

NIAGARA PENINSULA SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

WELLAND

October 11, 2011

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

LIAISONS PRESENT: B. Baty, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority
W. Wright, Ministry of the Environment

LIAISONS ABSENT: G. Hudgin, Niagara Public Health Representative

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

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 7:08 p.m., welcomed everyone and requested that if anyone had a conflict of interest to declare it. The Chair mentioned there were three proxies this evening, the first one from Mr. Shrive to Mr. Ostryhon, the second, Mr. Semple to Mr. Rigby and lastly Mr. Bator to Mr. Ricker therefore the votes are to be recorded. The following resolution was then presented.

SPCR-49-11

MOVED BY: D. Ostryhon

SECONDED BY: B. Antonsen

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	√	

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(1) MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 14, 2011 SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Chair asked if there were any errors or omissions on the September 14, 2011 minutes. The following corrections are to be made:

Mr. Renshaw noted on page 3, stakeholder meetings, number one first sentence should be “The Niagara Falls planning staff...” etc.

Same page number 4, second paragraph should begin with Mr. Wright indicated the “Director...” etc. and add “were in attendance” at the end of the sentence.

The following resolution was then presented.

SPCR-50-11

MOVED BY: D. Renshaw

SECONDED BY: M. Bellantino-Perco

THAT: The minutes of the Source Protection Committee meeting held August 9, 2011 be received and approved as amended.

	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) BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Ms. Bellantino-Perco inquired about the meetings with St. Lawrence Seaway and at Black Creek. Mr. Wright explained Mr. Pesant was given the letter prior to their meeting, and there aren't a lot of policies that affect them. The final letter will be sent tomorrow if the pesticide threat is approved at tonight's meeting.

There was a workshop/meeting at Black Creek, where they were split into discussion groups. The Explanatory Document discussion group was mainly questions and answers. Other groups dealt with policy writing which our committee has already completed the drafts.

The transportation corridors threat was also brought up. The Chair said there are still ongoing discussions with the MTO regarding signage on provincial highways for a consistent approach across the province, and hopefully MTO will accept the signage request for public safety reasons.

(3) GANTT CHART UPDATE

Mr. Wright explained the only change to the Gantt Chart was that the pre-consultation tasks were revised a little but we the main timelines are still the same. A draft of the plan and the explanatory document are the next big tasks to complete.

(4) PRE-CONSULTATION NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

1. The first presentation to the mayors and councilors couldn't be coordinated in time before the council meetings, as most were out of town.
2. City of Thorold meeting is scheduled for October 18th. Mr. Bator was asked to attend as the agricultural representative.
3. City of Port Colborne scheduled for October 24th. Ms. Bellantino-Perco will check to see if she is available to attend.
4. City of Niagara Falls also on October 24th. They may just want a report sent to council, so a presentation may not be necessary.
5. If possible just one presentation may be given to a combined Niagara Region Public Works and ICP committee.

Mr. Rigby asked why Welland and St. Catharines councils were not included. Mr. Wright explained there are no policies for these municipalities to implement as there are no significant threats in these municipalities.

Mr. Renshaw suggested sending a letter to the municipalities indicating they will not be responsible for implementing any policies.

There is a significant change in councilors that aren't familiar with SWP, and the Chair commented the presenters should be able to explain anything that new council may not understand, as they all know the background information.

Mr. Antonsen questioned the format of the presentation, and the Chair responded it is a powerpoint presentation which the committee will view shortly. Mr. Baty asked if it is posted on our website, and it is not at this time.

The following resolution was then presented:

SPCR-51-11

MOVED BY: D. Renshaw

SECONDED BY: M. Bellantino-Perco

THAT: This report SPC-20-11 be received by the Source Protection Committee for information purposes.

	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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Suggestions for the presentations to Council using Port Colborne as an example:

- We won't be providing a copy of the Powerpoint presentation before the agenda package to Thorold council.
- “significant threats” term should be defined in terms of the meaning under the CWA.
- Suggest hi-lighting the 14 Port Colborne potential threats on the slide that shows the prescribed 21 threats
- Need to highlight the fact there are no existing threats – in Port Colborne and Niagara Falls presentations
- Consider deleting the IPZ-1 figure
- Slide 16 show an intro statement “According to Clean Water Act we must :”
- Highlight Port Colborne responsibilities in different colour to policies implemented by others
- Put policies that others (like MOE) will implement in separate colour
- Give a copy of the actual presentation to councilors just before presenting at the meeting.
- Need to significantly cut down the number of slides in presentation and focus on policies
- Should skip AR details in presentation but keep on hand for questions afterward
- Need to make sure councilors know that planning decisions must conform to SPP policies when SPP is approved even though the OP may not be amended for 3 more years.
- Should focus on map and summary table of policies
- Need to emphasize who is the primary implementer for these policies - the local municipality or Niagara Region
- Font size of the catchment areas map is too small to see – needs to be enlarged.

The Chair thanked everyone for their input, and the working group will try to adjust the presentations accordingly.

(5) PROPOSED POLICY CHANGES

1. Mr. Wright mentioned the SPP is currently missing a policy directed to the St. Lawrence Seaway Management to address the commercial storage of pesticides in Port Colborne IPZ-1.
2. Niagara Region planning staff indicated that their municipality would require two years to amend their Official Plan and bring it into conformity with the SPP policies. As a result the SPPWG suggest making a ‘global’ change to the SPP policies to allow two years for Niagara Region and three years for the local municipalities to bring their Official Plans into conformity with the SPP policies. Currently the SPP policies allow one year and two years respectively.

The following resolution was then presented.

SPCR-52-11

MOVED BY:

D. Ricker

SECONDED BY:

D. Ostryhon

THAT:

This report SPC-21-11 be received by the Source Protection Committee.

	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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(6) SPP WORKING GROUP MINUTES

Maria questioned when the next meeting for the working group. It is scheduled for Wednesday October 26, 2011 at 1:00 pm in the boardroom. The Chair reminded the committee they are welcome to attend. The following resolution was then presented.

SPCR-53-11

MOVED BY: B. Antonsen

SECONDED BY: D. Ricker

THAT: The minutes of the Source Protection Plan Working Group meeting held September 7, 2011 be received by the Source Protection Committee for information purposes.

	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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(7) UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair mentioned he is working with other committees and project managers to organize their next meeting for December or January. Their main objective will be to try and strongly influence the Province to regulate consistency in the Source Protection Plan.

(8) OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:18 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

“D. Gullett, Recording Secretary

M. Neufeld, Chair”