



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

Minutes of the Forty-Seventh Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on Wednesday, September 7, 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
Hartley Multamaki
Ross Chuchman
Guy Jarvis

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Veikko Long

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
Syl Menic, Menic Planning
Dr. Mary Rocker, Medical Student, Thunder Bay District Health Unit

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-Sixth Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, August 3, 2011, and the Minutes of the First Special Meeting held on Wednesday, August 17, 2011, were adopted by consensus.

4. SOURCE PROTECTION PLANNING

Northern Ontario Conservation Authorities

For information purposes, the Committee was informed that the Minutes from the June 14, 2011 Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee can be found on their website.

Lakehead Source Protection Area Characteristics

For information purposes, the Committee was provided with a spreadsheet created by Conservation Ontario defining specific characteristics of the Lakehead Source Protection Area. The purpose of the spreadsheet is to help determine the complexity of each SPA/SPR for post 2012 funding.

Director's Instructions – Complying with Section 34 of O. Reg. 287/07

For information purposes, the Committee was provided a letter from Acting Director, Heather Malcolmson, to aid SPCs in creating the legal effect for the Source Protection Plans. Directions have been provided on what needs to be included in an appendix in order to make the Source Protection Plan legal.

Source Protection Plan Advisory Committee (SPPAC)

It was stated that the Source Protection Staff, SPC Chair and LRCA General Manager-Secretary Treasurer and the Planning Consultant all participated in a SPPAC teleconference on August 18, 2011. The slide deck was provided to the Committee.

It was noted that for transport corridors, SPC's may create policies that specify the actions to be taken by a person or body to update their spill prevention and contingency response plans in order to protect the drinking water sources. When strategic actions are the policy tool used the legal effect is have regard to.

The SPC decided to wait until City of Thunder Bay Planners had met and discussed potential policy options.

It was noted that the Project Manager will be attending a SPPAC Meeting on September 19, 2011, in Toronto.

City of Thunder Bay Policy Development

It was noted that Leslie McEachern and Vicky Kosny from the City of Thunder Bay expressed an interest in having policies developed for the city of Thunder Bay. These policies would be for low threats which would have the legal effect of "have regard to".

Ms. McEarchern and Ms. Kosny will be meeting in September to discuss the potential policies and will be contacting Staff.

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) Contact

It was noted that the Ministry of Environment has announced that our new contact at MMAH for the next year will be Audrey Anderson.

Source Protection Plan Policy Development

The Project Manager provided a presentation on all policies for the Oliver Paipoonge WHPA. During the presentation she explained the policy numbering system being used by Staff.

It was noted that all policies related to agriculture will be dealt with via Education and Outreach. This is due to only one property in WHPA-A which is designated to allow for agriculture. Prohibiting agriculture on this property would not be effective because the owner would move into a legal non-conforming status.

Land Use Planning, Specific Actions and Education and Outreach policies were approved by the Committee.

Source Protection Plan Pre-Consultation

It was noted that Pre-Consultation with elected officials and stakeholders for the Oliver Paipoonge WHPA will begin in September, 2012.

5. SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Update from Ministry of Environment (MOE) Liaison Officer

None.

6. SOURCE PROTECTION PROJECT UPDATES

Drinking Water Source Protection Agreement

For information purposes, the Committee was informed that the Drinking Water Source Protection Grant Funding Agreement has been received, signed and returned to MOE.

It was noted that funding has been reduced.

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program (ODWSP)

It was noted that four new septic systems have been installed in WHPA-A. To date, \$39,746.40 has been paid, leaving a balance of \$68,253.60. Of this balance, \$62,461.86 is accounted for to cover the five remaining septic installations.

It was noted that a questionnaire regarding the participant's thoughts of the program should be developed. The Committee agreed that it is a good idea and Staff will begin to develop the questionnaire.

Partners in Planning

For information purposes, the Committee was informed that the “Partners in Planning” session that was held on June 27, 2011, is now available online for viewing.

Assessment Report GIS Data Upload

It was noted that the GIS/Data Specialist has prepared and uploaded all the information used in the preparation of the Approved Assessment Report for the Lakehead Source Protection Area to the CAMaps data portal. The data went through quality and integrity checks on the CAMaps side and was successfully integrated in the provincial geodatabase.

Source Protection Planning Fact Sheet

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

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) File: Ontario Minister of the Environment’s Annual Report on Drinking Water 2011

For information purposes, the Committee was provided with an email from John Wilkinson, Minister of the Environment and the downloaded copy of the “Minister’s Annual Report on Drinking Water 2011”.

- b) File: Launch of Policy Database – Beta Testing

For information purposes, the Committee was provided with a letter from Acting Director, Paul Heeny concerning the launch of the Ministry of Environment’s Policy database for beta testing.

- c) File: Water and Business – Current and Future Directions

For information purposes, the Committee was provided with an email from Jane Lewington providing excerpts on a report about the business community’s interest in water.

- d) File: Industry Association Contact List

For information purposes, the Committee was informed that Conservation Ontario has now sent out twenty-six letters to various industries introducing the Source Protection Planning Program. To date, responses have been received for four groups.

- e) File: Why Cleaned Wastewater Stays Dirty In Our Minds

For information purposes, the Committee was provided an article discussing the re-use of wastewater once it has been cleaned.

8. WATER RELATED ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

It was noted that the Children's Water Festival is on September 20-22, 2011 and the Committee Members are welcome to sign up for the lunch.

It was noted that Nicole Barbato is writing an article for the Ontario Water Magazine and is asking SPC's for local input.

The BiNational Forum is holding their 17th workshop for stakeholder groups. The purpose will be to share ideas on their challenges, funding and decision making.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None

10. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, October 5, 2011.

11. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 5:00 p.m.