

NIAGARA PENINSULA SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

WELLAND

November 10, 2009

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** M. Neufeld, (Chair)
B. Antonsen
D. Ostryhon
D. Renshaw
D. Ricker
T. Rigby
C. Shrive
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** R. Bator
M. Bellantino-Perco
E. Schneider
- LIAISONS PRESENT:** B. Baty, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority
M. McHugh, Ministry of the Environment
- LIAISONS ABSENT:** G. Hudgin, Niagara Public Health Representative
- STAFF PRESENT:** B. Wright, Coordinator Source Protection
J. Kukalis, Director Water Management
M. Stack, Director Communications
D. Gullett, Recording Secretary
T. D'Amario, C.A.O. NPCA
D. Ransom, Chair NPCA Board
- OTHERS PRESENT:** H. Sim, Niagara Region
A. Laflamme, Niagara Public Health
K. Vaughan

ROLL CALL

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

BUSINESS:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., thanked the members for attending and requested that if anyone had a conflict of interest to declare it. Mr. Ostryhon declared a conflict of interest for item number seven, and the following resolution was then presented.

SPCR-60-09

MOVED BY: C. Shrive
SECONDED BY: D. Ricker
THAT: The agenda be accepted as presented.

“CARRIED”

(1) MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 29, 2009 SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Chair asked if there were any errors or omissions on the September 29, 2009 minutes. There being none, the following resolution was then presented.

SPCR-61-09

MOVED BY: T. Rigby
SECONDED BY: D. Ostryhpn
THAT: The minutes of the Source Protection Committee meeting held September 29, 2009 be received and approved as presented.

“CARRIED”

(2) BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Mr. Rigby had wondered why modeling wasn't included in urban areas for St. Catharines and Niagara Falls, yet the urban areas in Port Colborne were modeled. Brian Wright explained that St. Catharines and Niagara Falls urban areas essentially covered the whole watershed planning area versus Port Colborne which only covers a portion of the watershed planning area.

Mr. Renshaw questioned the change of flow in the winter months compared to during the shipping season. The flows were lower in the winter months, so it is a more reasonable and conservative approach to use the summer flows.

(3) UPDATE OF SOURCE PROTECTION WORK SCHEDULE

After a review of the remaining tasks to complete the Assessment Report, it was suggested the committee take this report to the MOE to request an extension. The Chair explained there were many factors contributing to falling behind on the aggressive schedule. To avoid non-compliance, he is confident the committee request NPCA staff can complete the appropriate paperwork to get the timeline extended.

The Chair asked for endorsement from the committee to submit the new work plan and request an extension from the minister.

Mr. Renshaw requested that the consultation period with staff at local municipalities be shown on the chart.

MOVED BY: T. Rigby
SECONDED BY: D. Renshaw

THAT: The committee accept the revised Gantt Chart dated November 10,

2009 and request an extension from the MOE on the Assessment Report.

“CARRIED”

(4) WATERSHED CHARACTERIZATION REPORT

This was one of the first reports the committee received in 2008. The revisions are shown in blue font which were the main areas changed. Mr. Renshaw mentioned there should be a paragraph inserted with regard to the high levels of nitrogen and phosphorus. Mr. Ricker requested the committee report reference where the additional issues are located (in section 9.3). The following resolution was then presented:

SPCR-62-09

MOVED BY: D. Ricker

SECONDED BY: D. Renshaw

THAT: The Report no. SPC-20b-09, “Watershed Characterization” dated October, 2009 be received by the Source Protection Committee as amended.

“CARRIED”

(5) SURFACE WATER VULNERABILITY STUDY UPDATE

This report defines the IPZ to comply with new technical rules released in December, 2008. Mr. Renshaw commented Grimsby and Rosehill uncertainty levels were described as “low” in the August 2008 reports, but this last report described the uncertainty as High”. The uncertainty levels weren’t mentioned in the committee report. Staff will check with the consultants and report back to the committee on this matter. The following resolution was then presented:

SPCR-63-09

MOVED BY: deferred until clarification is determined

(6) SPC RULES AND PROCEDURES REVISIONS REPORT

This report was brought forward at the previous meeting in September. Two minor additions are to be added to the SPC rules and committee report. (Rule 50) insert item d) “Where there is a proxy vote, the resolution shall be a recorded vote in the minutes”.

Add Item 8: Change “General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer” to “Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary-Treasurer” or the short form of “C.A.O./Secretary-Treasurer”.

Mr. Antonsen objected to allowing a proxy to be a non-member of the committee. The following resolution was then presented:

SPCR-64-09

MOVED BY: C. Shrive

SECONDED BY: D. Renshaw

THAT: The Report no. SPC-25-09 regarding the revisions to the Source

Protection Committee (SPC) Rules and Procedures be approved by the SPC, as amended.
Further that the SPC Policies appended to Report no. SPC-25-09 as revised, also be approved by the SPC.

“CARRIED”

(7) NIAGARA FALLS THREATS AND ISSUES ASSESSMENT

Mr. Ostryhon declared a conflict of interest, and is not participating in this discussion. The Chair decided to defer this report until the next meeting, as we do not have a quorum to vote on this motion.

SPCR-65-09

MOVED BY: No Quorum

(8) UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair had no specific new items to report, and asked the committee if they had any concerns, please forward them to Debbie, and she will direct them accordingly in Brian’s absence.

(9) OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair advised everyone the next meeting is on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 and at that time the proxy rules should be in effect.

ADJOURNMENT

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

SPCR-66-09

MOVED BY: T. Rigby

SECONDED BY: D. Renshaw

THAT: This meeting does now adjourn.

Received at 8:07 p.m.

“CARRIED”

“D. Gullett, Recording Secretary

M. Neufeld, Chair”