

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE (SPC) MEETING SUMMARY

JANUARY 26, 2022– 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
 - a. J. Hunt noted they had a productive meeting with new Director, Kirsten Corrigan.
- Quarterly Chairs Meeting - Keith
 - b. K. Taylor noted a discussion on Communications and Outreach took place, highlighting Conservation Ontario's efforts, Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Region's videos, and using education and outreach as a policy tool.

3. PROGRAM UPDATE

- Technical Rule Changes
 - K. Taylor noted the Phase II Directors Technical Rules have been approved, and we have already addressed the above grade fuel tanks in WHPAs and IPZs in our policy amendments.
 - K. Taylor added that we have considered changes to Road Salt Application in our policy amendments (Education and Outreach), but consultation with anyone affected by the Phase I and II Technical Rule changes is required.
 - Staff will be preparing a consultation plan, including early engagement for later this year, and pre-consultation and public consultation likely next year.
- 2021 Annual Progress Reporting Update
 - K. Taylor provided a verbal update on the status of 2021 annual reporting.
- Section 51 Amendments
 - K. Taylor noted there was a Section 51 amendment to the Trent and Ganaraska Source Protection Plans in December, 2021.

4. LEADS UPDATE

- Each Source Protection Authority (SPA) Lead Staff member provided a verbal report on:
 - a. Update on annual reporting progress;
 - b. Update on risk management plans progress;
 - c. Current issues or challenges, including S.34 amendments;
 - d. Positive progress news;

- e. Update on education and outreach.

5. FINAL POLICY IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES

- Storage of Road Salt
 - K. Taylor provided an update on how road salt storage will be effected by the new Technical Rules, and noted the committee has already decided to use Education and Outreach for Road Salt Application.
 - M. Wooding confirmed that this has been noted as serious issue in other regions of the province, and supports the use of Education and Outreach given the difficulty in using prohibition.
 - K. Taylor noted staff will return at an upcoming meeting with a recommendation for addressing the Technical Rule changes in regard to road salt storage.
 - F. Langmaid expressed a need for warnings on the individual use bags of salt available for purchase to the public.
- Snow Storage
 - K. Taylor provided an update on how snow storage will be effected by the new Technical Rules, but noted clarification is needed from the Ministry on the quantity of snow stored, and snow disposal facilities.
 - R. Straka inquired about snow storage on institutional lands and whether this is different from commercial. K. Taylor noted they'll follow up on this.
 - K. Taylor noted possible changes are Education and Outreach for smaller quantities, and a Prescribed Instrument Policy related to Snow Disposal Facilities that outlet to stormwater facilities.
- DNAPLS
 - K. Taylor provided an update on how the Technical Rules changes impact DNAPLS, noting the policy text will need to be revised to add a list of activities, and that consultation with businesses in the WHPA A, B, C and in IPZ or WHPA E with a vulnerability score of 9 or 10 will be required.
 - K. Taylor noted that the current policies are likely still appropriate, but for small quantities Education and Outreach may be more applicable.
- Waste
 - K. Taylor noted Ministry clarification is needed to address changes to the Waste policy.
- Stormwater
 - K. Taylor suggested that in order to update this policy, many update to the Assessment Report may be required. The program coordinator suggested that there may not be the time or budget to address this for this round of amendments. More clarification is required from the Ministry.

- In summary, K. Taylor expressed that staff will need to look at the preamble to all policies and rewrite them to reflect the new rules where necessary.

6. LOOKING AT THE YEAR AHEAD

- Section 34 Amendments on the horizon
 - K. Taylor provided a verbal update on the status of Colborne and Blackstock S.34 amendments
- Section 36 Amendments
 - K. Taylor provided a verbal update on the status of policy amendments.
 - K. Taylor said that there may need to be funding for Assessment Report updates in the next round of Section 36 Amendments.

7. OTHER ITEMS

- Round Table: P. Lancaster provided a verbal Leads Update on Ganaraska Region's source protection program.
- Update from Mary Wooding
 - MECP Liaison M. Wooding provided an update on the provincial guidance for non-municipal drinking water systems, Ministry staffing changes, guidance for new Technical Rules, funding arrangements for the program and the quarterly chairs meetings.
 - Terry Rees mentioned that Conservation Authority Act changes webinars are coming and might be of interest to the Committee.

8. NEXT MEETING

- Staff indicated that there is a need for one more meeting by the end of March. Staff will send out a poll for availability in late March.

9. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 3:33 PM.