

## SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE (SPC) MEETING SUMMARY

**MARCH 25, 2021 – VIRTUAL MEETING/TELECONFERENCE**

### **1. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

- A. Hukowich requested an update on further guidance from the Ministry of Conservation and Parks (MECP) regarding non-municipal drinking water systems being incorporated into source protection plans.
- M. Wooding noted comments from program managers and municipal associations are being incorporated into the guidance.

### **2. CHAIRS REPORT**

- Quarterly Chairs Meeting
  - Chair, J. Hunt, provided a verbal overview of the Quarterly Provincial Chairs Meeting. The “Big East” group of Source Protection Regions (Raisin South Nation, Mississippi Rideau, Cataraqui, Quinte, and the Trent Conservation Coalition), prepared comments representing concerns in Eastern Ontario and Jim Hunt presented the comments at the provincial meeting. The comments addressed challenges such as:
    - Other systems in highly vulnerable aquifers
    - Funding
    - Changing populations
    - Burgeoning workloads
    - Outdated science
    - Provincial/SPC/SPA Partnership
    - Provincial Awareness
- J. Hunt’s meeting with the Assistant Deputy Minister and the Director.

### **3. ANNUAL REPORTING**

- Trent Source Protection Plan
  - K. Taylor provided an overview of the Trent Annual Progress Report, recommending an overall score of “Progressing Well / On Target”.
  - For municipal and approval authority implementation of source protection policies into Official Plans, Zoning By-Laws and Emergency Management Plans, staff recommended a score of “Progressing Well / On Target”.
  - For septic inspections, staff recommended a score of “Progressing Well / On Target”.
  - For Risk Management Plans, staff recommended a score of “Progressing Well / On Target”.
  - For Education and Outreach, staff recommended a score of “Progressing Well / On Target”.
- Ganaraska Source Protection Plan
  - P. Lancaster provided an overview of the Ganaraska Annual Progress Report, recommending a score of “Progressing Well / On Target”.

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#### 4. LEADS REPORTS

- Each Source Protection Authority (SPA) Lead Staff member provided a verbal report on:
  - a. Update on Municipal Working Groups;
  - b. Update on the out of compliance risk management plans progress;
  - c. Any issues or challenges;
  - d. Any positive progress news;
  - e. Status of education and outreach.

#### 5. LOOKING AHEAD

- **Section 34 amendments on the horizon**
  - K. Taylor provided an update on the upcoming S.34 amendments, as a result of new wells being implemented in Colborne, Blackstock and Port Perry. A Section 48 notice has been issued for Colborne, and staff has begun work gathering documentation for the consultation process.
- **Technical work**
  - K. Taylor further outlined the newly adopted method for calculating impervious areas in relation to road salt and how it will impact threat counts.
- **Section 36 preparation – Including Consultation**
  - K. Taylor outlined some of the work still to be done regarding policy challenges, and technical rule changes (pipelines, road salt, above grade fuel tanks)
  - K. Taylor noted the extensive consultation plan that will need to be implemented to address these amendments to the plan and assessment report, as all implementing bodies and any people impacted by these changes need to be consulted with.
- **Section 51**
  - K. Taylor noted minor edits to the plan and assessment report are to be made as part of a Section 51 amendment. This includes an edit to the Transport Pathways policy that doesn’t align with the wording in the Assessment Report.
- **Meeting schedule**
  - K. Taylor suggested to have an SPC meeting on the last Wednesday or Thursday of May, July, September, November of 2021, and January and March, 2022. This is subject to MECP approval of the budget to allow for 6 meetings.

### 13. OTHER ITEMS

- Round Table: T. Rees provided an overview of the March 24, 2021 web conference organized by the Canadian Environmental Law Association, which addressed the topic of “Clean Water for All”, looking at how to integrate source protection into non-municipal drinking water systems.

### 14. NEXT MEETING

- Staff indicated that the next meeting will be in the last week of May, pending a poll of SPC member availability.

### 15. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 3:24 PM.