

THE CATARAQUI SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING # 39

Thursday March 10, 2011 (7:00 PM)

General Purpose Room, Outdoor Centre
Little Cataraqui Creek Conservation Area, Kingston

Present:

John C. Williamson, Chair	Richard Bresee (left at 9:12)	John Conley
Rob Cumming	Gary Davison	Scott Ewart
Joan Green	Kathleen Laird (arrived at 7:07)	Wendy Lavender
Richard Lindgren (left at 9:39)	Chris Mangan-Greene	Nona Mariotti
Allan McPhail	Alex Palilionis	Jeff Peters
Peter Raabe	Kevin Riley	Kim Sytsma

Regrets: Jacques Labelle

Staff Present: Donna Cellini, Project Secretary
Kimberly Denison, Resource Technician
Holly Evans, Water Quality Specialist
Rob McRae, Project Manager, Source Water Protection
Christine Woods, Source Protection Planner

Guests: Michael Fischer, Utilities Kingston
Jim Miller, Utilities Kingston

Chair John C. Williamson called the Cataraqui Source Protection Committee (SP Committee) meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

1) Roll Call and Mileage

There were 14 voting members present.

2) Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Nona Mariotti
Seconded by: Chris Mangan-Greene

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

Carried

3) Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were none.

4) Approval of Cataraqui Source Protection Committee Minutes

- a) Approval of January 20, 2010 Cataraqui Region Source Protection Committee Minutes

Moved by: Rob Cumming

Seconded by: Nona Mariotti

THAT the minutes of the January 20, 2010 meeting of the Cataraqui Source Protection Committee be approved as amended.

Carried

5) Business Arising

Rob Cumming advised the Members that information he had obtained regarding an emerging environmental assessment technique called “water footprinting” was now available and Rob McRae advised that it would be sent to the Members following the meeting.

6) Delegations

Michael Fischer presented to the SP Committee regarding the “Sewer master plan for the City of Kingston. He indicated that the document and related information were available on the Utilities Kingston website. Mr. Fischer explained that Utilities Kingston will strive to achieve the “virtual elimination” of combined sewage overflows in the urban part of the City in the coming years. He addressed questions from the SP Committee assisted by his colleague Mr. Jim Miller.

Chair Williamson thanked Mr. Fischer and Mr. Miller for attending the SP Committee meeting, and for the ongoing in-kind support provided by Utilities Kingston to the source protection work.

7) Correspondence

- a) Letter from Ian R. Smith, Director, Source Protection Programs Branch, Ontario Ministry of the Environment, to source protection areas/regions, regarding a Ministry information bulletin about septic systems, dated January 27, 2011

Project Manager Rob McRae acknowledged the letter and advised that the entire series of bulletins will be posted on the Members’ Only section of the clean water Cataraqui website as they become available and that the Members would be informed when they are posted.

- b) Letter from Mike Traynor, Chair, Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee to source protection areas/regions, regarding the Ontario *Nutrient Management Act, 2002* and the Environmental Farm Plan Program, dated February 15, 2011

Mr. McRae advised the members that the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee were seeking endorsement of other source protection committees for two motions regarding proposed amendments to the *Ontario Nutrient Management Act, 2002* and the use of the Environmental Farm Plans as site-specific risk management plans for source protection.

After discussion the Members decided to receive the letter but take no further action.

- c) Letter from Ian R. Smith, Director, Source Protection Programs Branch, Ontario Ministry of the Environment, to Chair John C. Williamson, regarding the approval of an alternate method for the Tier 3 water budget research at Sydenham, dated February 17, 2011

Mr. McRae acknowledged that this letter was a formal response to the request to use the alternate method for the Tier 3 water budget at Sydenham. He remarked that this letter would be added to the assessment report as an appendix.

- d) Letter from Ian R. Smith, Director, Source Protection Programs Branch, Ontario Ministry of the Environment, to source protection areas/regions, regarding the release of a planning bulletin (explanatory document), dated February 18, 2011

The Project Manager advised the Members that this bulletin is available on the Members' Only section of the clean water Cataraqui website and will be of value to the SP Committee as they craft the explanatory document that must accompany the source protection plan.

- e) Letter from Ian R. Smith, Director, Source Protection Programs Branch, Ontario Ministry of the Environment, to source protection areas/regions, regarding the submission of assessment report data to the Ministry, dated February 22, 2011

Mr. McRae reminded the Members that the Conservation Authority staff are responsible for submitting all the background data used in the assessment report to a centralized location where all of Ontario's data will be compiled and made accessible.

8) Business/Reports

- a) Assessment Report Status

- i. Progress on Planned Improvements, Kimberly Denison, Resource Technician

Ms. Denison advised that since the circulation of the internal draft to the SP Committee on February 24th, the staff have received preliminary comments from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) regarding the version that was submitted to them in July 2010. The staff had engaged in discussions with the MOE regarding the comments and the path forward for the report. She noted that a letter from Ian Smith was anticipated shortly and would be circulated to the Members upon receipt.

- ii. Comments from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment on the Proposed Assessment Report (July 2010), Rob McRae, Project Manager

Mr. McRae reviewed both the required and suggested changes submitted by the MOE and recommended a timeline for the completion of those amendments. The required amendments were anticipated to relate to the Miller Manor Apartments Wellhead Protection Area, peer review comments on the finalized water budget studies, the A.L. Dafoe Intake Protection Zone 2, and the intake protection zone 1 at Brockville and James W. King (Gananoque).

iii. Next Steps for the Assessment Report, Rob McRae, Project Manager

It was discussed that the SP Committee would continue forward with one assessment report document (i.e. amending and updating the one from July 2010), make the required amendments, and strongly consider the other amendments suggested by the MOE. The Source Protection Authority needs to receive the assessment report and submit it to the MOE on or before June 30, 2011.

The following next steps were identified for staff:

- Continue to make the amendments required by the MOE and suggested by the Ministry and Members of the SP Committee.
- Continue to enumerate the moderate and low drinking water threats;
- Prepare customized covering letters to municipalities;
- Prepare to post the document after the content is confirmed with the SP Committee over the next month, either at the April 14th meeting or via an earlier electronic mail/teleconference discussion.

Resolution CSPC 06-11

Moved by: Gary Davison

Seconded by: Kim Sytsma

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cataraqui Source Protectionⁿ Committee approves the revised timeline for completion of the local assessment report, as recommended in the presentation of the Project Manager (dated March 11, 2011);

AND THAT the timeline be communicated to the Cataraqui Source Protection Authority, and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment.

Carried

b) Update on Source Protection Plan Development, Christine Woods, Source Protection Planner

Christine Woods and Holly Evans discussed the forthcoming working group meetings and an updated calendar that had been distributed. Ms. Woods confirmed that the next Surface Water Working Group would be held on March 24th. Ms. Evans confirmed that the next Groundwater Working Group meeting would be held on April 21st.

Mr. McRae asked the SP Committee for their feedback on the four roundtables that had taken place to date. The Members that had attended had positive things to say and overall it is believed that the process is running smoothly.

Ms. Evans advised that she and Ms. Woods are organizing informal pre-consultation meetings with each of the municipalities and that they might invite specific members that have an interest in a given municipality to accompany them.

- c) Updates from the Chairs' Meeting March 7 – 8, 2011, John C. Williamson, Chair

Chair Williamson advised that once received the staff would make the slide presentations available on the Members' Only section of the clean water Cataraqui website.

The Chair was happy to advise that this was the last of the training owed to the project managers and chairs and that future Chairs' Meetings would focus on policy collaboration. He also speculated that they would meet on more regional basis instead of in Toronto.

Wendy Lavender observed that a Ministry presentation on dense non-aqueous phase liquids (DNAPLs) at the Chairs' Meeting was very useful.

9) Sector Updates from the Committee

Nona Mariotti advised that the Sydenham Lake Association intended to participate in the source protection process, and also that there were new lake associations being formed in the Cataraqui area.

Chair John Williamson and Wendy Lavender commented on a change to the Ontario Building Code that will require mandatory re-inspections of septic systems where they are a significant drinking water threat (i.e. in portions of wellhead protection areas), and additional re-inspections in other locations (at the discretion of municipalities).

Scott Ewart indicated that he was participating in a Ministry of Tourism initiative that involves the preparation of another local "assessment report". Mr. Ewart promised to advise the SP Committee of further developments.

Chris Mangan-Greene commented that the golf course community was aware of the drinking water source protection process and looking forward to further participation.

10) Announcements or Inquiries

- a) Chair John Williamson asked the members if any of them had attended a climate change workshop that the Frontenac Arch Biosphere Reserve held on March 8th. Once it was concluded that no one attended he requested that the staff obtain some related information and distribute it to the Members. [Note: this was completed following the meeting].

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.

FINAL

14) Next Meeting

Next meeting of the SP Committee: April 14, 2011

7:00 PM Regular Meeting*

General Purpose Room, Outdoor Centre

Little Cataraqui Creek Conservation Area, Kingston

*The Surface Water Working Group will be meeting in
the West Hall from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

15) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M. on a motion by Rob Cumming.

John C. Williamson, Chair

Rob McRae, Project Manager