

**MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE NORTH BAY-MATTAWA
SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

9:00 AM, October 15, 2008

Held at North Bay – Mattawa Conservation Authority, 15 Janey Ave, North Bay

1. Administration

a) Meeting called to order @ 9:15 by Chair, Barbara Groves.

b) Attendance

Present:

Chair: Barbara Groves

SPC Members:

Dennis MacDonald

John MacLachlan

Maurice Schlosser

George Onley

Kathy Parker

Roy Warriner

George Stivrins

Lucy Emmott (left 10:20 am)

Ian Kilgour (arrived 9:50 am)

Liaisons: Kate Turner (MOE)

Absent/ Regrets: Peter Jekel (NBPSDHU)

c) No declarations of pecuniary interest declared.

d) Agenda approved

e) Minutes of September 17, 2008 approved

f) Correspondence – none

Chair updated committee on meeting with Widdifield Rate Payers Association. The Project Manager (PM) summarized the group's concerns with Doran Creek and aggregate and peat extraction.

2. Project Manager's Update

There were no questions arising from report. The PM updated the committee on submission of the Terms of Reference (ToR). The ToR will be submitted to the Minister by the Source Protection Authority (SPA) on October 24th. A new resolution from the Municipality of Powassan has been received and will replace the existing resolution. The new resolution includes a list of wells to be included in the well cluster. A work program and cost estimate for the Trout Creek study was received from Peter Richards of Waters Environmental Geosciences Ltd. This will be submitted to the Minister with the ToR. Cost estimates in the ToR are in line with what Peter Richards is proposing.

East Ferris resolution is also included in the ToR but does not comply with requirements of the Clean Water Act. There may be a recommendation from the SPA to remove the resolution.

Discussion followed on the requirements of the Trout Creek study. The PM explained that vulnerable areas will be identified by modeling. Once vulnerable areas have been delineated then threats will be identified within those vulnerable areas. This information will guide the municipality in their planning decisions. Once technical rules are released we will have a better understanding of what the requirements may be.

At this time, Trout Creek residents are not eligible for the ODWSP funding. Minister will have to approve the ToR before the wells there could be a qualifying system.

3a. Source Protection Plan Development

The PM gave a quick overview of source protection plan development using a presentation that was given to the Chairs and PMs at their September meeting. Policy structure, implementation approaches and the policy development process were discussed. The MOE Liaison advised that the information contained is still in draft format and that a paper covering the topic would be posted on the EBR for public comment.

The PM advised that it appears we will be included in SP Areas that must consider the Great Lakes agreement because part of our SP Area drains into the Lake Huron.

Action: The PM to provide copy of the Source Protection Plan Development presentation to SPC members.

3b. Transport Canada – Transportation of Dangerous Goods

The PM presented an overview of Transport Canada's presentation on Ensuring the Safe Transportation of Dangerous Goods. The Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, Emergency Response Assistance Plan and Incidence Response Program were discussed.

Transportation rep Dennis MacDonald has been in contact with ONR and they are on board. He will be in contact with ONR again once more information is available. He has also tried to contact CNR but has received no response at this time.

MOE Liaison added that transportation of dangerous goods is not included in the technical rules as a threat but if the committee identifies that it is a threat then it can be included in the assessment report.

Committee members went on to discuss how to control transportation of dangerous goods on railways and highways within the vulnerable areas. An obvious first step would be to work with municipalities to verify that their emergency response plans consider the implications of spills occurring in vulnerable areas

Action: The PM to circulate the Transport Canada presentation to SPC members.

4. Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program (ODWSP)

Information about the ODWSP was provided to SPC members for review. The PM provided an overview of the ODWSP, including the components of funding (Early Actions, Education and Outreach and Special Projects), eligibility and changes to the program.

Properties within a 2-year time of travel around municipal wells, and/or properties within an intake protection zone-1 (IPZ-1) for municipal surface water intakes that are accepted through municipal council resolution are eligible for funding. Resolutions need to accept either the IPZ-1 or 2-year time of travel, as applicable, for funding purposes only. The MOE Liaison added that funding is available until 2011 and is retroactive back to the day the Clean Water Act was announced. Once assessment reports are complete the ODWSP will change as more information becomes available and threats are identified. The changes will undergo consultation, of which the SPC will have a role in.

Action: The PM to provide a copy of the ODWSP presentation to SPC members

Discussions followed around eligible projects within our vulnerable areas. The SPC recommended putting up signs to alert the public that they are entering a drinking water source protection area. The first priority would be to erect signs on the highways, followed by all municipal roads. Installing signs up at boat launches should also be considered. The possibility of changes to the lagoon system in Callander so that effluent would be discharged to the main basin of Lake Nipissing instead of Callander Bay was discussed as was the feasibility of extending sewer lines to Burford Point.

Action: Staff to look into what other Conservation Authorities have done in terms of signage and provide proposal with available options to SPC at next meeting.

Action: Staff to investigate the feasibility of including a proposal to extend municipal sewer services to the homes within the IPZ-1 in North Bay and in Callander under ODWSP Special Projects funding in their upcoming submission to MOE. Ian Kilgour will provide a cost estimate for extending sewer lines to Anita Avenue.

5. Preparation for Assessment Report Technical Rules and Regulations Training

The Assessment Report Technical Rules and Regulations are scheduled to be released on November 3rd. A summary of the proposed technical rules were provided to SPC members in their meeting package. There were no questions arising from summary.

The training session will be in Sudbury on December 10th, 2008. The PM then explained the group's travel and accommodation arrangements in Sudbury for the training session.

ACTION: Sue to email a link to the online registration form to SPC members.

6. New Business

The Chair handed out a paper entitled Three Steps to Managing Media Interviews and gave a quick overview.

7. NEXT MEETING to be held January 20, 2009 or at the call of the Chair

Proposed future SPC Meeting dates:

February 17, 2009

March 17, 2009

April 21, 2009

May 19, 2009

George Stivrins indicated that he cannot attend the February 17th meeting.

8. Adjourn – 12:07

Barbara Groves, Chair

Sue Miller, Project Manager