

**MINUTES OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE NORTH BAY-MATTAWA  
SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE  
1:00 PM, MAY 22, 2008  
AVERAGE JOE'S EATERY, TROUT LAKE RD, NORTH BAY**

**1. ATTENDANCE**

- a) Meeting called to order @ 1:10 by Chair, Barbara Groves.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barbara Groves, Chair	George Stivrins	Lucy Emmott
Dennis MacDonald	John MacLachlan	Maurice Schlosser
George Onley	Kathy Parker	Roy Warriner

ABSENT/REGRETS:

Ian Kilgour

LIASONS PRESENT:

Kate Turner (MOE) Peter Jekel (NBPSDHU)

**Quorum was established.**

- b) **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** None declared.  
c) **MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL** Agenda approved.  
d) **APRIL MINUTES APPROVED** on a motion by Onley, seconded by Parker.  
e) **CORRESPONDENCE**

(i) Letter from Callander resident regarding the composition of the Committee in response to request for comments on Draft ToR.

(ii) Anita Avenue resident sent a letter of concern in response to request for comments on draft ToR.

**2. PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT/DISCUSSION**

The Project Manager provided an update on activities. A resolution has been received from Powassan to elevate the cluster of wells in the former Town of Trout Creek for inclusion in the Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan when funding becomes available.

**3. WORKING GROUPS**

The SP Project Manager (PM) reported that the Trout Lake Watershed Advisory Committee is an existing multi-stakeholder committee with a mandate to monitor and protect the water quality of Trout Lake through sound watershed management. Membership includes representation from several government ministries as well as municipalities and the Trout Lake Conservation Association. The group has already been reviewing the technical studies on the North Bay system and can easily broaden its membership to include a representative of the business interests located in the vulnerable area for the North Bay drinking water supply. Other working groups should probably be struck to follow this example.

Callander is one area that has already expressed an interest in having a working group. Membership should probably include representation from the Callander Sustainable Community Committee.

PM clarified that Working Groups are subcommittees of the SPC. They are volunteer positions and there is no per diem compensation for members.

***Action Item: Letter to affected municipalities regarding formation of working groups needs to be drafted and sent.***

#### **4. ONTARIO DRINKING WATER STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (ODWSP)**

SPC members had been circulated the draft regulation for the ODWSF currently posted on the Environmental Registry. The proposal to include the issue of compensation in the Terms of Reference was raised. Some members appeared adamant that this be included. The PM advised that compensation is specifically excluded by the Clean Water Act and that it was to be expected that the Minister would not approve any wording regarding this issue in the ToR.

Suggestions by SPC members included wording in the preamble of the ToR such as "Looking at opportunities", "case by case", "beyond scope of 2011".

The PM advised that suggested wording needs to be submitted for consideration in the comment and revision process. The closing date for comments being May 30, 2008.

#### **5. SECTOR BREAK-OUT REPORTS**

##### **a) Transportation/Industrial/Agriculture**

Stakeholders will be identified during preparation of the assessment report. Communications to them should be clear and concise with a possible one-on-one approach. Compensation for mitigation was raised as an issue.

##### **b) Municipal**

Municipalities need to be met with ASAP. They need to be made aware of the ODWSP, working groups, and how these WGs are structured. Municipal reps need to be added to Municipal meeting agendas when convenient in order that Municipalities stay in the loop. Municipalities will need to be informed as to qualifying areas for ODWSP funding.

The municipal breakout group also discussed strategies for how to keep municipalities informed such as direct correspondence. The Committee Chair suggested that such correspondence should be addressed to the Mayor and Council.

##### **c) Members-at-Large:**

A wide variety of stakeholders are represented by this breakout group. They identified their main stakeholders as stewardship councils, environmental orgs, unorganized hamlets, community groups and discussed ways to make contact with them. They suggested working out better partnerships with local, small-scale community media to keep in touch with communities-at-large, and ways to partner with other groups.

They discussed their ideals and obligations for representations of the members-at-large (use plain language, be courteous and positive, don't be condescending, that there is no such thing as a stupid question).

## **6. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair confirmed the next meeting as June 17, 2008 at the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority office. It was originally set for 9:30 a.m. but subsequently changed to 10:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m. on a motion by Kathy Parker prior to the Committee moving downstairs to attend the Public Consultation Session on the Terms of Reference.

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Barbara Groves, Chair

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Sue Miller, Project Manager