

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2012
ASPHODEL-NORWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE, NORWOOD, ON
MINUTES

ATTENDEES

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS	PRESENT	REGRETS	ABSENT	NOTES
Jim Hunt	✓			
Monica Berdin	✓			
Darla Blodgett	✓			
Alanna Boulton	✓			
Dave Burton		✓		
Bill Cornfield	✓			
Edgar Cornish	✓			
Pam Crowe	✓			
Kerry Doughty	✓			Departed during lunch
Bobbie Drew	✓			
Rob Franklin	✓			
Mike Gibbs		✓		
Dave Golem		✓		
Rosemary Kelleher-MacLennan	✓			
Robert Lake	✓			
Gerald McGregor	✓			
Glenn Milne	✓			
Terry Rees		✓		
Mary Smith	✓			Departed at 1:30 p.m.
Bev Spencer	✓			Arrived at 10:35 a.m.
Richard Straka	✓			
Wayne Stiver		✓		
Alix Taylor	✓			
Mae Whetung	✓			
Dave Workman	✓			

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE LIAISONS	PRESENT	REGRETS	ABSENT	NOTES
Glenda Rodgers		✓		
Clare Mitchell		✓		

COMMITTEE SUPPORT STAFF:

Jennifer Stephens
Marilyn Bucholtz
Myriam Genet

1. WELCOME

Chair Hunt welcomed the Committee.

2. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10.10 a.m.

3. DISCLOSURE OF ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Hunt asked if there were any revisions.

SPC 2012-09-12-01

By consensus, the TCCSPC approved the agenda.

5. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING – JUNE 15, 2012

Bob Lake noted an error in the 2nd paragraph on page 5. A sentence was repeated. The correction will be made and the revised minutes will be redistributed.

SPC 2012-09-12-02

By consensus, the TCCSPC approved the minutes with the above noted correction.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

There was no business arising from the minutes.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) KHSPA MWG to J. Hunt re: Comments from MOE on *Draft* and Proposed SPPs – June 24, 2012
- b) RM of Durham to M.A. Covelli re: Consistency between CTC, TCC, and SGBLS SPPs – June 25, 2012
- c) J. Stephens to W. Ren re: Comments on *Great Lakes Protection Act* – August 7, 2012
- d) J. Stephens to C. O'Neill re: Comments on *Draft* Great Lakes Strategy – August 7, 2012
- e) O. Salamon to G. Rodgers, J. Hunt, and J. Stephens re: Receipt of TCC SPPs

Correspondence was reviewed. Gerald McGregor provided context to the KHSPA MWG letter to Jim Hunt.

It was agreed that Jim Hunt would not forward a formal letter to the Ministry.

Items C and D will be discussed during the *Great Lakes Protection Act* discussion in the afternoon.

SPC 2012-09-12-03

By consensus, the TCCSPC received the items of correspondence for information.

9. A DISCUSSION OF UNRESOLVED COMMENTS ON PROPOSED TRENT AND GANARASKA SOURCE PROTECTION PLANS (PRESENTATION—STAFF REPORT (D))—J. STEPHENS, PROJECT MANAGER

All five TCC Conservation Authorities have received the Source Protection Plans. Jennifer noted that the approval

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process is unknown with no date for approval. There has been dialogue with the province that any approval process will have to engage the Source Protection Committee with major decisions before the plan is approved.

Reviewing comments received during the last consultation would give the Committee the opportunity to respond although it is not a requirement. Feedback would advise the Province on how the Committee feels about the comments, whether they are supportive of suggested changes, etc. Now that the SPP has been submitted to the Province, the legislation indicates that it is the Source Protection Authorities that make revisions to the Plans based on discussions with the Ministry of the Environment.

A letter to the Minister would make the Committee's wishes known and support the approval process.

The Ministry will decide how to receive the comments and if another consultation period is required prior to Plan approval.

Scope of the Comments received:

- 1) New comments received that the Committee has never seen.
- 2) Repeat comments that the Committee has discussed previously.
- 3) Funding concerns
- 4) Out of scope

Jennifer reviewed each of the comments received and responses given.

See attached document.

In summary, the Committee mostly agreed with the responses provided, but thought that there could be changes to MOE's comment on Policy P-1(3) and OMAFRA's comment on policy N-3.

SPC 2012-09-12-04

By consensus, the TCCSPC approved the following resolution:

THAT the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Committee agrees to the submission of a letter to the Minister of the Environment indicating its feedback on the comments received during the final consultation period.

It was agreed that Committee members would see the letter prior to it being sent. There is no obligation to respond to those who provided comments. The letter and policy changes will be submitted in October with feedback provided by the Committee.

10. A REVIEW OF THE MATERIALS SUBMITTED TO THE MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT -J. STEPHENS, PROJECT MANAGER

Jennifer Stephens provided an overview of materials submitted to the MOE.

The submission included the following:

- ❖ Cover Letter
- ❖ Proposed Ganaraska Source Protection Plan
- ❖ Proposed Trent Source Protection Plan
- ❖ Explanatory Document
- ❖ Accompanying Document
- ❖ Consultation Record

- ❖ Business Case
- ❖ Analysis of stakeholder concerns and issues
 - Includes “out of scope” suggestions;
 - Identification of “problem policies”

The following recommendations, based on feedback from Source Committee Members and Municipal Working groups, were also submitted:

1. A provincial fund be established to cover start up costs for municipal implementation. This fund would support the establishment of the RMO/RMI office, costs to create agreements and by-laws, verification of significant drinking water threats identified in the Assessment Reports, and set up information management services.
2. A permanent provincial fund be established to support ongoing implementation. This fund should consider the severity of the threat being addressed, number of water users that could be affected by a SDWT, the overall operating cost per water user, or if the municipality does not have a drinking water system.
3. The Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program must be a long term permanent program. The program should ensure project eligibility for the elimination of threats, as well as taking into account the type and number of prescribed threat being addressed.
4. A permanent fund be established to support municipalities in establishing alternative sources for existing municipal water supplies. This would enable for long term planning if a system were compromised and provide for alternative management options for the municipality.
5. A permanent fund be established to enable the relocation of a municipal drinking water supply where feasible and practical, including decommissioning (of an existing water supply) and associated infrastructure costs.
6. That the *Clean Water Act, 2006* and/or the *Planning Act, 1990* carry provisions which ensure Official Plan policies developed to conform with Source Protection Plans are not appealable, unless the appeal is brought forward by the source protection committee or the municipality.
7. That the Province, or agencies working with the Province, provide resources (forms, templates, etc.) that will help ensure consistency in the content and materials used and distributed. This will help eliminate unnecessary duplication of efforts by implementers.
8. That the Province work with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and other relevant ministries to register the requirement for a risk management plan on properties where section 58 currently applies, or would apply in the future.

It was agreed that Jennifer Stephens would follow up on item 6 and provide clarification on its origin and wording.

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By consensus, the TCCSPC endorsed the above recommendations.

11. THE FUTURE OF THE SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE – WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? (PRESENTATION) -J. STEPHENS, PROJECT MANAGER

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Jennifer Stephens provided an overview of the future of the Source Protection Committee touching on the following:

- Term of Appointment
- Annual Progress Reports
- Reviews Ordered by Minister
- Terms of Reference
- Assessment Reports
- Source Protection Plan
- Moving Forward

12. AN OVERVIEW OF THE GREAT LAKES PROTECTION ACT AND DRAFT GREAT LAKES STRATEGY (PRESENTATION) – J. STEPHENS, PROJECT MANAGER

Jennifer Stephens provided an overview touching on the following:

- Why is a *Great Lakes Act* and Strategy Needed
- Elements of the *Act*
- Section 1 of the *Act*: Purpose
- Geographic Scope of the *Act*
- Great Lakes Ministers
- Public Body
- Section 2 of the *Act*: Guardians Council
- Part 3 of the *Act*: Great Lakes Strategy
- Part 4 of the *Act*: Targets
- Parts 5 and 6 of the *Act*: Geographically based initiatives
- Part 5 of the *Act*: Proposals for Initiatives
- Part 6 of the *Act*: Initiatives Conformity
- Part 6 of the *Act*: Initiatives (Shoreline Regulation)
- Comments submitted to EBR

13. REPORTS/UPDATES

❖ Staff

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program

Jennifer Stephens provided a brief overview on the program.

- The Committee had its last formal meeting on August 29, 2012. Approximately \$4,000 is remaining in Early Action funds, and approximately \$5,000 in Early Response.
- Most of the funds have been used for decommissioning wells, septic system upgrades, pump outs, run offs. A list of all the projects was provided.
- CA staff continue to meet with landowners to spend the remaining funds.
- The program ends December 31, 2012.
- Jennifer thanked Rosemary Kelleher-MacLennan, Bev Spencer and Mike Gibbs for their contribution on the Review Committee.

❖ Municipal Working Groups

Kawartha-Haliburton Municipal Working Group – August 13, 2012

- Minutes were provided for information

❖ Committee Members (updates on public engagement/conferences)

- Alix Taylor reported that she will participate in Ottawa's Living Waters Rally. For more information see <http://ecologyottawa.ca/event/living-waters-rally/>

- Gerald McGregor participated in a South Simcoe workshop which was found to be very informative.
- Jim Hunt will moderate a session at the Municipal Water Association (OMWA) presents the 1st annual Drinking Water Leadership Summit. The event will be held October 23-25, 2012 at The Fairmont Royal York, Toronto. For more information see <http://www.drinkingwaterleadershipsummit.ca/>
- Edgar Cornish reported that he followed up with landowners on a request from TCC Staff.

14. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

16. NEXT MEETING – TO BE SCHEDULED AT CHAIR’S DISCRETION

17. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:03