

## **SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE (SPC) MEETING SUMMARY**

**JUNE 26, 2023 – ASPHODEL-NORWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

### **CHAIRS REPORT**

- J. Hunt noted there was a one-on-one meeting with Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) Source Protection Branch Director, Kirsten Service discussing the source protection program moving forward. M. Wooding shared MECP intentions to maintain open dialogues with Source Protection Regions and Chairs.

### **LEADS REPORT**

- Each Source Protection Authority (SPA) Lead Staff member provided a verbal report on the status of their local source protection implementation, including:
  - a. Training of new municipal staff regarding the source protection program;
  - b. Update on municipal working groups and their comments on the proposed s.36 Amendments;
  - c. Update on risk management plans and RMO progress;
  - d. Current issues or challenges;
  - e. Positive progress news;
  - f. Update on education and outreach efforts.

### **PRE-CONSULTATION COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE SECTION 36 AMENDMENTS**

- K. Taylor provided an overview of the comments received during the pre-consultation phase of the S.36 Amendment. This phase includes comments from implementers of the Source Protection Plan, including: Transport Canada, OMAFRA, Risk Management Officials, Trans Northern Pipeline Inc., and the Source Protection Authority Municipal Working Groups.
- K. Taylor brought forward a number of motions, including comments received as information with no changes to the Source Protection Plan, and a number of minor and significant changes proposed to the Plan.
- OMAFRA provided three comments, regarding policies A-2 and A-3, A-4, and N-1.
- The RMO from Marmora, and Source Protection Program Manager from Quinte Conservation, Amy Dickens, provided general comments and a suggestion for policy O-1(3) regarding snow dumps.
- Trans Northern Pipeline Inc. (TNPI) provided comments on policies G-6(6) (Signage), HP-2 (water crossings), HP-5 (location of equipment near watercourses), HP-6 (conservation authorities), HP-8 (requests for information on integrity inspections and maintenance) and HP-9 (moderate and low-threat policy).
- P. Niblett inquired for further information on the “current industry best practices” suggested to include in policy HP-5. K. Taylor suggested that TNPI would be willing to attend

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a future meeting to provide more information regarding this, and that this information is available online.

- K. Taylor reviewed the comments received from Risk Management Officials Terri Cox (Otonabee-Peterborough SPA), Jenna Stephens (Kawartha-Haliburton SPA) and Marcus Rice (Lower Trent SPA) regarding the proposed amendments on Policies F-2(2) - Fuel, O-1(3) – Snow Storage, O-2 – Snow Storage, O-3 – Snow Storage, A-4 – Agriculture (including pesticide exemption), D-1, D-2, D-3 - DNAPLs, and R-1(1) – Road Salt.
- K. Taylor provided an overview of the comments received from the Kawartha-Haliburton Municipal Working Group on policies S-6 – Sewage Systems, A-2 and A-3 – Agriculture (including pesticide permits, the impact on future land-owners, and the impact on non-agricultural land), R-1(3) and R-1(4) and R-1(5) – Road Salt.

#### NEXT STEPS

- K. Taylor provided an overview of the next steps involved in the S.36 Amendment, including making necessary changes to the policies based off pre-consultation comments, and Source Protection Committee approve moving forward to the Public Consultation Stage.

#### INCREASING MUNICIPAL ENGAGEMENT – GEORGE OFFSHACK

- G. Offshack inquired about increasing municipal engagement in areas with a lot of municipal staff turnover, small municipalities and low turnout and engagement in municipal working groups such as in Crowe Valley CA. Staff discussed the potential merging of Crowe Valley's municipal working groups with Lower Trent's in the future.

#### BEST PRACTICES FOR OTHER SYSTEMS

- T. Bos provided a report on the Best Practices Program to the committee, including work that has been done and future projects including a webinar program.
- F. Langmaid suggested incorporating "Drinking" into the title (Drinking Water Wise, etc.).

#### ROUNDTABLE

- G. Offshack noted an individual in the region donating roughly 21,000 acres to the Nature Conservancy of Canada.
- P. Niblett inquired about an orientation session for new SPC members and any materials needing to be signed. K. Taylor noted staff will be in touch regarding setting up a meeting shortly, and those documents will be passed along.

#### NEXT MEETING

- K. Taylor noted there is no set date as of now, but likely after the 35-day Public Consultation period in late October.