

THE CATARAQUI SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING # 26

Thursday January 21, 7:00 PM

Cataraqui Golf and Country Club,
961 King Street West, Kingston, ON

Present: John C. Williamson, Chair Richard Bresee (arrived at 7:39 PM) Rob Cumming
Gary Davison Jacques Labelle (arrived at 7:21 PM) Kathleen Laird
Richard Lindgren Chris Mangan-Greene Allan McPhail
Nona Mariotti Alex Palilionis Jeff Peters (proxy to Kim Sytsma prior to arriving at 8:19 PM)
Peter Raabe Kim Sytsma

Regrets: John Conley (Proxy to Peter Raabe) Scott Ewart (proxy to Chris Mangan-Greene) Joan Green
Wendy Lavender Kevin Riley

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

Guests: None

At 7:08 P.M. Chair John C. Williamson, called the meeting to order.

1) Roll Call and Mileage

There were 11 members present and 3 members participating via proxy, 3 other members arrived late.

2) Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Gary Davison
Seconded by: Kevin Riley

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

Carried

3) Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were none.

4) Approval of Cataraqui Source Protection Committee Minutes

- a) Approval of December 10, 2009 Cataraqui Region Source Protection Committee Minutes

Moved by: Nona Mariotti
Seconded by: Rob Cumming

THAT the minutes of the December 10, 2009 meeting of the Cataraqui Source Protection Committee be approved as amended.

Carried

5) Business Arising

- a) Chair John Williamson discussed resolution CSPC 31-09 from December 2009 and the need to postpone the publication of the draft Assessment Report. The Chair noted that the Cataraqui had received an extension approval letter from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE), which was circulated to the SP Committee at the meeting. The new deadline for submitting the proposed version of the report is October 12, 2010.

6) Delegations

- a) Ontario Ministry of the Environment, regarding the timing of the Assessment Report: Cataraqui Source Protection Area – This item was cancelled.

7) Correspondence

- a) Ducks Unlimited Canada Letter to Chair John Williamson dated Jan 11, 2010

Chair John Williamson advised the members of a letter received from Ducks Unlimited and it will be circulated with the minutes. Chair John Williamson will send them a letter acknowledging their letter and inviting them to make a presentation at a future SP Committee meeting.

8) Business/Reports

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

Chair John Williamson, thanked the SP Committee for their support in developing two balanced working groups and suggested if a member had any further thoughts to advise him and he will have the groups formalized at the February meeting.

- b) Proposed Framework for the Source Protection Planning Process – Christine Woods, Source Protection Planner

Rob McRae, introduced Christine Woods as the Source Protection Planner. Ms. Woods has been seconded from the CRCA Watershed Management Team to the Drinking Water Source Protection Team to assist the SP Committee with the development of a source protection plan.

Ms. Woods presented a proposed framework for the source protection planning process along with proposed schedule/timeline and a sample policy roundtable agenda. Details may change over time and experience as the working groups and policy roundtable process is refined. She discussed the benefits of having an outside facilitator moderate the meetings.

There was a question regarding the SP Committee possibly getting a source protection plan template (and/or policy concepts) from the MOE. Chair John Williamson stated he would table this question at the upcoming Chairs' Meeting in Mississauga and get back to the SP Committee. Rob McRae advised the SP Committee that there has been agreement amongst staff at the source protection regions in eastern Ontario to share policy information through the planning process.

Mr. McRae reminded the SP Committee that the proposed framework for the source protection planning process is pending funding approval and if the SP Committee agrees to this proposal, then appropriate funds will be included in the draft budget that will be submitted shortly by the CRCA to the Province for approval.

Resolution CSPC 01-10

Moved by: Kim Sytsma
Seconded by: Chris Mangan-Greene

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cataraqui Source Protection Committee approves the proposed framework for the source protection planning process as outlined in the report of the Source Protection Planner (dated January 14, 2010)

Carried

c) Revised Assessment Report Timeline – Rob McRae, Project Manager

Rob McRae presented a revised timeline for the completion and publication of the local Assessment Report. The MOE has indicated that all the technical findings must be completed prior to the draft version being published. The revised timeline shows how the new October 2010 due date can be achieved; everything on the Assessment Report Checklist would be completed and included in the report. The work on the Source Protection Plan would begin in parallel with the completion of the Assessment Report. The Assessment Report Subcommittee was asked if they would be willing to continue assisting with the internal editing of the Assessment Report. Rob Cumming, Richard Lindgren, Chris Mangan-Greene, and Nona Marriotti all agreed to continue as members of the Assessment Report Subcommittee.

Resolution CSPC 02-10

Moved by: Rob Cumming
Seconded by: Alex Palilionis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cataraqui Source Protection Committee approves the Cataraqui Source Protection Area: Proposed Assessment Report Timeline (at January 2010) as outlined in the report of the Project Manager, dated January 14, 2010

Carried

- d) Draft Findings for the Assessment Report: Defining Issue Contributing Areas – Lauren Forrester, Water Quality Specialist

Lauren Forrester presented issue contributing area delineation plan summaries for the surface intakes at Bath, Brockville, and Fairfield, and the groundwater wells at the Cana Subdivision, Lansdowne, and the Miller Manor Apartments. She indicated that in order to identify threats that may be contributing to drinking water issues in source water, the delineation of an issue contributing area is required by the MOE for inclusion in subsequent assessment reports. Her presentation and report provided a detailed proposed Budget to complete the required testing.

Resolution CSPC 03-10

Moved by: Richard Bresee
Seconded by: Kim Sytsma

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cataraqui Source Protection Committee receive the draft plan for issue contributing area delineation, as outlined in the report of the Water Quality Specialist (dated January 14, 2010) for consideration in preparing the Cataraqui Assessment Report, with the understanding that the extent of Issue Contributing Area monitoring work will be dependent upon the availability of Provincial funding.

Carried

- e) Update on Eastern Lake Ontario and Upper St. Lawrence River Intake Protection Zone 3 Delineation – Sean Watt, Water Resources Engineer

Sean Watt advised the SP Committee that the Queen's University Centre for Water and the Environment continues to work on the intake protection zone 3 delineations for the intakes on eastern Lake Ontario and the upper St. Lawrence River. This task involved modeling to see how contaminants could move during an extreme (weather/flow) event and analyses to determine whether the concentration of those contaminants would deteriorate the (raw) source water at the intake. For the information of the members, he provided a sample of what will be presented at the subsequent meetings. The sample was based on a combined sewer overflow event that occurred in Kingston; it demonstrated that contaminants, while diluted, can flow in all directions within the Cataraqui area during the extreme event.

- f) Future Directions for the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program – Lauren Forrester, Water Quality Specialist

Lauren Forester advised the SP Committee that the report was for their information and there was no presentation or requested action accompanying it at this time.

9) Sector Updates from the Committee

- a) Richard Lindgren indicated he was reviewing a provincial best management practices manual pertaining to installing, decommissioning and maintaining wells. Mr. Lindgren provided the following information after the meeting to be attached to these minutes for information purposes:

Information Notice re the Water Supply Wells Requirements and Best Management Practices Manual... is primarily intended for industry, regulatory agencies and interested homeowners, and lists regulatory requirements and provides best practices for the siting, construction and abandonment of wells; and lists regulatory requirements for licensing for people working on wells.

EBR posting: <http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTA4Mjk1&statusId=MTYyNjcx&language=en>

- b) Kim Sytsma advised the SP Committee of a recent Environmental Farm Plan announcement regarding related funding that is now available to farmers.
- c) Richard Bresee raised a concern over the announcement by the Ontario government of a large amount of funds from the provincial budget being directed to wind farms.

10) Announcements or Inquiries

- a) Newspaper articles: 'Elgin Water Worries Growing' Brockville Recorder & Times (December 16, 2009) and 'No Contaminants in Tests' Brockville Recorder & Times (December 19, 2009)

There was some discussion regarding the recent water contamination problem at Elgin and the potential of elevating the community to fall within the scope of research and planning under the Ontario *Clean Water Act, 2006*. A related question was raised as to the legal requirements of closing a gas station and the enforcement of gas holding tank removal. Rob McRae agreed to get some clarification from the MOE through Wendy Lavender, Liaison Officer.

- b) Release of Protecting the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence River Basin & Drinking Water Sources by the Canadian Environmental Law Association and Environmental Defence

Richard Lindgren pointed out that this National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI) could be used in the Assessment Report.

He further suggested that the SP Committee might be interested in visiting the waterhole.ca website as it has been updated and is a good source of information.

- c) Reminder: Presentations to Municipal Councils in Winter 2010

Rob McRae thanked all the SP Committee members for their past and future attendance at the ongoing municipal council presentations (whether in an official capacity or not); their support is much appreciated by the CRCA staff.

- d) Talk by Bruce Davidson at the February 11th meeting

Rob McRae thanked Richard Bresee for his assistance in securing St. Lawrence College for this event and the SP Committee meeting. The SP Committee will be provided with a flyer to circulate within their sector.

11) Motions/Notice of Motion

- a) Notice of Motion by Jacques Labelle, Public Representative: Aquifer-Based Home Heating and Cooling Installations

Jacques Labelle advised the SP Committee of his concern regarding the Aquifer-Based Home Heating and Cooling Systems and that the water is not always put back in the aquifer in which it is removed. Further information will be provided to the SP Committee and this will be discussed at the February meeting. Please see the attached letter Mr. Labelle wrote to Rob McRae and the Technical Bulletin: Earth (Geothermal) Energy Systems.

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 February 11, 2010, 5:00 PM (with supper)
Davies Hall, St. Lawrence College,
100 Portsmouth Ave, Kingston, ON

15) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 P.M. on a motion by Kim Sytsma.

John C. Williamson, Chair

Rob McRae, Project Manager