

Source Protection Committee

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING 40

– May 9, 2011 at Asphodel-Norwood Community Centre, Norwood

Correspondence

The following *Clean Water Act* Source Protection Planning Bulletins were provided to the Committee:

- Threat Policies and Aboriginal and Treaty Rights (April 21, 2011)
- Land Use Planning Approaches (April 18, 2011)
- Existing Municipal Authorities and Land Use Planning

Correspondence re: Addition of Local Drinking Water Threat – Gasoline Spill from pipeline rupture (April 27, 2011) was also provided. Jennifer Stephens and Wendy Lavender are working to ensure that MOE has all the material they require to complete the approval process.

Requirements for Pre-Consultation

There are specific legislative requirements to carry out consultation activities with those responsible for implementing source protection plan policies to ensure an understanding of the requirements and expectations set out in the policies.

A pre-consultation notice including information and background about draft policies will be circulated once the SPC is satisfied that the policy is “complete” (ie. draft wording for proposed policies have been prepared).

The Province has advised that the SPC should allow a minimum of 30 days, perhaps longer, for an implementing body to provide comments on draft policies associated with prescribed instruments.

Review of Draft Policies

The Committee reviewed draft policies for waste disposal sites and sewage systems which have been reviewed by the municipal working groups.

There was discussion regarding timelines for implementing specific policies. The SPC agreed that in addition to identifying a specific timeline for initiating a policy, there should be identification of a completion deadline.

The SPC agreed that these policies, based on input & comments from the municipal working groups and the SPC, are now ready for pre-consultation with implementing bodies.

Draft Amended Proposed Assessment Reports

Amendments have been made to the Proposed Trent and Ganaraska Assessment Reports based on feedback from the Ministry of the Environment. The *draft Amended Proposed Assessment Reports* were posted on the website on May 4 for a 30-day public consultation period. All municipalities and First Nations Chiefs have been advised of changes to the reports and the opportunity to provide comments. As well, landowners identified as taking part in activities defined as significant threats as a result of new technical work have also been advised.

The reports will be revised, if necessary, once the consultation period is complete and will be forwarded to the Source Protection Authorities for acceptance prior to submitting them to the Province by June 2011.

Source Protection Plan Commencement & Process Update

An update on the source protection plan work plan was provided. As a legislative requirement, the Notice of Plan Preparation package was sent out in early May to:

- all municipalities within the Source Protection Region
- First Nations
- approximately 900 landowners identified with significant threats

An overview of the timelines for both the municipal working groups and the SPC to review draft policies for May through August was provided.

A second Municipal Forum will be held on June 8 at Trent University to give municipalities an opportunity to provide feedback on the process for obtaining their feedback on draft policies.

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program Update

The second phase of this program (2011-2012) addresses significant drinking water threats as identified in the Assessment Reports. Landowners identified with significant threats received details of the funding program in the Notice of Plan Preparation package.

The Review Committee created in 2010 to prepare the proposal for the request for funding from the Province will continue in 2011 to consider applications for funding from landowners or businesses. Mike Gibbs was selected to replace Bruce Craig, one of three SPC members sitting on the Review Committee.

Other Business

The Committee accepted a report on gasoline spill scenarios for tributaries flowing into Lake Ontario within the Ganaraska Region Source Protection Area. To ensure the mapping products generated from the model adhere to the Technical Rules, amendments to the mapping products during the consultation period may be required based on input from the Ministry of the Environment.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 10, 2011 at Scugog Memorial Library, Port Perry.

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