

**NIAGARA PENINSULA SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

**VIRTUAL MEETING**

**June 30, 2020**

**7:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES – VIA TELECONFERENCE**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** D. Fry  
T. Rigby

**LIAISONS PRESENT:** T. Pesheva, 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  
S. Miller, Senior Manager, Water Resources  
G. Shaule, Recording Secretary  
D. MacKenzie, Director, Watershed Management

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**ROLL CALL**

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**BUSINESS:**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., welcomed everyone to second virtual SPC 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-06-20**

**MOVED BY:** D. Semple

**SECONDED BY:** A. Michaud

**THAT:** the SPC agenda for the meeting of June 30, 2020 be adopted.

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

**“CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY”**

**(1) MINUTES – March 24, 2020 SPC MEETING**

The Chair asked if there were any errors or omissions on the March 24, 2020 meeting minutes. There being none, the following resolution was then presented:

**SPCR-07-20**

**MOVED BY:** A. Willems

**SECONDED BY:** A. Michaud

**THAT:** the minutes of the Source Protection Committee meeting held March 24, 2020 be received and approved as presented.

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

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

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**(3) UPDATES:**

**CHAIR**

No updates from the Chair.

**PROJECT MANAGER**

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

- The 2019 Annual Report was presented to Source Protection Authority Board virtually on April 15, 2020. It was approved by the SPA and submitted to MECP

before the deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The public facing report was posted to the Niagara Source Protection website.

- There was a virtual Project Manager and Chair meeting held on May 26, 2020 where highlights from the 2019 annual progress results were provided and a reminder that the changes to the Director's Technical Rules will be posted to the EBR soon.
- Jen Crowell could not attend the meeting so updates on her behalf are as follows:
  - Niagara has incorporated the technical requirements into all of the upcoming intake projects, which are at various stages of planning/design.
  - Following MECP's lead as to how to approach onsite RMP inspections, as of right now inspections are on hold.
  - Niagara has a draft communication/education and outreach plan scheduled for this year, now on hold due to shift of priorities caused by the pandemic
  - Children's Water Festival was cancelled, festival partners collaborated to put together a virtual festival with water protection as the first topic
  - Pandemic impacts to Water and Wastewater are minimal, safe work protocols were implemented and are still being practiced. Business as usual and remote work where possible.

#### **MECP LIAISON OFFICER**

Updates provided by MECP Liaison are as follows:

- The changes to the Director's Technical Rules will be posted by the end of the summer, hopefully, and will have a 90 day comment period on the EBR.
- Some SPAs extended deadlines for Annual Report submission to July 1<sup>st</sup>, due to the pandemic.
- Transfer Payment Agreements for the 2020-2021 funding year have now been approved.
- Significant updates were made to the Source Protection Information Atlas and an overview could be provided to the SPC if desired.

#### **(4) PRESENTATIONS**

There are no presentations.

#### **(5) REPORTS**

##### **VIRTUAL MEETING GUIDELINES – REPORT NO. SPC-05-20**

Mr. Proks explained that the SPC rules allow for the SPC to meet virtually, however, a set of guidelines which dictate the rules of virtual SPC meetings needed to be created. Attached to the report are the Niagara Peninsula SPC virtual meeting guidelines for SPC review and approval.

The following resolution was presented:

**SPCR-08-20**

**MOVED BY:** R. Bator

**SECONDED BY:** D. Semple

**THAT:** Report No. SPC 05-20 be **RECEIVED** for consideration.

**AND THAT:** The Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Committee (SPC) **APPROVE** the Source Protection Committee Virtual Meeting Guidelines.

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

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**SUPPORT FOR ACTIONS TO ADDRESS OVER-APPLICATION OF WINTER MAINTENANCE CHEMICALS TO PROTECT SOURCES OF MUNICIPAL DRINKING WATER – REPORT SPC-01-20**

This report was deferred from the last SPC meeting due to the short notice of the office closure. The report highlights the research done by the Lake Erie Source Protection Region with respect to winter maintenance chemicals and their effects on their municipal drinking water sources. The Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee requested that all Source Protection Committees across Ontario review the report and pass resolutions indicating support for the recommended actions contained within.

The following resolution was presented:

**SPCR-09-20**

**MOVED BY:** T. Dalimonte

**SECONDED BY:** A. Michaud

**THAT:** Report No. SPC-01-20 be **RECEIVED** for consideration;

**AND THAT:** the Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Committee (SPC) **SUPPORT** the recommended actions listed in the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee (LERSPC) Report SPC-19-12-02 and forward this resolution to the LERSPC;

**AND THAT:** the SPC **DIRECT** staff to forward a copy of the attached letter to the LERSPC.

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

**“CARRIED”**

**APPLICATION FOR REVIEW OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT – REPORT SPC-04-20**

This report was also deferred from the last meeting. This report highlights the details of the on-going correspondence between the Canadian Environmental Law Association and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, regarding the application for review of the Clean Water Act. The application requests that the MECP look to update the Clean Water Act to begin including other vulnerable sources of drinking water intakes into the source protection program.

The following resolution was presented:

**SPCR-10-20**

**MOVED BY:** C. Bodimeade

**SECONDED BY:** C. Vega

**THAT:** Report No. SPC-04-20 be **RECEIVED** for information.

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

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**DRAFT PORT COLBORNE FUEL HANDLING AND STORAGE POLICIES – REPORT SPC-06-20**

Mr. Proks provided the details of the draft Port Colborne Fuel Handling and Storage Policies to be included in the upcoming Section 36 update to the Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan. Discussion ensued.

The following resolution was presented.

**SPCR-11-20**

**MOVED BY:** C. Vega

**SECONDED BY:** A. Michaud

**THAT:** Report No. SPC-06-20 be **RECEIVED** for consideration;

**AND THAT:** the SPC **DIRECT** Staff to amend the Draft Policy and Draft Explanatory Document section and bring back to SPC for approval.

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

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**(6) OTHER BUSINESS**

Correspondence between the Chair and Port Colborne Regional Councillor Butters RE: Designation of the vulnerable aquifer as source water for rural residents – South Niagara and SPC Chair response. Discussion ensued.

(7) **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:43 pm.  
The following resolution was presented:

**SPCR-12-20**

**MOVED BY:** D. Semple

**SECONDED BY:** C. Vega

**THAT:** this meeting do now adjourn.

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

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**Bill Hodgson, Chair**

**G. Shaule, Recording Secretary**