

MINUTES OF THE SIXTY SECOND REGULAR LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the sixty second Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, 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
Ross Chuchman
Hartley Multamaki
Paul McAlister
Lucy Kloosterhuis

LIAISON MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rob Stewart
Guy Jarvis

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 Sixty First Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, December 2, 2015, were adopted by consensus.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS AGENDA

It was noted that that a response was received from the MOECC Liaison Office related to a Member question regarding the legal and financial implications of not complying with a Section 36 Order. The response outlined and explained all legal steps the Minister may take in accordance with relevant sections of the *Clean Water Act*.

It was also noted that to date the SPA has completed all required tasks as mandated by the Act.

5. SOURCE PROTECTION PROGRAM

Approved Source Protection Plans

It was noted that to date all twenty-two Source Protection Plans had been approved by the MOECC.

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.

It was also noted that Staff have submitted a draft budget to the MOECC for the 2016/2017 fiscal year for their consideration. The request included 0.75 full time equivalent (FTE), which results in 0.15 FTE Watershed Manager, 0.2 FTE Administrative Assistant and 0.4 FTE GIS/Data Specialist. The Watershed Manager FTE was increased to account for additional time required to complete the first annual report to the MOECC and oversee the SPC replacement process. The requested budget totaled \$91,788.20. The draft budget had not been approved at the time of Agenda preparation.

New MOECC Source Water Protection Interactive Map

It was noted that the MOECC has launched an interactive map that provides users the ability to search addresses to determine whether or not they are within a vulnerable area that is close to a municipal drinking water well or intake. A link has been added to the Lakehead Source Water Protection website www.sourceprotection.net and the interactive map can be accessed at the following link: <http://www.applications.ene.gov.on.ca/swp/en/index.php>. The GIS/Data Specialist did a live presentation showing examples of how to search for a parcel with physical address and what information is provided by the site.

It was suggested that interested parties (e.g. lawyers) should be notified about this tool and Municipalities could include the link to the MOECC web tool on their website or in newsletters and brochures.

Chair's and Project Manager's Meeting

It was noted that the Watershed Manager and the Chair of the Source Protection Committee will be attending the Chair's Meeting on March 30 and 31st, 2016, which will be held in Toronto.

6. SOURCE PROTECTION IMPLEMENTATION

Implementing Bodies Annual Reports

It was noted that the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge submitted their third Annual Report on January 28, 2016. Also, their updated Official Plan is currently being reviewed by Municipal Affairs and Housing and it is anticipated that the Zoning by-law will be updated in 2016 after the Official Plan is approved.

It was noted that the Thunder Bay District Health Unit submitted their Annual Report on January 19, 2016. It was also noted that an additional six mandatory inspections have been completed in 2015, bringing the total to 13 of the 25 systems located in WHPA-A. An additional 12 must be inspected by June 16, 2016, which the Health Unit has reported will be completed by the deadline. All inspected systems are reported as functioning normally with no evidence of system malfunction.

Staff have reviewed the reports and concluded that the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge and the Thunder Bay District Health Unit have met the requirements of the Plan to date.

First Annual Lakehead Source Protection Plan Report

It was noted that the first annual progress report has been prepared for submission by the Lakehead SPA for the period of October 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015, which covers the period from when the Source Protection Plan became effective to the receipt of two annual reports from the Source Protection Plan's implementing bodies.

In addition to the Annual Report, "Reportables and Performance Measures for Source Protection" spreadsheet and Policy Implementation Tracking Tool which were provided by the MOECC, were completed that provide a summary of reportable data which the Ministry can utilize in the completion of the Ministers annual report. Staff are requesting that all SPC written comments, reflecting how the report meets the objective of the plan, are received by April 3, 2016 for submission in the Annual Report. Staff will be presenting the final Annual Report to the SPA for adoption at the April 27, 2016 Board Meeting. Final comments or edits will be incorporated into the report with submission prior to May 1, 2016.

It was also noted that the provided annual reporting MOECC templates should not be changed from year to year, as they are for the funding application process, as this adds a lot of additional staff effort and time to prepare them.

7. SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

SPC Member Replacement

It was noted that subject to budget approval, the Source Protection Committee replacement process will be undertaken during 2016, with the new Committee in place prior to the next SPC Meeting which is tentatively scheduled for December (subject to funding). The SPA will be proceeding with reducing the SPC membership from 9 to 6. The Chair appointment ends on August 20, 2016. The Chair noted that he had re-applied.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

It was noted that the MOECC Chief Drinking Water Inspector released the "Annual Report 2014-2015".

It was noted that the MOECC has released the Minister's Annual Report on Drinking Water 2015.

Discussion occurred on the received notification related to the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin, Sustainable Water Resources Agreement, Waukesha Water Diversion Proposal and Regional Review, related to an application from the City of Waukesha for an exemption to allow an out of basin water diversion that potentially could set a precedent to allow out of basin water diversions. It was noted that the Chair of the LRCA submitted comments not supporting the application. It was decided that the Chair of the SPC would also submit comments opposing the application.

9. NEW BUSINESS

It was noted that Staff received an email from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs reporting that between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015, no new ASM Nutrient Management Strategies or NASM plans were approved by the OMAFRA within the Lakehead Region Source Protection Area.

It was noted that City of Thunder Bay released the 2015 Annual Report on Drinking Water Quality.

10. OPEN DISCUSSION

None.

11. NEXT MEETING

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

12. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 5:15 pm.