

Thames – Sydenham and Region Drinking Water Source Protection Source Protection Committee Discussion Paper

Report to Chair and members
Thames – Sydenham and Region
Source Protection Committee

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Re: Updated SPP Consultation and SPC Meeting Schedule

Background

1. This discussion paper updates the consultation and meeting schedule discussed at the June 2014 SPC meeting.
2. On June 20, 2014 MOE provided final comments on the Thames-Sydenham and Region proposed SPP. MOE has indicated that they are expecting submission of the Thames-Sydenham and Region SPP and ARs in January 2015. This was based on receiving their comments in June 2014 and our expectations of time required for consultation on the updates and amendments.
3. Along with the revisions to the SPP, updates are being made to all 3 ARs. Local consultation (as was done after technical work but prior to the draft proposed AR consultation) was undertaken locally in areas where there were significant changes to vulnerable areas.
 - o Wallaceburg, Sarnia and Camlachie (IPZ-3 revisions and Issues Contributing Area)
 - o Wheatley (LTVCA IPZ-3, updated SGRA)
 - o Woodstock (Issues Contributing Area)
4. Formal consultation on the AR updates will be done concurrently with the consultation on the amended proposed SPP prior to its submission to the MOECC.
5. The current SPC meeting schedule includes November, and January meetings. A subsequent meeting (Spring 2015?) will be required to deal with any outstanding concerns identified by MOE. At this meeting the SPC should also be focusing on preparing for implementation including discussing the monitoring and reporting guidance to be developed by the CAs.

Discussion

1. After further revision of the consultation schedule, it is now anticipated that the submission of the amended SPP and AR to the MOECC will be pushed back to early February 2015 (barring any significant changes required as a result of comments received during consultation).
2. Pre-consultation with implementers affected by revisions to the proposed SPP will commence in October following finalization of policies at the October SPC meeting. Pre-consultation will be focused on the amendments to policy however it will most likely be necessary to include discussions on policies which were included in the proposed SPP to ensure that implementers have a full understanding of their policy responsibilities. In addition to being an important part of consultation this will also assist municipalities in their preparations for implementation.
3. For many municipalities it will be the changes to the vulnerable areas delineation in the AR, especially expanded or new vulnerable areas (IPZ-3, ICA), which will have the most impact on implementation responsibilities. As with previous pre-consultation most of the effort will be focused on municipalities with significant drinking water threats.
4. Formal consultation on the amended proposed SPP and updated ARs is planned for December/January for a period of about 45 days. This will involve notices (as per draft proposed and proposed SPP) and open houses in each SPA. Notices will be issued as was done for previous consultation, with notices being mailed to Municipalities, First Nations, policy implementers and those who are believed to be engaged in significant drinking water threats. Notices will also be placed in local newspapers.

5. Copies of the SPP and ARs will be made available at various municipal offices and CA offices as was done during previous consultation. Copies of the documents will be provided on DVD for those who request a copy of the document. The documents and notices will also be posted on the Source Protection web site.
6. It should be noted that this consultation schedule now follows the municipal election. .
7. Attached is a high level overview of the consultation schedule and SPC meeting schedule to February 2015.

Key dates for revised Source Protection Plan and Assessment Reports consultation

Task	Status	Completion Date
UTR AR Revisions	complete	Oct, 2014
SCR AR Revisions	complete	Oct 2014
LTV AR Revisions	underway	Nov, 2014
Local Consultation on AR	complete	Aug-Sept 2014
SPP Revisions	complete	Sept 2014
SPP Policy Revisions	complete	Oct 2014
Ex Doc Revisions	complete	Oct 2014
Assemble pre-consultation notification lists	underway	Oct 2014
Pre-Consultation with policy implementers <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hold the date email to CAO, planners, CBO, Water System Operators 2. Packages to be distributed electronically 3. Municipal Workshops 4. Discussions with other implementers 5. Comments due 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. September 26 2. October 14 3. October 20, 22 4. as requested 5. November 4
SPC meeting to approve SPP and ARs		Nov 14, 2014
Assemble consultation notification lists		Nov 2014
Publish SPP		Dec 1, 2014
Publish ARs		Dec 1, 2014
SPP & ARs posted, available at CA, select county offices		Dec 5, 2014
Consultation notices		Dec 6-11, 2014
Open Houses (3)		Dec 15-Jan 15, 2015
Consultation closed, Comments due		Jan 20, 2015
SPC Consideration of Comments		Jan 30, 2015
UTR SPA submits SPP to Minister		Early Feb, 2015

This schedule will continue to evolve as plans for consultation are firmed up.

Thames – Sydenham and Region Source Protection Committee Meeting Schedule

The following meeting schedule has been established by the Source Protection Committee. The meetings will generally conform to the following, however from time to time it may be necessary to adjust the meeting location, date or time to accommodate the needs of the committee. The committee does plan to hold meetings across the region from time to time. As such this schedule will be updated from time to time. The following general guidelines will be used by the committee to set specific meeting dates and locations beyond the schedule contained herein.

General Meeting Dates: Proposed meeting schedule is highly dependent on approval of the SPP and therefore meeting dates and business planned for the meetings may be adjusted.
(meetings generally the second Friday of each month)

General Meeting Time: 9:00 am

General Meeting Location: SCRCA Strathroy

Meeting Date	Time	Proposed Location	Tentative description of business planned for this meeting
September 12, 2014 Cancelled	9:00	UTRCA	SPC Meeting-Cancelled
Thursday , October 9, 2014	9:00	UTRCA	<i>SPC Meeting</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • date moved to Thursday to avoid the Thanksgiving weekend • Approval of amended proposed SPP and updated ARs revisions • Consultation preparations
November 14, 2014	9:00	SCRCA	<i>SPC Meeting</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of pre-consultation comments and resulting revisions • Approval of AR and SPP for consultation
December 12, 2014 Cancelled	9:00	SCRCA	SPC meeting - Cancelled
January 30, 2015 Rescheduled	9:00	SCRCA	<i>SPC meeting</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rescheduled to accommodate consultation schedule • Consideration of comments on amended proposed SPP and updated ARs • Approval of SPP and ARs for submission to MOE