



LAKE ERIE REGION SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 4, 2012

The following are the minutes of the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee meeting held on Thursday, October 4, 2012 at the Wellington County Museum and Archives, 536 Wellington Rd, Fergus, ON.

- Members Present:** C. Ashbaugh, Chair; A. Dale*, P. General, R. Haggart, D. Hill, K. Hunsberger, C. King, R. Krueger*, I. Macdonald, D. Murray, J. Oliver, D. Parker, L. Perrin, T. Schmidt, G. Schneider, B. Strauss, D. Woolcott, W. Wright-Cascaden
- Members Regrets:** J. Laird, M. Ceschi-Smith, H. Cornwell, A. Henry, B. Unger, M. Wales, P. Wilson,
- Proxy Representatives:** P. Busatto (J. Laird)*, K. Hagan (M. Ceschi-Smith)*, L. Perrin (A. Henry), I. MacDonald (B. Unger), D. Parker (M. Wales)
- Liaisons:** J. Mitchell (SPA Liaison), L. Ross (Provincial Liaison)
- Region Management Committee:** J. Farwell, GRCA, K. Smale, CCCA, S. Martyn, CCCA, C. Murray, KCCA; E. VanHooren, KCCA, C. Evanitski, LPRCA
- Staff:** L. Heyming, GRCA; C. Jacques, LPRCA; D. Schultz, GRCA; K. Smith, GRCA; E. Stahl, WESA; J. Ogier, GRCA; J. McIntosh, Region of Halton; J. Ross-Zuj, Mayor of Centre Wellington
- Also Present:** P. Hania

1. Call to Order

C. Ashbaugh called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm

2. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum – 17 Members Constitute a Quorum (2/3 of members)

The Recording Secretary called the roll and certified quorum.

3. Chairman's Remarks

C. Ashbaugh welcomed members, staff and guests. He then invited D. Murray to take the podium. D. Murray introduced and welcomed the Mayor of Central Wellington, J. Ross-Zuj, to the Source Protection Committee (SPC) meeting. Mayor Ross-Zuj thanked the SPC for the invitation to attend the meeting and noted how nice it is to meet the staff and committee members who are responsible for preparing the Lake Erie Region (LER) Source Protection Plans. She congratulated the group on their ongoing efforts and accomplishments that have been completed to date.

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b) Not Copied

None.

10. Reports

a) SPC-12-10-01 - Source Protection Plan Public Consultation Update

K. Smith provided an overview of report SPC-12-10-01.

J. Oliver asked if staff could provide him with the total number of notification letters that were mailed to landowners in the Long Point Region for the Draft Source Protection Plan public consultation. K. Smith confirmed that she would send the information to J. Oliver.

J. Oliver asked if a Risk Management Official (RMO) can legally demand to review a landowner's existing Nutrient Management Plan (NMP). L. Ross felt that an RMO has the authority to inquire about existing NMPs for the purpose of creating a Risk Management Plan (RMP); however, she would need to confirm this with her colleagues before providing a definite answer. She anticipated that landowners would likely provide the RMO their existing NMP to avoid process duplication, and J. Oliver and W. Wright-Cascaden both agreed. I. MacDonald felt that if a NMP already exists, the RMO will be required to review its contents, before negotiating the RMP.

R. Haggart explained that the opposition relating to aggregate extraction in Paris, recently vocalized at the local public consultation meeting, continues to grow rapidly. Members of the public are concerned that the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) has not recognized excavation that breaches an aquitard as a major risk of contamination to drinking water. He added that consultants and legal representatives have now been hired to look into this further. C. Ashbaugh noted that this was the main topic of discussion at the public meeting in Paris and that D. Shultz did a fantastic job of answering questions and providing explanations to the public.

G. Schneider added that there is a requirement to complete a level 1 and 2 hydrogeological study, as part of the aggregate operation permit process. As such, companies are well aware of aquifer vulnerability and want to avoid breaking through the aquitard and potentially increasing that vulnerability. R. Haggart explained that the issue in Paris is that the licensing was granted back in 1974, and prior to commencing operations, the community would like to know exactly what the risks are. As at this point in time, Dufferin Aggregates have not provided them with this information.

J. Oliver noted that RMPs are to be negotiated with the person engaging or proposing to engage in the significant threat activity. In several cases, this person may be the tenant of a property, instead of the owner. He felt that the property owner should somehow be involved in the establishment of the RMP regardless. M. Keller agreed that RMP negotiations may prove difficult if property owners are omitted from the process, as tenants do not always have the property's best interest as a priority. However, the legislation only speaks to the tenants, if they are the individuals engaging in the threat activity. D. Woolcott noted that the tenant turnover rate on an agricultural property could be high. In these cases, it will be difficult for a RMO to establish RMPs, as well as implement them.

d) SPC-12-08-04 - Long Point Region Source Protection Plan Update

E. Stahl provided an overview of report SPC 12-10-04.

Res. No. 59-12

Moved by: J. Oliver

Seconded by: D. Murray

carried unanimously

THAT Report No. SPC 12-10-04 – Long Point Region Source Protection Plan Update and Draft Source Protection Plan Comments – received for information.

e) SPC-12-10-05 - Grand River Source Protection Plan Update

E. Stahl provided an overview of report SPC 12-10-05.

Res. No. 60-12

Moved by: R. Krueger

Seconded by: I. MacDonald

carried unanimously

THAT Report No. SPC-12-10-05 – Catfish Creek Source Protection Plan Update and Draft Source Protection Plan Comments be received for information.

11. Business Arising from Previous Meetings

None

12. Other Business

L. Ross commented on the great work that has been accomplished in the LER Source Protection Plan process to date. She added that MOE's review of the Plans is extensive, as the fine details of the legislation must be looked at. She acknowledged that although the MOE met the comment deadline for Kettle Creek, Long Point Region and Catfish Creek Source Protection Plans, the deadline of Oct. 3 for the Grand River Source Protection Plan was not met. The Grand River watershed is much larger than the other three, and involves a heavier work load. Currently, the MOE is working with GRCA staff to get comments submitted as soon as possible, to ensure that the SPC can meet their deadlines.

D. Parker noted an error in the SPC meeting minutes of July 5, 2012. He was incorrectly recorded as making reference to 'phosphate' (fertilizer), while actually discussing 'glyphosate' (herbicide). He requested that the revision be made.

13. Closed Meeting

Not applicable

14. Next Meeting – Thursday, November 1st at 1:00 p.m. - T.B. Costain, SC Johnson Community Centre, 16 Morrell Street, Brantford

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15. Adjourn

The Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee meeting of October 4, 2012 adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary