

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE (SPC) MEETING SUMMARY

SEPTEMBER 29, 2021 – VIRTUAL MEETING/TELECONFERENCE

1. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

2. CHAIRS REPORT

- Chair's Quarterly Meeting
 - J. Hunt noted they had a meeting with the new Director of the Source Protection Branch, Kirsten Corrigan. Some topics of discussion included PFAs and algal blooms.
 - J. Hunt recommended that K. Taylor circulate the slide decks from the Chair's meeting to the Source Protection Committee for information.

3. INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- K. Taylor outlined the steps taken so far to develop an Indigenous Land Acknowledgement to be spoken at the start of future Source Protection Committee meetings, including the development of a committee to work on this and the research into the indigenous history of the region that has been done.
- K. Taylor noted the two main goals of this acknowledgement:
 - a. To develop a meaningful, thoughtful and appropriate land and water acknowledgment to be part of a sincere welcome at the beginning of Source Protection Committee.
 - b. To recognize:
 - i. Indigenous History and Culture
 - ii. That everything is connected
 - iii. That it is not about land ownership but being caretakers of the land
 - iv. Not just land but also water
 - v. Traditional Knowledge
- K. Taylor also noted an interest in inviting elders to speak at future meetings about their traditional knowledge.

4. SECTION 34 AMENDMENT – COLBORNE NEW WELL

- K. Taylor noted the public consultation period for amendments to the Source Protection Plan and Assessment Report related to the new well at Colborne ended September 15, 2021.
- K. Taylor provided an overview of the comments that were received during consultation, noting all questions were answered and that staff contacted the business that objected to the amendments and explained the implications. The person contacted was satisfied with the explanation.

SECTION 34 AMENDMENT – BLACKSTOCK NEW WELL

- K. Taylor provided an update that the Regional Municipality of Durham is putting a new well in at a Blackstock, and staff have begun to review the technical report.
- J. Stephens noted the Section 48 notice has been sent as of September 27th, 2021, and the early engagement with the Ministry can begin to proceed.

5. LEADS REPORTS

- Each Source Protection Authority (SPA) Lead Staff member provided a verbal report on:
 - Update on Municipal Working Groups;
 - Update on risk management plans progress;
 - Current issues or challenges, including S.34 amendments;
 - Colborne, Blackstock
 - Positive progress news;
 - Engaging municipal planning staff
 - Status of education and outreach.
 - There was a discussion of how Minister's Zoning Orders (MZO) might impact development proposals in vulnerable zones. R. Franklin indicated that our policies requirement should not be impacted by a MZO.
 - P. Lancaster updated the committee on a train fire that occurred near Port Hope. J. Hunt was pleased that the systems worked well and suggested that a press release about how everything is integrated might be appropriate.
- Conservation Ontario Update – Deborah Balika
 - D. Balika provided a verbal update on the DWSP Road Sign outreach program, with a social media campaign being launched on October 7th. This campaign includes a story map – including an interactive web-map, road sign quiz (developed by Lower Trent Conservation), and song and video.

6. SECTION 36 AMENDMENTS

- **Road Salt Economic Impact**
 - K. Taylor provided an overview of the economic impacts of the proposed road salt policy, noting this will be included in the Explanatory Document of the Source Protection Plan.
 - K. Taylor noted there are no changes to the MTO policies so no economic impact, but there could be some initial cost to municipalities in developing salt management plans.
- **NASM Policy**
 - K. Taylor shared the amended policy text developed by staff, noting there would be no economic impact from these changes, no new risk management plans are required, and the changes make the NASM policies align with the actual threats.
- **Other Systems**
 - K. Taylor outlined that the Eastern Region Chairs have been concerned about drinking water systems not included in the Source Protection Program for some time, due to the many number of highly vulnerable aquifers in Eastern Ontario.

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- K. Taylor noted that the ministry is producing some guidance to address these systems, but the Eastern Region Chairs don't find this sufficient. The Eastern Region Chairs are proposing that all Eastern Region Source Protection Regions include a policy addition to their Section 36 amendments:
 - A strategic policy encouraging to use the best management practices once the Ministry guidance is available.
 - K. Taylor provided a possible policy text to consider, noting there are still some things to consider with this policy, such as questions of liability, and cost to implement.
 - G. Offshack noted some municipalities have a loan program for septic tanks. And that this policy should have a lot of input from municipalities, especially smaller ones, before it is implemented.
 - J. Ingram stressed the importance of working with local public health agencies with this.
 - J. Hunt suggested that we continue working on a policy to encourage people to use best management practices.
- **Technical Rules**
 - K. Taylor outlined that the Phase II Technical Rules have still not been approved, but may result in changes to the following policy areas, and more information will be available at the next meeting:
 - Snow Storage
 - Road Salt Storage
 - Waste Policies
 - Stormwater Policies
 - Sewage Policies

7. OTHER ITEMS

- No other items were brought forward.

8. NEXT MEETING

- Staff indicated that there is no confirmed date for the next meeting, staff will reach out to the committee when a decision is made.

9. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 3:37 PM.