



SPC MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 16, 2015
Meeting #64

Bob Bedggood, Chair of the Source Protection Committee called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on October 16, 2015 at the St. Clair Conservation Authority Boardroom. The following members and staff were in attendance

Members

Bob Bedggood
Murray Blackie (SPA Liaison)
Pat Donnelly
Dean Edwardson
Patrick Feryn
Paul Hymus
Carl Kennes
George Marr
James Maudsley
Don McCabe

Earl Morwood
Darrell Randell
Joe Salter
Fatih Sekercioglu (HU Liaison)
Charles Sharina
Pat Sobeski
John Trudgen
John Van Dorp
Darlene Whitecalf
Teresa McLellan (Provincial Liaison)

Regrets:

Kennon Johnson
Brent Clutterbuck
Joe Kerr
Valerie M'Garry
Doug McGee
Hugh Moran
Augustus Tobias

Staff:

Chris Tasker
Deb Kirk
Girish Sankar
Rick Battson
Steve Clark
Brian McDougall
Michelle Fletcher
Linda Nicks
Don Pearson
Teresa Hollingsworth
Bonnie Carey



1) Chair's Welcome

Bob Bedggood welcomed the committee and announced that the Thames, Sydenham and Region Source Protection Plan is approved with an effective date of December 31, 2015. Fatih Sekercioglu the new Health Unit Liaison was introduced. Bob advised the members this is Chris Tasker's last SPC meeting due to reorganization at the UTRCA. The committee proceeded as a sub-committee until a quorum was achieved.

2) Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was approved after quorum was achieved.

Moved by Darrell Randall- seconded by Joe Kerr

"RESOLVED that the October 16th meeting agenda be approved."

CARRIED.

3) Delegations

There were no delegations.

4) Minutes from Previous Meeting

The June 12 SPC meeting minutes were approved once quorum was achieved.

Moved by Darrell Randall -seconded by Dean Edwardson

"RESOLVED that the June 12 SPC meeting minutes were approved."

CARRIED.



5) Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflict of interest was identified.

6) Business arising from the minutes

6a) Members renewal following the plan approval

Regulatory changes resulting from the EBR posting will affect the member renewal discussed at the previous meeting. This is covered in more detail under Agenda item 8d) SPC Regulation 288 changes.

7) Business

7b) Rules of Order/Code of Conduct

The Rules of Order/Code of Conduct have been revised based on the SPC's discussions at the June SPC meeting. These SPC Policies will be endorsed by the Striking Committee and can be modified in the future if required. A high level summary was provided and a brief review of the SP website showing the meeting packages was given.

Key Points;

- Meeting Per diems is streamlined to \$150.00 for all meetings.
- Number of meetings has been reduced to 2-4 per year and will be shorter in duration.
- Meetings will start at 10:00 a.m.
- Agenda and reports will be posted on the SP website and packages will be forwarded to the members electronically.
- Meeting minutes will be circulated to members for approval by an electronic recorded vote and then posted on the website.
- If the Chair is absent the SPA Liaison, MOE Liaison or SP Project Manager can call the meeting to order and ask to have an acting Chair appointed rather than establishing a Vice-Chair annually.
- Recording Secretary and Executive Committee has been eliminated.
- Working groups or sub-committees, no change.
- Proxy can be used as a last resort and count toward quorum. The rules for using proxy include members being required to forward their proxy in writing to a like-minded member and the Chair. The person who speaks for the absent member will need to use discretion based on the discussions during the meeting.



Pat Donnelly noted as we move into the next phase of implementation the Code of Conduct may be utilized more; rules pertaining to delegations and media contacts may occur more frequently. Any type of media contact needs to go through the Chair and communications staff.

8) Information

8a) Revisions to SPP and AR through approval

The SPP and ARs required some revisions prior to approval. Michelle Fletcher gave a brief overview of these changes. The revisions highlighted included the pre-consultation section that was missed in the SPP that is now included on the DVD. The Ministry also requested verification relating to the microcystin policy listing the Essex Region as being the lead in microcystin monitoring; this was correct therefore no changes were made. Other minor editorial changes were done.

8b) SPP Approval and effective date

Approval letters for the Assessment Reports (AR) and the Source Protection Plan (SPP) from the Minister were included in the member's packages. The ARs were approved September 16 and the SPP September 17. The SPP effective date is December 31, 2015.

The reports are uploaded on the SP website and the geoportal is updated to include the approved mapping. The mapping now includes simple, high level new layers showing areas with significant threats, areas with low and moderate and other designated areas that municipalities need to consider.

All municipalities need to be prepared especially for Part IV responsibilities and be able to process Section 59 applications. UTRCA will be providing Risk Management Services for five municipalities and two others are possible. Chatham-Kent, Oxford, Thames Centre and Middlesex Centre will be undertaking their own services. UTRCA is hosting a municipal workshop on October 30. The morning sessions will cover moderate/low threats and the afternoon significant threats.

Bob spoke to the SP approval as a worthy commitment to protect drinking water sources for the future and thanked the committee for persevering through the process.

8c) Staffing Changes

Chris Tasker reported on some of the recent staff changes at the UTRCA. When a senior manager left to accept a position as a municipal CAO this led to an opportunity for some



modifications to the UTRCA management team. Previously the Hydrology and Regulatory Services Unit included two mission centers; Flood Control and Regulatory Services which now are separate. Chris Tasker will be the Manager of Flood Control and will also be responsible for Information Management. Tracy Annett a planner for more than a decade will manage the Environmental Planning and Regulations Unit which will include Source Water Protection. This will allow for capacity as Source Protection shifts from planning to implementation while retaining the expertise to be ready for review of the SPP and the AR in 2018.

Michelle Fletcher has accepted the position of Source Protection Coordinator which will include working with the SPC. The Policy and Risk Management Advisor position will be posted. Deb Kirk will remain the primary contact for the SPC.

Bob thanked Chris Tasker for all of his hard work over the many years and indicated that he will be missed.

8d) SPC Regulation 288 changes based on EBR posting comments

Chris Tasker gave a presentation and updated the committee on the possible changes to Regulation 288. The Ministry had posted a discussion paper on the EBR for comments and is currently working on a draft regulation. Some of the requirements were reviewed at the previous SPC meeting and have yet to be finalized. Some of the proposed changes outlined in the presentation included;

- Membership expiry dates will now be January 1 of the year of the third annual progress report being due (2018) unless a member wants to leave earlier. The SPA will determine which appointments expire and when. The current term for appointment is 3 years and this could be changed to maximum of 5 years and minimum of 6 months. Previous members can be considered for re-appointment.
- There is some flexibility in if and by how much the size of the committee is reduced. Proposed maximum is 21 as it currently is and minimum is 9. A more workable number for this region may be 15 members.
- First Nations seats would be determined by the size of the committee and the term of appointments may be determined by band councils. The London Districts Chiefs council appointed the members and it is important that it continue to be a joint decision.
- Quorum would be the Chair plus 2/3 of members. The First Nations members are not used in determining quorum but they count towards it. This will be clarified and have clear messaging as it relates to determining quorum.
- Currently a CA board member cannot be a SPC member. The changes may remove this provision.

- Any provisions that no longer apply will be removed from the regulations such as setting the first meeting.
- Health units can designate Health Unit liaisons vs the MOECC as previously required.

The next step is to wait for the regulations to be finalized. At that point the current vacancy will be replaced, committee size will be determined and members will be renewed.

8e) Meeting Schedule

The meeting schedule was included in the package. There is not a meeting in November. The next meeting is January 15, 2016 and will cover reporting requirements that are due prior to February. The schedule is extended to January 2017 and may need adjustments to accommodate needs.

9) In Camera Session

None.

10) Other Business

None.

11) MOE Liaison Report

Teresa McLellan congratulated everyone on the SPP approval. Twenty plans are approved. Long Point and Grand River Regions are the final plans to be approved and are expected to be approved before the end of the year. A RMO workshop designed to provide RMOs extra training on developing agricultural based Risk Management Plans is being held December 1. Ling Mark has moved to the Lands and Water policy branch and Heather Malcomson is the new acting Source Protection Director. The Chairs' meeting is October 26th and 27th.

Teresa thanked Chris Tasker for his strong leadership as the Project Manager in this region and province wide. The Ministry's management teams are looking at how SP being integrated into regular CA business based on the UTRCA model.

Chris Tasker spoke to his many years working as the SP Project Manager. He indicated it has been a pleasure working with the SPC and it being an interesting process. He relayed that his initial interest was in the science of the Assessment Reports and he has learned a lot about processes. Chris thanked the members for their support and hard work. He thanked



Bob for his leadership, guidance and no nonsense approach which was respected by staff and also around the chair's table. He thanked the many staff that have worked on this project and indicated that at its peak there were more than 13 full-time staff working on the project and some of the team meetings included upwards of 30 people; currently there are 5. The province has invested over 20 million dollars in the SPP, AR, implementation and stewardship efforts and with this considerable investment he noted the work is not done it is just changing. In 2018 the SPP and Assessment Reports will need to be reviewed.

Chris commended the committee and thanked Paul Michiels, Ingrid Vanderschot and Melissa Kiddie on having the foresight to build flexibility while developing s59 policies. Other regions are finding huge work involved in issuing s59 notices, we will have the ability to tweak the guidance to make sure that we can focus on what matters and not having to look at decks, fire suppression systems and other minor building permit or planning items which have no relevance to drinking water threats. It is expected there are other examples of where this freedom and flexibility will be of assistance and that there will be unintended consequences to correct and make improvements which need to be made.

Brian McDougall spoke on behalf of the Management Committee and thanked the SPC and staff for all the work and determination on the project. He spoke of the challenges ahead with implementation and being pleased to have Michelle Fletcher on board as the lead through this.

12) Members Reports

John Van Dorp- spoke of the recent MOE announcement on the phosphate loading for Great Lakes program and that is very difficult for farmers to meet these guidelines; he noted there is a disconnect between MOE and the realities of what goes on at farms. Maitland is offering farmers \$10 per acre to plant tiller crops to clean up the water and wondered if there is consideration for funding from this region.

John Trudgen- acknowledged and congratulated the minute taker on the accuracy of the minutes given the challenges around the discussions and arriving at consensus.

George Marr- the South Huron Committee is hosting the Annual Ducks Unlimited Canada Wetlands Conservation Dinner and Charity Auction on November 19 in Exeter. Tickets are available through George and are \$35.00 per person or \$60.00 per couple.

Pat Donnelly- thanked Chris Tasker for his guidance and wisdom and the other SP staff who will continue to move the program forward.

Pat Feryn- reported there is money available for cover crops in this watershed. He is concerned also about the Great Lakes Water Quality agreement and how farmers will meet



the targets. He is looking forward to the results of the monitoring and research on where the phosphorus is coming from and has read it may not be coming from the land but sloughed off river banks and that zebra mussels may be changing the chemistry in Lake Erie.

Dean Edwardson-wished Chris Tasker well.

Don McCabe- spoke to the RMOs needing to take the Great Lakes Protection Act, Nutrient Management Act and other Acts into account when SP is implemented. He noted prevalent issues such as neonicotinoid offsets and phosphorous. Don is attending the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris in November which he believes will be a strong indicator of where things are going. Don's hope is that the committee will stay in tune with climate change, phosphorous and filtration. He said OFA completed a study with Environmental Defense and that a hard line needs to be drawn to ensure the land base is not being reduced that will help deal climate change and phosphorous.

Darlene Whitecalf- thanked Chris Tasker, Brian McDougall and Steve Clark for all the support and of the acceptance of the First Nations at the table. She spoke of the First Nations councils and Chiefs changing but scientific facts do not and her hope is that SP is implemented in the First Nations areas.

Charles Sharina- reported he was approached by a Strathroy-Caradoc council member who asked if there will be any improvements planned for the Head Street dam in Strathroy.

Pat Sobeski- commented about the science being an important part of the SP process and that it was not *a one size fits all* approach. Pat relayed he along with John Van Dorp were fortunate to represent Oxford County to keep council informed. Additional money will be put into SWP via waste water rates. Pat said he has enjoyed time spent with this group.

Chris Tasker reported that Oxford County council approved funding for additional staffing to assist in SP implementation and also support for stewardship incentives.

13) Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. PLEASE NOTE: The next SPC meeting is scheduled for **January 15, 2016** and meeting location is to be at the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority office.