



**LAKE ÉRIE REGION SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE**  
**REVISED MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, December 6, 2012**

The following are the minutes of the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee meeting held on Thursday, December 6, 2012 at the GRCA Administrative Office, 400 Clyde Road, Cambridge.

**Members Present:** C. Ashbaugh, Chair; P. Busatto; M. Ceschi-Smith; H. Cornwell; A. Dale; P. General; R. Haggart; D. Hill; K. Hunsberger; C. King; R. Krueger\*; I. Macdonald; D. Murray; J. Oliver; D. Parker; L. Perrin; G. Schneider; B. Strauss; B. Ungar; M. Wales; P. Wilson; D. Woolcott, W. Wright-Cascaden

**Members Regrets:** A. Henry

**Proxy Representatives:** L. Perrin (A. Henry)

**Liaisons:** J. Mitchell (SPA Liaison), L. Ross (Provincial Liaison);  
D. Young (Public Health Liaison)

**Region Management Committee:** C. Evanitski, LPRCA; J. Farwell, GRCA; R. Geysens, LPRCA;  
S. Martyn, CCCA; C. Murray, KCCA; K. Smale, CCCA;  
E. VanHooren, KCCA

**Staff:** G. Barthe, City of Guelph; D. Belanger, City of Guelph; P. Chauvin, MHBC; N. Davy, GRCA; B. Fields, Norfolk County; J. Godby, Norfolk County; L. Heyming, GRCA; E. Hodgins, RMOW; C. Jacques, LPRCA; M. Keller, GRCA; O. Kwok, City of Guelph; L. Lobe, RMOW; J. McIntosh, Region of Halton; L. Minshall, GRCA; A. Nix, City of Guelph; J. Ogier, GRCA; D. Schultz, GRCA; K. Smith, GRCA; E. Stahl, WESA; R. Victor, City of Guelph; A. Wong, GRCA

**Also Present:** P. Hania; R. Seibel; M. Goldberg

**1. Call to Order**

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

**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 thanked W. Wright-Cascaden for chairing the previous Source Protection Committee (SPC) meeting of November 1, 2012, held at the SC Johnson Community Centre in Brantford. He added that her leadership qualities and involvement with the Source Protection Planning Project Team is a valuable asset to the Source Protection Program.

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C. Ashbaugh commented that D. Parker's knowledge and experience within the agricultural community has also been very beneficial to the SPC. He commended his contribution to, and participation with, the Committee over the last several years.

C. Ashbaugh stated that L. Ross's representation of the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) remains outstanding and noted that it has been a pleasure to have her participate in the SPC meetings. He also noted the attendance of former SPC members M. Goldberg and R. Seibel, and thanked them for their previous efforts and contributions to the Committee. He added that the leadership of the MOE's Source Protection Programs Branch, as well as Conservation Authority staff working in source water protection, have changed throughout the last five years. However, the membership of the SPC has remained fairly constant, as 20 of the current members have served on the SPC for the five years since its creation.

C. Ashbaugh thanked J. Farwell for his contributions as CAO of the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA). He noted that I. Smith's contributions as the former Director of the Source Protection Programs Branch at the MOE were a tremendous part of the Source Protection Program's success. He thanked the SPC for their consistent efforts and positive contributions to the Source Protection Program.

**4. Review of Agenda**

**Res. No. 66-12**                      **Moved by: M. Wales**  
   **Seconded by: B. Strauss**                                      **carried unanimously**

*THAT the agenda of December 6, 2012 be approved as distributed.*

**5. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest made in relation to the matters to be dealt with.

**6. Minutes of Previous Meeting – November 1, 2012**

**Res. No. 67-12**                      **Moved by: L. Perrin**  
   **Seconded by: M. Ceschi-Smith**                                      **carried**

*THAT the minutes of the previous meeting on November 1, 2012 be approved as distributed.*

**7. Hearing of Delegations**

None

**8. Presentations**

None

**9. Correspondence**

a) Copies for Members

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None

b) Not Copied

None

**10. Reports**

**a) SPC-12-12-01 - Response to Questions from Concerned Citizens of Brant – Delegation November 1, 2012**

M. Keller provided an overview of report SPC-12-12-01.

M. Keller noted that the report recommends that the SPC respond to the Concerned Citizens of Brant (CCOB) using the general responses as outlined in Table 1.

\*R. Krueger joined the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

M. Ceschi-Smith asked how the responses outlined in the report will be provided to the CCOB. M. Keller confirmed that GRCA staff will send the responses directly to the delegation's spokesperson – Ron Norris. R. Haggart felt that the responses are indicative of the SPC's willingness to welcome, and show interest in, delegations. He also encouraged the SPC to continue to pursue the issue of excavation that breaches the aquitard protecting a drinking water system with the MOE, as outlined in the last section of Table 1 of the report.

**Res. No. 68-12**

**Moved by: B. Ungar**

**Seconded by: J. Oliver**

**carried unanimously**

*THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee responds to the questions from Concerned Citizens of Brant as outlined in report SPC-12-12-01 Response to Questions from Concerned Citizens of Brant – Delegation November 1, 2012.*

**b) SPC-12-12-02 – Proposed Catfish Creek Source Protection Plan Update**

E. Stahl provided an overview of report SPC 12-12-02.

D. Woolcott asked for clarification on when updates to Assessment Reports will be completed in the future. E. Stahl explained that once the Source Protection Plans are approved, the MOE will provide direction on when the first updates to the Assessment Reports can be made.

**Res. No. 69-12**

**Moved by: B. Ungar**

**Seconded by: R. Krueger**

**carried unanimously**

*THAT report SPC-12-12-02, Proposed Catfish Creek Source Protection Plan Update, be received for information.*

**c) SPC-12-12-03 – Long Point Region Source Protection Plan Update**

E. Stahl provided an overview of report SPC 12-12-03.



**11. Business Arising from Previous Meetings**

- a) Memo: OC-CW-5.1-clarification question from D. Parker on November 1, 2012

M. Keller provided a brief overview of the memo.

D. Parker asked if the choice to prohibit the storage of agricultural source material, as proposed in policy OC-CW-5.1 of the Long Point Region Source Protection Plan, is uniform across the Lake Erie Region. M. Keller confirmed that policy OC-CW-5.1 only pertains to the County of Oxford, and that different approaches were taken throughout the Lake Erie Region. The source protection policies reflect the local process and unique considerations of the different municipalities. W. Wright-Cascaden explained the County of Oxford's rationale for the prohibition policy and how this approach is required to protect the County's particular well system.

- b) MOE - Follow-up regarding SPC questions from October 4 SPC meeting.

L. Ross indicated that no other SPC has submitted a request for the approval of a local threat that involves the ponding of water. The majority of the approved local threats pertain to the transportation of hazardous chemicals along transportation corridors that cross vulnerable areas. She added that there have been two fuel pipeline local threats approved, one of which is for the Lake Erie Region. There is also an approved local threat that relates to tritium generated at a nuclear generating station located within a vulnerable area, and another that relates to maintaining open areas of mown grass for recreational activities that promote the congregation of waterfowl within or near surface water bodies.

**12. Other Business**

L. Ross enthusiastically announced that the Province of Ontario has committed funding for Source Protection Program support until March, 2014. She also expressed her gratitude to all staff involved in completing the Grand River Source Protection Plan. The work load to complete the Grand River Source Protection Plan is considered equivalent to the work load of completing 12 individual Source Protection Plans. She felt that all staff involved have put forth an extraordinary effort to accomplish this task in the timeframe given.

M. Wales asked if any Source Protection Plans from other Source Protection Regions have received approval from the MOE. L. Ross indicated that to date, the MOE has not granted approval to any Source Protection Plans.

D. Parker asked for an update on discussions with the Townships of Amaranth and East Garafraxa, and if the policy harmonization issues between the Townships and neighbouring Source Protection Regions had been resolved. M. Keller explained that a meeting was held at the Amaranth Township office on November 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss the Lake Erie Region policies for the two municipalities, and it was successful for making revisions and addressing their comments. The Townships still have outstanding concerns with respect to implementation funding and policy harmonization, however, it is anticipated that the Source Protection Plan submission deadline will be met.

M. Keller explained that provincial funding will be provided to Conservation Authorities to support transition into the implementation phase of the program. Eligible funding includes local support for review of the Source Protection Plans; continued scientific, technical and administrative support for the SPC; support to implementing bodies in preparing for implementation; and support for data management and maintaining data access. The

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deadline for submitting the business proposal to the MOE is December 14, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.

The business plan proposal will identify eligible outstanding technical work projects, including Tier 3 Water Budget work and delineation of Issue Contributing Areas (ICA) where this has not been completed. The future role of the SPC remains undetermined at this time. He added that the SPC meetings scheduled for January 10 and February 7, 2013 will be cancelled; however, the SPC meeting scheduled for March 7, 2013 will likely take place. M. Keller confirmed that as funding details are received and as the future role of the SPC becomes more certain, the SPC will be updated via email.

J. Oliver requested that the business proposal be circulated to the SPC for review. M. Keller noted that although the financial aspect of the Source Protection Program is the mandate of the Source Protection Authority and not of the SPC, the business proposal will be circulated to SPC members for information purposes only.

J. Oliver asked for a status update on the Tier 3 Water Budget study that is currently being completed in the Long Point Region watershed, and inquired if this study is considered eligible for funding by the Province. M. Keller explained that Tier 3 Water Budget studies that are currently in progress are moving onto the Water Quantity Risk Assessment. The Risk Management Measures Evaluation Process is a newly eligible task. Smaller Tier 3 studies have not yet been initiated and will be included in the funding proposal. He added that the funding for these studies must be looked at further as the current funding cannot be carried forward into the new budget.

**13. Closed Meeting**

Not applicable

**14. Next Meeting – Thursday, March 7 at 1:00 p.m. - GRCA**

**15. Adjourn**

The Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee meeting of December 6, 2012 adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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Chair

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Recording Secretary