

THE CATARAQUI SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING # 40

Thursday April 14, 2011 (7:00 PM)

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

Present: John C. Williamson, Chair Richard Bresee John Conley
 Rob Cumming Gary Davison Scott Ewart
 Jacques Labelle Kathleen Laird Wendy Lavender
 Richard Lindgren Chris Mangan-Greene Nona Mariotti
 Allan McPhail Alex Palilionis Peter Raabe
 Kevin Riley Kim Sytsma

Regrets: Joan Green Jeff Peters

Staff Present: Donna Cellini, Project Secretary
 Kimberly Denison, Resource Technician
 Rob McRae, Project Manager, Source Water Protection

Guests: David Cooke, Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington Public Health Unit

Chair John C. Williamson called the Cataraqui Source Protection Committee (SP Committee) meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

1) Roll Call and Mileage

There were 14 voting members present and 1 voting member sent a proxy.

2) Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Rob Cumming
Seconded by: Nona Mariotti

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 March 10, 2010 Cataraqui Region Source Protection Committee Minutes

Moved by: Kim Sytsma
Seconded by: Gary Davison

THAT the minutes of the March 10, 2010 meeting of the Cataraqui Source Protection Committee be approved as amended.

Carried

5) Business Arising

There were none.

6) Delegations

There were none.

7) Correspondence

- a) Letter from Ian R. Smith, Director, Source Protection Programs Branch, Ontario Ministry of the Environment, to source protection areas/regions, regarding Ministry information bulletins about aggregate resources and certificates of approval, dated March 18, 2011

Project Manager Rob McRae advised the Members that these bulletins are being released to all Source Protection Committees and will be good reference material when developing the Source Protection Plan.

- b) Letter from Ian R. Smith, Director, Source Protection Programs Branch, Ontario Ministry of the Environment, to source protection areas/regions, regarding proposed changes to the technical rules for assessment reports, dated March 22, 2011

Mr. McRae advised the Members that that this letter was sent to all Conservation Authority General Managers and Project Managers regarding proposed changes to the Technical Rules on Water Budgets and Climate Change. He had no comment on this posting but offered to draft a letter if the SP Committee had any concerns.

- c) Letter from Ian R. Smith, Director, Source Protection Programs Branch, Ontario Ministry of the Environment, to Cataraqui Source Protection Authority Chair Robert Morrison and Cataraqui Source Protection Committee Chair John C. Williamson, regarding the Proposed Assessment Report: Cataraqui Source Protection Area (July 2010), dated March 23, 2011

Mr. McRae commented on this letter indicating that there were no surprises therein, due to the open and constructive dialogue between Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) and Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) staff prior to the letter being sent. He also indicated that a presentation by Kimberly Denison later in the agenda would follow up on the individual points outlined in the letter.

He also clarified that the consultation requirements on the forthcoming Draft Amended Proposed Assessment Report include a 30 day web posting and official notification of the posting.

- d) 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 pre-consultation on source protection plans, dated March 25, 2011

Mr. McRae advised the Members that this was another bulletin offered from the MOE and that it would be helpful when the pre-consultation period begins in June of this year.

- e) Letter from Clarence Haverson, Director, Environmental Management Branch, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, OMAFRA, Environmental Management Branch, regarding support for local Source Protection Committees during the Preparation of Draft Source Protection Policies, dated April 12, 2011

Mr. McRae advised that this letter is in support of the source protection plan development process and offers assistance from the Ministry as part of the regulatory pre-consultation process.

8) Sector Updates from the Committee

Chris Mangan-Greene indicated that her sector is sensitive to providing information in efforts that the SPC receive information pertinent to the SPP completion. They look forward to addressing the SPC in September. She also mentioned she attended the Lansdowne roundtable and felt it successful in terms of numbers present and also from their comments. She reported also that the staff and facilitator (Sue Cumming) were to be commended on their approach. It was apparent that the negativity and resistance to the concept expressed initially by those in attendance was transformed into positive reaction. She felt obliged to report that one gentleman commented "the facilitator actually did a great job!".

Jeff Peters indicated that he recently attended an all candidates meeting in Lanark on behalf of his sector.

John Conley indicated that he was impressed with the recent roundtable session he attended at Lansdowne and was happy to see a number of council members out. He was also very happy with the follow up letters being sent to participants especially in Mallorytown where the SP Committee seems to be working well with the municipality to bridge the gap with the community.

Kevin Riley also mentioned that he was impressed with the roundtable session he had attended. He also indicated that staff from the CRCA met with him and other members Utilities Kingston recently. They are hoping that there will be more dialogue regarding Certificates of Approval as they feel they are already heavily regulated. He is also hoping that more dialogue would offer a clearer explanation of the process to the municipal sector.

Robert Cumming indicated that he recently attended a biomass technical conference that was hosted by OMAFRA. He noted that the use of biomass may be compromised by its consumption of water, relative to other fuel sources. He also indicated that research is ongoing at Queen's University regarding this topic. He reminded the Members that MPP Randy Hillier will be speaking to the Ontario Landowners Association.

Nona Mariotti indicated that the newly formed lake association in Sydenham was happy to attend the Sydenham roundtable and was keen to see what is coming forward. She also indicated that there will be a 'bio-blitz' coming up June 10th and 11th on Gananoque Lake. These blitzes allow an opportunity not only do an inventory but to educate the participants on how to care for the lake.

Dave Cooke indicated that the Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington Public Health Unit is interested in being a resource and happy to provide input on policy development. He noted that the Health Unit will have a role in undertaking maintenance inspections on septic systems as they might unfold.

Councillor Allan McPhail indicated that the presentation by Project Manager Rob McRae to the Frontenac Joint Councils was well received.

Chair John Williamson wanted to congratulate the staff on their efforts pertaining to the roundtables and ask Wendy Lavender to please thank the MOE representatives for their attendance.

9) Business/Reports

a) Assessment Report Status

- i. Improvements since the March 10th meeting, Kimberly Denison, Resource Technician

Kimberly Denison highlighted the improvements made to the Draft Amended Proposed Assessment Report since the last SP Committee meeting, such as delineation adjustments to selected vulnerable areas, the improved representation of transport pathways on the maps, adjustments to the livestock density counts, and updated counts for moderate and low drinking water threats. This meant that all of the mandatory MOE comments in the Director's Decision letter appeared to have been addressed.

Ms. Denison also advised the Members how the suggested changes by MOE were addressed, for example, by including more text on the rationale in the report.

She also invited the Members to update their biographies that are found in Appendix 'A'.

- ii. Publication of a Draft Amended Proposed Assessment Report, Kimberly Denison, Resource Technician

Kimberly Denison proceeded to ask the SP Committee for its approval of the Draft Amended Proposed Assessment Report for the purpose of publication on April 27th. A public open house was confirmed for May 10th in the West Hall of the Outdoor Centre at Little Cataraqui Creek Conservation Area. She asked if 2 or 3 Members who were interested in attending the public open house to please contact one of the staff members.

Rob McRae suggested to the Members that they proceed with two scheduled open house times, one for the municipal representatives from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM and one for the public in the evening from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM.

Resolution CSPC 07-11

Moved by: Richard Bresee
Seconded by: Rob Cumming

WHEREAS a proposed assessment report has been prepared for the Cataraqui Source Protection Area in accordance with the Ontario *Clean Water Act, 2006* and associated regulations and rules;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Ministry of the Environment has indicated that an amended and updated version of the proposed report be submitted on or before June 30, 2011 for its review and approval;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cataraqui Source Protection Committee approves the publication of a Draft Amended Proposed Assessment Report: Cataraqui Source Protection Area for public review and comment, as outlined in the report by CRCA staff on April 7, 2011.

Carried

- b) Status of Source Protection Plan Development: Neighbouring Source Protection Regions, Rob McRae, Project Manager

Rob McRae indicated that there is a strong tradition of sharing and collaboration among the eastern source protection groups. He noted that the other regions are working on their draft source protection plans, and are headed towards the August 2012 due date. The other regions are working on a theme-based approach (e.g. septic systems), rather than on a vulnerable area basis. They are also using different methods of early engagement and pre-consultation, for example, regional town hall meetings rather than local roundtable discussions.

The Project Manager indicated that while our neighbours do not intend to prepare their own draft policies regarding highly vulnerable aquifers, they are interested in reviewing the related Cataraqui materials. Some of the policies may then be added to their emerging draft source protection plans.

He also advised the Members that French Planning Services Inc. of Bracebridge and Verona had been contracted as policy advisors and will act as an objective third party for the review of draft policies.

The Project Manager indicated that he was looking forward to the upcoming source protection meetings and the discussions regarding draft policy concepts before the pre-consultation period.

10) Announcements or Inquiries

- a) On-site Sewage Systems Maintenance Inspections (March 2011) (Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing guideline)

Mr. McRae indicated that these guidelines would be useful when developing the plan. The Chair noted that the term “maintenance inspection” should be used when discussing this topic, rather than “septic re-inspection”, for consistency with the Ontario Building Code.

- b) Water Plan on Tap (Kingston Whig Standard article, April 7th)

Kimberly Denison mentioned that Project Manager Rob McRae and SP Committee Member Kathleen Laird were on the front page of the Kingston Whig Standard and that it was a positive article regarding the source protection initiative.

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: May 12, 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 8.28 P.M. on a motion by Gary Davison.

John C. Williamson, Chair

Rob McRae, Project Manager