

NIAGARA PENINSULA SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

WELLAND

October 8, 2019

7:00 p.m.

DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: A. Willems (Acting Chair)
R. Bator
C. Bodimeade
D. Fry
T. Rigby
D. Semple
C. Vega

MEMBERS ABSENT: T. Dalimonte (regrets)
A. Michaud (regrets)

LIAISONS PRESENT: P. Jekel, Niagara Public Health Representative
B. Wright, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority
B. Forrest, Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks

LIAISONS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: T. Proks, Hydrogeologist
D. MacKenzie, Director Watershed
S. Miller, Sr. Manager, Water Resources
D. Gullett, Recording Secretary
E. Navarro, Communications Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: D. Barrow, Niagara Region
J. Hellinga, NPCA Board Member
H. Wells

ROLL CALL

ELECT ACTING CHAIR

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

BUSINESS:

Mr. Proks, Source Water Protection Coordinator called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m. and welcomed everyone. Mr. Proks notified the SPC that there is no Provincially appointed Chair for this meeting and about the delay in SPC Chair re-appointments. In order to proceed with the meeting an Acting Chair must be elected. The SPC was made aware of the situation in previous email correspondence and the SPC members were

asked to indicate their interest in the position. Member Willems indicated interest in the position of Acting Chair, a vote was called and carried.

The Acting Chair requested that if anyone had a conflict of interest to declare it. There being none, the following resolution was then presented:

SPCR-20-19

MOVED BY: T. Rigby

SECONDED BY: D. Semple

THAT: the agenda be accepted as presented.

“CARRIED”

(1) MINUTES – JULY 16, 2019 SPC MEETING

The chair asked if there were any errors or omissions in the minutes of the July 16, 2019 minutes. There being none, the following resolution was then presented:

SPCR-21-19

MOVED BY: R. Bator

SECONDED BY: C. Bodimeade

THAT: the minutes of the Source Protection Committee meeting held July 16, 2019 be received and approved as presented.

“CARRIED”

(2) BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Mr. Proks said the latest update on the Welland Water Treatment Plant is that commissioning of the new plant and decommissioning of the old plant may be delayed to 2023 and 2025 respectively. Therefore, if the technical work for SWP is tied into the funding for this work it looks more and more like Welland will be its own Section 34 amendment.

(3) UPDATES from the: ACTING CHAIR

The Acting Chair thanked everyone for the confidence in allowing him to temporarily fill the Chair’s position. He participated in the Chair’s and Project Manager’s teleconference October 1st, 2019.

PROJECT MANAGER

Mr. Proks that there was not a lot to update the SPC on since the last meeting. The most pressing topic was the appointment of the Chair position. The Ministry has indicated that the decision for the Chair re-appointment is with the Minister.

Mr. Proks discussed the upcoming changes to the Conservation Authorities Act, future funding for the Source Water Protection Program and the conversation period with the Minister regarding the impending regulation changes to the Conservation Authorities Act.

Mr. Proks attended the PM and Chair's teleconference meeting with Member Willems. Information gathered at the meeting included upcoming Transfer Payment Agreements have not been approved for 2020-2021 yet and introducing the new SPC Chairs to the program.

Work to update the Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan continues, and no firm timeline or deadlines for the upcoming Water Treatment Plants with regards to Section 34 or Section 36 updates.

LIAISON OFFICER, MECP

Ms. Beth Forrest had the following updates:

Workshop for technical rules will probably take place in November, but no firm date has been set. All 36 Section 34 Amendments have been approved, with three more for November. Ms. Vega questioned the process for appointing the Chair's for each committee. Ms. Forrest responded the decision solely rests on the Minister. This year to date, one chair has stepped down and in two cases they were not reappointed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Navarro mentioned there will be a new multimedia marketing coordinator joining the communications department soon to assist with the website. She asked if there were any comments on the handout that will be featured in an upcoming issue of Health, Wellness and Safety magazine. It was very informative, simple to follow right from your household and a very good starting point.

(4) PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Forrest did a presentation on the 2018 Annual Reporting Summary. The committee found this report very interesting and requested more information on:

- 1) How many prescribed instrument inspections took place; and
- 2) How did the Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Area rate against the province.

She will try to obtain these numbers and bring them back to the committee.

(5) REPORTS

a) REPORT NO. SPC-10-19 UPDATE ON WORKPLAN OPTIONS

Mr. Helinga had a few comments about Highly Vulnerable Aquifers. Mr. Proks responded all HVA's are scored 6 across the board which makes them low threats. The following resolution was presented:

SPCR-22-19

MOVED BY: T. Rigby

SECONDED BY: R. Bator

THAT: Report No. SPC-10-19 be **RECEIVED** for consideration; and

That the Source Protection Committee (SPC) **DIRECT** staff to prioritize the mandatory Section 36 updates.

“CARRIED”

b) **REPORT SPC-11-19 2019 – FUEL HANDLING AND STORAGE POLICY DEVELOPMENT**

This report provides details regarding the changes to Fuel Handling and Storage under the Director’s Technical Rules which now adds a new significant drinking water threat to the Port Colborne IPZ-1. The following resolution was presented:

SPCR-23-19

MOVED BY: C. Vega

SECONDED BY: C. Bodimeade

THAT: Report No. SPC-11-19 be **RECEIVED** for consideration; and

That the Source Protection Committee (SPC) **DIRECT** staff to create two new policies to address the significant drinking water threat of Fuel – Handling and Fuel – Storage within the Port Colborne Intake Protection Zone 1 (IPZ-1) and bring them back to the SPC for review.

“CARRIED”

c) **REPORT SPC-12-19 PORT COLBORNE SANITARY PIPE BREAKS**

This report is to provide an update regarding historic sanitary sewer ruptures on land adjacent to the Welland Canal. Ms. Barrow will get a description of the capital projects and bring this back to the committee. The following resolution was presented:

SPCR-24-19

MOVED BY: C. Bodimeade

SECONDED BY: C. Vega

THAT: Report SPC-12-19 be **RECEIVED** for information.

“DEFERRED”

THAT: The Source Protection Committee **DIRECT** staff to gather background information on Sewage Threats and bring back to the committee.

“CARRIED”

d) **REPORT SPC-13-19 SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEMBER'S HANDBOOK**

Mr. Proks asked if the committee had any comments or concerns with the handbook. One recommendation was to remove the liaison's members as they have already signed an acknowledgement with their respective agencies. The following resolution was presented:

SPCR-25-19

MOVED BY: D. Fry

SECONDED BY: C. Vega

THAT: the Source Protection Committee (SPC) **APPROVE** the Committee Member's Handbook as amended.

"CARRIED"

(6) **OTHER BUSINESS**

MECP Correspondence (attached)

(7) **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m. The following resolution was presented:

SPCR-26-19

MOVED BY: C. Bodimeade

SECONDED BY: D. Fry

THAT: this meeting do now adjourn.

"CARRIED"

"D. Gullett, Recording Secretary

A. Willems, Acting Chair"