

Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Region

MINUTES

HALTON-HAMILTON SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING #1-12

CONSERVATION HALTON, AUDITORIUM 2596 Britannia Road West, Burlington L7P 0G3 January 24, 2012 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

SPC Attendees:						
Dave Braden	Susan Fielding	David S	impson	Turlough Finan		
Gavin Smuk	Teri Yamada	Glenn P	owell	Nick DiGirolamo		
Doug Cuthbert	Paul Attack	Barry Lee		Andrea Doherty		
Chris Shrive	Peter Ashenhurst					
Regrets SPC/Other Regrets:						
Judi Partridge	Melanie Horton					
Other Attendees:						
Diane Bloomfield Project Manager HHSPR	,		Ruth Victor Associate	tor, Ruth Victor & es		
Virginia Bancur Project Assistant HHSPR	<u> </u>		Jean Williams, Conservation Halton			
Roy Maxwell	David King, Health	Liaison				

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	Roll Call & Mileage	
1.	Doug welcomed everyone. Notification was given that Teri Yamada was given proxy by Melanie Horton; and Chris Shrive was given proxy by Judi Partridge.	
2.	Disclosures of Conflict of Interest – Doug Cuthbert None	
3.	Delegations – Doug Cuthbert None	
	Review of Agenda – Doug Cuthbert	•
	Acceptance of Agenda: HHSPC 12-01 Moved by: Peter Ashenhurst	
4.	Seconded by: David Braden	
	THAT the agenda be accepted as printed. Carried	
5.	Approval of Source Protection Committee Minutes of December 14, 2011 – Doug Cuthbert HHSPC 12-02 Moved by: Susan Fielding Seconded by: Glenn Powell	
	THAT the Source Protection Committee minutes of December 14, 2011 be accepted as printed. Carried	
6.	Updated Assessment Reports have received verbal approval. MOE requested that mapping specific to our Areas be added to formalize the results of the Lake Ontario modelling and identify the significant threat areas and intake protection zone 3s. If the significant threat is located within an IPZ-1 or IPZ-2 then an IPZ-3 is not needed. Only the Burlington and Woodward intakes required an IPZ-3 because of the two wastewater treatment plants that discharge into Hamilton Harbour. These IPZs are specific to wastewater treatment plant failure including disinfection failure – the scenario that was modelled. The MOE suggested that we include all of Hamilton Harbour in the IPZ-3s due to the variability in water flows and mixing and include the modelled release from the Burlington Canal to the intake's IPZ-2 boundary. The mapping may change with additional modelling. Dundas wastewater treatment plant was not modelled so Cootes Paradise has not been included in the IPZ-3. A release from it will be modelled at a later date. Formal approval of these updated Assessment Reports should be received by February 21 so as not to delay the release of the Source Protection Plan. The notices of approval of the November 2010 Assessment Reports (approved June 30, 2011 in a Director's letter) were put on the Environmental Registry on January 11, 2012. This begins the five-year timeframe for implementation of the municipal mandatory septic system inspection program.	

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	Halton Region's request for extension to Plan submission date The Minister of the Environment has not replied to Halton Region on their request. Other municipalities (possibly 4) have also submitted requests.	
	Halton Region has not sent pre-consultation comments on policies to the Source Protection Committees. They are reviewing all policies and are looking for consistency.	
	Halton Region's request included extending pre-consultation until March 31, 2012 and extending the deadline for Plan submission to December 2012.	
	HHSPC 12-03 Moved by: David Simpson Seconded by: Dave Braden	Doug Cuthbert, with input from Dave Braden and
	THAT the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee send a letter to the Minister of the Environment in support of Halton Region's request for an extension of the deadline for submission of the Source Protection Plans to December 20, 2012. And further that the Halton Region and Hamilton Region Source Protection Authorities be requested to support Halton Region's request. Carried	David Simpson will prepare the letter to the Minister of the Environment on behalf of the SPC and send it as soon as possible, copied to the Director of
	If an extension is granted to the Plan submission deadline there will be extra costs incurred for additional committee meetings, retention of Ruth Victor will have to be approved by Conservation Halton Board, etc. Staff will have to request these additional funds in the budget request for the 2012/13 fiscal year.	Source Protection Branch and the Source Protection Authorities.
	The current Halton-Hamilton work plan shows the February 21, 2012 SPC meeting as the date when the Plan and Explanatory Document are endorsed for public consultation. This consultation will begin immediately after. Due to the short time frame a response from the Minister may not be received by this date.	David Simpson is to send a copy of the Halton Region extension request letter to the SPAs.
	HHSPC 12-04 Moved by: Susan Fielding Seconded by: Peter Ashenhurst	Wesley Wright to inform Source Protection Branch
	That the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee not go forward with public consultation until Halton Region pre-consultation comments are received in accordance with their request for an extension to March 31, 2012 and considered by the Committee. And further that the Halton Region and Hamilton Region Source Protection Authorities be requested to alter the submission date of the Source Protection Plan to December 20, 2012, even though this will be non-compliant with the requirements of the Clean Water Act if a negative response is received from the Minister of the Environment regarding Halton Region's request for an extension for Plan submission. Carried.	staff that a letter will be sent to the Minister and that a positive response to Halton Region's request is desired by February 21 to extend our process to December 2012.
	Further discussion was held with two opinions: 1) The Committee needs to proceed with the regulated and internal	

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	deadlines unless word comes from the MOE granting the deadline changes. The SPC has to be prepared to go to public consultation if Halton Region does not receive an extension. 2) The Committee should wait to go to public consultation until Halton Region's comments are received and considered by the Committee and amend the work plan to accommodate this even if it means not meeting the August 20, 2012 Plan submission deadline. It was decided by the SPC to alter the work plan for Source Protection Plan completion. Halton Region will submit comments on draft policies by March 31, 2012, however, in the absence of a response from the MOE before February 21, 2012, the current work plan will be used for the public release of the Draft Proposed Plan and Explanatory Document. Notes will be added to the document that the policies may change based on comments yet to be received from Halton Region.	
	An additional SPC meeting will be needed to consider Halton Region comments and staff recommendations. The meeting will be held April 3, 2012 at 2:00 pm. The public meetings will be rescheduled to after this SPC meeting so that the public can be made aware of any revised policies. Public meetings will be held April 16 to 19, 2012.	
	HHSPC 12-05 Moved by: Dave Braden Seconded by: Peter Ashenhurst	
	THAT the revised work plan for Source Protection Plan completion be approved. Carried Note: It is recorded that Barry Lee is not supportive of Motion HHSPC 12-05.	
	HHSPC 12-06 Moved by: Susan Fielding Seconded by: Peter Ashenhurst	
	THAT Motion HHSPC 12-04 be rescinded in light of the revised work plan. Carried	
	Rules of Procedure; Code of Conduct – 6 Month Review – Doug Cuthbert	
7	HHSPC 12-07 Moved by: David Simpson Seconded by: Gavin Smuk	
	THAT the HHSPC continue with the current Rules of Procedure and Code of Conduct for the next six months. Carried	
8.	January 9, 2012 Chairs' Meeting Overview – Diane Bloomfield Deferred to February 21, 2012 meeting. MOE has provided legal wording that facilitates combining the Source Protection Plans for the Source Protection Areas into one document. This is based on the policies being similar for the entire Halton-Hamilton Region.	
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	Consistency Meeting – Hamilton and Lake Erie Source Protection Region – Diane Bloomfield	
9.	Staff of the Halton-Hamilton Region and Lake Erie Region met with Chris Shrive and Joanne Hickey-Evans of the City of Hamilton to discuss consistency of policies for Hamilton well fields. Lake Erie staff have reviewed our policies and will implement them for Lynden Well with very few changes.	
	Pre-consultation Comments, Follow-up Discussions, Policy Revisions, and Endorsement for Public Consultation (Mailouts - Pre-consultation comments spreadsheets as of January 16, 2012 and Policy Revision Summary)	
10.	Ruth Victor reviewed recommended changes to the policies based on comments received from municipalities and agencies. All municipalities except Halton Region and Niagara Region/Town of Grimsby provided responses. A meeting is scheduled with Niagara Region for January 30. All agencies, except federal ones responded. We are still expecting comments from the National Energy Board. There were some technical and editorial corrections, along with clarification in some policies. Discussion took place on some of the policy changes.	
	Comments received from the Niagara Escarpment Commission were very positive and they have suggested a work plan to incorporate source protection requests into their documents and decision making process. Staff have forwarded NEC's comments to other Source Protection Region staff for their information.	
	The HHSPC endorsed the amendments to the policies discussed today and this version of the policies will be included in the Source Protection Plan. There may be additional recommendations coming forward regarding agricultural policies from Gavin Smuk.	
11	Other Business – All	
11.	None.	
12.	Comments from Attending Public – Doug Cuthbert None	
	Adjournment – Doug Cuthbert	
14.	HHSPC 12-08 Moved by: Glenn Powell Seconded by: Chris Shrive	
	THAT the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee meeting be adjourned at 5:10 pm. Carried	
	Next Meeting	
15.	The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 21, 2012, 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Conservation Halton administration office.	
	Minutes proposed	

Minutes prepared by: Virginia Bancur