

NIAGARA PENINSULA SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

WELLAND

March 7, 2017

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Bellantino-Perco (Acting chair)
T. Dalimonte
P. Grenier
D. Renshaw (by proxy)
D. Semple
C. Vega
A. Willems

MEMBERS ABSENT: R. Bator

LIAISONS PRESENT: G. Hudgin, Niagara Public Health Representative
B. Forrest, Ministry of the Environment & Climate Change

LIAISONS ABSENT: B. Baty, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

STAFF PRESENT: J. Campbell, Manager, Special Projects
S. Miller, Manager, Water Resources & Restoration
D. Gullett, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: J. Croswell, Niagara Region
M. Halder, Research & Planning Analyst, MOECC
via teleconference

ROLL CALL

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

BUSINESS:

Mr. Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m., welcomed everyone and requested anyone wishing to be Acting Chair to raise their hand. Ms. Bellantino-Perco volunteered and this was unanimously voted on.

The Acting Chair mentioned there is a proxy this evening from Mr. Renshaw to Ms. Bellantino-Perco, therefore the votes are to be recorded.

The Acting Chair requested that if anyone had a conflict of interest to declare it.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

There being none, the following resolution was then presented.

SPCR-01-17

MOVED BY: D. Semple

SECONDED BY: T. Dalimonte

THAT: The agenda be accepted as presented.

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
T. Dalimonte	√		P. Grenier	√		D. Renshaw (by proxy)	√	
D. Semple	√		C. Vega	√		A. Willems	√	

“CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY”

(1) MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 15, 2016 SPC MEETING

The Acting Chair stated the minutes of the September 15, 2016 meeting were approved previously by way of correspondence. The revised minutes were available to the committee. Mr. Grenier mentioned he was absent for this meeting but the recorded votes showed him as being in attendance. These minutes will be amended to reflect this change.

(2) BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Mr. Campbell asked Ms. Croswell about the status of the proposed intake relocation at DeCew Water Treatment Plant, from the previous meeting. She responded the work planned is approximately 5 years out, but this could change depending on completing priorities.

Mr. Semple inquired if there was an update on the initiative for the First Nations Source Water Protection in Ontario. Ms. Forrest responded there is still a lot work behind the scenes concerning infrastructure upgrades and staff certification. They are targeting a launch date for this fall, but this is being very optimistic.

(3) UPDATE FROM THE PROJECT MANAGER

Mr. Campbell mentioned NPCA along with Niagara Region will be attending a municipal engagement working group meeting in London on March 8. This is part of the province’s analysis of the source water program to identify future priorities such as mechanisms for adding new drinking water systems.

The next Chair's and Project Manager's meeting is March 27 to 29 in Toronto. Niagara's representative will be the Acting Chair unless one is appointed by the Minister before then. Mr. Campbell attended the last meeting with Mark Neufeld (past SPC Chair) in November, 2016 when Brian Wright (previous project manager) was on holidays.

The NPCA Achievement Awards were held in February, and Mark Neufeld received an Award of Merit for his ten plus years of involvement with the source water program.

Since the last Source Protection Committee (SPC) meeting, NPCA has been working with Niagara Region at the DeCew Reservoirs. This project is to monitor water levels at the Middle Reservoir and southern Interceptor Channel. This data will be used to assist the Risk Management Official (RMO) in discussions with the adjacent landowner on a Risk Management Plan.

NPCA has been in contact with the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC), and soon the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) will switch the source water protection signs putting the bilingual ones in Welland rather than Thorold.

The Source Protection Authority (SPA) funding workplan for April 2017 until March 2018 has been submitted to the province, and lastly a Niagara College student is working on the water budget data creating graphs of average soil moisture conditions to assist with on-going interpretation of drought conditions.

(4) 2016 RISK MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL ANNUAL REPORT SPC-01-17

This is Niagara Region's third annual Risk Management Official's Report. Under Part IV Powers of the Clean Water Act, a landowner engaged in a significant threat activity is required to develop a Risk Management Plan (RMP) to ensure the activity does not contaminate the drinking water sources in that area.

Originally there were eight parcels requiring a RMP in proximity of the DeCew Water Treatment Plant. Site visits were conducted in 2016 which confirmed the elimination of six significant threats. However, one property owner/operator requires a risk management plan, and two property owners/operators have potential significant threats on their property. Mr. Semple was surprised none of the RMP's are in place or implemented yet, and inquired about the consequences of not having this done. Ms. Croswell responded it is the RMO's responsibility to follow the implementation process and will continue to engage these landowners on completing RMPs.

The following resolution was presented:

SPCR-02-17

MOVED BY: P. Grenier

SECONDED BY: A. Willems

THAT: the Source Protection Committee receive this report dated March, 2017.

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
T. Dalimonte	√		P. Grenier	√		D. Renshaw (by proxy)	√	
D. Semple	√		C. Vega	√		A. Willems	√	

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(5) MOECC SUPPLEMENTAL ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT SPC-02-17

Mr. Campbell had a short slide show presentation of an overview of the Annual Progress “Supplemental” form. The MOECC has provided three options for the SPC to choose from in answering the following question:

“In the opinion of the SPC, to what extent have the objectives of the SPP been achieved in this reporting period.”

- Progressing Well / On Target
- Satisfactory
- Limited Progress Made

The Acting-Chair said the requirement is for this committee to bring their recommendation to the SPA in April. The committee was content indicating implementation is progressing well / on target based on the 30 percent balance of the policies to implement which are mainly administrative. The following resolution was presented:

SPCR-03-17

MOVED BY: P. Grenier

SECONDED BY: T. Dalimonte

THAT: the Source Protection Plan is progressing well and on target on the achievement of the Source Protection Plan objectives for the MOECC Supplemental Annual Progress Report.

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
T. Dalimonte	√		P. Grenier	√		D. Renshaw (by proxy)	√	
D. Semple	√		C. Vega	√		A. Willems	√	

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(6) 2016 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT SPC-03-17

This report provides information on the template prescribed by the province for the public posting of progress made in implementing the Source Protection Plan. This report is authored by the Source Protection Authority.

The goal of annual reporting is to track and advise the public on the implementation of the Source Protection Plan is to protect Ontario’s drinking water sources.

The following resolution was presented:

SPCR-04-17

MOVED BY: D. Semple

SECONDED BY: C. Vega

THAT: the Source Protection Committee (SPC) approved the recommended text of the Annual Progress Report.

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
T. Dalimonte	√		P. Grenier	√		D. Renshaw (by proxy)	√	
D. Semple	√		C. Vega	√		A. Willems	√	

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(7) SECTION 36 WORKPLAN – REPORT SPC-04-17

This report provides an overview of the Section 36 minister’s requirement for a workplan to review potential updates for the Source Protection Plan and Assessment Report. This is due to the MOECC before November 30, 2017, and once received, the Minister may then issue another order specifying detailed requirements governing the content and timeframes of the review.

For the Source Protection Authority meeting in April, a stakeholder consultation letter will be provided to the Source Protection Authority for review and approval to initiate the consultation process. The Source Protection Committee recommends the SPA approve the SPC providing direction for the preparation of the workplan investigation. Stakeholders would include SPA municipalities, implementers, stakeholders and the public. The letter would also be distributed through social media and our website.

In June, stakeholder consultation workshops will be held with daytime and evening sessions. It is intended SPC members will attend instead of having a separate independent meeting.

The workplan could then be presented to the Source Protection Authority Board at their September or October meeting for approval.

(8) OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Grenier mentioned the City of Welland is reviewing the bylaw which prohibits motorized boats in the Old Welland Canal. They are considering allowing motorized craft again in proximity of the intake on the canal. The Region has sent a letter to the city identifying this could pose a problem.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.

SPCR-05-17

MOVED BY: P. Grenier

SECONDED BY: A. Willems

THAT: this meeting now adjourn.

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
T. Dalimonte	√		P. Grenier	√		D. Renshaw (by proxy)	√	
D. Semple	√		C. Vega	√		A. Willems	√	

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“M. Bellantino-Perco, Acting Chair”