



MINUTES OF THE FORTY-SIXTH REGULAR LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Forty-Sixth Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on Wednesday, August 3, 2011, at the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Boardroom. The Chairman called the Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Hartley, Chairman
Ken McWhirter, Vice Chairman
Bernie Kamphof
Jim Vukmanich
Paul McAlister
Robert Stewart
Guy Jarvis
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MEMBERS ABSENT:

Hartley Multamaki
Ross Chuchman

LIAISON MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mervi Henttonen, LRCA General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Katie Fairman, Ministry of Environment (MOE) Liaison Officer
Chris Beveridge, Thunder Bay District Health Unit Liaison

ALSO PRESENT:

Julie Beach, Source Water Protection Manager
Neal Zago, Source Protection Communications Officer
Tammy Cook, LRCA Watershed Manager
Roman Augustyn, Source Protection GIS Specialist
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1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA BY CONSENSUS

Agenda adopted by consensus.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Forty-Fifth Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, July 6, 2011, were adopted by consensus.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS AGENDA

It was noted that if a fuel tanker truck is parked on someone's property within WHPA-A, it is considered a local threat request and therefore outside the scope of policies that can be written at this time. An updated Assessment Report would be required.

It was noted the Ministry of the Environment has advised us that using Education and Outreach as a method of prohibition may be difficult to justify and may cause a delay for our Source Protection Plan approval process.

It was noted that a homeowner spreading manure on their garden is not regarded as the application of agricultural source material.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) File: Web Sense – Tools to Engage Residents in Decision and Policy Making

For information purposes, the Committee was provided with a magazine article titled "Web Sense" regarding the use of traditional and social media to encourage residents about new water policies.

(b) File: Ontario First Nations Pilot Project to Improve Drinking Water Quality

For information purposes, the Committee was provided with an email regarding collaboration between the federal and provincial governments titled "Canada-Ontario First Nations Pilot to Improve Drinking Water Quality"

(c) File: Canadian Oil Heat Association – Ontario Chapter

For information purposes, the Committee was provided with a letter from the Canadian Oil Heat Association offering assistance on policy development for the Source Protection Process. Based on the best available knowledge, staff are not aware of any oil heating tanks in WHPA-A.

(d) File: Back Off Government: What Municipal Lawyers Need to Know About Crown Patents

For information purposes, the Committee was provided with the articles "Back Off Governments: What Municipal Lawyers Need to Know About Crown Patents" and "Infringed rights can lead to suit".

(e) File: Coordinated Industry Association Consultation

For information purposes, the Committee was provided with documents created by Conservation Ontario to be sent to various industries.

6. SOURCE PROTECTION PLANNING

Source Protection Plan Policies

For review and input by the Committee, several draft existing and future threat policies were presented at the Meeting during a power point presentation.

It was noted that the Committee will require more information on policy options before they can make decisions on the policies presented.

The Committee Members will have the opportunity to review these policies again prior to their release for Pre-Consultation with elected officials and stakeholder groups.

Source Protection Plan Advisory Committee (SPPAC)

It was noted that the Source Water Protection Manager and Communications Officer participated in a SPPAC teleconference on July 21, 2011. The power point presentation and Minutes from the teleconference were provided to the Committee.

It was noted that our timeline for the reporting of comments from elected representatives and stakeholder groups may be delayed.

Local Municipal Planning Working Group Meeting

On Wednesday July 20th, the Local Municipal Planning Working Group met to review policy options that have been created. The Agenda and policy package were in circulation at the Meeting.

It was noted that the Meeting was beneficial to the Municipalities and their planners because it lets them know what stage the Staff is at, informs them of the policies that have been developed to date and allows them to receive clarification from the Ministry of the Environment.

Policy Development Meetings

On Friday July 29th, The Source Protection Manager and Communications Officer met with Jamie Cressman, CAO/Clerk for the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge.

It was noted that policy options were discussed as well as the Wellhead Protection Area Road Sign placement.

The Municipality is open to the potential policy option that would require them to adopt a Salt Management Plan. Within this Salt Management Plan, they will address the issues of the storage of salt and snow.

Northern Ontario Conservation Authorities

For information purposes, the Committee was provided the link to the Minutes from the previous Mattagami and Sault St. Marie Source Protection Region SPC Meetings.

7. SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Update from Ministry of Environment (MOE) Liaison Officer

None.

8. SOURCE PROTECTION PROJECT UPDATES

Source Protection Planning Fact Sheet

For information purposes, the Committee was provided with a Source Protection Planning Fact Sheet developed by Conservation Ontario.

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program

It was noted that two homeowners within WHPA-A have already installed their septic systems and received their reimbursements. It is expected that more septic systems will be installed throughout the rest of the construction season.

Updated Source Protection Plan Writing Timeline and Calendar

An updated Source Protection Plan Writing and Approval Timeline and calendar were provided to the Committee. Important dates have not changed.

9. WATER RELATED ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

Lake Superior Lakewide Management Plan 2011 Annual Report

For information purposes, the Committee was provided with the Lake Superior Lakewide Management Plan Annual Report 2011, provided by the Great Lakes Division of Environment Canada.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Members were advised that the incumbent in the Source Water Protection Administrative Assistant contract position has resigned. The vacant position has been filled.

11. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, September 7, 2011.

12. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 6:07 p.m.