

**NIAGARA PENINSULA SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

**WELLAND**

**December 8, 2009**

**7:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** M. Neufeld, (Chair)  
B. Antonsen  
D. Ostryhon  
D. Renshaw  
D. Ricker  
T. Rigby  
E. Schneider  
C. Shrive

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** R. Bator  
M. Bellantino-Perco

**LIAISONS PRESENT:** B. Baty, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority  
G. Hudgin, Niagara Public Health Representative  
M. McHugh, Ministry of the Environment

**LIAISONS ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** J. Campbell, Acting Coordinator Source Protection  
J. Kukalis, Director Water Management  
M. Stack, Director Communications  
D. Gullett, Recording Secretary  
D. Ransom, Chair, NPCA

**OTHERS PRESENT:** D. Barrow, Niagara Region  
K. Vaughan

**ROLL CALL**

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**BUSINESS:**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 five, and the following resolution was then presented.

**SPCR-67-09**

**MOVED BY:** D. Ostryhon  
**SECONDED BY:** D. Ricker  
**THAT:** The agenda be accepted as presented.

**“CARRIED”**

The Chair introduced Jayme Campbell as the Acting Coordinator for Source Protection in Brian’s absence. There was one proxy from Ms. Bellantino-Perco to Mr. Renshaw with the permission of the Chair, therefore the votes are to be recorded votes.

**(1) MINUTES – NOVEMBER 10, 2009 SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Chair asked if there were any errors or omissions on the November 10, 2009 minutes. There being none, the following resolution was then presented.

**SPCR-68-09**

**MOVED BY:** D. Renshaw  
**SECONDED BY:** C. Shrive  
**THAT:** The minutes of the Source Protection Committee meeting held November 10, 2009 be received and approved as presented.

**“CARRIED Unanimously”**

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

Revisions to the Watershed Characterization Report with regards to the concentrations of organic nitrogen and phosphorus in raw water were inserted into the report. The changes are highlighted green in the text, and updated figures were attached. A memo from Stantec Consulting Ltd. was enclosed explaining Grimsby and Rosehill WTP Uncertainty to meet the Technical Rules requirements. The Administrative Rules & Procedures dated 11 Nov, 2009 were passed at the last SPA meeting. Please destroy previous copies and replace them with the revised rules.

**(3) GROUNDWATER VULNERABILITY ANALYSIS REPORT**

Mr. Campbell did a brief powerpoint presentation outlining the work done for the Groundwater Vulnerability Analysis Report. This included major aquifers, the study methodology and the results. Mr. Rigby commented this seems like a lot of work when it’s not our responsibility because the wells are all privately owned. John Kukalis replied it is important to have good information to explain to the public having a logical methodology.

Mr. Rigby expressed concerns over the Great Lakes international boundary restrictions to the source water program. The following resolution was then presented.

**SPCR-69-09**

**MOVED BY:** T. Rigby  
**SECONDED BY:** C. Shrive

**THAT:** The Report no. SPC-28-09, on Groundwater Vulnerability Analysis be received by the Source Water Protection Committee.

**“CARRIED Unanimously”**

- (4) **IN-CAMERA SESSION – DECEW WTP THREATS AND ISSUES**
- (5) **IN-CAMERA SESSION – NIAGARA FALLS WTP THREATS AND ISSUES**
- (6) **IN-CAMERA SESSION – DRAFT GRIMSBY WTP THREATS AND ISSUES**

The Chair requested the Committee move in-camera to address the Threats and Issues Assessments. The following resolution was then presented:

**SPCR-70-09**

**MOVED BY:** D. Ricker

**SECONDED BY:** E. Schneider

**THAT:** This meeting do now move in-camera.

Received at 7:47 p.m.

**“CARRIED Unanimously ”**

**SPCR-74-09**

**MOVED BY:** T. Rigby

**SECONDED BY:** D. Ricker

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

Received at 8:08 p.m.

**“CARRIED Unanimously”**

(7) **ASSESSMENT REPORT**

This report involves options the committee has for the public notification of the Assessment Report in addition to regulated requirements, e.g. “every person engaging in an activity that is or would be a significant drinking water threat”. It was decided to proceed with direct mail to landowners in highly vulnerable IPZ areas having a score greater than or equal to 8, which amounts to approximately 1,000 landowners. This is beyond what is required by the province. These highly vulnerable IPZs are Port Colborne IPZ-1 and IPZ-2, Niagara Falls IPZ-1 and DeCew Main/Hwy 406/Back-up IPZ-1s. After much discussion and plenty of input, the draft letter will be rewritten and brought forward at the next meeting. The following resolution was then presented:

**SPCR-75-09**

**MOVED BY:** T. Rigby

**SECONDED BY:** E. Schneider

**THAT:** This Report no. SPC-30-09 on Assessment Report Public Notification be received by the Source Protection Committee.  
Further that the Source Protection Committee approve the notification methodology outlined in the report.

**“CARRIED Unanimously”**

The Assessment Report requires enumeration of significant drinking water threats. It was recommended that the number and types of activities that are significant be

reported but the scope of the reporting not be expanded to include moderate threats at this time. The following resolution was then presented:

**SPCR-76-09**

**MOVED BY:** D. Ricker

**SECONDED BY:** D. Renshaw

**THAT:** This Report no. SPC-31-09 on Assessment Report Public Notification be received by the Source Protection Committee. Further that the Source Protection Committee approve the Assessment Report methodology outlined in this report.

**“CARRIED Unanimously ”**

**(8) OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chair mentioned there is an updated Gantt chart dated 8 December, 2009 included in the package distributed tonight. Report no. SPC-26-09 Surface Water Vulnerability Study Update was deferred to this meeting pending clarification from the consultant. This was completed, and the following resolution was presented.

**SPCR-63-09**

**MOVED BY:** C. Shrive

**SECONDED BY:** D. Renshaw

**THAT:** The Draft Report SPC-26-09, “Technical Memorandum 2 Update” covering the Decew, Rosehill and Grimsby Water Treatment Plants” by Stantec Consulting Ltd. and dated August, 2009 be received by the Source Protection Committee.

**“CARRIED Unanimously ”**

**(9) UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chair asked if anything had been missed, and then wished everyone a happy holiday with a busy year ahead of us. Mary Stack presented the committee members with a commemorative NPCA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pin, and thanked them all for their commitment and hard work.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**SPCR-77-09**

**MOVED BY:** T. Rigby

**SECONDED BY:** D. Ostryhon

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

Received at 9:02 p.m.

**“CARRIED Unanimously ”**

**“D. Gullett, Recording Secretary**

**M. Neufeld, Chair”**