

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES – MEETING #90

MEETING: SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

DATE: NOVEMBER 25, 2022

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

LOCATION: GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION AND VIRTUAL

CALL TO ORDER

Interim Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Interim Chair, Dick Hibma
Stan Eby, Les Nichols, Gord Timmerman

Virtual Attendance: Dan Orr, Tara Saab, Mitch Twolan

Proxy Appointed By: Andrew Barton
John Fruin

Others Present: Mary Wooding, Ex-officio, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)
Carl Seider, Project Manager, Drinking Water Source Protection (DWSP)
Nancy Guest, Recording Secretary, DWSP

Also in Attendance: Karen Gillan, Communications Specialist & Program Supervisor, DWSP
Tim Lanthier, CAO, Grey Sauble Conservation
Jennifer Stephens, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Saugeen Conservation
John Ritchie, MECP, Owen Sound Office

Regrets: Robert Emerson

1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion No.
SPC-22-237

Moved by Stan Eby
Seconded by Les Nichols

THAT the Agenda be adopted as distributed.

Carried

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary or Conflict of Interest

Source Protection Committee (SPC) members were reminded to disclose any pecuniary interest that may arise during the course of the meeting. No disclosures of pecuniary interest were expressed at this time.

3. Adoption of Minutes

**Motion No.
SPC-22-238**

**Moved by Gord Timmerman
Seconded by Les Nichols**

THAT the Minutes of the July 22, 2022 Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

No matters arose from the previous minutes.

5. Correspondence

Copy of letter dated November 8, 2022 from MECP to Historic Saugeen Metis re SPP approval.

Copy of letter dated November 8, 2022 from MECP to MNO Great Lakes Metis Council re SPP approval.

Copy of letter dated November 8, 2022 from MECP to Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation re SPP approval.

Copy of letter dated November 8, 2022 from MECP to Saugeen First Nation re SPP approval.

6. Reports

Administration Report 6a

The Project Manager reviewed Administration Report 6a and advised the Minister's Approval respecting the s.36 Source Protection Plan (SPP) amendments was received on November 7, 2022. Future amendments can be made through locally initiated amendments respecting new or expanding systems, new scientific or technical information, and other revisions and updates as needed. With this approval in place, the SPC is now able to implement SPP policy requirements for expanded fuel storage and handling threats, including the East Linton Events-based Area, as well as salt management plans, where applicable.

With respect to Source Protection Committee appointments, Troy Pelletier, currently the Drinking Water Superintendent for the City of Owen Sound, has been appointed the Municipal Representative for Group 1 representing Owen Sound, Georgian Bluffs, Northern Bruce Peninsula and South Bruce Peninsula.

The Project Manager advised that an update was received from the Wellington Source Water Protection (SWP) office respecting the planned Minto Pines replacement well. The existing well and the planned well will both operate for a period of time to ensure the new well meets operational requirements. Staff from the Wellington SWP office will assist with threats assessment work.

The pumping tests for the proposed Well #4 in Chesley demonstrated that recharge rates were insufficient to support a well in this location and a more suitable site will need to be determined for the new production well.

An Environmental Assessment is being undertaken respecting the proposed well project on the Teeswater fairgrounds close to the existing wellhead protection area (WHPA) requiring modeling and WHPA delineation. It is expected that the proposed well location should not significantly affect the future use of the fairgrounds.

Information was received from the Risk Management Official for Centre Wellington indicating that five Risk Management Plans are in the process of being finalized. Negotiations are reportedly going well and two of the five will eventually require corporate head office sign-offs, which may delay final risk management plan approval.

**Motion No.
SPC-22-239**

**Moved by Les Nichols
Seconded by Stan Eby**

THAT: the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee receive Administration Report #6a for information.

Carried

Communications Report 6b

The Communications Specialist reviewed Communications Report 6b and advised that the Children's Water Festival will be an in-person event once again in 2023 following cancellations and virtual festivals due to the covid pandemic. The Communications Specialist has been appointed Vice-President of the organizing committee after many years of working with the Festival and requested support from the Source Protection Committee members as well as help with sponsors and volunteering.

Saugeen Conservation has partnered with the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) to offer a Water Well Improvement Program financially supporting landowners who wish to address well upgrades/decommissioning within the Saugeen watershed. Interested parties may contact Saugeen Conservation for more information.

The availability and use of self-adhesive notices respecting the responsible use of road salt provided by Conservation Ontario was discussed. These notices will be sent out to municipalities and property owners with salt management plans.

**Motion No.
SPC-22-240**

**Moved by Gord Timmerman
Seconded by Les Nichols**

THAT: the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee receives Communications Report #6b for information.

Carried

7. New Business

Scott's Point Well Report 7a

The Project Manager reviewed Scott's Point Well Report 7a and advised that additional technical information has been received from consultants who did the modeling work for a new, deeper well within the same general WHPA delineation area. With the WHPA shifting approximately 200m to the East, there are about 9 fewer properties that will be affected by SPP policies in the community.

**Motion No.
SPC-22-241**

**Moved by Mitch Twolan
Seconded by Dan Orr**

THAT: the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee receives this Report 7a for information and directs Staff to engage in early consultation with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, respecting proposed amendments to the Source Protection Plan;

AND FURTHER THAT Staff prepare the necessary amendments to the Source Protection Plan for the new Scott's Point well for review at the next meeting.

Carried

Pesticide Policy Report 7b

The Project Manager reviewed Pesticide Policy Report 7b and the impacts resulting from recent 2021 Director's Technical Rule changes. Having a new definition of pesticides which includes a much wider description, the question is how to make an adjustment to the policy that conforms with the new definition and the intent of the Explanatory Document Policies 10-01 and 10-02 to address pesticides that may pose a higher risk to human and environmental health. There was an extensive discussion amongst the members and Staff regarding the details of pesticide application and with the information and ideas generated, Staff will formulate a draft policy for discussion at the next meeting.

**Motion No.
SPC-22-242**

**Moved by Les Nichols
Seconded by Stan Eby**

THAT: the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee receives Pesticide Policy Report 7b for information and directs Staff to continue to review possible Source Protection Plan policy implications and options for consideration at an upcoming meeting.

Carried


8. Other Business

There was no other business.

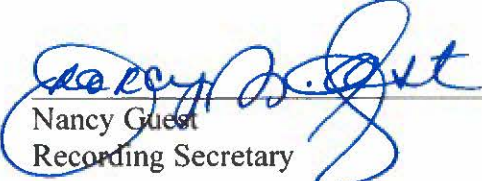
9. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next Committee meeting will be held on Friday, March 31, 2023 at the Grey Sauble Conservation in Owen Sound, Ontario and virtually.

There being no further business, Gord Timmerman made a motion to adjourn at 2:30 p.m.

 31 Mar 2023

Carl Kuhnke
Chair

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Nancy Guest
Recording Secretary