

THE CATARAQUI SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING # 27

Thursday February 11, 5:00 PM

Davies Hall, St. Lawrence College, 100 Portsmouth Ave Kingston, ON

Present:

John C. Williamson, Chair	Richard Bresee	John Conley
Rob Cumming	Gary Davison	Scott Ewart
Joan Green	Jacques Labelle	Kathleen Laird
Wendy Lavender	Richard Lindgren	Chris Mangan-Greene
Nona Mariotti	Allan McPhail (arr. 5:35 PM)	Alex Palilionis
Jeff Peters	Peter Raabe	Kevin Riley
Kim Sytsma		

Regrets: None

Staff Present: Donna Cellini, Project Secretary
Lauren Forrester, Water Quality Specialist
Rob McRae, Project Manager, Source Water Protection
Titia Praamsma, SWP Hydrogeologist
Sean Watt, Water Resources Engineer
Christine Woods, Source Protection Planner

Guests: Sean Sterling, Intera Engineering Ltd.
Bruce Davidson, Saugeen Grey Sauble Northern Bruce Peninsula SP Committee.

At 5:24 P.M. Chair John C. Williamson, called the meeting to order.

1) Roll Call and Mileage

There were 18 members present, 1 member arrived during the meeting.

2) Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Richard Bresee
Seconded by: Nona Mariotti

THAT the Cataraqui Source Protection Committee members adopt the meeting agenda as circulated.

Carried

3) Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Scott Ewart presented to the SP Committee as an owner and operator of the 1000 Islands Kayaking Company. Mr. Ewart was concerned that he might have a perceived conflict of interest since he negotiates property leases within the draft intake protection zones in the City of Brockville and Town of Gananoque.

The discussion among the SP Committee members suggested that in certain circumstances each member could potentially have a conflict of interest. It was determined that they should declare that conflict in a SP Committee meeting and abstain from voting on relevant matters, in accordance with the intent of the Cataraqui Source Protection Committee By-law 2007-01: Rules and Procedure (Including Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy).

4) Approval of Cataraqui Source Protection Committee Minutes

- a) Approval of January 21, 2010 Cataraqui Region Source Protection Committee Minutes

Moved by: Gary Davison
Seconded by: Nona Mariotti

THAT the minutes of the January 21, 2010 meeting of the Cataraqui Source Protection Committee be approved as amended.

Carried

5) Business Arising

- a) Status of Elgin Well Water Situation – Wendy Lavender, MOE Liaison

Ms. Lavender advised that the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville had completed some water sampling from the homes surrounding the site in Elgin where the hydrocarbon contamination was detected and all the surrounding water sources tested clean. The Counties are now looking into the site directly in a phase two environmental site assessment (with additional testing) in an effort to find out what caused the contamination at the site.

- b) Motions by Jacques Labelle, Public Representative: Aquifer-Based Home Heating and Cooling Installations

Mr. Labelle spoke to the three motions that he had previously asked the SP Committee to support. The SP Committee requested some time to review and research prior to supporting the motions. The Chair asked Mr. Labelle to circulate revised wording for the motions in writing to the SP Committee through Project Manager Rob McRae. The matter was deferred to the March 11th meeting.

Wendy Lavender advised the SP Committee that Mr. Labelle's concerns about aquifer-based home heating and cooling installations are being raised to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) throughout the entire province. The MOE is looking into the concerns and may put additional policies or requirements into place.

Rob McRae advised that a fact sheet about groundwater vulnerability and protection was being developed by Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority staff. Mr. McRae noted that the fact sheet will be available in spring 2010. Mr. Labelle indicated that this would satisfy his third motion, which therefore could be withdrawn from consideration by the SP Committee.

6) Delegations

There were none.

7) Correspondence

There were none.

8) Business/Reports

a) Chair's Update – John C. Williamson, Chair

Chair John Williamson advised the SP Committee that as of this date 11 source protection committees across Ontario have received approval of an extension request on the submission of their proposed assessment reports.

The Chair thanked Mr. Bruce Davidson for attending the Cataraqui SP Committee meeting, for presenting earlier in the day to a group of engineering students at St. Lawrence College, and for presenting to the SP Committee and the attending members of the public after the meeting.

Noting that 2010 is the tenth anniversary of the Walkerton tragedy, Mr. Davidson briefly spoke to the SP Committee as to what the Saugeen Grey Sauble Northern Bruce Peninsula SP Committee is planning to commemorate the tragedy and to acknowledge the advances taken to ensure that a similar tragedy doesn't happen in another community. The Chair indicated that Cataraqui SP Committee will also plan to mark the anniversary, pending guidance from the MOE.

Chair Williamson also advised that he had seen the results from Gemma Boag's survey that was completed by the SP Committee in June of 2009. He noted that the results will be shared with the SP Committee at a later date. He further advised that Mr. Hugh Simpson of the University of Waterloo is also asking for some assistance from the SP Committee with a survey and that it would be circulated to the members in spring 2010.

b) Draft Findings for the Assessment Report: Lansdowne Wellhead Protection Area and Tier 2 Water Budget – Sean Watt, Water Resources Engineer and Sean Sterling, Intera Engineering Ltd.

Mr. Sterling presented the recent draft findings of these studies, which are considering the wellhead protection area and Tier 2 water budget aspects. The draft water budget findings suggest that Lansdowne could be the subject of a Tier 3 water budget, and that this could be a worthwhile exercise. A decision by the SP Committee to receive the studies was deferred pending the completion of the ongoing peer review.

c) Draft Findings for the Assessment Report: Corridors in Vulnerable Areas – Lauren Forrester, Water Quality Specialist

Ms. Forrester reviewed the types of corridors present in the Cataraqui area and the implications to drinking water sources from spills along them. The Assessment Report Technical Rules (MOE, 2009) do not allow an SP committee to add corridors as a local drinking water threat. However, specific activities that take place along corridors may be added with approval for the MOE.

The members directed Conservation Authority staff to pursue such additions. It was also agreed that related comments would be included in the forthcoming draft letter to the MOE regarding amendments to Ontario Regulation 287/07; the MOE will be asked to permit the inclusion by SP committees of broader corridor-related policies in source protection plans.

Resolution CSPC 04-10

Moved by: Rob Cumming
Seconded by: Nona Mariotti

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cataraqui Source Protection Committee approve the approach for considering impacts on drinking water sources from corridors that is outlined in the presentation of Lauren Forrester, Water Quality Specialist, dated February 11, 2010 for use in developing the Cataraqui Assessment Report and the Cataraqui Source Protection Plan.

Carried

d) Formation of Working Groups for Source Protection Planning – John C. Williamson, Chair

Chair John Williamson thanked the SP Committee for their assistance in creating the two separate working groups and mentioned that they would meet monthly. The members agreed that it would be reasonable to schedule some of the working groups meetings on the same day as a regular SP Committee meeting, with a meal provided between the meetings.

Resolution CSPC 05-10

Moved by: Kathleen Laird
Seconded by: Alex Palilionis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cataraqui Source Protection Committee shall form a Groundwater Working Group and a Surface Water Working Group for source protection planning, as presented by the Chair at the meeting of February 11, 2010

Carried

The following table is included for future reference.

<u>Working Group Structure</u>	
<u>Surface Water</u>	<u>Ground Water</u>
Richard Bresee Robert Cumming Gary Davison Scott Ewart Kathleen Laird Richard Lindgren Nona Mariotti Peter Raabe Jeff Peters Joan Green John Williamson (ex-officio) Wendy Lavender (ex-officio) Christine Woods (CRCA Staff Member)	John Conley Jacques Labelle Chris Mangan-Greene Alex Palilionis Allan McPhail Kim Sytsma Kevin Riley John Williamson (ex-officio) Wendy Lavender (ex-officio) Holly Evans (CRCA Staff Member)

- e) Draft Source Protection Plan Regulation
 - i. Presentation – Wendy Lavender, MOE Liaison (overview of the proposal)
 - ii. Initial comments – Committee Members and Christine Woods, Source Protection Planner

Owing to time constraints, Ms. Lavender's presentation was deferred until the March 11th meeting. [Note: the slide deck was subsequently circulated to the SP Committee members].

Ms. Woods noted some of the key initial comments about the proposed amendments to Ontario Regulation 287/07 that was considering. She invited the SP Committee to forward their comments to her by February 23rd so that she could prepare a draft letter on behalf of the SP Committee for approval at the March 11th meeting. It was noted that comments are due to the MOE on or before March 26th, and that members may also be submitting comments as individuals and/or with their sector.

- f) Proposed Meeting Schedule to December 2010

Owing to time constraints, this item was deferred until the March 11th meeting.

9) Sector Updates from the Committee

- a) Kim Sytsma advised the SP Committee that the funding that the Environmental Farm Plan announced was available to farmers last month is already depleted. The funds ran out in less than two weeks and although the farmers are doing their best to be socially responsible they are becoming frustrated that the government is not providing enough funding for them.

10) Announcements or Inquiries

Chair John Williamson advised the SP Committee that the MOE was hosting a multi-sectoral discussion on the proposed regulation change on February 19th at the Cataraqui Golf and Country Club in Kingston. Each SP Committee was asked to provide up to 5 SP Committee members to attend. The Chair asked if any of the SP Committee members were interested and able to attend; seven members raised their hands and the Chair indicated he would advise all attending once the quantity of members was approved by the MOE.

11) Motions/Notice of Motion

There were none.

12) Opportunity for Questions from the Media

There were no questions.

13) IN CAMERA Session

This was not required.

14) Next Meeting

Next meeting of the SP Committee: Thursday March 11, 2010,
5:00 PM supper
5:30 PM brief working group meetings
6:00 PM regular meeting
Outdoor Centre, Little Cataraqui Creek Conservation Area,
1641 Perth Road Glenburnie, ON

FINAL

15) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 P.M. on a motion by Kim Sytsma. A well-attended public presentation by Mr. Bruce Davidson followed the meeting.

John C. Williamson, Chair

Rob McRae, Project Manager