

**NIAGARA PENINSULA SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

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**July 14, 2009**

**7:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** M. Neufeld, (Chair)  
R. Bator  
D. Ostryhon  
D. Renshaw  
T. Rigby  
E. Schneider  
C. Shrive
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** B. Antonsen  
M. Bellantino Perco  
D. Ricker
- LIAISONS PRESENT:** G. Hudgin, Niagara Public Health Representative  
M. McHugh, Ministry of the Environment
- LIAISONS ABSENT:** B. Baty, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority
- STAFF PRESENT:** B. Wright, Coordinator Source Protection  
J. Kukalis, Director Water Management  
M. Stack, Director Communications  
D. Gullett, Recording Secretary  
D. Ransom, Chair, NPCA
- OTHERS PRESENT:** D. Barrow, Niagara Region  
Gemma Boag

**ROLL CALL**

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**BUSINESS:**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., thanked the members for attending and requested that if anyone had a conflict of interest to declare it. Mr. Ostryhon declared a conflict of interest for item number five, and the following resolution was then presented. The Chair requested some changes to the agenda; that Report SPC-20-09 be delayed to a future meeting, and an update concerning the Welland IPZ be added.

**SPCR-39-09**

**MOVED BY:** E. Schneider  
**SECONDED BY:** T. Rigby  
**THAT:** The agenda be accepted as revised.

**“CARRIED”**

The Chair introduced Gemma Boag who made a short presentation. Gemma explained she is a Master of Sciences student, and she is doing her thesis on source water protection, and will be attending meetings at each of the several Source Protection Areas. Ms. Boag distributed a questionnaire and asked the members if they would kindly fill it out. If an electronic copy is preferred, contact Brian Wright to forward it via e-mail. Mr. Bator inquired if there was a section for your name and contact information. Ms. Boag replied, this is completely anonymous and confidential, and has the full support of the Ministry. Ms. Boag would appreciate it if completed questionnaires could be returned to her by August 5, 2009 in order to include it in her Master’s thesis write-up. But any responses received after August 5 up until September 15th will be included in all other final reports. Also, her contact information is included, so if you have any questions, feel free to get in touch with her.

Mr. Renshaw asked her where she was studying, and she replied the University of Oxford – England. The Chair thanked Ms. Boag for her time and interest in the program.

**(1) MINUTES – JULY 2, 2009 SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING**

Mr. Renshaw mentioned his declaration of potential conflict of interest should have referred to the Fort Erie Pollution Control Plan (not “Plant”). Mr. Renshaw also indicated that, Item 6 should read, “The Kraft Drain will require upgrades to handle the expected *storm sewer* flows. After the storm sewer system upgrades, the Kraft Drain Sewage Pumping Station should be less of a drinking water threat.” Mr. Renshaw also noted that when Ms. Bellantino Perco asked if Crystal Beach WPCP has ever had overflows, he stated Crystal Beach has never overflowed.

Item 7, Bullet No.2.8 should read, “The IPZ-2 in the TM2 Report will *change* significantly.”

The Chair commented they have been invited to the next *Source Protection Authority* meeting to present an overview of SP work.

**SPCR-40-09**

**MOVED BY:** R. Bator  
**SECONDED BY:** D. Renshaw  
**THAT:** The minutes of the Source Protection Committee meeting held July 2, 2009 be received and approved as amended.

**“CARRIED”**

(2) **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

(3) **UPDATE OF SOURCE PROTECTION WORK SCHEDULE**

Brian Wright reported the Watershed Characterization, TM2 Update & Rosehill Threats & Issues should be ready for the August meeting.

The “dry run” of the SPP policies is scheduled for September, and the Chair mentioned this has to be complete by this date. The HVA & SGRA preliminary Delineation reports should also be complete for the September meeting.

(4) **IN-CAMERA SESSION – WELLAND WTP THREATS AND ISSUES REPORT**

The Chair requested the Committee move in-camera to address Report no. CR-SPC-17-09. The following resolution was then presented:

**SPCR-41-09**

**MOVED BY:** T. Rigby

**SECONDED BY:** E. Schneider

**THAT:** This meeting do now move in-camera.

Received at 7:25 p.m.

**“CARRIED”**

**SPCR-45-09**

**MOVED BY:** E. Schneider

**SECONDED BY:** T. Rigby

**THAT:** This meeting do now move back into open session.

Received at 8:35 p.m.

**“CARRIED”**

(7) **WELLAND RIVER VERSUS OLD WELLAND CANAL WATER LEVELS REPORT**

AquaResource was retained to complete this report which assesses the probability that the Welland River water levels will exceed the Old Welland Canal water levels, thereby causing a reverse through the siphon ports. The reverse flow would mean Welland River water could become part of the source water. The report results indicated, the probability of reverse flow occurring is one in fifteen years, and therefore the IPZ-2 is not extended into the Welland River.

Mr. Bator commented the water levels in the Welland Canal will not be lowered annually as in previous years.

This report was received for information purposes only.

A local newspaper recently published an article saying there was a sunken ship in the Canal. A diving club placed a ship in the recreational canal, approximately 2 kms away from IPZ 1. The ship is downstream and should have been thoroughly cleaned before it was put in the water. It is approximately 20 – 30 feet long, decommissioned properly

and approved by city council to be put in the recreational waterway.

**(8) UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chair invited members from the Source Protection Authority to attend the barbeque and SPC meeting on August 11, 2009, which will include a presentation by Mr. Bruce Davidson from the Walkerton Citizens Group.

**(9) OTHER BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business, the following resolution was presented.

**SPCR-47-09**

**MOVED BY:** R. Bator

**SECONDED BY:** D. Renshaw

**THAT:** This meeting does now adjourn.

**Received at 8:55 p.m.**

**“CARRIED”**

**“D. Gullett, Recording Secretary**

**M. Neufeld, Chair”**