



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

Minutes of the Forty-Ninth Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on Wednesday, November 2, 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
Ross Chuchman
Hartley Multamaki
Robert Stewart
Guy Jarvis

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Veikko Long

LIAISON MEMBERS PRESENT:

Katie Fairman, Ministry of Environment (MOE) Liaison Officer
Chris Beveridge, Thunder Bay District Health Unit Liaison

LIAISON MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mervi Henttonen, LRCA General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

ALSO PRESENT:

Julie Beach, Source Water Protection Manager
Neal Zago, Source Protection Communications Officer
Syl Menic, Menic Planning
Tammy Cook, LRCA Watershed Manager

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-Eighth Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, September 7, 2011, were adopted by consensus.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS AGENDA

It was noted that there has been no addition to the Smirfit Stone Plant's Permit to Take Water File since it expired in June 2005.

For information purposes, an email sent to Leslie McEachern, Victoria Kosny and Don Manahan regarding the decisions of the SPC at the October 5, 2011, Meeting was provided to the Committee in the Circulation File.

5. SOURCE PROTECTION PLANNING

Chapter 4: Rosslyn Village Municipal Drinking Water System

Chapter 4 of the Source Protection Plan was discussed with the Committee. Some concerns regarding the chapter included long sentences and more explanation required regarding the drinking water issues.

The comments from the Committee were collected and will be reviewed and incorporated by Staff where applicable.

Chapter 3: Source Protection Planning Process

Chapter 3 of the Source Protection Plan was provided to the Committee. It was requested that the Committee return all comments to Staff by Thursday, November 10, 2011.

Source Protection Plan Policy Development

The Committee was provided with the new Strategic Action Policy for the City of Thunder Bay. The information for the policy was gathered by Staff with help from Guy Jarvis.

It was noted that Staff recommends the buoy be located within proximity of the anchorage perimeter and not the IPZ 1 perimeter due to water depth and location.

It was noted that the policy could cost the City of Thunder Bay roughly \$8,500.00 a year to haul the buoy in and out of the water in the spring and fall.

It was mentioned that our Strategic Action Policy has similar wording to a policy that has been produced by the Cataraqui Source Protection Committee.

The Committee accepted the new policy and it will now be sent out for Pre-Consultation to the City of Thunder Bay.

Northern Ontario Source Protection Committee Meeting Minutes

For information purposes, SPC Minutes from North Bay-Mattawa, Greater Sudbury and Mattagami Region are available at their websites.

Pre-Consultation Presentation to Oliver Paipoonge Council and Staff

It was noted that the SPC Chair and SWP Project Manager made a presentation to Oliver Paipoonge Council and Staff regarding the Draft Policies on October 12, 2011. The Chairman stated that the presentation was very well received and many questions were asked.

To date, no written comments have been received back from the Municipality or any of the Stakeholder Groups that were consulted.

Source Protection Plan Advisory Committee (SPPAC)

It was noted that the teleconference held on October 20, 2011, was based around the cost of Source Protection Plan Implementation. Costs that have been considered to date include the hiring and employment of a Risk Management Official/Inspector. This does not apply to the Lakehead Source Protection Plan and Area.

Communications Meeting Materials

For information purposes, the Committee was provided with the Meeting Materials from the October 4-5, 2011, Communications Meeting in the Circulation File.

6. SOURCE PROTECTION PROJECT UPDATES

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program (ODWSP)

It was noted that Staff have mailed a Questionnaire to all participants in the ODWSP.

Update from the Ministry of Environment (MOE) Liaison

It was noted that the MOE is continuing to support Committees with Policy Development.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

a.) File: Industry Association Consultations

It was noted that the Ontario Good Roads Association and Canadian Fertilizer Institute have contacted Conservation Ontario with the interest in participating in consultation of draft policies. It was decided that the Committee will send the Draft Policies to these organizations, but Staff will not wait for comments to be received back as these organizations are not impacted.

b.) File: Water Budget Assessment Reporting Requirements

For Information purposes, the Committee was provided with a letter from Heather Malcolmson regarding the requirements for the Water Budget Assessment Reporting. All data is to be uploaded by February 2012.

c.) Email from Salt Institute

For Information purposes, the Committee was provided with an email from Morton Satin of the Salt Institute regarding a request to comment on our Source Protection Policies relating to the application, handling and storage of road salt, and the storage of snow.

8. NEW BUSINESS

It was noted that a Level I Low Water Condition was declared for the Area of Jurisdiction on October 14, 2011, and it will likely continue throughout the winter.

9. OPEN DISCUSSION

The Chairman noted that Staff is on schedule with all purposed Source Protection Plan targets and deadlines.

10. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday November 23, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. in the LRCA Boardroom

11. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 4:45 p.m.