

MINUTES OF THE SIXTIETH REGULAR LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the sixtieth Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on Wednesday, March 11, 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
Lucy Kloosterhuis
Rob Stewart

LIAISON MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Paul McAlister

LIAISON MEMBER ABSENT:

Lee Sieswerda, TBDHU

ALSO PRESENT:

Tammy Cook, Watershed Manager
Roman Augustyn GIS/Data Specialist

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA BY CONSENSUS

Agenda adopted by consensus.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Fifty-Ninth Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, November 19, 2014, were adopted by consensus.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS AGENDA

2014 Report of the Auditor General of Ontario

It was noted that the Office of the Auditor General of Ontario released their 2014 Audit Report on December 9, 2014, which included an audit of the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC). The audit included ten recommendations regarding the Source Protection Program, which the MOECC will be reviewing and addressing.

5. SOURCE PROTECTION PLANNING

Implementing Bodies Annual Reports

It was noted that the two Implementing Bodies of the Lakehead Source Protection Plan are required to complete and submit Annual Reports by February 1 of each year to the Source Protection Authority (SPA). The Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge submitted their second Annual Report on January 27, 2015 and the Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU) submitted their Annual Report on January 23, 2015.

Oliver Paipoonge completed their Salt Management Plan on September 22, 2014, as required in the SPP. The TBDHU has completed inspections of seven of the 25 septic systems that require re-inspection as required in the SPP.

It was concluded that both implementing bodies have met the requirements of the Plan to date.

Consensus was reached by the SPC to forward the reports to the SPA.

Education and Outreach Webinar

It was noted that Staff and representatives from Oliver Paipoonge and the City of Thunder Bay will be participating in a Source Protection Education and Outreach webinar hosted by the MOECC on Thursday March 12, 2015.

Approved Source Protection Plans

It was noted that to date fourteen of the twenty-two Source Protection Plans have been approved. Mary Wooding, the MOECC Liaison stated that MOECC is committed to approving rest of the Plans by the end of 2015.

Chair's and Project Manager's Meeting

It was noted that the Chair and Tammy Cook, Watershed Manager, attended the Chair's and Project Manager's Meeting that took place in Toronto on March 2 and 3, 2015. The main points at the Meeting included: the MOECC plans to have all Plans approved by the end of 2015; the annual reporting template is being developed; the MOECC will be reporting back to the Auditor within two years; MOECC is working on a strategy for future updates or amendments to Assessment Reports and Source Protection Plans; after initial Plan approval by the Director, all subsequent plan updates and amendments must be approved by the Minister; municipalities who operate drinking water systems not covered under the *Clean Water Act* can utilize a variety of other Acts to protect drinking water without having to undertake the entire Source Protection process.

2014/2015 Funding Update

It was noted that the current funding agreement with the MOECC ends on March 31, 2015. A budget request has been submitted for the next funding period (i.e. April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016).

2014 Annual Report on Drinking Water

It was noted that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change released the "2014 Annual Report on Drinking Water".

Proposed Amendments to the Municipal Engineers Association Class Environmental Assessment Document

It was noted that Conservation Ontario provided comments to the MOECC regarding proposed amendments to the Municipal Engineers Association Class Environmental Assessment Document. The comments emphasize the need to ensure that Source Protection Authorities/Conservation Authorities are consulted during the process to assess impacts to Source Protection areas.

Great Lakes Protection Act

It was noted that on February 19, 2015 the Provincial Government re-introduced the proposed *Great Lakes Protection Act* with the main focus being: to help fight climate change, reduce harmful algal blooms, protect wetlands and coastal areas, monitor and report on the health Great Lakes and establish a Great Lakes Guardian Council comprised of multiple stakeholders, including conservation authorities.

Suggestion was made that the LRCA being the only Conservation Authority on the western tip of Lake Superior should be appointed to have a role on the Guardian Council. It was also noted that a separate Guardian Council should be created for each of the Great Lakes.

The MOECC Liaison stated that MOECC does not yet have a specific timeline concerning the *Great Lakes Protection Act*.

6. SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

2015 SPC Directory

The 2015 SPC Directory listing was provided to SPC members.

SPC Replacements and/or Reappointments

It was noted that at the November 26, 2014 LRCA Board Meeting the Source Protection Authority passed Resolution 154/14 in which the current membership of the Source Protection Committee is appointed until such time as the replacement requirements in the *Clean Water Act* and O. Reg. 288/07 have been fulfilled.

The City of Thunder Bay has re-appointed Ken McWhirter and Jim Vukmanich to the Source Protection Committee for a term of four years expiring on November 30, 2018 and the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge has re-appointed Lucy Kloosterhuis to the Source Protection Committee for a term of four years expiring in December 2018.

The MOECC has brought forward recommended changes to the Assistant Deputy Minister for a possible Regulation Amendment, which may change the requirements related to SPC Member replacement. The replacement process will be initiated when warranted.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

It was noted that Credit Valley Conservation was one of the recipients of the 2013 Minister's Award for Environmental Excellence recognizing their efforts retrofitting a parking lot at the IMAX headquarters in Mississauga to reduce the stress on municipal storm water infrastructure and protect drinking water.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. OPEN DISCUSSION

None.

10. NEXT MEETING

The date for the next meeting has not yet been scheduled. The next meeting is contingent on funds being provided by MOECC.

11. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS

Meeting adjourned by consensus.