

**THE CATARAQUI SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING # 33**

Thursday September 9, 7:00 PM

Kinsmen Community Hall, 400 Stone Street North (Highway 32)  
Town of Gananoque

Note: This meeting was preceded at 5:00 PM with a tour of the Gananoque water treatment plant and intake protection zone for members and staff.

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**Present:** John C. Williamson, Chair      John Conley (left 9:26 PM)      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

**Regrets:** Richard Bresee      Joan Green      Jeff Peters  
Kim Sytsma

**Staff Present:** Donna Cellini, Project Secretary  
Kimberly Denison, Resource Technician  
Holly Evans, Water Quality Specialist (left 8:40 PM)  
Rob McRae, Project Manager, Source Water Protection  
Karla Maki-Esdon, Communications Coordinator (left 8:12 PM)  
Christine Woods, Source Protection Planner

**Guests:** None

At 7:23 P.M. Chair John C. Williamson, called the meeting to order.

1) **Roll Call and Mileage**

There were 13 voting members present.

2) **Adoption of Agenda**

Moved by: Gary Davison  
Seconded by: Chris Mangan-Greene

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

**Carried**

A new Item 7 c) Letter from Ian Smith, Ontario Ministry of the Environment, to Source Protection Committee Chairs and Project Managers, regarding Ontario's Regional Adaptation Collaborative: Source Protection Climate Change Plan (dated August 27, 2010) was added to the agenda.

3) **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were none.

4) **Approval of Cataraqui Source Protection Committee Minutes**

- a) Approval of July 8, 2010 Cataraqui Region Source Protection Committee Minutes

Moved by: Nona Mariotti  
Seconded by: Rob Cumming

**THAT** the minutes of the July 8, 2010 meeting of the Cataraqui Source Protection Committee be approved as circulated.

**Carried**

There was a request to have Kim Sytsma report on the agricultural meeting held recently at the Little Cataraqui Creek Conservation Area at the next meeting Ms. Sytsma attends.

5) **Business Arising**

There were none.

6) **Delegations**

There were none.

7) **Correspondence**

- a) Letter from Ian R. Smith, Ontario Ministry of the Environment, to Chair John C. Williamson and Rob McRae, dated August 4, 2010, regarding a draft planning bulletin: notice when preparation begins.

Rob McRae reminded the members that they are invited to comment on this document before the end of the September. Any comments can be forwarded to Rob McRae or Chair John Williamson and will be compiled and then forwarded to the MOE.

- b) Letter Ian R. Smith, Ontario Ministry of the Environment, to SP Committee Chairs and Project Managers, dated August 31, 2010, regarding guidance on updated assessment reports.

Rob McRae advised the members that this was a request for the project team to submit a work plan to the MOE by October 1<sup>st</sup> (discussed below under Item 8c). There are two ways the Ministry can precede: (1) approve an assessment report and then consider updates by June 2011, and (2) defer approval and ask that all revisions be added be included in an amended proposed assessment report, also by June 2011.

- c) Letter from Ian Smith, Ontario Ministry of the Environment, to Source Protection Committee Chairs and Project Managers, regarding Ontario's Regional Adaptation Collaborative: Source Protection Climate Change Plan; dated August 27, 2010.

Rob McRae advised the members that the MOE is working to link its climate change initiatives with source protection. Mr. McRae advised the members that discussion, training etc will follow as required and that we could work with our adjacent regions/areas on relevant content in the source protection plan.

He also advised the members that he will be attending a related session on November 24<sup>th</sup> and invited the members to share any concerns or questions with him before this meeting.

**8) Business/Reports**

- a) Draft Communications Strategy for Fall 2010 to December 2011 – Karla Maki-Esdon, Communications Coordinator.

Ms. Maki-Esdon presented the SP Committee with a draft communication strategy for fall 2010 until December 2011. It includes four areas of communication needs related to drinking water source protection (overall), stewardship funding, source protection plan development and the updated assessment report.

Ms. Maki-Esdon suggested that social media also be used over the source protection plan development phase, this would include Twitter and a blog on the [www.cleanwatercataraqui](http://www.cleanwatercataraqui.com) website. She also advised the members that e-updates would require circulation within each sector as they become available.

She also mentioned to the SP Committee was that the CRCA staff are willing to do presentations to local organizations upon request.

Rob Cumming asked to be advised of any landowners that are being approached regarding potential drinking water threats in his sector and to be added as a contact person on any letters going out to industrial businesses.

**Resolution CSPC 19-10**

Moved by: Gary Davison  
Seconded by: Chris Mangan-Greene

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Cataraqui Source Protection Committee adopt the Communications Strategy Fall 2010 to December 2011(dated August 20, 2010).

**Carried**

- b) Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program: Priorities for Early Response – Holly Evans, Water Quality Specialist

Holly Evans advised the members of the upcoming phase in provincial stewardship funding called the Early Response program. This program is targeted at the resolution of existing significant drinking water threats. The deadline for applications for this funding from MOE is September 30<sup>th</sup> 2010, and a decision is anticipated in December 2010. If funds are approved for the Cataraqui area, then program delivery would occur from February 2011 until August 2012.

Ms. Evans led a discussion about how the members could consider prioritizing the funding for the Cataraqui area and the method of distributing the funds. She explained that some types of drinking water threats are more prevalent in local vulnerable areas. Suggested priority threat types related to fuel storage and handling, on-site wastewater treatment and storage systems, handling and storage of a dense non-aqueous liquid and solvent storage were proposed; these can be resolved using measures endorsed by the MOE, and are likely to generate community interest. However, if the funding is not utilized for projects related the priority types, then it can be reallocated to other existing significant threats. She also noted that since private wells may act as transport pathways (for pollution) around the Miller Manor Apartments in Mallorytown, they can also be addressed under the Early Response program.

As requested by the MOE, it was agreed that an *ad-hoc* committee would be assembled to review applications under the program. The ad-hoc committee would have two representatives from the Source Protection Committee and one representative from the Cataraqui Source Protection Authority.

Wendy Lavender advised the members that there is a total of seven million dollars available for distribution throughout 2010/11.

#### **Resolution CSPC 20-10**

Moved by: Nona Mariotti  
Seconded by: Kevin Riley

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Cataraqui Source Protection Committee supports the prioritization of Early Response applications under the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program related to fuel storage and handling, on-site wastewater treatment and storage systems, handling and storage of a dense non-aqueous liquid, solvent storage, and wells in the Miller Manor Wellhead Protection Area in the Cataraqui area;

**AND THAT** Chris Mangan-Greene and Kathleen Laird shall represent the SP Committee on an *ad-hoc* review committee for the program.

**Carried**

- c) Updated Assessment Report for 2011 – Kimberly Denison, Resource Technician and Rob McRae, Project Manager

Kimberly Denison advised the members that no comments were received on the Proposed Assessment Report from July 2010. The Source Protection Authority will consider it at their meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Ms. Denison updated the members on the various technical findings to be put in the Updated Assessment report and the possible time line to discuss and receive these findings before the June 2011 deadline. It was suggested that the Assessment Report Sub-committee do a preliminary review of a draft document in the month of December as they had with all previous drafts. Other members were offered an opportunity to join the Assessment Report Sub-committee; however, it will remain as Chair John C. Williamson and Wendy Lavender (*ex-officio*), Mayor John Conley, Robert Cumming, Richard Lindgren, Chris Mangan-Greene, and Nona Mariotti.

It was suggested that all the changes be highlighted so that the updated items can be reviewed by the Committee members.

Rob McRae described the draft work plan for the updated assessment report that staff had prepared for submission by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Richard Lindgren suggested that the covering letter should acknowledge that the 125 plus comments on the Draft Assessment report were addressed and therefore no further comments were received.

**Resolution CSPC 21-10**

Moved by: Kathleen Laird  
Seconded by: Rob Cumming

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Cataraqui Source Protection Committee endorses the Work Plan for an Updated Assessment Report: Cataraqui Source Protection Area (2011), prepared by Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority staff and dated September 2, 2010

**AND THAT** staff are requested to submit the work plan to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment on or before October 1, 2010

**Carried**

d) Source Protection Planning

- i. Amendments to Ontario Regulation 287/07 – Wendy Lavender, Ontario Ministry of the Environment

Wendy Lavender a presentation for the SP Committee on amendments to Regulation 287/07 that were approved in July 2010 [note: the presentation will later be posted on the members' only page of the [www.cleanwatercataraqui.ca website](http://www.cleanwatercataraqui.ca)]. She indicated that the due date for completion of all of the plans is August 2012, which is five years from the appointment of the first SP committee chair.

- ii. Considerations – Rob McRae, Project Manager

Rob McRae provided a short presentation highlighting some things the SP Committee Members should consider as they move forward from the foundation sessions into the roundtables. Mr. McRae advised the members that there would be a great deal of sharing with other to help reduce workloads and to ensure that where appropriate, a consistent message and practice is followed throughout the province. He also reminded the members that water quality will be the focus of the local plan given that the Tier 3 Water Budget at Sydenham did not identify any water quantity stress. Mr. McRae indicated that given the few existing (or likely) significant-ranked drinking water threats, there will be time and resources available for the SP Committee to also address many moderate and low-ranked threats.

- iii. Future Drinking Water Threats – Christine Woods, Source Protection Planner

Christine Woods gave a presentation regarding the emergence of drinking water threats in the future. She reminded the members that the Ontario *Clean Water Act, 2006* and O. Reg. 287/07-General require that source protection plans include policies on activities that are or would be significant drinking water threats. It can also include policies about moderate and low-ranked drinking water threats.

Ms. Woods suggested that the SP Committee focus their efforts on the most commonly occurring threats and also focus each roundtable on those existing and future threats that are most relevant to the vulnerable area under discussion. It was noted that under the *Act*, there must be broad polices to ensure even the oddest future activity could not emerge (e.g. a farm in downtown Kingston).

**9) Sector Updates from the Committee**

There were none.

**10) Announcements or Inquiries**

- a) Premiers' Water Charter endorsed in August 2010.
- b) Rob McRae commented on the high level of co-operation given to the CRCA staff in preparing the tour earlier in the evening.

**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: October 14, 2010  
7:00 PM Regular Meeting  
General Purpose Room, Outdoor Centre  
Little Cataraqui Creek Conservation Area, Kingston

**15) Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 P.M. on a motion by Kevin Riley.

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John C. Williamson, Chair

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Rob McRae, Project Manager