

NIAGARA PENINSULA SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

VIRTUAL MEETING

March 23, 2021

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES – VIA TELECONFERENCE

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: T. Dalimonte

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

LIAISONS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: T. Proks, Source Water Protection Coordinator
S. Miller, Senior Manager, Water Resources
G. Shaule, Recording Secretary
E. Navarro, Communication Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: J. Crowell, Niagara Region RMO/RMI

ROLL CALL

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

BUSINESS:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., welcomed everyone to the virtual SPC meeting. The Chair conducted roll call and asked if there was a conflict of interest with any of the members and for them to declare it. No conflicts of interest were declared. The following resolution was then presented:

SPCR-01-21

MOVED BY: A. Willems

SECONDED BY: D. Semple

THAT: the SPC agenda for the meeting of March 23, 2021 be adopted.

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
R. Bator	√		C. Bodimeade	√		C. Vega	√	
A. Willems	√		A. Michaud	√		D. Fry	√	
D. Semple	√		T. Rigby	√				

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(1) MINUTES – October 20, 2020 SPC MEETING

The Chair asked if there were any errors or omissions on the October 20, 2020 meeting minutes. There being none, the following resolution was then presented:

SPCR-02-21

MOVED BY: R. Bator

SECONDED BY: D. Fry

THAT: the minutes of the Source Protection Committee meeting held on October 20, 2020 be received and approved as presented.

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
R. Bator	√		C. Bodimeade	√		C. Vega	√	
A. Willems	√		A. Michaud	√		D. Fry	√	
D. Semple	√		T. Rigby	√				

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(2) BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

(3) UPDATES:

CHAIR

Chair Hodgson provided an update regarding the virtual SPC Chairs and Project Managers meeting held in February. The meeting included a brief province wide overview of the success/challenges from each Region.

PROJECT MANAGER

Mr. Proks provided the following updates to the Source Protection Committee:

- Restrictions at NPCA main office still in effect due to on-going global pandemic.

- Re-appointment of Member Vega to the SPC from the SPA meeting held in December
- Updates regarding status of technical work progress from Niagara Region.
- Information around Port Colborne resolutions pertaining to groundwater protection
- Letter to MECP sent requesting extension to Section 36 Order deadline.
- Information regarding participation in Conservation Ontario led working groups on the topics of Transport Pathways and the Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment Tool.

Communication updates were provided by Ms. Navarro regarding an upcoming Source Protection communication e-newsletter and general information brochure, as well as updates regarding a Conservation Ontario led working group for public consultations.

MECP LIAISON OFFICER

Updates provided by MECP Liaison are as follows:

- Thanks to PMs and Chairs for presentations provided at February PM and Chairs meeting
- MECP is currently reviewing comments regarding changes to Phase II Director’s Technical Rules and no timeline yet for implementation
- MECP is currently developing a web tool/resource for PMs, Chairs, municipalities to assist with incorporating source protection values to systems not included under the source protection program.

(4) CORRESPONDANCE

SPCR-03-21

MOVED BY: T. Rigby

SECONDED BY: A. Michaud

THAT: the attached correspondence be **RECEIVED**.

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
R. Bator	√		C. Bodimeade	√		C. Vega	√	
A. Willems	√		A. Michaud	√		D. Fry	√	
D. Semple	√		T. Rigby	√				

- March 3, 2021 Correspondence from Niagara Region RE: Review of Options – South Niagara Aquifer
- November 5, 2020 Correspondence from the City of Port Colborne RE: Resolution – Designating the Vulnerable Aquifer Schedule B of Official Plan as a Source Water for Rural Residents of Port Colborne

Details and context about the correspondence were provided by Mr. Proks. Discussion ensued.

(5) REPORTS

2020 DWSP Annual Progress Reporting – REPORT NO. SPC-01-21

This report provided an update on the results of the 2020 Drinking Water Source Protection Annual Progress report and included all the necessary documents required to be submitted to the Source Protection Authority and eventually the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks to fulfill annual reporting obligations under the Clean Water Act.

The following resolution was presented:

SPCR-04-21

MOVED BY: T. Rigby

SECONDED BY: C. Bodimeade

THAT: Report No. SPC-01-21 be **RECEIVED FOR CONSIDERATION**; and

THAT: The Source Protection Committee (SPC) **INDICATE** that the objectives of the Source Protection Plan for the 2020 reporting period are “Progressing Well/On Target” and “that based on the information provided that all of the significant drinking water threats have been addressed and all of the policies are implemented” which is to be included on the finalized 2020 Annual Progress Report submission.

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
R. Bator	√		C. Bodimeade	√		C. Vega	√	
A. Willems	√		A. Michaud	√		D. Fry	√	
D. Semple	√		T. Rigby	√				

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RE: REPORT SPC-07-20 SPC SECTION 36 WORKPLAN UPDATE – REPORT SPC-02-21

This report highlights the proposed workplan for completing the Section 36 update based on the submission of a Section 36 extension request to the MECP.

Discussion ensued and the following motion was presented:

SPCR-05-21

MOVED BY: C. Vega

SECONDED BY: D. Semple

THAT: Report No. SPC-02-21 be **RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION**.

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
R. Bator	√		C. Bodimeade	√		C. Vega	√	
A. Willems	√		A. Michaud	√		D. Fry	√	
D. Semple	√		T. Rigby	√				

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SOURCE PROTECTION PLAN DRAFT POLICIES AND EXPLANATORY DOCUMENT SECTIONS – REPORT SPC-03-21

This report was presented for SPC consideration to allow the SPC the opportunity to

review and comment on draft fuel handling and storage and liquid hydrocarbon pipeline policies for the upcoming Section 36 update.

The following resolution was presented:

SPCR-06-21

MOVED BY: D. Fry
SECONDED BY: R. Bator
THAT: Report No. SPC-03-21 be **RECEIVED FOR CONSIDERATION;**
 and
THAT: the Source Protection Committee (SPC) **DIRECT** staff to forward the attached policies and Explanatory Document sections to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, for their review and comment as part of early consultation.

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
R. Bator	√		C. Bodimeade	√		C. Vega	√	
A. Willems	√		A. Michaud	√		D. Fry	√	
D. Semple	√		T. Rigby	√				

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(6) OTHER BUSINESS

There being none.

(7) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:08 pm.
 The following resolution was presented:

SPCR-07-21

MOVED BY: A. Willems
SECONDED BY: C. Vega
THAT: this meeting do now adjourn.

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
R. Bator	√		C. Bodimeade	√		C. Vega	√	
A. Willems	√		A. Michaud	√		D. Fry	√	
D. Semple	√		T. Rigby	√				

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Bill Hodgson, Chair

G. Shaule, Recording Secretary