

Source Protection Committee

Meeting Summary

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE (SPC) MEETING

July 11, 2019 at Asphodel-Norwood Community Centre, Norwood.

SPC Renewal

- Staff provided verbal update of SPC Renewal status, indicating that interviews have been completed.

Update on Draft Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement

- Staff provided a verbal update on the draft Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement, outlining updates to funding and per diem allowances for Municipal Working Group meetings.

REVIEW OF POLICY IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES

- Staff provided an overview of and proposed amendments to two policies: Signage, and General Provisions for Policies that use Section 58 Risk Management Plans.
- Committee agreed on proposed changes to Signage policy which give municipalities more discretion as to the placement of road signs using their local knowledge.
- Committee discussed in detail proposed amendments to the text of the policy concerning Risk Management Plan (RMP) timelines. Staff noted issues raised by area Risk Management Officials to allow a reasonable timeframe for the public to implement an RMP. Committee agreed upon an amended policy text by consensus.

DISCUSSION ON PIPELINE POLICY FOR TRENT SOURCE PROTECTION PLAN

- Staff provided overview of background information and introduced observations for consideration in policy development.
- Committee inquired if there is a requirement for pipeline companies to increase the size of the pipeline, or have other safety procedures when moving through a vulnerable/sensitive area. Staff noted they will follow up with Trans-Northern/Enbridge regarding this. Alana noted having signage for no anchoring over pipelines. Bob Lake commented on the need for generic wording when dealing with pipeline owners, recommended use of “stakeholder” wording.
- Staff will work with the National Energy Board, Ontario Energy Board, Technical Standards and Safety Authority, Enbridge and Trans-Northern Pipelines, as required, to gather information on pipeline regulations, approvals, emergency management and risks to sources of drinking water. This information will be used to develop proposed policy wording to be presented to SPC.

DISCUSSION ON WASTE DISPOSAL POLICY

- Staff provided overview of Waste Disposal Policy and the proposed amendment for small quantity exemptions of hazardous waste. This amendment would reduce the burden on smaller facilities and

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RMO/RMI, and suggests a change from requiring an RMP, to requiring Education and Outreach by the municipality.

- Committee inquired about the change of implementer for policy from RMO to Municipality and how this would work. Staff informed that the Municipality can delegate or contract out the E/O for this as needed.
- Staff will consult with municipalities and Risk Management Officials on the wording and the intent of the policy. This information will be brought back to the SPC for policy decision.

DISCUSSION ON TRANSITION PROVISION POLICY REVIEW

- Staff provided an overview of the Transition Provision Policy and the rationale for an update and introduced two alternatives brought up by municipal working groups to amend the policy text. These policies were intended for those situations where an applicant is going through an approval process before the source protection plan came into effect. Municipalities found some of the existing wording redundant and contradictory, and there were questions as to when, if at all, an Existing threat becomes a Future threat which may be prohibited. Committee recommended an alternative that took from both recommendations.
- Staff will consult again with municipal working groups and the planning working group on the wording and the intent of the policy, with G-1(1) and G-1(2) as indicated, and G-1(3) as amended. This information will be brought back to the SPC for policy decision.

Next Meeting

- Staff indicated the next meeting will be in October.