

THE CATARAQUI SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING # 43

Thursday, September 8, 2011 (7:00 PM)

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

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

Regrets: Richard Bresee John Conley Joan Green

Staff Present: Donna Cellini, Project Secretary
Steve Knechtel, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Karla Maki-Esdon, Communication Coordinator
Rob McRae, Project Manager, Source Water Protection
Christine Woods, Source Protection Planner

Guests: There were none

Chair John C. Williamson called the Cataraqui Source Protection Committee (SP Committee) meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. Chair Williamson thanked Chris Mangan-Greene for hosting a golf event for members and staff earlier in the afternoon.

1) Roll Call and Mileage

There were 13 voting members present and 1 voting member sent a proxy.

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 distributed.

Carried

3) Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were none.

4) Approval of Cataraqui Source Protection Committee Minutes

Approval of June 9, 2011 Cataraqui Region Source Protection Committee Minutes took place via a positive e-poll result held subsequent to the June meeting.

5) Business Arising

There was none.

6) Delegations

There were none.

7) Correspondence

- a) Letter from Keith Willson, Manager, Source Protection Approvals, Source Protection Programs Branch, Ontario Ministry of the Environment, to Steve Knechtel, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer and Rob McRae, Project Manager, Source Water Protection, Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority, acknowledging receipt of an Amended Proposed Assessment Report: Cataraqui Source Protection Area (June 2011), dated June 27, 2011

Rob McRae, Project Manager, advised the members that this letter acknowledges the receipt of the Draft Amended Proposed Assessment Report and that he understood through the Ministry Liaison that it was moving through the approval process.

- b) Letter from Constance Wrigley-Thomas, Executive Director, Canadian Oil Heat Association – Ontario Chapter, to Steve Knechtel, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority, offering assistance with source protection policy development, dated July 20, 2011

Mr. McRae acknowledged this letter and the offer therein to assist the SP Committee with the policy development.

- c) Letter from Nicole Barbato, SWP Liaison, Conservation Ontario, to Terence F. Bowles, President and CEO, St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation, advising of the ongoing development of source protection plans, dated August 22, 2011

Mr. McRae indicated that this letter was one example of the recent correspondence sent by Conservation Ontario on behalf of all source protection areas/regions to industry to ensure their awareness of the source protection process.

- d) Letter from Heather Malcolmson, Acting Director, Source Protection Programs Branch, Ontario Ministry of the Environment, to source protection committee chairs and project managers, outlining instructions for recording the legal effect of policies in source protection plans, dated August 23, 2011

Mr. McRae indicated that this letter indicated how source protection areas/regions are to comply with Section 34 of Ontario Regulation 287/07, which establishes a need to identify the applicable legal effect of the each policy in a source protection plan.

8) Sector Updates from the Committee

Rob Cumming advised the Members that he recently had a follow up meeting with INVISTA. He also advised that he would continue to act as a liaison and would take questions on behalf of the SP Committee. He indicated that INVISTA does a complete environmental issues training session for new employees that includes water.

9) Business/Reports

- a) Communications Strategy for the Cataraqui Source Protection Plan, Karla Maki-Esdon, Communications Coordinator

Karla Maki-Esdon, spoke of her staff report that sought direction from the SP Committee on a proposed Communications Strategy for the completion of the source protection plan. It covers the period between September 2011 and August 2012.

Resolution CSPC 10-11

Moved by: Kim Sytsma
Seconded by: Gary Davison

THAT the Cataraqui Source Protection Committee adopt the Communications Strategy – September 2011 to August 2012 (dated September 1, 2011).

Carried

- b) Pre-Consultation on Draft Source Protection Plan Policies, Rob McRae, Project Manager

Mr. McRae presented regarding the ongoing pre-consultation on the draft source protection plan policies. He summarized the key themes in the comments received to-date from the first round of pre-consultation. He indicated that comments had been received from 4 of the 24 recipients from whom comments were anticipated, and there was ongoing dialogue with most other recipients. Mr. McRae shared the comments and themes received so far through letters and general dialogue with the recipients to the members.

It was agreed that staff would develop a series of 'level-of-effort' documents to assist implementation bodies to forecast the actual effort that may be required to implement the policies for which they may be responsible. It was noted that their interpretation of that effort may exceed the intent of the SP Committee.

Mr. McRae advised the members that there would be a policy forum held in Kingston on September 28th for municipal officials and staff. He recommended that the SP Committee should host of this event and perhaps 3 or 4 members could represent the group at the event. Members were asked to indicate their interest following the meeting.

- c) Draft Policies for the Second Pre-Consultation Window, Holly Evans, Water Quality Specialist and Christine Woods, Source Protection Planner

Holly Evans and Christine Woods presented the proposed draft policies for Sandhurst Shores, A.L. Dafoe, Bath, Fairfield, Point Pleasant and Kingston Central Intake Protection Zones (IPZ), as well as for the Highly Vulnerable Aquifers and Significant Groundwater Recharge Areas. They sought approval-in-principle of the draft policies for the purpose of pre-consultation.

Ms. Evans and Ms. Woods indicated that the draft policies for the six western IPZ policies were generally consistent with those proposed for the Brockville, James W. King and Sydenham IPZs. Draft policies for those locations had already been shared with implementers in June 2011. The comments received through the first part of pre-consultation were incorporated to the extent possible. A few new concepts were introduced in these policies, which would also be applicable to the first group of vulnerable areas. The new concepts included:

- A requirement for a disclosure report as part of a complete application under the *Planning Act* so that the subject municipality can identify activities in vulnerable areas that would be drinking water threats (e.g. the planned development will include a manufacturing process that utilizes organic solvents).
- The collection of industrial sewage and wastewater effluent sampling reports by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and data sharing with the Cataraqui Source Protection Authority.
- Incorporation of vulnerable area data and mapping into Drinking Water Quality Management System documents under Section 44 of the Ontario *Safe Drinking Water Act*.
- Encouraging the creation of a “water recognition” incentive program for industry.

They also indicated that the draft policies for the highly vulnerable aquifers and significant groundwater recharge areas were consistent with policies for the wellhead protection areas and intake protection zones as appropriate. The ideas for these broader groundwater areas focused on implementing actions to:

- Promote responsible land use planning;
- Improve information availability;
- Enhance education/outreach initiatives; and
- Conduct research to refine the sensitive groundwater area delineations and to better assess the impact of drinking water threats on these areas.

Resolution CSPC 11-11

Moved by: Jacques Labelle

Seconded by: Kim Sytsma

THAT the Cataraqui Source Protection Committee approve-in-principle the draft policy approaches for the Sandhurst Shores, A.L. Dafoe, Bath, Fairfield, Point Pleasant and Kingston Central Intake Protection Zones, and the highly vulnerable aquifers and significant groundwater recharge areas (as discussed at its September 8, 2011 meeting) for the purpose of pre-consultation, in accordance with Sections 35 through 39 of Ontario Regulation 287/07 (as amended).

Carried

10) Announcements or Inquiries

- a) Water protection: Committee submits report to ministry – Kingston Whig Standard, August 2, 2011, John Williamson, Chair

Chair, John Williamson spoke briefly about this interview and acknowledged the article to the members.

- b) Public health warns of blue-green algae in lower Rideau Canal – Kingston Whig Standard, August 6, 2011, John Williamson, Chair

Chair, John Williamson acknowledged this article and there was some discussion regarding the issue.

- c) Haley adamantly opposed to costly water quality rules – Brockville Recorder and Times, September 8, 2011, John Williamson, Chair

This item was circulated at the meeting to the members and acknowledged by the Chair.

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

The Chair indicated that the next meeting would be held in November the location is yet to be determined.

Next meeting of the SP Committee: November 17, 2011
7:00 PM Regular Meeting
Courtyard by Marriott – 1000 Islands Meeting Room
103 Dalton Avenue (south of Highway 401, west of
Division Street), Kingston

15) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 P.M. on a motion by Kim Sytsma.

John C. Williamson, Chair

Rob McRae, Project Manager