

## **SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE (SPC) MEETING SUMMARY** **JULY 21, 2021 – VIRTUAL MEETING/TELECONFERENCE**

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

1. There was no business arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

### **2. CHAIRS REPORT**

2. Chair's Quarterly Meeting
  - J. Hunt noted the Deputy Minister was in attendance, and there was an appointment of a new Director, Kirsten Corrigan.
3. First Nation Opening Acknowledgement
  - J. Hunt discussed introducing a First Nation Opening Acknowledgement to be said at the start of future Source Protection Meetings. Staff will consult with our First Nations members to develop an appropriate statement.

### **3. FUEL POLICY CORRECTION – ABOVE GRADE FUEL TANKS**

- K. Taylor outlined the revised Fuel Policy, a revision of a previously approved policy the Committee on October 28, 2020, to reflect the updated technical rules.
- B. Lake requested clarification if the policy differentiates between single-wall and double-wall fuel tanks, and if this applies to boat fuel tanks larger than 250 litres.
  - K. Taylor noted that the Risk Management Plans do require double-wall fuel tanks, and that the Canada Shipping Act regulates boat tanks and they do not fall under our authority due to the difficulty in monitoring and tracking them. J. Hunt mentioned that the Federal Government has been informed of our concerns on this.

### **4. PRE-CONSULTATION – SECTION 34 AMENDMENT – COLBORNE NEW WELL**

- K. Taylor noted that Early Engagement was completed for the Section 34 amendment for the new well at Colborne, and a Pre-Consultation notice was sent to the prescribed list of contacts. The 30-day comment period ends 2 days from the time of this meeting (July 23), and no comments have been received to date. Providing there is no major concerns during this 2-day period, staff would like to proceed with the Public Consultation Phase.

### **5. LEADS REPORTS**

- Each Source Protection Authority (SPA) Lead Staff member provided a verbal report on:
  - a. Update on Municipal Working Groups;
  - b. Update on risk management plans progress;
  - c. Current issues or challenges, including S.34 amendments;
  - d. Positive progress news;
  - e. Status of education and outreach.

## 6. SECTION 36 AMENDMENTS

- **Road Salt Policies**
  - K. Taylor introduced an amended road salt policy, based on discussions from previous Committee meetings.
  - Committee approved the proposed policies as amended.
- **Road Salt Storage**
  - K. Taylor noted that the Road Salt Storage policy is still being drafted and is pending technical rule approval. The new proposed rule will decrease the storage quantity applicable from 500 tonnes to 10 kilograms which could mean a significant number of new storage threats.
  - Committee accepted the report as information, and is waiting on Phase II Technical Rule approval to examine if the Road Salt Storage policies need to be revised.
- **Pathogen Policy**
  - K. Taylor provided an overview of the Pathogen Policies, noting that staff recommends not making any changes.
- **Non-Agricultural Source Material (NASM) Policies**
  - K. Taylor noted Education and Outreach is an important part of our NASM policies, with ongoing discussions regarding targeted interaction with people who prepare NASM plans and contractors who deal with NASM application and storage. K. Taylor noted there are gaps in our current policies causing confusion for Risk Management Officials.
  - K. Taylor broke down the gaps in each of Policy N-1, N-2, and N-3.
  - A. Hukowich requested clarification on the phrasing of the policy specifying the policy only apply to herbivorous animals. T. Cox noted that it is written this way as it is based off the nutrient management act which deals with strictly herbivorous farm animals, but it is intended to apply to non-herbivorous zoo animals as well.
- **Transition Policies**
  - K. Taylor noted that there were two parts of the Transition Policies that were problematic: the 10-year agricultural window that has already been addressed, and Policy G-1(3) being confusing and redundant. K. Taylor noted that Municipal Working Groups have shared that concern.
  - Staff consulted with planners on the Source Protection Committee and considered the Municipal Working Group comments to develop an amended Policy G-1(2).
  - R. Straka requested clarification as to when it is reasonable to consider if a use has been discontinued. K. Taylor suggested the wording of “continue” be treated as an existing activity. J. Hunt noted that there has to be a wilful intent to continue that activity.

### 13. OTHER ITEMS

- Round Table: B. Clark noted that in the first cabinet meeting, David Paccini brought up drinking water issues and infrastructure concerns in certain regions.
- J. Hunt noted that there are statistical metrics now viewable through StatsCanada exploring drinking water issues, and specific targets for drinking water country-wide addressing drinking water advisories, water quality and water quantity. P. Lancaster noted that sometime in the next year Conservation Authorities will be updating their report cards to give a more localized perspective of these water quality issues.

### 14. NEXT MEETING

- Staff indicated that there is no confirmed date for the next meeting, as it will depend technical rule decisions, but likely September or October.

### 15. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 3:33 PM.