

Source Protection Committee

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE (SPC) MEETING

January 30, 2020 at Asphodel-Norwood Community Centre, Norwood.

Welcome New Committee Members

- Program Coordinator Keith Taylor welcomed new members to the committee and provided a brief overview of the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Region. The new members are: Rene Gagnon, Alexander Hukowich, Cyndy Broughton, Faye Langmaid, Lori Burt, Dough Elmslie, and Brent Devolin.

Update from SPC Chair's Meeting

- Chair J. Hunt provided a verbal update from the SPC Chair's teleconference that included an introduction for the newly appointed Chairs, and a discussion of expanding source protection to vulnerable populations outside of municipal drinking water systems.

Request for Support from Lake Erie Source Protection Region

- Chair J. Hunt provided an overview of the Lake Erie SPR request for endorsement of their recommendations regarding over-application of "winter maintenance chemicals."
- Program Coordinator, K. Taylor suggested some concerns with the proposal regarding wording and rationale.
- R. Bateman noted this is being brought up at an upcoming Conservation Ontario Road Salt Advisory meeting.

Update on Climate Change Tool

- Staff provided a verbal update on a new Climate Change Assessment Tool in development, produced by MECP in collaboration with others. Staff is looking into what further information can be provided to the Committee and future plans for this tool.

Policy Challenges and Amendments for the Trent and Ganaraska Source Protection Plans

Policy G-3 – Land Acquisition

- K. Taylor noted staff discussed this policy challenge and agreed not to amend this policy.
- G. Offshack suggested disposition of land should be included somewhere in the plan. K. Taylor noted potential issues arising from this are covered elsewhere in the plan. R. Bateman suggested ensuring this discrepancy is included in the explanatory document for this policy. Staff to amend the explanatory document as needed.

Policy G-7 – Prohibition Policy

- Staff proposed an amendment to include small waste disposal sites that would not require an amendment, and the addition of a footnote listing the policies in the Plan that deal with prohibition. Committee approved this amendment by consensus.

Policy S-9 & S-10 – Sewage Systems

- K. Taylor suggested policies S-9 and S-10 from the Sewage policies are no longer necessary. Staff will further discuss these and come back to the committee with a recommendation whether to keep or remove these policies from the Plan.

Policy OT-1 – Transportation Corridors

- Staff recommend merging all OT-1 policies with G-11 for the Trent Source Protection Plan (SPP), involving the creation of policies G-11 (3, 4, & 5) which would be based off policy OT-1. Ganaraska requested to leave OT-1 policies in place for the Ganaraska SPP. Committee agreed by consensus to approve the recommendation.

Policy R-1 – Road Salt

- Staff noted this policy is still in development due to changes in technical rules which will allow for more significant threats as a new methodology for calculating impervious areas is being considered.

Policy OT-2 – Transport Pathways

- Staff noted issues of asking for a by-law to be established to direct a municipal process which can be problematic. Staff noted they're working on a process to better direct municipalities with this matter.

Policy G-1 – Transition Policies

- Staff noted issue of the ten-year window for existing agricultural threats which was brought up by a Risk Management Official. Staff recommended to take this concern to the upcoming Risk Management Official meeting on March 5, 2020. Staff discussed possible amendments including classifying agricultural activity as an existing activity if it has been carried out within the last ten years from the current year.

Hydrocarbon Pipeline Policies

- Staff provided update on hydrocarbon pipeline policies which are still being fine-tuned. Suggestions are being brought to MECF for information and a final drafted policy will be brought to an upcoming Source Protection Meeting.

Policy Q-3 - Aquaculture Policy

- Staff brought forward a suggestion to introduce a Specified Action Policy (Policy Q-3) directing the Ministry of Natural Resources not to issue any licenses for future aquaculture activities in the Issues Contributing Area, as it would be problematic to have the Ministry approving something that our plan prohibits. Aquaculture is only a significant threat in Rawdon Creek upstream of the Stirling wells which is in an Issues Contributing Area.

Other Items

- Chair J. Hunt brought up an [application dated December 2019 from the Canadian Environmental Laws Association \(CELA\) for a review of the Clean Water Act](#), under the Environmental Bill of Rights to be amended to include vulnerable populations, including First Nations, which are outside of municipal drinking water systems that may have contiguous threats. K. Taylor noted importance of education and outreach as a potential alternative, and uniformity of source protection application not being completely necessary. M. Wooding noted the MECP is working diligently to put together a response to this application.
- K. Taylor noted a collaborative new member orientation to be held at Quinte Conservation on February 6th.

Next Meeting

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