

Source Protection Committee

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS 50

March 7, 2012 at Asphodel-Norwood Community Centre, Norwood.

Correspondence

The following correspondence was provided to the Committee:

- SPC Chair's Quarterly Report to TCC Source Protection Authorities – March 1, 2012
- Terry Clemens, Warden – Hastings County to Jim Hunt, TCC SPC Chair, re: Financial Costs for Implementation of Drinking Water Source Protection - February 6, 2012

Additional Content

The Committee reviewed additional content for the Source Protection Plan associated with drinking water issues identified in the Assessment Reports for Blackstock (Nitrate) and Stirling (e.coli).

Monitoring policies will be added to the policy section of the Plan and definitions for 'existing' and 'future' threats will be added to the "How to Read this Chapter" section and glossary within the Source Protection Plan.

Policy Comparison with Adjacent Source Protection Regions

The Region of Durham is located within three Source Protection Regions – CTC, Trent Conservation Coalition and South Georgian Bay-Lake Simcoe. The Committee was presented with a comparison of draft policies between the three Regions for some of the threats that would apply within Durham. Once the draft Source Protection Plan is posted, staff will conduct a complete review of policies for all of the Source Protection Regions adjacent to the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Region.

The Committee agreed that this comparison, while valuable, will not be included within the Plan but will be prepared as a separate document with a table comparison and synopsis and provided to those municipalities that are located within more than one source protection region.

SPC Feedback on Municipal Comments through Pre-Consultation

At its November meeting, the Committee agreed that municipalities who provided comments on preliminary policies circulated during pre-consultation be provided with a written response on how the Committee addressed those comments. The document will provide details on the following: general feedback; opposition to policies; suggested amendments; requests for clarification; and matters for consideration.

Draft Proposed Source Protection Plan

A preliminary version of the *Draft* Source Protection Plan was thoroughly reviewed, chapter by chapter, by the Committee. The Plan will contain the following chapters:

Chapter 1 – Overview: Identifies scope & purpose of the source protection plan, objectives and how to read the document.

Chapter 2 – Background: Provides background to the source protection program, and outlines contextual information relevant to understanding the policies described in Chapter 4.

Chapter 3 – Administration: Discusses administration including compliance and legal effect of the policies as well as implementation processes.

Chapter 4 – Policies: Contains policies associated with sewage, agriculture, fuel handling/storage, road salt, waste disposal, DNAPLs/organic solvents, non-agricultural source material, snow storage, aquaculture, aircraft de-icing threats as identified under the Clean Water Act as well as general policies and local threats.

Appendices: Includes the Assessment Report (DVD), policy applicability maps, applicable legal provisions of policies, policies by implementer, and summary of consultation.

The Ministry of the Environment has also reviewed the draft Plan and provided input.

Explanatory Document

The Explanatory Document is a requirement under the legislation. The document tells the story of how the Source Protection Committee came to the decisions they made about each policy. The document will include: overview, policy development process, financial considerations and climate change considerations.

Under the policy section, the following requirements will be included:

- explanation of the SPC policy decisions
- summary of pre-consultation comments received and explanation of how they were considered
- explanation of the reasons for prohibition of certain activities using Section 57
- explanation or statement indicating that the Committee is of the opinion that non-regulatory measures are sufficient to address significant threats, when used as a standalone tool

As the document continues to be amended, the Committee will provide input to the document prior to consultation on the Source Protection Plans via email.

Next Meeting

The next Source Protection Committee meeting will be held Thursday, May 17, 2012 at the Asphodel-Norwood Community Centre, Norwood.

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