

MINUTES OF THE SIXTY FIRST REGULAR LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the sixty first Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on Wednesday, December 2, 2015, at the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority. The Chair called the Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Hartley, Chair
Ken McWhirter, Vice Chair
Bernie Kamphof
Jim Vukmanich
Guy Jarvis
Ross Chuchman
Hartley Multamaki
Paul McAlister

LIAISON MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mervi Henttonen, LRCA General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Mary Wooding, MOECC (via telephone)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lucy Kloosterhuis
Rob Stewart

LIAISON MEMBER ABSENT:

Lee Sieswerda, TBDHU

ALSO PRESENT:

Tammy Cook, Watershed Manager
Roman Augustyn GIS/Data Specialist, recorder of Minutes

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA BY CONSENSUS

Agenda adopted by consensus.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Sixtieth Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, were adopted by consensus.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS AGENDA

Great Lakes Protection Act

It was noted that the *Great Lakes Protection Act* was passed on October 7, 2015, which is legislation aimed at keeping the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River clean, as well as protect and restore the waterways that flow into them. It was also noted that a Great Lakes Guardians' Council which will provide a collaborative forum for discussing and gaining input on issues and priorities relating to the Great Lakes has not been established yet.

5. SOURCE PROTECTION PROGRAM

Approved Source Protection Plans

It was noted that to date twenty-one of the twenty-two Source Protection Plans had been approved.

Director – Source Protection Programs Branch, MOECC

It was noted that Heather Malcolmson is currently serving as the Acting Director of the MOECC Source Protection Branch.

Source Protection Funding

It was noted that the current funding Agreement expires on March 31, 2016. MOECC cannot commit to multiyear funding; therefore, funding is unknown from year to year. The current 2015/2016 budget is \$89,508.08, which includes: staff time, overhead, SPC costs, staff travel to meetings and information management costs (i.e. GIS software, website, etc.). The total staffing level is 0.7 full time equivalents (FTE), which results in: 0.1 FTE (0.5 days per week) Watershed Manager, 0.2 FTE (1 day per week) Administrative Assistant and 0.4 FTE (2 days per week) GIS/Data Specialist.

Joint Advisory Committee

The Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) completed a summary of key messages that was provided to the Assistant Deputy Minister of the MOECC regarding steady state, funding, role of Source Protection Committees, climate change, *Great Lakes Protection Act*, work plans, program gaps/needs, stewardship, communications, *Conservation Authorities Act* review and next steps.

Teleconference – MOECC and CA General Managers and SPA Chairs

It was noted that on November 6th, 2015, the SPA Chair, General Manager/ Secretary-Treasurer and Watershed Manager participated in a teleconference to discuss the Source Water Protection Program. Discussion centred on MOECC funding into the future, what steady state of the

program will mean, etc. It was noted that 100% funding will be required in the future for the program to continue.

Chair's and Project Manager's Meeting

It was noted that the SPC Chair and Watershed Manager, attended the Chair's and Project Manager's Meeting that took place in Toronto on October 26 and 27, 2015. The main points from the Meeting included: the MOECC intends to have all Plans approved by the end of 2015; the SWP program is not at steady state yet, but should be there in one to two years; MOECC is currently undertaking a review of O. Reg. 903; MOECC is working on developing the annual report template for SPA annual reports; Province is reviewing the *Aggregate Resource Act*; Provincial Ministries are preparing to incorporate Source Protection into their prescribed instrument processes; the SWP technical framework is beginning to be reviewed by MOECC; Section 36 Orders were discussed; amendments to O. Reg. 288/07 regarding SPCs were discussed; and the MOECC interactive mapping tool should be available to the public in the near future.

6. SOURCE PROTECTION IMPLEMENTATION

Real Estate Agent Fact Sheet

It was noted that Conservation Ontario produced a Fact Sheet entitled "Drinking Water Source Protection in Ontario: What Every Real Estate Agent Should Know".

Septic System Brochure

It was noted that the LRCA received 200 copies of a brochure entitled "Your Septic System: Protecting Your Investment and the Environment". The brochure is part of the Source Water Protection Education and Outreach Resource Catalogue. The brochure is available for pick up at the LRCA office.

Source Protection Municipal Implementation Fund (SPMIF)

It was noted that the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge along with the majority of municipalities that received Source Protection Implementation Funding have requested a one year extension to the original Agreements. Staff participated in a webinar regarding the funding on August 26, 2015 with staff from Oliver Paipoonge.

Section 36 Order

The original approval letter for the Lakehead Source Protection Plan did not specify a date for the next required update to the Plan. It was noted that a Section 36 Order was received from the MOECC on October 13, 2015. By November 30, 2017 the SPA will have to supply a workplan to the MOECC on how and when the Source Protection Plan will be updated.

A question was raised regarding the legal and financial implications of not adhering to the Section 36 Order if there were no funding. Staff will seek clarification from the MOECC.

7. SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Changes to O. Reg. 288/07 – Source Protection Committees

It was noted that the Minister of the MOECC has approved amending Ontario Regulation 310/15

which amends Ontario Regulation 288/07 (Source Protection Committees). The amendment addresses the expiry of SPC members and recruiting requirements, enables smaller committee sizes, as well as removes regulatory provisions that were out of date.

It was noted that the SPA has indicated that they will be reducing the current SPC membership from 9 to 6. The Lakehead SPC membership expires January 1, 2018; however, replacement will be undertaken in 2016. Current SPC Members will be required to re-apply through the formal process as outlined in the Act, as re-appointment is not permitted. Members will be kept informed of the process and requirements to re-apply.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

It was noted that a letter was received from Minister Murray responding to the SPA Chair's letter regarding the SPC replacement process.

It was noted that the "Rosslyn Village Subdivision Well Supply – 2014/2015 Annual Inspection Report" was released.

It was noted that the MOECC Chief Drinking Water Inspector had released the "Annual Report 2013-2014".

It was noted that the Ontario Farmer published a Letter to Editor in response to comments made regarding SPC members.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Copies of the MOECC SPA annual reporting templates were distributed.

10. OPEN DISCUSSION

It was noted that Thunder Bay Terminals is removing their underground coal conveyor.

The Port Authority is exploring the feasibility of oil marine transport of Alberta Oil.

11. NEXT MEETING

The date for the next meeting has not yet been scheduled.

12. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS

Meeting adjourned by consensus.