

**NIAGARA PENINSULA SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

**WELLAND**

**September 9, 2008**

**7:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** M. Neufeld, (Chair)  
R. Bator  
U. Ehrenberg  
D. Ostryhon  
M. Bellantino Perco  
D. Renshaw  
T. Rigby
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** B. Antonsen  
D. Ricker  
E. Schneider
- LIAISONS PRESENT:** M. Keller, Ministry of the Environment  
G. Hudgin, Niagara Public Health Representative
- LIAISONS ABSENT:** B. Baty, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority
- STAFF PRESENT:** B. Wright, Source Protection Coordinator  
J. Kukalis, Director, Water Management  
M. Stack, Director, Communications  
J. Campbell, Hydrogeologist  
D. Gullett, Recording Secretary
- OTHERS PRESENT:** B. Steele, Niagara Region  
B. Matthews Malone, Public Works  
M. Janas, Public Works  
D. Semple, Regional Planning  
G. Deonarine, Stantec  
J. Langan, Stantec

**ROLL CALL**

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**BUSINESS:**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. He welcomed every one in attendance and requested that if anyone had a conflict of interest to declare it. The following resolution was then presented.

**SPCR- 50 - 08**

**MOVED BY:** T. Rigby  
**SECONDED BY:** D. Renshaw  
**THAT:** The agenda be accepted as presented.

**“CARRIED”**

**(1) MINUTES – JULY 22, 2008 SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Chair asked if there were any errors or omissions on the July 22, 2008 minutes. There being none, the following resolution was presented.

**SPCR- 51 - 08**

**MOVED BY:** D. Ostryhon  
**SECONDED BY:** M. Bellantino Perco  
**THAT:** The Minutes of the Source Protection Committee meeting held July 22, 2008 be received and approved.

**“CARRIED”**

**(2) BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Maria Bellantino Perco inquired about the outcome of the meeting with the Region. On August 21, 2008. John Kukalis and Jayme Campbell of NPCA met with Niagara Region staff and Stantec Consultants and concluded this meeting was positive. Stantec will make a slide presentation later in the evening.

**(3) NEW CITY OF HAMILTON SPC MEMBER**

Brian Wright outlined the background of our new member Chris Shrive who will be appointed to the committee at the Source Protection Authority meeting on September 17, 2008.

**(4) SURFACE WATER VULNERABILITY STUDIES PRESENTATION**

John Langan and Gary Deonarine from Stantec were introduced to the SPC. Stantec made a slide presentation to the SPC. During the presentation, Stantec committed to completing the final drafts of the Risk Assessment reports for the IPZs in Niagara by April 2009. (See the PowerPoint presentation posted on the SP website portal.) There were questions and discussion on the IPZ-2 and IPZ-3. Robert Bator asked if dilution is taken into account by the guidelines and Stantec responded that this was not a factor in these reports. Tim Rigby was concerned about the closeness of Grimsby's waste water, and was informed by Stantec that the WTP intake is situated about 10 km away. David Renshaw asked about wind storm activity, and Stantec indicated this is included in the analysis for great lakes intakes. Martin Keller stated the term "buffer zones" is not part of the MOE guidance modules. It is therefore not advisable to use this concept /term.

Robert Bator inquired about transport corridors getting contaminated at the intake zone, and was advised these corridors are not currently included in the list of threats.

Martin Keller stated that only a list of threats is required, not their location for the Assessment Report.

John Kukalis commented the SPC is committed to meeting deadlines. Martin Keller said the proposed rules will probably change, but work in Niagara WTP IPZs should go forward using the latest MOE technical SP documents.

Once the Assessment Regulations and Director's Rules are in place, Stantec will provide amendments for the final Surface Water Vulnerability reports. Stantec assured the Chair they were on track. Brian Wright asked when Stantec would provide a work plan for completing the remainder of work. Stantec committed to providing the work plan by October 13, 2008 (Thanksgiving Day).

The chairman thanked Stantec for their efforts. Maria Bellantino Perco requested a copy of the presentation. The presentation will be posted on the website portal or emailed to members. Brian Wright mentioned timelines are tight, and Module 5 & 6 reports (including 6 draft and 6 final reports) will need to be completed by April 2009 if Stantec are to meet the deadline that they have committed to.

(5) **GANTT CHART UPDATE**

The Chair asked Brian Wright for an update and he reported that tasks are currently being completed on schedule.

(6) **TOR OPEN HOUSE – COMMENTS FROM SPC MEMBERS**

Robert Bator felt we didn't get a very good turnout, although we had a very good response compared to other Source Protection Areas. Attendance will likely be higher once the Intake Protection Zones are presented to the public. David Renshaw commented on how well attended our open houses were. Chair stated the SPC will be hosting more open houses in the next few years

(7) **VOTING AND SECONDING RULES – SPC LIAISONS REPORT NO. SPC-18-08**

The Chair asked for any comments on Report No. SPC-18-08. None were forthcoming.

The following resolution was presented.

**SPCR- 52 - 08**

**MOVED BY:** T. Rigby

**SECONDED BY:** D. Renshaw

**THAT:** That the Source Protection Committee accept this report on voting and seconding rights of liaisons for information purposes as outlined in Report No. SPC-18-08.

**“CARRIED”**

(8) **OTHER BUSINESS**

Tim Rigby suggested someone from Niagara Region Public Works sit as a liaison on the committee. Since the committee has already been selected, MOE is going to look into the legalities of this for clarification. Discussion to followed.

Brian Wright asked if there is a scheduling conflict for members since the next SPC meeting is on 14 October, 2008, Federal Election Day. It was decided the meeting would remain on October 14, as previously scheduled.

Maria Bellantino Perco inquired about the Water Budget Studies. Brian Wright suggested presenting the Conceptual and Tier 1 Water Budget reports at the same SPC meeting, likely in January or February, 2009.

It was determined for the remainder of 2008, monthly meetings are sufficient to complete the scheduled tasks.

The Chair asked that for the next meeting, members have a list of possible meeting dates for the 2009 year. If it becomes necessary to have additional meetings, Tim Rigby recommended scheduling for the second and fourth Tuesdays each month. Brian Wright commented NPCA staff require at least three weeks between meetings to properly complete tasks and prepare the agenda packages a week in advance of SPC meetings.

Glen Hudgin announced small water systems will be handled by public health unit and this transfer is to occur this year. There are over 300 systems in Niagara.

Mary Stack invited everyone to attend the Children's Water Festival at Balls Falls on September 14, 2008.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**SPCR- 53 -08**

**MOVED BY:** M. Bellantino Perco

**SECONDED BY:** D. Renshaw

**THAT:** This meeting does now adjourn.

**Received at 9:15 p.m. "CARRIED"**

**"D. Gullett, Recording Secretary**

**M. Neufeld, Chair"**