

Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Region

## **MINUTES**

## HALTON-HAMILTON SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING #2-11

Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee Mountainside Room, Brant Hills Community Centre 2255 Brant Street, Burlington April 12, 2011 2:00pm to 5:00pm

SPC Attendees:				
Turlough Finan	Susan Fielding	Melanie Horton	Peter Ashenhurst	
Gavin Smuk	Barry Lee	Chris Shrive	Judi Partridge	
Doug Cuthbert	Teri Yamada	David Simpson	Nick DiGirolamo	
Paul Attack				
Regrets SPC/Other Regrets:				
Dave Braden	Adam Kuehnbaum	John Westlake	Bob Edmondson	
Glenn Powell				
Other Attendees:				
Diane Bloomfield Project Manager HHSPR	David King, Health Liaison	Kathy Menyes, Conservation Hamilton		
Virginia Bancur Project Assistant HHSPR	Roy Maxwell, Communications Consultant	John McIntosh, Halton Region		
Hazel Breton, Hamilton Conservation Authority				

ITEM	TOPIC/DISCUSSON	ACTION REQUIRED
1.	Roll Call & Mileage – Doug Cuthbert  Doug welcomed Judi Partridge, representative from Hamilton.	
2.	Disclosures of Conflict of Interest – Doug Cuthbert None	
3.	Delegations – Doug Cuthbert None	
4.	Review of Agenda – Doug Cuthbert  Acceptance of Agenda as Distributed  HHSPC 11-05 Moved by: Peter Ashenhurst Seconded by: Paul Attack  THAT the agenda be accepted as distributed. Carried	At the request of Dave Braden, add to the June 4, 2011 agenda – Transportation of nuclear components through the Great
5.	Approval of Source Protection Committee Minutes dated February 22, 2011 – Doug Cuthbert  Though there was not a quorum at the meeting, enough approvals came in via email to pass the motions.  HHSPC 11-06  Moved by: Susan Fielding Seconded by: Peter Ashenhurst  THAT the Source Protection Committee minutes of February 22, 2011 be accepted as printed.	Lakes
6.	Item #2 Barry Lee was confirmed as the Halton Region representative by the Source Protection Authority.  The orientation session with the new committee members Judi Partridge, David Simpson and David King was held.  Item #13 Ruth Victor's updated presentation was sent to the Committee members for review and comment. Comments were received from Halton Region and the City of Hamilton.  There were no comments received from the Committee members regarding the Planner's Working Group minutes and binder information.  Item #15 Diane Bloomfield notified CTC that the HHSPC agreed that CTC will complete the threat assessment within the issue contributing area of the Georgetown wells and develop draft policies for Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee to review.  Gavin Smuk contacted the agricultural reps of Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee to obtain clarity about their letter and motions. On the Nutrient Management Act motion, the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee noted that it has a preferred policy direction that has a different affect than the motion and which is considered a better approach. On the Environmental Farm Plan motion, Gavin indicated that the farm organizations have already begun to develop a model for a "Risk Assessment Tool & Implementation Plan"; therefore, the resolution	

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	is not necessary now. The Committee decided not to support the resolutions. Consensus was to let each SPC develop policy best for their area.	
	HHSPC 11-07 Moved by: Gavin Smuk Seconded by: Barry Lee THAT the letter and attachments received from Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee be received for information.	
	HHSPC 11-08 Moved by: Gavin Smuk Seconded by: Barry Lee	Diane Bloomfield was requested to write a letter to the
	The motion be amended to read:	Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern
	THAT the letter and attachments received from Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee be received for information. The Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee does not support the two motions in the letter.  Carried	Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee stating H-HSPC motion.
	Chairs' Meeting Update – Diane Bloomfield	
7.	A Chairs' meeting was held on March 7 and 8. Doug was unable to attend. Representatives from the Ministries of the Environment and Natural Resources spoke on:  - Dense Non-aqueous Phase Liquids  - Aggregate Resources Act Instruments  - Permits to take Water.  Break out sessions occurred the second day to discuss approaches to certain threats.  Most SPCs are focusing on significant threats. Planners from the SPA/SPR attended this session and requested to attend more meetings to continue the dialogue on policy development.  The Ministry of the Environment is creating an Excel work sheet that will help each region with the uploading of their policies to a common database. The database will be stored on the Conservation Ontario website and will include all the required policy	
	components. Project managers, Chairs, planners and staff have access to the existing CO web database which facilitates the sharing of information.  Q. Why is access to the Conservation Ontario web policy database restricted?  A. Giving people access to the threats section, gives them access to everything that is on the website.	Update: Read only access to the web database has been given to all SPC members.
	Doug will enquire about access to the threats on the Conservation Ontario website at the next Chair's meeting.	
	There are still a few more threat bulletins to come from the Ministry of the Environment.	
	Presentation by Hazel Breton, Manager, Water Resources Engineering, CHA	
8.	There are climate change models on the Environment Canada website for Canada and on the Ministry of Natural Resources for Ontario but they are just now creating models for local areas. Climate Change affects agriculture with either too much or too little water; health as tropical diseases are moving north as the temperatures rise; and the	

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	ecosystem. The province of Ontario, Conservation Authorities and cities are creating strategies to prepare for climate change. The Ministry of the Environment is ensuring the data is collected. Climate change policies should be consistent across the province. Ground and surface drinking water quantity and quality will be considered by Hamilton CA and the City of Hamilton when developing climate change programs.	
	Communications update and CIELAP – Canadian Institute for Environmental Law and Policy – Roy Maxwell	
9.	Roy explained the roll of CIELAP's Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program in Burlington, Desoronto and Campbellford areas. Its purpose is to raise awareness of where drinking water comes from and what residents and small business owners in Intake Protection Zones can do to protect source water. A brochure to raise awareness and provide some best management practices has been produced, which will be mailed to 200 small businesses in Burlington. In eastern Ontario, the program has been linked to a rain barrel program.  An article on the CIELAP stewardship project will be in the Conservation Halton Focus newsletter. CIELAP project partners have and will be attending different water events in the area until June 1st when the program ends in the Burlington area. It was suggested that Twitter be used to disseminate information. An Open Editor article to Rob Howard at the Hamilton Spectator may also help and COGECO 23 in Burling may be looking for topics. An ad is going in the Burlington Post directing readers to the CIELAP project website. The program could be expanded to Oakville and Hamilton. Boating season may be a good opportunity to raise awareness about lake intakes and source water.  Concerns were voiced of using the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection logo on advertising material for this project. CIELAP and Burlington Green are considered activists by some and the brochures may not be read.  Diane informed the committee that speaking requests are being received and we are participating at various events.  Roy is updating the Strategic Communications Plan according to the regulated requirements and to our schedule. The process of introducing the Source Protection	
	Plans to the public was explained.  Risk Management Official update – Chris Shrive and David Simpson	
10.	Dave Simpson sits on the MOE Working Group for risk management training. David and Chris will develop business plans to take to their respective Councils, setting up the risk management official and inspectors' office and the funding mechanism. There is the possibility of the partnering of a Risk Management Inspector with a local Conservation Authority representative when visiting a property. The MOE is working on a pilot training course scheduled for May 9 to 18 and local municipal staff may attend. There will be more training sessions once the course has been finalized.	
	<ul><li>Q. What department will the RMO fall under?</li><li>A. Hamilton - Do not know yet, possibly building or public works.</li></ul>	
11.	Planning Update – Diane Bloomfield	
	The discussion papers are being edited and compiled into Background Documents.	

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	These documents will be sent out to the SPC in late May to be discussed at the June 14 <sup>th</sup> meeting. They will show the approach that the policies will take. Policies will be written following the June meetings and the draft Source Protection Plans distributed in late August. The next step will be pre-consultation on the policies between September and December.	
	Notification of commencement of plan development  The notification letter to be sent to landowners was reviewed by the communications sub-committee and the Ministry of the Environment to ensure it met the requirements stated in the legislation. It has been approved by the Ministry. Approximately 600 letters will be sent out to landowners where significant threats are existing or could occur. A suggestion was made to soften the wording. The proposed wording was considered necessary to follow the requirements imposed by Regulation and to ensure the landowners are aware that the use of their land could be affected. A copy of the letter will be sent to the Halton and Hamilton municipal staff representative to be forwarded to each Council for information.	
	The second last paragraph in the letter was amended.  HHSPC 11-09  Moved by: Turlough Finan Seconded by: Peter Ashenhurst	
	That the notification letter be accepted, as amended and mailed.  9 in Favour, 1 Opposed Q. What if a property is missed in the mailing? A. The letter is sent to the addresses on file associated with municipal property records. Q. If a wellhead protection area changes, how do we inform new residents? A. Depending on the changes, we may be required to consult again through newspaper ads and letters.	
12.	Kelso Campbellville Tier 3 water budget update—Diane Bloomfield  The Tier 3 water budget project is underway. Through a purchasing process to retain a consultant, EarthFx was selected. An administrative meeting has been held to set timelines and discuss other administrative items. The Peer Review team also has to be selected. The GS Flow model will be used on this project as a coupled groundwater and surface water model is preferred.  Funding for a Tier 3 for Greensville municipal well was put in the 2011-12 budget but will probably be postponed until 2012-13.	
13.	Other Business - All Status of the Assessment Reports – There has been no feedback from the MOE to date.	
14.	Comments from Attending Public None	
15.	Adjournment – Doug Cuthbert  HHSPC 11-10 Moved by: Chris Shrive Seconded by: Paul Attack THAT, the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee meeting be adjourned  Minutes prepared	by: Virginia Bancur