

Source Protection Committee

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING 32

– **September 17, 2010 at the Grand Trunk Railway Station, Stirling**

Welcome to Stirling

Kevin Heath, CAO of the Township of Stirling-Rawdon, welcomed the Committee. He provided information on the Stirling Theatre, Museum of Agriculture as well as the recently restored Heritage Railway Station. He encouraged Committee members to visit the community.

Regional Source Protection Meeting

A regional meeting will be scheduled in Peterborough this Fall for municipal staff, councillors, SPC members and Conservation Authority staff. The purpose of the meeting will be to provide an overview of the findings of the Assessment Report as well as initiate preliminary discussions regarding the development of Source Protection Plans.

Nutrient Mgt. Plans & other Agricultural Initiatives for Water – Dr. Fitzgibbon, U of Guelph

Dr. John Fitzgibbon provided an overview of Nutrient Management Plans and other agricultural initiatives related to water protection. Dr. Fitzgibbon provided a copy of various manuals that can be made available to Committee members interested in more information including:

- EarthTramper Consulting Inc. KD Communications (2007). Caring for the Land – Our Farm Environmental Commitment. Agriculture and Agri-Foods Canada
- MOE (2009). Guide to Pesticide Licensing and Certification – Pesticides Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.11 and Ontario Regulation 63/09. Ontario Ministry of the Environment
- Best Management Practices – Nutrient Management Planning (Revised Edition 2006) Agriculture and Agri-Foods Canada, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
- Ontario Farm Environmental Coalition (2004). The Canada-Ontario Environmental Farm Plan
- Ontario Regulation 267/03 Amended to O.Reg. 447/03. Nutrient Management Act, 2002

Correspondence

The following correspondence was accepted as information by the Source Protection Committee:

- Ministry of the Environment re: Ontario's Regional Adaptation Collaborative-Source Protection Climate Change Plan – August 27, 2010
- City of Kawartha Lakes re: Cumulative Impact Assessment-Quarries – August 31, 2010
- Ministry of the Environment re: Guidance on Updated Assessment Reports – August 31, 2010
- Ministry of the Environment, re: Overview of Source Protection Plan Requirements – Date?

Assessment Report Updates

The Proposed Assessment Reports have been completed and are posted on the website. The 30-day consultation period will end on October 10, 2010. Glenda Rodgers provided a workplan outlining tasks and completion dates for the completion of the Updated Assessment Report which must be submitted by June 30, 2011.

Chair's Quarterly Report

The Source Protection Committee accepted the Chair's Quarterly Report.

Update on Ontario Building Code Amendments – Wendy Lavender

Wendy Lavender provided the SPC with an update on Ontario Building Code Amendments related to septic system inspections which will come into force in January 2011. Inspections will be mandatory in vulnerable areas associated with municipal drinking water systems where the vulnerability score is high enough to consider the septic system a significant threat. Municipalities are provided with discretionary powers to establish inspection programs in other areas. Once a Municipality decides to establish an inspection program for other areas, the inspections become mandatory. Inspections will be required within five years of the assessment report's or source protection plan's approval and every five years thereafter.

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program - Early Response Application

Anne Anderson, Caroline Zawadzka and Terri Cox presented an overview and update of the Early Response application. The Review Committee, consisting of staff from each Conservation Authority, a staff member from the regional team, and three Source Protection Committee Members, met on September 9, 2010 to prioritize significant threats for the application. The SPC supported the prioritization of significant threats to be addressed in the Early Response application as follows:

- Agricultural related threats (Blackstock & Stirling would have the highest priority as they are contributing to the identified issues)
- Septic systems – contributing to the issues and are the most numerous threats in the Region
- Fuel storage & handling – high number of threats in the Region (below grade home heating oil)
- Transport pathways – well decommissioning

Source Protection Plan Regulation

Wendy Lavender and Glenda Rodgers provided an overview of the Source Protection Plan Regulation. Future training on the regulation for the SPC will take place on November 9th in Toronto.

Updates on Public Engagement/Conferences

- Gerald McGregor – reported on the Ontario East Municipal Conference in Kingston (September 15-17). He indicated that Sommer Casgrain-Robertson, Co-Project Manager of Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Region provided an excellent presentation
- Rosemary Kelleher-MacLennan mentioned the upcoming Eastern Ontario Municipal Water Association (EOMWA) Conference on September 28th in Smith Falls.
- Jim Kelleher reported that this was his last meeting as he was retiring. Jim stated that he was very impressed with the tremendous job the Committee was doing and is confident the good work will continue. Chair Hunt thanked Jim Kelleher for his contribution.
- November 9th Source Protection Plan Regulation Training in Toronto – details will be e-mailed when available.

All meeting presentations are available at:

www.trentsourceprotection.on.ca/sourceprotectioncommittee/meetings/

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on October 15 at the Cardiff Community Centre. Future meetings were scheduled as follows:

- November 16 – Orono Town Hall
- December 8 – Havelock Community Centre

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