

Source Protection Committee

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE (SPC) MEETING

October 18, 2019 at Asphodel-Norwood Community Centre, Norwood.

New Source Protection Program Coordinator

- Chair J. Hunt introduced new Source Protection Program Coordinator, Keith Taylor.
- Keith acknowledged excellent work done by previous Coordinator, Valerie Bowering.

Re-Appointment of SPC Chair

- Chair J. Hunt reported that he had been re-appointed as chair of the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Committee by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Drinking Water Source Protection Updates:

New SPC Members

- Program Coordinator updated staff and the committee on the four new committee members set to begin in January 2020.

s.34 Amendments to the Trent SPP

- The Program Coordinator informed the committee that the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has approved the section 34 amendments related to the Norwood drinking water system, on August 20, 2019.

s.34 Proposed Amendments to the Trent SPP Due to Changes to the Stirling Municipal Well System

- Program Coordinator provided overview of Stirling DWS update – involving the addition of a new production well. Staff walked the committee through the process, where early engagement began with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks on September 11, 2019. Pre-consultation began on October 15th, waiting on comments by end of the month. Public consultation to begin Nov. 1st – 35 day consultation period until Dec. 5.

s.34 Proposed Amendments to the Trent SPP Due to Changes to the Pinewood Municipal Well System

- Program Coordinator provided overview of Pinewood DWS update – involving the removal of two non-functioning wells and the addition of a new production well. Early engagement began with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks on September 11, 2019. Moving forward with pre-consultation on October 21, 2019.

SPC Member Outreach Strategy

- Program Coordinator provided an overview of the focus for 2019-2020 sector outreach – asked to be contacted if committee has any ideas or suggestions for outreach strategies – recreation/tourism, agriculture, waterfront landowners, ENGOs, indigenous communities as focus.

Hydrocarbon Pipeline Prescribed Drinking Water Threat Policy Review

- Staff provided an overview of proposed policy wording for a new policy addressing hydrocarbon pipelines as a prescribed threat.
- Staff noted Ganaraska has pipelines existing as local threats in Gan SPP and these pipeline policies being developed for Trent SPP. Staff commented that a working group was developed for addressing pipelines and determining gaps in existing procedures, policies, regulations where we could develop policies for the SPP. Municipal Working Groups to be engaged (in Ganaraska, and Lower Trent) for input on this. Staff noted TNPI/Enbridge all willingly helped and were engaged in meetings to provide all information they could.
- Committee members provided comments and suggestions for the proposed policies.

Policy Implementation Challenges For The Trent And Ganaraska Source Protection Plans

Policy G-11(1) – Emergency Response Planning

- Staff introduced policy challenge, Municipal Working Group (MWG) comments and suggested amendments to G-11(1).
- Staff and committee members provided comments and suggestions on the proposed policy changes – including keeping the wording broad for which emergency response documents/plans the policy referred to, and to further clarify some of the wording.
- Staff will reconvene with amended recommendations for next meeting.

Policy R-1 – Road Salt

- Staff introduced amended Road Salt policy with suggestion of changing policy tool from RMP to E/O, or move the Road Salt policies to existing E/O policies.
- Committee member suggested a concern of RMP being necessary for large commercial operations.
- Staff suggested against having a generic alternative which recommended following best practices of salt management.
- Staff noted the challenge of using RMO tool as enforcement for municipal lands, where in certain municipalities the RMO are employed by the municipality.
- Staff will reconvene with amended recommendations for next meeting.

Policy G-7 – Prohibition Policy

- Staff provided overview of prohibition policy, noting potential need to add "I) waste disposal sites" to policy G-7 list of activities.
- Staff considered need for potential larger overview of the purpose of G-7 policy, and the overall value of keeping this policy.
- Staff noted there is a Ministry DNAPL working group working on challenges related to this.
- Staff to consult with working groups and prepare final recommendations for next meeting.

Policy G-3 – Land Acquisition

- Staff introduced Land Acquisition policy and challenge of the policy not providing for the disposal of land, with suggested amendments.

- Staff noted potentially problematic wording if policy too strict, but suggested putting certain controls on lands being disposed (RMP, etc).
- Staff to consider suggestions and prepare amended recommendations for next meeting.

Policy OT-1 – Transportation Corridors

- Staff introduced policy and challenge of the intent of the policy not being clear - as it stands, the policy text suggests that it applies to areas outside of where significant drinking water threats can occur.
- A committee member noted that while transportation corridors aren't significant threats, most realistic threats in these areas come from spills on 401 or trains. Spills themselves aren't a 'prescribed threat', but to consider modifying G-11 to look at spills outside of vulnerable areas.
- Staff noted it aids with readability if moved to G-11, to keep all emergency response policies in one place.
- Staff suggested keeping OT policy for outside of vulnerable areas.
- Staff to consider suggestions and prepare amended recommendations for next meeting.

Policy OT-2 – Transport Pathways

- Staff introduced policy and challenge of being a land use planning tool. Suggested that by-law might not be appropriate tool, not intended to direct municipal approval process.
- Staff noted that the Planning Working Group still needs to meet regarding this issue.
- Staff suggested if using by-laws, to have wording specify creation/modification of transport pathways.
- Staff to bring suggestions and concerns to Planners Working Group before bringing back to Committee.

Next Meeting

- Staff indicated the next meeting will be in January, 2020.