its letter to the Ministry.

10. WORK PLAN UPDATE—GLENDA RODGERS

Glenda Rodgers provided an overview of the work plan update to the Committee. Glenda asked the Committee if receiving the update on a quarterly basis to coincide with the Chair's update would be acceptable.

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By consensus, the Committee agreed that quarterly updates would be acceptable.

11. SCHEDULE FOR PRESENTATIONS TO SPC—GLENDA RODGERS

Glenda Rodgers reviewed the draft schedule. She noted that there would be numerous reports and presentations at future meetings. Mary Smith asked if there could be Executive Summaries for each report; Glenda suggested that the presentations (PowerPoint) could serve this purpose. Instead of providing each Committee member with hard copies of upcoming reports, documents will be posted in the Member's section of the website (www.trentsourceprotection.on.ca). E-mails will be sent to advise members when new information is posted. Glenda indicated that the website will be used to allow the Committee to see drafts of the Assessment Report chapters as they are prepared and revised from time to time.

Glenda pointed out that the next few months would be very busy for the Committee and that there are many presentations scheduled for this time period. The City of Kawartha Lakes staff has indicated that their technical reports will need to be presented to their council before they are presented to the Source Protection Committee and that this may delay the completion of the Assessment Reports. Glenda indicated that a letter will need to be sent to the Ministry by October 1, 2009 regarding the extension request and that this will need to be discussed at the next meeting.

12. DRAFT SURFACE WATER VULNERABILITY REPORT FOR 10 INTAKES ON TRENT RIVER/BAY OF QUINTE—JANET NOYES

Janet Noyes provided an update of the project and answered questions. For an overview of her presentation see the website (www.trentsourceprotection.on.ca).

Glenda said that the Vulnerability Report still needs to incorporate the final Peer Review comments, and that there would be brief presentation at a future meeting where Committee acceptance of the report will be sought.

13. PRELIMINARY DRAFT OF WATERSHED CHARACTERIZATION FOR ASSESSMENT REPORTS—ANDREW DOIRON, SOURCE PROTECTION PLANNING COORDINATOR, TCC

Andrew Doiron provided an overview of the Preliminary Draft Watershed Characterization and the process of editing five large documents into concise chapters for the two Assessment Reports.

Andrew indicated that the draft Assessment Report Introduction and Watershed Characterization would be posted on the Member’s section of the website next week and an e-mail would be sent to advise Committee members.

14. DRINKING WATER STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE—WENDY LAVENDER

Wendy Lavender gave a brief presentation providing an update on the Drinking Water Stewardship Program outlining changes to the Education and Outreach, Special Projects, and Early Actions components of the program. For Wendy’s full presentation, see www.trentsourceprotection.on.ca

Action: Wendy will report back on the Provincial total spent on Special Projects.

15. REPORTS

a. STAFF

No reports

b. MUNICIPAL WORKING GROUPS (MINUTES/REPORTS)

No Reports

c. COMMITTEE MEMBERS (UPDATES ON PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT/CONFERENCES)

No Reports

16. NEXT MEETING

Locations for future Meetings are:

- September 15, 2009: Baltimore Centre in Hamilton Township
- October 6, 2009: Evinrude Centre, Peterborough
- November 3, 2009: Location TBA, Cambellford/Hastings Area.

Action: Pam Crowe will advise Glenda Rodgers if the Alderville Community Centre is available for the November 03 Meeting.

Future meetings were set for:

- November 23, 2009
- December 9, 2009

17. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions or comments.

18. OTHER BUSINESS

Wayne Stiver indicated that the Peterborough Utilities Commission's Special Projects Application, made under the Ministry of Environment's Stewardship Fund, for geese control in the Peterborough and Lakefield Intake Protection Zones (IPZ-1) was declined. After a conference call with the Ministry of Environment, he was told it was declined for two main reasons:

1. Natural threats are not in the threats inventory
2. MOE does not want to get involved with water fowl management

Wayne decided to bring the geese management issue forward to the Source Protection Committee since the Committee can define other threats that are not defined in the threats table. Wayne indicated that preliminary studies show that most of the E. coli in the area comes from waterfowl.

Mary Smith asked what could be done as a Committee to assist. Chair Hunt suggested that a letter be written to the Ministry of the Environment. Bobbie Drew asked that Chair Hunt bring the item to the Chairs' meeting. Janet Noyes mentioned that this threat was initially included as a threat in the guidance modules, but it was removed. Glenn Milne asked that this letter be copied to other Source Protection Committees as well.

SPC: 2009-08-19-06

By consensus, the Committee agreed that correspondence, written by Glenda with Wayne's assistance, be sent to the Ministry Environment requesting that "the congregation of geese near the intake" be included as a threat and that the Special Projects application for Geese Control submitted by the Peterborough Utilities Commission be reconsidered. A draft of the correspondence will be brought forward at the September Source Protection Committee meeting.

19. ADJOURNMENT

SPC: 2009-09-19-07

By consensus, the Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.