

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES – MEETING #91

MEETING: SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

DATE: FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

LOCATION: GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION

CALL TO ORDER

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

In Attendance: Chair, Carl Kuhnke
Andrew Barton, Stan Eby, John Fruin, Harley Greenfield, Dick Hibma,
Les Nichols, Dan Orr, Troy Pelletier, Gord Timmerman,

Virtual Attendance: Tara Saab, Mitch Twolan
Mary Gooding, Ex-officio, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation
and Parks (MECP)
Karen Gillan, Program Supervisor & Communications Specialist, DWSP

Others Present: Carl Seider, Project Manager, Drinking Water Source Protection (DWSP)
Nancy Guest, Recording Secretary, DWSP

Also in Attendance: Tim Lanthier, CAO, Grey Sauble Conservation
Jennifer Stephens, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Saugeen Conservation
Danielle Walker, Wellington County DWSP
Devon Wilhelm, Water Operator, Chippewas of Nawash

Regrets: Robert Emerson

The newly appointed Chair introduced himself and welcomed all present including Source Protection Committee members and visitors.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion No.
SPC-23-243

Moved by John Fruin
Seconded by Stan Eby

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-23-244**

**Moved by Dick Hibma
Seconded by Les Nichols**

THAT the Minutes of the November 25, 2022 Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

No matters arose from the previous minutes. The Project Manager noted that the pesticides issue will be carried forward to a future meeting.

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence at this time.

6. Reports

Administration Report 6a

Source Protection Committee Chair Appointment:

The Project Manager thanked member Dick Hibma for graciously and capably acting as interim chair until the formal appointment of Chair Kuhnke was finalized.

The Project Manager welcomed the newly appointed Chair of the SPC, Carl Kuhnke, who comes to the Committee with extensive experience, having recently retired as the CEO of the Walkerton Clean Water Centre, is the President and CEO of the Owen Sound Transportation Company, as well as a municipal councillor in Brockton and representative on the Brockton Police Services Board.

Source Protection Committee Representative Appointments:

Several members' terms are ending and searches are in progress for renewals/replacements. CAOs of the relevant municipalities were contacted for names of candidates respecting the municipal representatives, resulting in the appointment of Troy Pelletier and Harley Greenfield who replaced Dennis Kefalas and Jim Uram respectively. Notices have been issued respecting two agricultural representatives and one environmental representative and the usual appointment process will be followed.

Scott's Point Well Update:

Work continues respecting the delineation of the new wellhead protection area (WHPA) around the new Scott's Point well in the Municipality of Kincardine. Staff confirmed that, since the new WHPA delineation falls completely within the old area and there were no new threats affecting property owners, Source Protection Plan (SPP) amendments can be completed as part of the other planned sec. 34 amendments. The original well will not be a backup well and will be decommissioned when the replacement well comes online and the new WHPA is delineated.

Chesley Well:

The Municipality of Arran-Elderslie has plans to drill a new test well in the spring of 2023 in the hopes of locating a suitable location for the production well.

**Motion No.
SPC-23-245**

**Moved by Gord Timmerman
Seconded by Andrew Barton**

THAT: the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee receives Administration Report 6a for information and welcomes Harley Greenfield as the new Municipal Sector Representative Group #4 on the Committee.

Carried

Communications Report 6b

The Communications Specialist reviewed Communications Report 6b and advised that work is underway to complete the annual newsletter and documents that accompany the release of the Annual Progress Report. Information respecting salt distribution was shared earlier in the winter. The Children's Water Festival will be an in-person event this year and the organizing committee is seeking volunteers to share their knowledge and expertise. The Communications Specialist and Project Manager attended the Grey-Bruce Farmers week and helped inform attendees about the Source Water program.

7. New Business

Annual Progress Report 7a

The Project Manager reviewed the Annual Progress Report 7a and advised that the Annual Progress Report covers the period from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 and highlights the progress of the Source Protection Plan (SPP) implementation, results of municipal monitoring programs, risk management activities, Ministry reporting of prescribed instruments, and reporting requirements for Conservation Authorities under the local Source Protection Plan. Out of 164 Risk Management Plans (RMP) in this Region, 160 have been completed. The remaining 4 RMPs are in progress awaiting responses from owner corporations. The terms of the RMPs are spread out over time to enable Staff to monitor the Plans. New RMPs will be required with the introduction of the amended salt policies. Staff is anticipating a larger number of RMPs in the Wellington County portion of the Region, perhaps double the current numbers.

Municipalities continue to conduct regular septic inspections and some previous inspections are being updated after the 5-year inspection period expires. Municipalities are pro-active in this matter and some have consultants conducting inspections on their behalf.

The Committee discussed that the message being sent to the Ministry with the Annual Progress Report and agreed that there should be an emphasis on the increasing cost of implementation and climate change.

**Motion No.
SPC-23-246**

**Moved by John Fruin
Seconded by Harley Greenfield**

THAT: the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee receives a copy of the draft Source Protection Annual Progress Report and directs Staff to provide the Report, along with any comments, as discussed, to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks by May 1, 2023.

Carried

Septic Policy Report 7b

The Project Manager reviewed Septic Policy Report 7b and advised that the proposed septic policy impacting Lake Rosalind and Marl Lake were discussed at a recent Council meeting for the Municipality of Brockton, with the municipal representative from the SPC, John Fruin, the General Manager of Saugeen Conservation, Jennifer Stephens, and the Lake Association members in attendance. The new policy will be drafted to reduce the risk of drinking water systems from septic systems or holding tanks in vulnerable areas around the Lakes. The matter was discussed at some length and a motion passed as below.

**Motion No.
SPC-23-247**

**Moved by John Fruin
Seconded by Harley Greenfield**

THAT: Staff is directed to continue discussions with the Municipality of Brockton, the Lake Rosalind Residents Association and the residents surrounding Lake Rosalind/Marl Lake regarding the possibility of future Source Protection Plan amendments,

AND FURTHER: THAT: Staff is directed to submit draft wording for a new Moderate/Low policy for a discretionary inspection program for septic systems around Lake Rosalind/Marl Lake to Ministry staff for early engagement consultation.

Carried

Snow Policy Report 7c

The Project Manager reviewed Snow Policy Report 7c and advised that the thresholds for snow storage and distance that would determine a significant threat have been lowered according to the 2021 Director's Technical Rules. Amended snow storage policies were reviewed given these Technical Rule changes.

**Motion No.
SPC-23-248**

**Moved by John Fruin
Seconded by Harley Greenfield**

THAT: Drinking Water Source Protection Staff is directed to submit draft wording for snow policy amendments to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for early engagement consultation purposes.

Carried

8. Other Business

There was no other business.

**Motion No.
SPC-23-249**

**Moved by John Fruin
Seconded by Harley Greenfield**

THAT: the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee receives all reports presented at this meeting for information, including all recommendations contained therein.

Carried

9. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next Committee meeting will be held on Friday, July 28, 2023 at Grey Sauble Conservation.

There being no further business, Stan Eby made a motion to adjourn at 3:00 p.m.



Carl Kuhnke
Chair



Nancy Guest
Recording Secretary