

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING 53

September 12, 2012 at Asphodel-Norwood Community Centre, Norwood.

Correspondence

The following correspondence was provided to the Committee:

- Kawartha-Haliburton SPA Municipal Working Group to J. Hunt re: Comments from MOE on Draft and Proposed Source Protection Plans – June 24, 2012
- Durham Region to M.A. Covelli, MOE Director, SPP Branch re: Consistency between CTC, TCC and SGLS Source Protection Plans – June 25, 2012
- J. Stephens to W. Ren, MOE re: Comments on *Great Lakes Protection Act* – August 7, 2012
- J. Stephens to C. O'Neill, MOE re: Comments on Draft Great Lakes Strategy – August 7, 2012
- O. Salamon, MOE Director, SPP Branch to G. Rodgers, J. Hunt & J. Stephens re: Receipt of TCC SPPs – August 24, 2012

Proposed Trent & Ganaraska Source Protection Plan

The Source Protection Committee was provided with a summary of the materials included in the Source Protection Plan package submitted to the Province which included:

- Proposed Trent & Ganaraska Source Protection Plans
- Explanatory Document
- Accompanying Document
- Consultation Record
- Business Case
- Analysis of stakeholder concerns & issues

The Committee discussed the unresolved comments received on the Proposed Trent and Ganaraska Source Protection Plans. The Committee decided to send a letter to the Ministry of the Environment providing their feedback on the comments received during the final consultation period based on the following:

- start up & ongoing implementation costs
- ongoing funds for the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program
- permanent fund to support municipalities in establishing alternative sources for existing municipal water supplies
- appeal process for Official Plan policies related to Source Protection Plans
- RMO/RMI training costs

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- Provision of resources (forms, templates, etc.) to ensure consistency in the content and materials used and distributed to help eliminate unnecessary duplication of efforts by implementers

Future of Source Protection Committee

The Source Protection Committee was provided with an overview of the future roles and responsibilities for the Committee including:

- Term of Appointment
- Amendments to Proposed Source Protection Plans and Consultation
- Annual Progress Reports
- Review of Minister Orders (once Source Protection Plans are approved)
 - Requirements for Terms of Reference, Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan amendments/updates
 - Specifications related to timelines for review
- Support to municipalities & other implementers

Great Lakes Protection Act & Draft Great Lakes Strategy

The Committee was provided an overview of the *Great Lakes Protection Act*. If passed, purposed of the *Act* is to:

- Protect and restore the ecological health of the Great Lakes St. Lawrence River Basin
- Create opportunities for individuals and communities to become involved in the protection and restoration of the ecological health of the Great Lakes St. Lawrence River Basin

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program

Funding for the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program will cease on December 31, 2012. Since 2007, the Ministry of the Environment has provided funding to help Ontario property owners, farms, and small to medium-sized businesses implement best management practices for drinking water source protection.

To date, \$623,294 has been allocated within the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Region leaving under \$10,000 available for additional projects. A total of 183 projects have been completed including:

- well decommissioning and upgrades
- connection to municipal sewer
- septic system maintenance, repair or upgrade
- pollution prevention reviews
- runoff and erosion control/livestock grazing/fencing
- manure storage

Next Meeting

To be scheduled at the discretion of the Chair.