

NIAGARA PENINSULA SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

WELLAND

June 26, 2012

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Neufeld, (Chair)
R. Bator
D. Ostryhon
D. Renshaw
D. Ricker
T. Rigby
D. Semple (by proxy)
C. Shrive

MEMBERS ABSENT: B. Antonsen
M. Bellantino-Perco

LIAISONS PRESENT: G. Hudgin, Niagara Public Health Representative
J. Westlake, Ministry of the Environment (via telecom)
B. Baty, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

LIAISONS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: B. Wright, Coordinator Source Protection
D. Gullett, Recording Secretary
M. Stack, Director Communications

OTHERS PRESENT: E. Evans, Niagara Region

ROLL CALL

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

BUSINESS:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m., welcomed everyone and requested that if anyone had a conflict of interest to declare it. The Chair mentioned there was a proxy this evening from Mr. Semple to Mr. Rigby, therefore the votes are to be recorded. Ms. Katelyn Vaughan could not attend, so item 6 will be deferred to another meeting. The chair introduced Ms. Elizabeth Evans, the new Compliance Official for the Niagara Region. The following resolution was then presented.

SPCR-16-12

MOVED BY: D. Ostryhon
SECONDED BY: R. Bator
THAT: The agenda be accepted as amended.

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
R. Bator	√		D. Ostryhon	√		D. Renshaw	√	
D. Ricker	√		T. Rigby	√		D. Semple	√	
C. Shrive	√							

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(1) MINUTES – MAY SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Chair asked if there were any errors or omissions on the May 8, 2012 minutes. There being none, the following resolution was then presented.

SPCR-17-12

MOVED BY: D. Ricker
SECONDED BY: D. Ostryhon
THAT: The minutes of the Source Protection Committee meeting held May 8, 2012 be received and approved as presented.

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
R. Bator	√		D. Ostryhon	√		D. Renshaw	√	
D. Ricker	√		T. Rigby	√		D. Semple	√	
C. Shrive	√							

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(2) BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

(3) GANTT CHART UPDATE

Mr. Wright expressed we are basically on track, and the 30 day consultation period has ended. The SPP and ED along with the comments received will be presented July 18 to the SPA, and if approved the package should be forwarded to the MOE by the end of the month. Mr. Renshaw mentioned the SPC will not have another meeting prior to the submission to the MOE. Mr. Wright responded an e-mail will be forwarded to the committee to notify them if the board approves the plan submittal.

(4) SOURCE PROTECTION PLAN (SPP) UPDATE – REPORT NO. SPC-08-12

Mr. Wright explained the comments received from the MOE, Niagara South Federation of Agriculture, Niagara Region, Ministry of Transport and OMAFRA may require minor

amendments. The Chair noted the comments should not affect any policies, and that we are waiting for answers from the ministry. Mr. Wright commented only one other committee has submitted their plan, so we will be number two, which is quite impressive. Mr. Bator mentioned a few committees have already requested an extension. The following resolution was then presented:

SPCR-18-12

MOVED BY: D. Renshaw

SECONDED BY: T. Rigby

THAT: This committee report be received by the Source Protection Committee for information purposes.

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
R. Bator	√		D. Ostryhon	√		D. Renshaw	√	
D. Ricker	√		T. Rigby	√		D. Semple	√	
C. Shrive	√							

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(5) SPC TERMS OF OFFICE – REPORT NO. SPC-09-12

Mr. Wright explained this report is from the first page of the regulation, tweaked a bit for readability. The date the plan is posted on the EBR three members terms will expire, one from each sector. The Chair requested that everyone stay on, as he could not think of one member he would not want to remain on the committee. Mr. Baty questioned how do you determine who stays and who doesn't. Mr. Wright responded existing members can be reappointed by the SPA for a three year term. The Chair mentioned other commitments do come along, but there may not be a lot of meetings in the immediate future with the transition of the MOE's new plan. The following resolution was then presented.

SPCR-19-12

MOVED BY: C. Shrive

SECONDED BY: R. Bator

THAT: This committee report be received by the Source Protection Committee for information purposes.

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
R. Bator	√		D. Ostryhon	√		D. Renshaw	√	
D. Ricker	√		T. Rigby	√		D. Semple	√	
C. Shrive	√							

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(6) PRESENTATION BY K. VAUGHAN

This presentation is deferred to a meeting at a later date.

(7) UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair attended a conference, and the Fort Erie Rosehill Plant was judged to have the best tasting water in Ontario.

The Chair participated in a conference call involving the MOE, SPC Chairs and Mr. John Stager with regards to the Great Lakes Protection Act. This is currently posted on the EBR, and he recommended you take a look at this. They wondered if any Source Protection Committees would be interested in the infrastructure set up. The Chair thought we might be interested in this process but is unsure what is involved and what is expected, so just wait and see and take it from there.

The Chair informed the committee a meeting in July will not be necessary. On August 14th, the SPC and NPCA staff are invited for a barbeque and meeting at the Chair's house. He will e-mail everyone with a meeting time and provide directions.

(8) OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair mentioned there was a package included in the agenda submitted by Mr. Bator. The first part is pieced together of source water protection in various cities in the United States. They are developing watershed plans in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act approach. Their approach is more volunteer oriented, and a lot of the costs are paid by the water treatment department which is passed on to the consumer.

In Michigan, their SWP is divided into short term (3 years), medium (5 to 10 years) and long term actions (up to 50 years). Under the USA Clean Water Act, information on the watersheds was collected, issues were defined and goals were established. Success of the implementation is measured on a regular basis.

The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority has been attempting to work with the railroad industry because a railway accident is a potential source of contamination. However, working with them has been challenging due to the unique set of rules, similar to our transportation threats with the Seaway.

The biggest concerns based on a survey conducted by The American Water Works Association were:

1. Oil and fuel spills;
2. Algae growth, and;
3. Bacterial pathogens.

The Chair requested everyone take a look at the last page of the handout. Mr. Bator commented once a year a chart like this is published showing the bypasses and spills that are reported in each municipality. The Chair thanked Mr. Bator for his report, and he responded he thought it would be a good discussion point.

Mr. Bator attended an Agricultural Representative's meeting for Source Water on May 29 & 30. They are working on putting together documents for the Risk Management Plans. Mr. Bator will keep the Source Protection Committee up to date, and liaise with the Niagara Region's Risk Management Official Ms. Elizabeth Evans.

Mr. Wright will communicate with the SPC with regards to the SPA submittals.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:59 pm.

“D. Gullett, Recording Secretary

M. Neufeld, Chair”