

**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING OF THE NORTH BAY-MATTAWA
SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE
10:00 AM, THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2010
Held at the NBMCA Boardroom, 15 Janey Ave., North Bay**

1. Administration

a) Meeting called to order @ 10:24 AM by Chair, Barbara Groves.

b) Attendance

S P C	Staff and Liaisons	Regrets
Barbara Groves, Chair	Sue Miller, Manager DWSP	Lucy Emmott, SPC
Ian Kilgour	Rob Pringle, Source Protection Planner	Neil Gervais, MOE Liaison
Dennis MacDonald	Francis Gallo, Water Resources Specialist	
John MacLachlan	Sue Buckle, Communications Advisor	
George Onley		
Maurice Schlosser	Chuck Poltz (NBPSDHU Liaison)	
George Stivrins (to 11:30)		
Laurier Therrien		
Roy Warriner		

c) Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – None

d) Approval of Agenda

Dennis MacDonald asked to provide for discussion under item 1.f).

Motion to Approve Agenda as Amended made by Dennis MacDonald, seconded by George Stivrins.

Carried

e) Approval of Minutes of February 18, 2010 SPC Meeting

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

Carried

f) Acceptance of Record of Trout Creek public consultation: March 11, 2010

Discussion related to report contents rather than the record of events. Comments supported having a public record of the concern of rail corridors within Trout Creek (and past spills) and the need to ground truth the locations of dug wells.

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

Carried

i) Correspondence

The committee was reminded of the correspondence from Ian Smith regarding federal lands. The committee should make policy for all lands regardless of the landowner, but instead focused on the land use activity.

2. Project Manager's Report

a) Public Consultation

Sue was approached by Heather Busch, Councilor for Callander about a conflict of our scheduled Consultation with the Municipality's regular council meeting. The date of our consultation session will need to be revised and would have to fall later in the week, most likely on Thursday.

Public Notices for consultations should also detail the purpose of the Public Meeting, to ensure that members of the public are aware that a meeting held in one community will contain information relating to all 6 systems and their contributing areas.

b) Replacement of Municipal Rep

Laurier Therrien was approved as a member of the committee by the SPA on March 24, representing the Township of Papineau-Cameron. He joined today's meeting.

c) Corridor Threats

The committee expressed concern over the requirements to approve of Technical Studies which do not incorporate the identified Transportation Corridors as Threats. Much conversation has been generated around this issue, and it is not acceptable from the committee's standpoint to ignore the concern and advice of members of the public and working groups to identify these corridors as significant threats to drinking water quality. The transportation representative has consulted with the Ontario Northland Railway and has an understanding with that organization that they are looking forward to working with the Source Protection Committee to develop improved management practices where required.

The committee expressed a desire to support other committees who are pursuing the same threats designations.

Motion:

This committee will have respect to the parameters which have been legislated and regulated for the Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan, but, where in the opinion of the committee, that activities should be identified as threats, the North Bay-Mattawa Source Protection Committee will pursue an appropriate means to have that threat identified within the Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan.

Made by Ian Kilgour, Seconded by Dennis MacDonald.

Carried.

Motion:

That the text of the previous motion be circulated to the Chairs and Committees of each Source Protection Committee.

Made by John MacLachlan, Seconded by George Stivrins.

Carried.

f) Presentation to City of North Bay Council

The committee expressed that communications to the Municipal Councils and Staff need to be strengthened to provide clarity and adequately prepare them for their role in the Plan implementation process. Ian Kilgour recommended that each Council should be given the opportunity to hear directly from the Chair and Project Manager between the posting of the the Draft Assessment Report and the Public Consultation Session. The Project Manager and Planner are following up with those arrangements. The committee members expressed interest in being present at any of these presentations.

Ian Kilgour added comments which were expressed in the consultation session on the draft regulation changes for source protection plans. His concerns were that the municipalities would not be given an effective amount of notice for amendments to plans. The councils must be engaged in the process to promote implementation in their communities.

g) Implications of Microcystin Issue in Callander Bay

Committee sought clarification on the limits of the included area. Sue Miller clarified that the issue identification process includes any source of phosphorous within 120 m of any contributing stream or watercourse (IPZ-3) to Callander Bay. Every potential source of phosphorous is identified, though the phosphorous budget process will provide the ability to remove sources from the significant threats inventory which do not contribute a significant amount of phosphorous. It is also probable that naturally occurring levels of phosphorous in the sediment bed contribute to the phosphorous loading of Callander Bay.

The concern now should be to educate all of the affected land users which are identified, and explain how our next steps will manage the issue.

3. Corridor Threats status update

Francis Gallo provided an update on the work that has been completed on the prescribed process for threats identification so far. He has been able to get a list of substances which are transported along the rail line by Ontario Northland Railway (ONR), but has yet to find any chemicals or pathogens which have a contaminant score of 10 required to pose a significant threat to the intake (vulnerability 8, combined factor needs to be 80 to be significant).

4. Development of Plan Policy

Rob Pringle provided some alternatives for training and participation to the committee to gain an understanding of their desired role in the Policy making process. It was agreed that the committee would benefit greatly from an intense policy training seminar, but that there would be a reliance on staff for the draft work. The training would provide the committee with the ability to effectively analyze the materials which are put before them.

5. New Business

The committee expressed interest in two meetings per month, and include some working lunches to accomplish tasks.

6. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Maurice Schlosser.

Carried.

Original signed by:

Barbara Groves, Chair

Original signed by:

Sue Miller, Project Manager