

NIAGARA PENINSULA SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

WELLAND

December 14, 2010

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Haldimand County - Vacant

LIAISONS PRESENT: G. Hudgin, Niagara Public Health Representative
W. Wright, Ministry of the Environment

LIAISONS ABSENT: B. Baty, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

STAFF PRESENT: B. Wright, Coordinator Source Protection
D. Gullett, Recording Secretary
M. Stack, Director of Communications
J. Button, Source Protection Planner

ROLL CALL

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

BUSINESS:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., welcomed everyone and requested that if anyone had a conflict of interest to declare it. There being none, the following resolution was then presented.

SPCR-62-10

MOVED BY: T. Rigby

SECONDED BY: D. Ostryhon

THAT: The agenda be accepted as presented.

“CARRIED”

The Chair introduced Mr. Wesley Wright the interim Liaison for the Ministry of the Environment. He has worked at the Ministry for a little over three years in the Environmental Assessment Approvals department.

(1) MINUTES OCTOBER 12, 2010 SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Chair asked if there were any errors or omissions on the October 12, 2010 minutes. Mr. Hudgin was present and the minutes show he was absent, and the last three recorded votes were incorrect. The following resolution was then presented.

SPCR-63-10

MOVED BY: R. Bator

SECONDED BY: T. Rigby

THAT: The minutes of the Source Protection Committee meeting held October 12, 2010 will be amended and brought back to next meeting.

“CARRIED”

(2) BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Mr. Shrive mentioned the City of Hamilton has requested one of their planners join as a member of the working group. Mr. Wright explained the draft policies currently being prepared are based on the IPZ's, none of which are in Hamilton. It was suggested to amend the SPP working group resolution with regards to members, and the following resolution was presented.

SPCR-61-10

MOVED BY: R. Bator

SECONDED BY: T. Rigby

THAT: The paragraph be amended to "...Niagara Region Source Protection Planning Representative (Travis MacBeth), and from time to time additional members with specialized knowledge of the subject matter being discussed ..."; be received and approved as amended.

“CARRIED”

Ms. Bellantino-Perco inquired about the Transportation Threats report. Mr. Wright explained he was waiting for clarification from the MOE whether the calculations for the vulnerability scores for diesel are based on a direct or indirect spill. Mr. Wesley Wright advised this is a priority, and the decision will be made very soon. A copy of the report will be e-mailed to committee members.

(3) GANTT CHART UPDATE AND SPC MEETING SCHEDULE

Mr. Wright said there were no changes to the Gantt chart, and so far we are on schedule. The SPC meeting scheduled for April 12, 2011 will be postponed until Tuesday, April 19, 2011.

(4) PRESENTATION ON THE LAKE ERIE BINATIONAL FORUM & THE LAKE ERIE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Draft Nutrient Management Strategy was recently completed for the Lake Erie LaMP. The NMS looked at nitrogen, lead, and phosphorus loadings in Lake Erie as well as algal growth in the lake due to the nutrient loadings. The NMS sets target limits for phosphorus in Lake Erie. The limits vary depending on the section of Lake Erie. The targets are less stringent for the shallower western section of the lake adjacent to the State of Ohio, compared to the eastern section which is deeper. Nitrogen concentrations are expected to likely parallel the growth of phosphorus in the lake. Mr. Renshaw suggests that the SPC follow developments on the NMS and perhaps submit comments during the consultation process. He also suggests that NPCA may want to participate in the Lake Erie Bi-National Forum. Mary Stack indicated that NPCA may not have the resources to participate fully in this forum, but we are involved in the Niagara River Remedial Action Plan (RAP). SWP staff to investigate how other SPCs are interacting with LaMPs for Phosphorus targets.

Mr. Renshaw will provide web links so NPCA can pass them onto the SPC members. Mr. Wright will pass the draft document onto NPCA's Water Quality specialist, who is doing some work for the Niagara River RAP, for his comments.

(5) BACKGROUND REPORTS AND SPP UPDATE

Mr. Wright introduced Ms. Jessica Button, NPCA Source Protection Planner. The NPCA prepared the three threat background reports by adapting Cataraqui CA background documents. The following resolution was presented:

SPCR-64-10

MOVED BY: T. Rigby

SECONDED BY: M. Bellantino-Perco

THAT: The Source Protection Committee receive background reports 3, 4 and 21 for information purposes only.

“CARRIED”

Ms. Bellantino-Perco asked about the process for developing policies and determining the policy approaches. The Chair suggested sending reports to the SPC in the following format:

1. Policy Reports
2. Formal Policy Approach Recommendations
3. Policy Write-up.

It was recommended the draft minutes of the working group should be made available to the committee. The following resolution was presented:

SPCR-65-10

MOVED BY: T. Rigby

SECONDED BY: D. Renshaw

THAT: The Source Protection Committee refer the remainder of report no. SPC-21-10 back to the SPP Working Group for policy approach recommendations and full explanatory notes.

CARRIED”

(6) UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair mentioned Mr. Baty recently had an unfortunate accident which prevented his plans to run for Regional Chair. A get well card will be sent to him on behalf of the SPC. The Chair received an e-mail from Ms. McHugh announcing she had a baby girl (Cadhla) on December 8, 2010.

Conservation Ontario is in the process of setting up a province wide web forum to assist in policy writing. The links will be provided as soon as they are available. The Chair asked for the committee's participation in completing a survey for Hugh Simpson at the University of Waterloo. It will take approximately thirty minutes, and the link will be e-mailed to everyone.

The Chair thanked the members and staff for their commitment, hard work, development and progress this committee has obtained. There is no word yet on the Assessment Report, but Mr. Wesley Wright replied it is forthcoming.

(7) OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Bellantino-Perco questioned the status of one of the landowners in an IPZ. The berm is complete and staff is just waiting for the draft report from OPG.

Mr. Wesley Wright mentioned he will be available before and after the SPC meetings, if anyone would like to meet with him.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:10 pm.

"D. Gullett, Recording Secretary

M. Neufeld, Chair"