

**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING OF THE NORTH BAY-MATTAWA
SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE
9:15 AM, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2010
Held at the NBMCA Boardroom, 15 Janey Ave., North Bay**

1. Administration

a) Meeting called to order @ 9:17 am by Chair, Barbara Groves.

b) Attendance

S P C	Staff and Liaisons	Regrets
Barbara Groves, Chair	Sue Miller, Manager DWSP	Maurice Schlosser, SPC
Lucy Emmott	Rob Pringle, Source Protection Planner	
Ian Kilgour	Francis Gallo, Water Resources Specialist (11:50 to end)	
Dennis MacDonald		
John MacLachlan	Neil Gervais (MOE Liaison)	
George Onley	Chuck Poltz (NBPSDHU Liaison)	
George Stivrins*		
Roy Warriner		
* By Phone per committee policy 3.2		

* George Stivrins participated by phone at the commencement of the meeting for section 1 including discussion of the motion described in 1(h).

c) Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – None

d) Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve Agenda as Distributed made by Ian Kilgour, seconded by Dennis MacDonald.
Carried

e) Approval of Minutes of January 24, 2010 SPC Meeting

Motion to Approve Minutes as circulated made by John MacLachlan, seconded by Dennis MacDonald.
Carried

f) Acceptance of Record of Trout Creek Public consultation: February 4, 2010

Motion to Approve Minutes as circulated made by Dennis MacDonald, seconded by Roy Warriner.
Carried

h) Motion to consult with absent members about a motion being made later in the meeting with the support of phone-in participation.

Communicating by phone with George Stivrins to accept a motion that a temporary measure be enacted which would allow for Maurice and George S. to be consulted after the meeting to gain consensus for a motion made under agenda item 4 concerning transportation corridors.

Motion made by Dennis MacDonald, seconded by John MacLachlan.
Carried

i) Correspondence

Official Notice was received from Ian Smith, Director, Source Protection Programs Branch, Ministry of Environment, that the due date for submission of our Proposed Assessment Report has been extended to July 28, 2010. The members received this notice via email. A hard copy was received by staff and the Chair.

2. Project Manager's Report

Sue Miller presented the contents of her report which was distributed to the committee in the meeting package. She noted that work on the Assessment Report is continuing with input from the Committee helping to determine the format and emphasis on readability and severability. Work on the Technical Studies is being completed, and meetings will be held with the technical advisory committees when draft reports are received. The replacement of a municipal representative is still coming along; there has been some interest from Papineau-Cameron in submitting a name. The closing date for submissions from municipalities is February 26, 2010.

Action Items resulting from discussion of items:

- > George Onley would appreciate having the contact information of those involved in the Callander Watershed Advisory Group, so he knows who is on the committee and can make a point to discuss issues with them.

3. Presentation: Draft Regulation Amendments for Source Protection Plan (MOE)

Neil Gervais, MOE liaison, provided a presentation on the proposed revisions to the General Regulation to accommodate the planning phase of the program. The presentation was designed to inform the committees of the avenues that will be available to form the plan.

Neil will be providing a copy of the presentation with revisions to the talking points for circulation to the committee. A short summary of committee questions or comments on this presentation is attached to these minutes. Most of the questions were addressed during the meeting.

Neil extended an invitation to committee members to attend consultation on the draft regulation amendments on March 5 in Sudbury. Barbara Groves, Dennis MacDonald (Transportation) and perhaps Maurice Schlosser (Agriculture), along with staff will represent the SPC. It is suggested that there be a unified comment from the committee, but quantity of individual comments is also helpful to the process.

4. Resolution received from the Trout Lake Watershed Advisory Committee

A motion was made at recent Trout Lake Watershed Advisory Committee meeting that requests that the Source Protection Committee work towards recognition of transportation corridors as threats under the currently available method. The proposed approach involves identifying the most hazardous chemicals in several categories which could be transported, and then assessing the threats potentially posed. The transportation corridors themselves are not threats, rather the activity of transporting hazardous materials and the potential for release to source water in the event of a spill will be the focus.

Motion to accept the resolution of the Trout Lake Watershed Advisory Committee and to respond by pursuing identification and assessment of the threat posed by transportation of hazardous materials along corridors in vulnerable areas for inclusion within the Assessment Report for the North Bay – Mattawa Source Protection Area made by John MacLachlan, seconded by Roy Warriner. **Carried and approved by absent members per motion (Item 1(h)).**

Action Items:

- Neil to advise staff, Chair and Transportation member on the process to move forward .
- Staff to acquire relevant information on contaminants possibly from Emergency Response committees or transportation contacts.
- Keep Maeve/Neil (MOE Liaisons) informed.
- Committee members should provide comment on the Draft Amended Regulation to include Corridor Threats as a possible issue in the Plan without having to complete the Assessment Report threats identification. Staff will continue to pursue the Assessment Report route in order to meet current requirements.

5. New Business

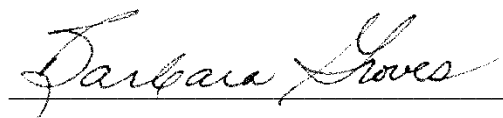
Lucy Emmott requested that at some point in the near future that the Committee could be advised of relevant documents which should be kept as individual files. Lucy notes that the contents of the original source protection committee binders are mostly out of date and it is becoming confusing when reference to documents is given out of context.

Our Ministry of Environment Liaison Neil Gervais has had to extend the period which he will be absent, and confirmed that our acting liaison will be Maeve McHugh. Neil will be out of office from March 1 to April 9, returning to the office on Monday, April 12, 2010.

6. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.
Motion to adjourn by Lucy Emmott.

Carried.



Barbara Groves, Chair



Sue Miller, Project Manager

Questions arising from MOE Presentation to NBM Source Protection Committee
February 18, 2010 by Neil Gervais

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Sue M. questioned the wording “if and where advisable” – what is the difference between those and “optional” policies, and why was it included below the mandatory side of the slide?

Response: If and where advisable means that the committee has heard public comment and deems that a moderate or low threat has merit in being planned for. Thus the committee should recognize those threats and prepare to make policy in the plan.

Ian K.: **Who pays for incentive programs if the SPC directs it?** Ian is concerned that the municipality will not be in favour of being told it needs to be spending money from an external committee. If the SPC chooses to recommend incentive programs, it should be done in consultation with the CAO of whichever municipality.

If the committee wants to put something in, that’s their choice, but it would be binding on the municipality to implement it (enforceable). Not sure about the funding, but the suggestion for consultation is a good one.

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- We do have an idea of what our significant threats are, we haven’t pulled together a final listing yet, but the technical studies give a list of threats and can start to investigate management and prohibition strategies.
- Ian reinforces that if a use is prohibited outright and is existing, there must be compensation for the landowner/user.
 - Neil responds that prohibition is the absolute last resort, and existing uses are better managed through risk management planning and other measures.

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A member sought clarification on how “public bodies” is defined.

Generally any Agency, Municipality, Ministry or government organization is a public body.

Note made that strategic/incentive policies work well with a limited budget.

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Who are the negotiations between?

The Proponent and whoever is assigned as a risk management official, who will likely be a municipal official.