

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE (SPC) MEETING SUMMARY

MARCH 31, 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

- Letter to the Director
 - Chair J. Hunt discussed a letter that was sent on behalf of the Big East Chairs and Project Managers, to Kirsten Corrigan, Director of Conservation and the Source Protection Branch with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). This included a request for; the guidance for non-municipal drinking water systems; the need for new Chairs and Project Managers workshops; revamping the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program; potential drinking water concerns with new affordable housing or communal housing projects; and updated science for Assessment Reports in the next round of Section 36 Amendments.
- Letter from the Director
 - Chair J. Hunt discussed a letter received from Kirsten Corrigan responding to the letter to the Director, mentioned above.

3. ANNUAL REPORT

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”.
 - i. J. Ingram noted the Inspection Agency listed for Otonabee-Peterborough requires a minor amendment to reflect the Township of Douro-Dummer.
- 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 noted there are some minor typographical errors in the report as represented that will be amended before publishing.

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- P. Lancaster provided an overview of the Ganaraska Annual Progress Report, recommending a 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”.

4. LEADS UPDATE

- Each Source Protection Authority (SPA) Lead Staff member provided a verbal report on the status of their local source protection implementation, including:
 - a. Update on annual reporting;
 - 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. TECHNICAL RULES UPDATE

- K. Taylor provided an overview of a report regarding the new Technical Rules amendments received from MECP, and addressed how these are being incorporated into Source Protection Plan policies.

6. BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR OTHER SYSTEMS

- K. Taylor provided an overview of the Best Management Practices document produced by MECP addressing drinking water systems not covered under the Clean Water Act.
- T. Rees discussed the ENGO Ontario Source Water Protection Statement of Expectations in relation to these Best Management Practices.
- K. Taylor expressed an interest in developing pilot projects within this region to address this locally, noting however that this is funding dependent.

7. REMAINING POLICY DECISIONS

- Road Salt Storage
 - K. Taylor noted staff are asking for input on Salt Storage from the municipal working groups, and will return to the Committee with a recommendation at a future meeting.

- M. Wooding noted the Ministry is working to develop road salt guidance, and has been meeting with a variety of stakeholders to get a better understanding of the challenges being faced and to better manage the use of road salt.
- DNAPLS
 - K. Taylor outlined that the new Technical Rules include a list of the types of businesses that could include DNAPL activities, which would be significant threats. K. Taylor noted that this a concern as the list is not exclusive, and would be difficult to incorporate into our existing SPP DNAPL policies.
- Future Policy Discussions: Snow Storage, Waste, Sewage
 - K. Taylor noted there are number of questions about the new Technical Rules related to Snow Storage, Waste and Sewage Threats, that are being submitted to the Ministry for information.

8. NEXT MEETING

- Staff indicated the next meeting will be held on May 19th, 2022.

9. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 3:16 PM.