

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING 33

– October 15, 2010 at Cardiff Community Centre

Welcome to Cardiff

Dave Burton, Reeve of Highlands East and Warden of Haliburton County, welcomed the Committee to Cardiff. He provided background information on the community including its mining history.

Correspondence

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

- Letter from Havelock-Belmont-Methuen re: funding Source Protection Planning – Aug. 30/10

A letter will be sent to the MOE regarding the importance of provincial funding to cover the costs of implementation and enforcement of source protection plans.

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program Update

The Early Response application was submitted on September 30. In addition, four municipalities have submitted applications for Land Acquisition: Colborne, Orono, Crystal Springs, Creighton Heights. The Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield has also submitted an application for funding for a Waterfowl Management and Habitat Modification Project to help address significant threats to the Lakefield Municipal Drinking Water System through the Early Response Special Projects Program.

Wendy Lavender reported that MOE received 47 applications for a total of \$16.8M which is \$12M over what was allotted for the program. It is anticipated that decisions pertaining to funding requests will be made by early December, while verbal agreements will be made by December 24, 2010.

The SPC agreed that a letter be written to MOE noting that the request for money in the application from the TCC was kept realistic, and that there were many other deserving projects in the Region for which funding through this program could likely be allocated.

Assessment Report Updates

Four comments were received on the Proposed Trent Assessment Report during the consultation period. The comments will be submitted to the MOE along with the documents and will be provided to each Source Protection Authority. Jennifer Stephens also outlined the tasks and timelines for completing the Updated Assessment Report. The MOE was sent the work plan on September 30.

Drinking Water Issue Identification for “Other” Systems

Jennifer Stephens provided an overview of the scope of the exercise to address issues for “other” systems in vulnerable areas. Drinking water systems which would be considered in this grouping include:

- private wells,
- small and large municipal, non-residential drinking water systems,
- small and large non-municipal, non-residential drinking water systems, and
- non-municipal year-round and seasonal residential drinking water systems

The SPC decided that although these systems have tremendous importance in the Region, the lack of data and information available would make it difficult to complete the technical assessments needed to inform source protection policies. The SPC agreed to not include an issues evaluation on “Other” Drinking Water Systems in the Updated Assessment Reports for the Source Protection Region. They did request that a section be added to the report that provided rationale for this decision.

Municipal Planning Tools – Richard Straka

Richard Straka provided an overview of existing Municipal Planning tools. As part of this overview, Richard presented a scenario where a proponent was interested in expanding an existing gas station. Part of the scenario included discussion of the planning tools that could be applied to inform this decision.

Proposed Planning Approach – Jennifer Stephens

An overview of a proposed approach to develop policies for the source protection plan was provided. Conservation Authority staff will be meeting to further develop options. A number of tools are already in place locally and provincially which could potentially assist the SPC in preparing its source protection plans including:

- Municipal working groups
- Guest speakers
- Ministry of Environment Bulletins
- Regional planning sessions
- Conservation Ontario Webforum
- “Threat” discussion papers

All meeting presentations are available at:

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

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on November 16, 2010 at the Orono Town Hall. Future meetings were scheduled as follows:

- December 8 – Havelock Community Centre
- January 14 – Peterborough (Holiday Inn - Waterfront)
- February 14 – Peterborough (Holiday Inn - Waterfront)

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