

NIAGARA PENINSULA SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

WELLAND

June 2, 2010

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Neufeld, (Chair)
R. Bator
D. Ostryhon
M. Bellantino-Perco
D. Renshaw
D. Ricker
T. Rigby
C. Shrive

MEMBERS ABSENT: B. Antonsen

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

LIAISONS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: B. Wright, Coordinator Source Protection
D. Gullett, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: D. Barrow, Niagara Region

ROLL CALL

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

BUSINESS:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., welcomed everyone and requested that if anyone had a conflict of interest to declare it. The Chair indicated that he has accepted one proxy from Mr. Antonsen to Mr. Renshaw and that the votes are to be recorded votes. The following resolution was then presented.

SPCR-39-10

MOVED BY: D. Ostryhon

SECONDED BY: D. Ricker

THAT: The agenda be accepted as presented.

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
B. Antonsen	√		R. Bator	√		M. Bellantino-Perco	√	
D. Ostryhon	√		D. Renshaw	√		D. Ricker	√	
T. Rigby	√		C. Shrive	√				

“CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY”

(1) MINUTES – May 25, 2010 SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Chair asked if there were any errors or omissions on the May 25, 2010 minutes. There being none, the following resolution was then presented.

SPCR-40-10

MOVED BY: D. Renshaw

SECONDED BY: C. Shrive

THAT: The minutes of the Source Protection Committee meeting held May 25, 2010 be received and approved as presented.

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
B. Antonsen	√		R. Bator	√		M. Bellantino-Perco	√	
D. Ostryhon	√		D. Renshaw	√		D. Ricker	√	
T. Rigby	√		C. Shrive	√				

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(2) BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Mr. Renshaw had a question regarding the in-camera-minutes.

SPCR-43-10

MOVED BY: M. Bellantino-Perco

SECONDED BY: R. Bator

THAT: This meeting does now move in-camera.

Received at 7:12 p.m.

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
B. Antonsen	√		R. Bator	√		M. Bellantino-Perco	√	
D. Ostryhon	√		D. Renshaw	√		D. Ricker	√	
T. Rigby	√		C. Shrive	√				

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This meeting is now back into open session.

(3) LAKE GIBSON IPZ VULNERABILITY SCORING

Mr. Wright reviewed the Technical Rule pertaining to the vulnerability scoring in report SPC-14-10 recommending Stantec’s original source vulnerability factor.

Mr. Rigby questioned if in fact the water quality has been fixed as a result of the Human Health & Risk Assessment, and how far back historically you have to go. The Chair asked for clarification from Ms. McHugh, and she replied there is no timeframe, but this could be addressed in the Source Protection Plan.

Mr. Bator commented the Region historically maintains a large database and the water quality for Decew WTP is excellent.

Mr. Wright stated this should definitely be a historical concern, since the Niagara Region Medical Officer of Health’s permission is required to open this intake because of concerns about the sediment quality.

The Chair mentioned we have to follow the Technical Rule in determining the Source Vulnerability Factor. He asked the committee members if they would give consideration to the possibility of scoring the Source Vulnerability Factor as moderate.

Ms. Bellantino-Perco asked when the Medical Officer of Health put the restriction on the intake. There were known sediments that were considered a risk to human health, and Mr. Rigby said there were similar issues at Martindale.

Mr. Ricker mentioned if the risk assessment says the water has improved, there would be no incentive to make it better.

Mr. Wright explained the raw water quality didn’t exceed the soil criteria, but it did exceed the sediment criteria. The risk assessment showed chemicals found weren’t trivial contaminants.

The Chair asked the committee if they would stand behind a rating of low, not knowing if stirring of sediments, or other comments discussed would affect their decision. He also pointed out we have until June 2011 to submit an update to the MOE. The following resolution was then presented.

SPCR-41-10

MOVED BY: D. Renshaw

SECONDED BY: T. Rigby

THAT: This Report no. SPC-14-10 concerning the Source Vulnerability Scoring in the Assessment Report be adopted and accepted by the Source Protection Committee, with the following changes:

Table 7.6 Historical Raw Water Quality – Change to moderate from high, and that a letter be submitted along with the submission of the Assessment Report to MOE, indicating this committee’s intention to revisit this in the future.

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
B. Antonsen	√		R. Bator	√		M. Bellantino-Perco	√	
D. Ostryhon	√		D. Renshaw	√		D. Ricker	√	
T. Rigby	√		C. Shrive	√				

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(4) PROPOSED ASSESSMENT REPORT

Mr. Wright explained that all the final editing is complete on the Proposed Assessment

Report. The following resolution was then presented.

SPCR-42-10

MOVED BY: D. Ostryhon

SECONDED BY: D. Ricker

THAT: This Report no. SPC-15-10 concerning the Proposed Assessment Report be adopted and accepted by the Source Protection Committee.

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
B. Antonsen	√		R. Bator	√		M. Bellantino-Perco	√	
D. Ostryhon	√		D. Renshaw	√		D. Ricker	√	
T. Rigby	√		C. Shrive	√				

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(5) OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Bellantino-Perco suggested the committee draft a transmittal letter addressing their concerns about the DeCew Scoring, the Transportation Corridors and the International Water Boundaries. Ms. McHugh mentioned it would be an appropriate place to put this, or the committee could submit these as a comment during the second comment period.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 22, 2010 at 7:00 pm to finalize this letter.

Ms. Barrow and Mr. Wright attended a tour last week of the Seaway Operations Centre in Thorold and highly regarded this tour to committee members. Committee members have expressed interest in this tour and staff will try to make these arrangements in the near future. It was noted that the tour can facilitate only a maximum of six people at one time, therefore more than one tour may be necessary.

(6) UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair mentioned he will be attending an SPA Meeting to address the following:

1. Selection of a new SPC member, as they have almost completed the interviewing process.
2. Submit the Proposed Assessment Report to the SPA via cover letter.
3. Review SPC member compensation.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.

“D. Gullett, Recording Secretary

M. Neufeld, Chair”