

NIAGARA PENINSULA SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

WELLAND

March 24, 2020

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES – VIA TELECONFERENCE

MEMBERS PRESENT: B. Hodgson (Chair)
R. Bator
C. Bodimeade
T. Dalimonte
D. Fry
A. Michaud
T. Rigby
D. Semple
C. Vega
A. Willems

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

LIAISONS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: T. Proks, Source Water Protection Coordinator
C. Sharma, CAO & Secretary Treasurer
S. Miller, Senior Manager, Water Resources
D. Gullett, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: J. Croswell, Niagara Region

ROLL CALL

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

BUSINESS:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., welcomed everyone to our first ever teleconference meeting. The Chair asked if there was a conflict of interest to declare it. Mr. Bodimeade declared a potential conflict for the DeCew Water Treatment Plant upgrades. The following resolution was then presented:

SPCR-01-20

MOVED BY: R. Bator
SECONDED BY: A. Michaud
THAT: the agenda be accepted as presented.

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“CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY”

(1) **MINUTES – DECEMBER 10, 2019 SPC MEETING**

The Chair asked if there were any errors or omissions on the December 10, 2019 meeting minutes. There being none, the following resolution was then presented:

SPCR-02-20

MOVED BY: D. Semple
SECONDED BY: C. Vega
THAT: the minutes of the Source Protection meeting held December 10, 2019 be received and approved as presented.

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| D. Fry | √ | | A. Michaud | √ | | T. Rigby | √ | |
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(2) **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Ms. Croswell mentioned she had an action item from the previous meeting with regards to the force mains. These are inspected every three years, maybe some areas more often. If anyone would like additional information, just let her know.

(3) **UPDATES from the:**

CHAIR

The Chair said it was a great honour to be appointed by the Province as the Chair of this committee. He is very appreciative of the work done by this group on the Assessment Report and the Source Protection Plan. Mr. Proks and Mr. Miller provided an overview to the Chair to renew his knowledge of the source protection program.

The Chair thanked Ms. Croswell for arranging the tour of the Welland Water Treatment Plant to see how the operation works. He also attended the Niagara Peninsula

Conservation Appreciation Night during the snow storm where Ms. Bellantno-Perco was acknowledged for her commitment to the Source Protection Committee.

The Chair and Mr. Proks attended a Hamilton Source Protection Committee meeting to give him an opportunity to familiarize himself with the procedures of a Source Protection meeting. Finally, the Chair was in attendance for an online meeting with Ministry.

CAO

Ms. Sharma is looking forward to meeting everyone and thankful to this committee for their commitment. Her previous position with the Toronto Region Conservation, source water was part of her portfolio, so she is very familiar with this program,

PROJECT MANAGER

Mr. Proks said the changes to the Director's Technical Rules are coming and will be posted to the EBR likely in late spring or summer for comments, but not sure of the timeline under the current circumstances.

Since our last meeting the committee has a new Chair and the NPCA has a new CAO/Secretary-Treasurer.

The Annual Reporting has moved entirely into an online reporting tool, as you will see in the print out reports appended to the summary report on annual reporting. We will go through these tonight.

A meeting was held with the Region regarding Transport Pathways and a presentation was provided. The Director's meeting requires more work may have to be done with lower tier municipalities to be included in Section 36. A surface water mapping exercise may be initiated once this is properly navigated it will be brought back to this committee.

MECP LIAISON OFFICER

Ms. Forrest mentioned Keley Katona is the new director for the Source Protection Program Branch. She has a pretty solid background, yet it is a steep learning process, and they are getting her up to speed.

The changes as Tom mentioned to the Technical Rules are under review by management. In the Source Protection Information Atlas the Public Mapping Tool has been upgraded and Beth highly recommends having a look at the website. It displays river and climate change flow discharge data. There are currently 430 active climate stations.

(4) PRESENTATIONS

There are no presentations.

(5) REPORTS

2020 SCHEDULE AND WORKPLAN UPDATE – REPORT NO. SPC-02-20

Mr. Proks explained this report is a draft schedule and workplan for the upcoming years to streamline the upcoming Section 36 submission process. Tasks to be completed this year consist of the following:

- Upgrades to the Assessment Report, Source Protection Plan and the Explanatory Document based on the technical work completed for relocating the Niagara Falls intake;
- Developing Oil Pipeline Policies for DeCew and Niagara Falls;
- Develop Fuel Handling and Storage for Port Colborne;
- Updating the AR based on the 2017 changes to the Director’s Technical Rules; and
- Updates to the content of the AR, SPP and ED as necessary based on the work above.

The following resolution was presented:

SPCR-03-20

MOVED BY: T. Rigby

SECONDED BY: C. Bodimeade

THAT: Report No. SPC 02-20 be **RECEIVED** for information.

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2019 DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTING – REPORT SPC-03-20

This report consists of the Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Authority (NPSPA) requirement to provide annual reports to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). This reporting process has been standardized by the MECP and consists of:

- NPSPA Implementation Status Report;
- NPSPA Implementation Status Summary;
- NPSPA Supplemental Form; and
- NPSPA Source Protection Annual Progress Report.

Mr. Rigby requested a copy of the key form for the acronyms (e.g. DC-1) and Mr. Proks responded it was in the Source Protection Plan, but he will also e-mail this to him. The following resolution was presented:

SPCR-04-20

MOVED BY: A. Willems

SECONDED BY: A. Michaud

THAT: Report No. SPC-03-20 be **RECEIVED** for consideration; and

That the Source Protection Committee (SPC) INDICATE that the objectives of the Source Protection Plan for the 2019 reporting period are “Progressing Well / On Target” and “that based on the information provided, that all of the threats have been addressed and all of the policies are implemented”.

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(6) OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Proks thanked everyone for attending. He mentioned he received a request from a Port Colborne councilor, and this correspondence will be added to the next agenda.

The next meetings will tentatively be set for June, September and November or December. In terms of dates, they will probably be the third Tuesday of the month.

(7) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:56 pm.
 The following resolution was presented:

SPCR-05-20

MOVED BY: D. Fry

SECONDED BY: R. Bator

THAT: this meeting do now adjourn.

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Bill Hodgson, Chair

D. Gullett, Recording Secretary