

**MINUTES OF THE NINETEENTH MEETING OF THE NORTH BAY-MATTAWA
SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE
9:00 AM, June 25, 2009
Held at the NBMCA Boardroom, 15 Janey Ave, North Bay**

1. Administration

a) Meeting called to order @ 9:00 am by Chair, Barbara Groves.

b) Attendance

S P C	Staff and Liaisons	Regrets
Barbara Groves, Chair	Sue Miller, Manager DWSP	Ian Kilgour (SPC)
Lucy Emmott	Kristen Green, Water Resources Specialist DWSP	John MacLachlan (SPC)
Dennis MacDonald	Bronya Cuddy-Gregg, NBMCA Communications Advisor	
George Onley	Heather Malcomson (attending for MOE Liaison)	
Maurice Schlosser	Chuck Poltz (sub. for NBDHU Liaison)	
George Stivrins		
Roy Warriner		

c) Declarations of pecuniary interest declared. - None

d) Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve the Agenda with amendment to include address to the SPC by Phillip Penna was made by Dennis MacDonald, seconded by Kathy Parker.

Carried

e) Approval of May 26, 2009 Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of the SPC Meeting dated May 26, 2009 was made by Kathy Parker and seconded by Maurice Schlosser.

Carried

f) Correspondence

A cover letter was received from Ian Smith, Director, Source Protection Programs Branch, Ministry of Environment dated June 1, 2009 for the document Source Protection Plans Under the Clean Water Act, 2006. A Discussion Paper for the Development of Future Regulations on Source Protection Plans, made under the Clean Water Act, 2006. There were no questions arising.

2. Phillip Penna

Mr. Penna is a resident of the Ski Club Road area of North Bay who presented some concerns he has to the Source Protection Committee regarding threats to water quality in Delaney Bay. A summary of the presentation prepared by Mr. Penna may be obtained by contacting the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority.

3. Environmental Farm Plan

PM discussed the opportunity to sponsor a workshop on how to prepare an Environmental Farm Plan for interested area farmers, SPC members, and program staff. Such workshops are intended to improve compliance with the Nutrient Management Act. It was suggested that further discussion await the availability of SPC member John MacLachlan who is quite knowledgeable about the program.

4. Municipal Technical Studies and Project Manager's Update

- a) **South River:** Presentation of the draft technical study was made to the working group; peer review identified a number of concerns – currently awaiting response from the consultants. Presentation to the SPC and public of a revised report has been postponed until further notice.
- b) **Powassan Tech study:** The consultant's analysis of the vulnerability of the municipal wells included development of a model of groundwater flow to the wells. The results indicated that neither well is GUDI (groundwater under direct influence). However it has been recommended that the municipality implement a program to analyze the raw water chemistry; such data would be valuable in better understanding the source. The municipality has been informed and is amenable.

Peter Steele, a resident on Stillars Road, raised some issues regarding activities occurring near his home but the property in question is quite far removed from the area of study and the wellhead protection area.

- c) **Mattawa:** Remaining data gaps include the fact that the municipality cannot absolutely rule out the existence of septic systems in the area although there has never been any indication of contamination in the raw water and residents have been paying sewage treatment charges since installation of the lines over forty years ago.
- d) **Callander:** No discussion.
- e) **North Bay:** The new Drinking Water Treatment Plant which uses membrane filtration will address any previous raw water quality concerns. There was concern expressed about low attendance at the public meeting at the library and a suggestion that future events could be promoted using a poster on the bulletin board there. The intense schedule of SPC and public meetings over the last eight weeks has demanded full attention from staff.

5. Source Protection Planning Discussion Paper and Dry-run Exercise

The Source Protection Planning discussion paper is to be released on Friday, June 26. The Ministry of Environment has requested that SP Committees each undertake a dry-run exercise to try working with the intended provisions of the planning regulation and provide feedback on their experiences. The Committee will be notified

if an additional meeting is required. The discussion paper will be distributed to the Committee when it is received.

6. NEXT MEETING to be held on September 23rd, 2009 at 9:00 a.m., at the NBMCA.

7. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 1 PM on a motion by Dennis McDonald and seconded by Maurice Schlosser

Barbara Groves, Chair

Sue Miller, Project Manager