

NIAGARA PENINSULA SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

WELLAND

October 12, 2010

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Neufeld, (Chair)
B. Antonsen
R. Bator
D. Ostryhon
M. Bellantino-Perco
T. Rigby
D. Semple

MEMBERS ABSENT: D. Renshaw
D. Ricker
C. Shrive

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

LIAISONS ABSENT:

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 7:10 p.m., welcomed everyone and requested that if anyone had a conflict of interest to declare it. The Chair mentioned with his permission, there was a proxy from Mr. Renshaw to Mr. Antonsen and from Mr. Shrive to Mr. Ostryhon, therefore the votes are to be recorded votes. The following resolution was then presented.

SPCR-57-10

MOVED BY: M. Bellantino-Perco

SECONDED BY: D. Semple

THAT: The agenda be accepted as presented.

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

“CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY”

(1) MINUTES SEPTEMBER 14, 2010 SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Chair asked if there were any errors or omissions on the September 14, 2010 minutes. There being none, the following resolution was then presented.

SPCR-58-10

MOVED BY: D. Ostryhon

SECONDED BY: R. Bator

THAT: The minutes of the Source Protection Committee meeting held September 14, 2010 be received and approved as presented.

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

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(2) BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Chair noted that Mr. Renshaw’s presentation will be delayed until the next meeting, due to his absence.

(3) SOURCE PROTECTION PLAN – GANTT CHART UPDATE

Mr. Wright noted the only change was submitting the updated Assessment Report by May 30, 2011 instead of June, 2011. The work plan for the UAR was one of the first submitted to the MOE, so hopefully we will receive their approval soon.

(4) SOURCE PROTECTION PLAN (SPP) – SIGNIFICANT THREATS IN SPA AND MOE GUIDANCE MATERIALS

Mr. Wright explained this report outlines a summary of the significant threats for the NPSPA. The spreadsheet gives you an idea of all the different chemical and pathogen circumstances which must be addressed. The flowchart shows that a lot more pre-consultation is required before the Draft Proposed SPP goes to the public, compared to the requirements of the Proposed Assessment Report. Ms. Bellantino-Perco questioned if this process is the same as the AR. Mr. Wright replied, the Pre-consultation involves direct communication with municipalities, stakeholders, and also agencies that issue provincial instruments (such as Certificates of Approval), etc.

These bodies are then required to provide back comments on the proposed policies. The consultation requirements *after* the draft proposed Source Protection Plan is released to the public are very similar to those of the Proposed Assessment Report.

The following resolution was then presented:

SPCR-59-10

MOVED BY: B. Antonsen
SECONDED BY: M. Bellantino-Perco

THAT: This report SPC-19-10 be received by the Source Protection Committee for information purposes.

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

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(5) TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR THREATS

Mr. Wright noted this report includes a letter similar to the one Cataraqui Source Protection Region submitted which was recently approved by the MOE. Mr. Ostryhon inquired where they were located. Cataraqui is in the Kingston area, so it has similar shipping and roadway corridors like Niagara Peninsula.

Ms. Barrow felt the letter was a little strong, and suggested re-wording the sentence on the last page, third paragraph to read, “...it was decided that the *WTP should be shut down for 12 hours as a precautionary measure until the testing was completed.*” Mr. Rigby wondered if it was automatically required to shut down the plant, and Ms. Barrow will check the ERP and let us know.

Ms. Bellantino-Perco questioned how Table 2 was compiled. Mr. Wright thought it was part of Stantec’s research, but he will confirm. She also requested the committee receive a copy of the Stantec Transportation Threats Report.

Mr. Bator asked why the records for the years 2003-4 and 2009-10 aren’t shown on Table 3. Mr. Wright commented the footnotes explain that this information was not yet received, and if the information isn’t received by the time the work plan is due, it will have to be left as a data gap. However, this should not affect the results of the transportation threats report.

A suggestion that only show spills greater than 100 litres in size be included in Table 3 was discussed but eventually it was decided to leave Table 3 as is, showing *all* spills that were recorded in the Spills Action Centre Database. The following resolution was then presented:

SPCR-60-10

MOVED BY: T. Rigby

SECONDED BY: D. Ostryhon

THAT: This report SPC-20-10 be received by the Source Protection Committee for information purposes as amended.

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

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(6) WATER FESTIVAL VIDEO

Ms. Barrow showed a brief video of the Niagara Children’s Water Festival, and mentioned this was the eighth consecutive year for this program. Some High school students who volunteered, had attended the festival when they were in grade school.

(7) UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair presented the SPP Working Group Resolution. The Chair indicated he would appoint Brian Wright as the SPP Working Group Chair. The minutes of these meetings will be distributed to the committee for information purposes. An agenda will be e-mailed to the SPC members so they may observe the meeting if interested. Currently, the SPC Rules and Procedures stipulate that any Working Groups designated by the SPC are to follow the same rules and procedures.

The following resolution was then presented:

SPCR-61-10

MOVED BY: R. Bator

SECONDED BY: T. Rigby

THAT: That the Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Committee (NPSPC) shall establish a Source Protection Plan Working Group to assist in the development and writing of policies for the Source Protection Plan (SPP).

And that the members of this SPP Working Group shall consist of;

- SPC Chair (Mark Neufeld),
- SPC Member (Drew Semple),
- NPCA Source Protection Project Manager (Brian Wright),
- NPCA Source Protection Technical Representative (Jayme Campbell),
- NPCA Source Protection Planner (Jessica Button),
- Niagara Region Source Protection Technical Representative (Deanna Barrow),
- Niagara Region Source Protection Technical Representative (Mike Janas/Betty Matthews-Malone),

Niagara Region Source Protection Planning Representative (Travis MacBeth), and from time to time additional members with specialized knowledge of the subject matter being discussed;

And that, in accordance with the SPC Rules and Procedures, the NPSPC Chair shall appoint the chair of the SPP Working Group;

And that the Rules and Regulations governing the procedures of the SPC shall be observed in the Working Group, as far as they are applicable and the words “Working Group” shall be substituted for the word “SPC”, where such is applicable.

This resolution be received by the Source Protection Committee for information purposes.

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

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The Chair and Mr. Wright attended the SPC Chairs & Project Manager’s meeting at the end of September. The primary discussion was the Source Protection Planning process. The Chair also sits on the advisory committee which Conservation Ontario chairs, and they have teleconferences every two weeks focusing on the structure of policy planning. After the training session in November, more information should be available.

The Chair informed everyone that this was Ms. McHugh’s last meeting for some time, due to maternity leave, and her last official day is November 5, 2010. On behalf of the committee he thanked her for her hard work, and wished her the very best. Ms. McHugh said the MOE just hired a new liaison Mr. Wesley Wright, but unfortunately he could not attend the meeting this evening. She commented that she has enjoyed working with this committee, and will try to follow our progress on the SPP.

(8) OTHER BUSINESS

In answer to a SPC member question, Ms. McHugh stated that orders and amendments to prescribed instruments made under the SPP for prescribed instruments may be appealed to the Environmental Review Tribunal (ERT).

The SPC could write a *Strategic Action* type policy to cover threat activities on the Welland Canal, but since the Seaway Authority has federal jurisdiction, they don’t have to comply.

Mr. Semple asked if an appeal can be made to the OMB for land use. Ms. McHugh is going to check on this.

Ms. Bellantino-Perco inquired about the upcoming training in Brantford. Everyone should receive their confirmation with an itinerary via e-mail the week of October 12, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:32 pm.

“D. Gullett, Recording Secretary

M. Neufeld, Chair”