

NIAGARA PENINSULA SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

WELLAND

September 18, 2012

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

LIAISONS PRESENT: B. Baty, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority
A. Laflamme, Niagara Public Health Representative

LIAISONS ABSENT: J. Westlake, Ministry of the Environment

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 7:02 p.m. than mentioned there was a proxy this evening from Mr. Renshaw to Mr. Ostryhon, therefore the votes are to be recorded. He welcomed Mr. Andre Laflamme the alternate representative for Niagara Public Health and Ms. Elizabeth Evans from Niagara Region sitting in for Ms. Deanna Barrow. The Chair requested that if anyone had a conflict of interest to declare it. There being none, the following resolution was then presented.

SPCR-20-12

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

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

“CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY”

(1) MINUTES – SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 26, 2012

The Chair asked if there were any errors or omissions on the June 26, 2012 minutes. There being none, the following resolution was then presented.

SPCR-21-12

MOVED BY: T. Rigby
SECONDED BY: D. Ricker
THAT: The minutes of the Source Protection Committee meeting held June 26, 2012 be received and approved as presented.

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

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(2) MINUTES – SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 14, 2102

The Chair asked if there were any errors or omissions on the August 14, 2012 minutes. There being none, the following resolution was then presented.

SPCR-22-12

MOVED BY: D. Semple
SECONDED BY: D. Ostryhon
THAT: The minutes of the Source Protection Committee meeting held August 14, 2012 be received and approved as presented.

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

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(3) BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Mr. Bator questioned the SPP’s emergency protocols, and suggested a number should be posted with the emergency hotline for spills. The Chair mentioned these comments have been brought up at previous meetings, are well taken, but probably not in our scope of the technical rules. Perhaps these concerns can be relayed to the region, and Ms. Evans replied the region is already aware of this.

(4) CONSIDERATION OF COMMENTS ON THE SOURCE PROTECTION PLAN

Mr. Wright mentioned report SPC-10-12 outlines the suggested amendments to the Proposed Source Protection Plan. These are shown as track changes on the CD. There was a discussion in regards to policy PC-13, and the Chair asked the committee for their input. Mr. Bator said we should proceed with the MOE’s suggestion to reword the policy to prohibit the threat activity instead of prohibiting the airport, and this was seconded by Mr. Ostryhon. The following resolution was then presented:

SPCR-23-12

MOVED BY: C. Shrive

SECONDED BY: B. Antonsen

THAT: This committee report SPC 10-12 concerning suggested amendments to the proposed Source Protection Plan and Explanatory Document be received by the Source Protection Committee, and

That the suggested amendments be forwarded to the Ministry of the Environment for their consideration.

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

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(5) FUTURE ROLE OF THE SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Mr. Wright mentioned annual progress reports will be prepared and approved by the SPA and than submitted to the MOE. Mr. Semple asked if there was a template available for the annual reports, and to date the MOE hasn’t confirmed an electronic form.

The appointment of the Risk Management Official, Ms. Evans will be heard by council on October 28. She will work with landowners for risk management plans, public outreach and education and there will be changes to planning policies to flag. Municipalities will need support or some sort of guide book to assist them with their responsibilities of implementation and also how to implement the policies.

The Chair said moving forward he had two items to discuss. The first being membership on the committee, and the second is ongoing work to complete. The committee's workload will not be as intense as the previous five years. The Chair mentioned he respects anyone who does not want to continue, but hopes everyone will seriously consider remaining. Please communicate confidentially to the Chair if you are considering remaining or leaving this committee. The next big step is for the Minister to approve the SPP and ED.

The sectors have to remain the same, and the first change over would have to be approved by the SPA. Ms. Bellantino-Perco questioned the protocol for reassigning a new person, and Mr. Rigby responded they would be elected from their communities, but if both wanted to vacate, it would be someone that was appointed by the region or municipality. The Chair commented currently there is no direction from the province in this regard to any satisfaction of the SPC Chairs. They are busy reviewing the plans, and not concentrating with management at this time, and we'll have to wait and see how appointments come up.

The Chair commented our role going forward from this point is at a very different level from what it started as. Mr. Wright mentioned work is continuing with the Tier 3 water budget, and we still have IPZ-3 updates to add to our Assessment Report and SPP.

Ms. Bellantino-Perco asked if there has been any commitment from MOE regarding funding. Mr. Wright replied there will be funding next year for sure, but will definitely be lower as most technical work is complete, and staff's work is winding down.

The Chair mentioned there were only four committees that didn't submit their plans on time, which is pretty good for the amount of work and money for this groundbreaking work to get completed. He also said there are significant fiscal restraints in this province so please solicit your feelings moving forward, and we will work together to resolve any issues and circumstances involved.

(6) UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair mentioned everything he had wanted to say, he previously commented on. Mary Stack complemented the Chair on his hard work and the also the dedication of this committee was just phenomenal.

(7) OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Baty apologized for being delayed, as he was attending the Children's Water Festival. He mentioned there are a lot of high school students volunteering for this program who were in attendance when the festival was initiated ten years ago.

Ms. Bellantino-Perco inquired about the status of our MOE liaison. Mr. Wright replied he is currently on vacation, but we will always have communication with the MOE.

Mr. Wright mentioned there will probably be one more meeting this year. He will advise the next meeting date as soon as he receives more direction from the MOE on minor corrections to be made. He also thanked everyone for their commitment and hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:23 pm.

“D. Gullett, Recording Secretary

M. Neufeld, Chair”