

NIAGARA PENINSULA SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

WELLAND

MAY 28, 2008

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

M. Neufeld, (Chair)
R. Bator
D. Ostryhon
M. Bellantino Perco
D. Ricker
D. Renshaw
T. Rigby
E. Schneider

MEMBERS ABSENT

B. Antonsen (with regrets)
D. Kerr (with regrets)

LIAISONS PRESENT:

M. Keller, Ministry of the Environment
G. Hudgins, Niagara Public Health Representative

LIAISONS ABSENT:

B. Baty, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (with regrets)

STAFF PRESENT:

T. D'Amario, C.A.O./Secretary-Treasurer
M. Stack, Director, Communications
D. Bois, Recording Secretary

BUSINESS:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. He welcomed every one in attendance and requested that if anyone had a conflict of interest to declare it. There being none, he proceeded as follows.

The Chair asked for consensus to deal with the Primer portion of Item 5 as a separate item and refer to it as 5a. With agreement the following resolution was then presented, as amended.

SPCR-27-08

MOVED BY: Robert Bator

SECONDED BY: Erwin Schneider

THAT: The agenda be accepted as amended.

“CARRIED”

(1) **MINUTES - MAY 13, 2008 SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING**

Robert Bator took issue with what he referred to as “rather skimpy minutes”. He referenced 3 points he had made, as follows.

- 1) Mr. Bator requested that landowners, located in the areas affected by this process, be notified by registered mail. Mary Stack noted the expense of this course of action and then informed him that notifications were treated in full accordance of The Planning Act.
- 2) Mr. Bator noted a scenario of a little old lady being forced to sell her home because she could not afford to replace her septic system if it was found to be polluting the water source protection area. He felt compensation should be included in the Draft Terms of Reference. After some discussion, he was advised that this component was not to be included as part of the TOR (according to the MOE). Inclusion of compensation could be discussed later in the development process.
- 3) Regarding a point of information, Mr. Bator had asked for clarification on the difference/role between the SPA and the NPCA in relationship to the SPC. He was advised that the SPC is responsible for overseeing the preparation of the Terms of Reference. However, the SPA provides administrative and technical support in the development of the TOR, and in this regard it is expected that the source protection staff prepare a draft of the proposed TOR for the SPC to review. The SPC can either accept or reject the recommendations presented. The NPCA (acting on behalf of the SPA) has the responsibility of managing and administering the financial resources provided by province.

Dean Ostryhon noted that perhaps members of the committee should preface comments with “Let the minutes show” when they want to ensure inclusion.

The following motion was then put forth.

SPCR-28-08

MOVED BY: David Renshaw

SECONDED BY: Maria Bellantino Perco

THAT: The May 13, 2008 minutes be revised and brought back to the June 10 meeting for review and approval

“CARRIED”

(2) **MINUTES - MAY 20, 2008 SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING**

There were no errors or omissions and the following resolution was presented.

SPCR-29-08

MOVED BY: David Renshaw

SECONDED BY: Maria Bellantino Perco

THAT: The minutes of the Source Protection Committee meeting held May 28, 2008, be received.

“CARRIED”

(3) BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Erwin Schneider felt that quarterly updates of the grant chart may not be timely enough to give the committee information needed to deal with arising issues. After some discussion, Erwin Schneider put forth the following motion.

"That the NPSPA be requested to bring a revised grant chart and a status report be included at each meeting to advise the Committee if any changes to timelines has occurred."

Don Ricker seconded the motion and the Committee were all in agreement.

Dave Renshaw asked on the status of a presentation to the Regional Planning and Public Works Committee and the Chair advised that he is scheduled to give a presentation on Wednesday, June 4, 2008.

(4) IN-CAMERA

The Chair then requested the Committee move in-camera to address another matter. The following resolutions were presented.

SPCR-30-08

MOVED BY: Dean Ostryhon

SECONDED BY: Don Ricker

THAT: This meeting do now move in-camera.

Received at 7:21 p.m. "CARRIED"

SPCR-31-08

MOVED BY: Robert Bator

SECONDED BY: Erwin Schneider

THAT: This meeting do now move back into open session.

Received at 7:25 p.m. "CARRIED"

(5) DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Tony D'Amario presented this report to the Committee.

The Chair clarified that 4 meetings had been requested but in order to allow 21 days between the first notice posted and first Open House, and further, to have all Open Houses prior to July, the meetings were limited to one week and therefore only 3 were arranged.

Mr. Ricker suggested that The Regional Weekly newspapers be used to carry the notices to more effectively reach the residents of Haldimand.

In response to questions, Mary Stack advised that the TOR notice must be posted in at least one publication by May 31st. The daily papers will all carry the notice on May 31st.

Dean Ostryhon asked if a generic package to handout at the public meetings could be

available in advance at the NPCA office for those interested. Mary Stack advised that this could be done and that the information is also online at the Conservation Ontario website.

Maria Bellantino Perco asked if the Committee could get a copy of the NPCA stakeholder list. Mary Stack advised that that may invoke a privacy issue. Members of the Committee were encouraged to bring forward any names they felt should receive notice.

The following resolution was then presented

SPCR-32-08

MOVED BY: Erwin Schneider

SECONDED BY: Don Ricker

THAT: The Source Protection Committee accept the recommendations presented in Report No SPC-11-08.

“CARRIED”

(5a) PUBLIC CONSULTATION PRIMER

Chair noted the primers supplied from other organizations and a discussion ensued on the Terms of Reference Primer which was provided to the Committee.

Don Ricker noted that website information should be added as well as the Committee contact information. Dave Renshaw thought the document dovetailed well with the proposed draft TOR. He also noted that there should be a “Why you should read this document” statement at the beginning.

Dean Ostryhon indicated that the number of SPC’s in the Province should be referenced. Maria Bellantino Perco would like to see a list of the water treatment plants included. Don Ricker asked that copies of the primer be sent to libraries.

Robert Bator noted for the record that materials that he had photocopied regarding definitions were not handed out. The Chair asked if the definitions now included in the TOR covered all his list. He said yes. The Chair reiterated that all material to be handed out at a meeting must be received in advance through the Chair.

Robert Bator noted that he would like the reference to agriculture, in regards to the Walkerton incident, removed from the first paragraph. He felt it should say that seven people died after drinking municipal water which was not properly treated.

Tim Rigby finally added that for the contact information, it should note that the Committee is all made up of citizen of this area.

Mary Stack indicated a second draft will be word-smithed and logos and a map will added.

6) SPC MEETING SCHEDULE

Tony D’Amario presented this report. Maria Bellantino Perco questioned the lateness of the July meeting and was advised that it was due to the time that is allowed after the

Open Houses to receive comments and the time required for staff to review and prepare a summary for the Committee to review.

The following resolution was then presented.

SPCR-33-08

MOVED BY: Maria Bellantino Perco

SECONDED BY: Erwin Schneider

THAT: The Source Protection Committee accept the schedule of meeting dates proposed in Report No. SPC-12-08.

“CARRIED”

7) **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chair was asked to overview the Open House process and he advised that that was to be an item on the June 10th agenda.

The Chair will be at all 3 meetings to facilitate the process. The Chair noted that attendance of SPC members to an open house in their own area would put a citizen face to the process. SPC members will not be making presentations.

Martin Keller advised the MOE will make at least one of the meetings.

Robert Bator asked about other people making statements at the Open House. Mary advised that comments from the public must be received in writing within 35 days of the initial notice (May 31st). Comment sheets will be available for providing official comments concerning the Draft Proposed TOR.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business, the following resolution was presented.

SPCR-34-08

MOVED BY: Maria Bellantino Perco

SECONDED BY: David Renshaw

THAT: This meeting does now adjourn.

Received at 8:40 p.m.

“CARRIED”

“D. Bois, Recording Secretary

M. Neufeld, Chair”