

Source Protection Committee

MEETING 21 – September 15, 2009 at the Baltimore Recreation Centre, Baltimore

Welcome to Hamilton Township

Doug Thompson, Manager of Water Operations for Hamilton Township, provided a welcome from the municipality. Its motto, “by land and water we flourish”, expresses the importance of the interaction between agriculture, landscape and water based activities within the municipality.

Source Protection Plan Discussion Paper

Comments from the municipal working groups on the discussion paper were reviewed. It was agreed that concerns regarding costs related to implementation (inspections, monitoring and enforcement), incorporating policies into Official Plans, and defending the plan should be included in the Committee’s comment letter.

Waterfowl Management

A letter of support will be sent to the Ministry of Environment in support of the Peterborough Utilities Commission special projects application to the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program for a goose management program related to the Peterborough and Lakefield municipal intakes. As well, the Committee will proceed with formally requesting that “congregation of waterfowl upstream of an intake” be included as a local threat.

Correspondence

The Chairman’s Quarterly Report to the Source Protection Authorities was received and can be viewed online at www.trentsourceprotection.on.ca.

EBR Posting – Proposed Changes to Technical Rules – Glenda Rodgers, Project Manager

An overview of some of the major, minor and administrative changes proposed for the Technical Rules was provided. The changes are based on input from program partners over the past 6 months and are intended to help Source Protection Committees complete their Assessment Reports within the mandated timelines.

Assessment Report Extension Request

The Committee agreed that an extension will be requested to extend the deadline for the submission of the Assessment Reports to the Ministry of the Environment to October 30, 2010.

Draft Proposed Assessment Report

- A. The preliminary draft Introduction and Watershed Characterization sections of the Assessment Report are available for the SPC to review on the Knowledge Base website.
- B. Vulnerability Assessment draft reports were presented for the following municipal systems:
- Orono, Blackstock, Greenbank, Port Perry, Creighton Heights, Camborne, Havelock – presented by Lloyd Lemon, Jagger Hims Limited
 - Minden, Lutterworth Pines, Cardiff, Dyno Estates, Alpine Village, Norwood, Buckhorn Lake Estates, Fraserville – presented by Janet Noyes, XCG Consultants
- C. Issues Identification draft reports were also presented to the SPC for the same municipal systems noted above, as well as Stirling, Keene Heights, Crystal Springs, Millbrook, Brighton, Colborne and Grafton (XCG Consultants).
- D. As part of the identification of significant threats within vulnerable areas, XCG Consultants will be contacting landowners for the municipal systems they are dealing with once a preliminary introductory letter has been sent. In late August, 160 landowner contact letters were mailed to landowners located around surface water intakes on the Trent River. To date, no phone calls have been received. Similar letters have yet to be sent for groundwater systems.

Municipal Working Groups

Most of the municipal working groups for each Source Protection Authority have met since the last SPC meeting to review the Source Protection Plan Discussion Paper. Additional discussion items were brought forward from the working group chairs including:

- Is there sufficient discussion occurring between the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Ministry of the Environment? – Wendy Lavender indicated that the communication between the two ministries is improving and that there will be some joint publications released.
- Would the Ministry consider revisiting the issue of assisting municipalities with land purchases under the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program, particularly as property acquisitions are difficult for smaller municipalities with a smaller tax base? – Wendy Lavender indicated that it would be reasonable to request the Province to revisit their current position. The SPC agreed to send a letter to the Province requesting support of funding for land securement.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 6 at the Evinrude Centre, 911 Monahan Road, Peterborough. It will be followed by an open house from 3 PM to 6 PM.