



SPC MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2016
Meeting #65

Bob Bedggood, Chair of the Source Protection Committee called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on January 15, 2016 at the St. Clair Conservation Authority Boardroom. The following members and staff were in attendance

Members

Bob Bedggood
Murray Blackie (SPA Liaison)
Brent Clutterbuck
Dean Edwardson
Patrick Feryn
Carl Kennes
George Marr
James Maudsley
Valerie M'Garry

Doug McGee
Hugh Moran
Earl Morwood
Darrell Randell
Fatih Sekercioglu (HU Liaison)
Charles Sharina
John Van Dorp
Darlene Whitecalf
Teresa McLellan (Provincial Liaison)

Regrets:

Kennon Johnson
Pat Donnelly
Paul Hymus
Joe Kerr
Don McCabe
Pat Sobeski
John Trudgen
Augustus Tobias

Staff:

Michelle Fletcher
Deb Kirk
Jessica Schnaithmann
Rick Battson
Steve Clark
Linda Nicks
Don Pearson
Bonnie Carey

Susan MacFarlene-RMO, Plymptom-
Wyoming



1) Chair's Welcome

Bob Bedggood welcomed the committee and noted a quorum was not achieved. Michelle Fletcher, the SP Coordinator introduced Jessica Schnaithmann the new SP Policy Advisor/Risk Management Official.

2) Adoption of the Agenda

Adoption of the agenda did not occur with quorum not achieved.

3) Delegations

There were no delegations.

4) Minutes from Previous Meeting

The October 16 SPC meeting minutes were not approved as quorum was not achieved.

5) Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflict of interest was identified.

6) Business arising from the minutes

6a) Addendum to Discussion Paper on the Participation in the SP process

The Discussion paper on the *Participation in the SP process* was presented to the SPC. The Source Protection Committee regulation (O.Reg.288/07) has been revised providing flexibility in committee size and term of appointments. An "*Addendum to the Discussion paper on the Participation in the SP process*" outlines the details of proposed committee representation. It is an addendum to the discussion paper upon which the original committee representation was based and also includes the proposed size of the committee and municipal groupings. This addendum, and the previous discussion paper, will be posted on the website for 30 days to engage stakeholders and receive comments.

The committee was asked to provide any organizations they would like to see advised of the posting to Deb Kirk so they can facilitate the engagement of the stakeholders they represent.

The addendum will be posted on the website for 30 day comment period. Clerks, First Nations, agricultural groups and other stakeholders will be targeted for notification of this posting. Comments will be summarized and taken back to the Striking Committee.

Current SPC member extension letters

Letters were circulated at the meeting to extend the SPC members appointments. The striking committee has asked the members to extend their appointments to allow for consultation, finalization of committee size and appointment of any replacement members.

It is anticipated that by *June 30, 2016* the committee size will be finalized, and the striking committee can determine which members extensions will expire and which will be extended to align with the new terms. The striking committee will consider the input previously provided as to the members preference about remaining on the committee beyond this point. The committee was asked to advise Deb Kirk if their intentions have changed.

6b) Rules of Order/Code of Conduct

Revisions made to the Rules of Order/Code of Conduct have been accepted by the Striking Committee on behalf of the 3 SPAs. The committee was shown the location of the new document on the SP website, under the Source Protection Committee, About the Committee.

7) Business

7a) Reporting Requirements-MOECC presentation

Teresa McClellan provided a presentation titled *Source Protection Annual Progress Reporting Framework*. In December the province provided the draft template for annual reporting to the Chairs and Project managers for consultation. MOECC's Drinking Water Programs Branch staff, Crown Ministries, and municipal working groups have also been consulted. The *draft* template was reviewed with the committee and will be further consulted on by the various implementers before being finalized. Teresa McClellan reported the deputy minister wants to have annual reports that are comprehensive to ensure the program can be justified and outcomes will be shared with the public.

The annual progress reporting framework is a set of reportables, measures, targets and outcomes that will supplement the SPAs submitted and publicly released annual progress report. Information collected through the reportables cover various topics that will feed into performance measures. Responses to reportable themes/groupings will be derived from implementing bodies, and RMO annual reports.



A list of the reportable groupings was included in the presentation.

Key points of discussion:

- Item #7 Incentives: a note was made that many policies encourage incentives and some municipalities within the province have provided funding to landowners to help them with costs associated with complying with source protection plan policies.
- Item #13 Positive impact examples: road salt management. A point was raised about Carmillion, a company who was contracted by the Ontario government to do snow removal and salting for a number of highways throughout southern Ontario being fined \$10 million by Ontario Government for not applying enough salt to its highways resulting in a number of fatalities and whether our position could be used as defense in future court cases. It was pointed out that in the Thames-Sydenham Region Significant Threat policies do not cover application of road salt, only handling and storage of salt. The types of things the reporting template hopes to capture are the progress on the use of softer tools such as Best Management Practices which would include application of salt. Maps have been provided to MTO showing the vulnerable aquifers to assist in reducing risk where salt is applied. They are required to submit an annual report and it will be included in the SP Report.
- A question of how Great Lakes Targets are included was asked. Although policies relating to the Great Lakes are not binding, the model threats on GL intakes and microcystin issues will be reported on and input is necessary to monitor how this is going. Great Lakes targets have not been set yet.

Appendix A: Annual Progress Reporting-Summary of Engagements with SPAs and Appendix B. Common Concerns were outlined. Next Steps include a planned PM/Chair teleconference in January, briefing with branch and senior management on reporting content, to finalize reporting content and launch the system design component of annual reporting in the spring 2016.

The Annual Reporting for Source Protection – Proposed Reportables and Performance Measures word document was reviewed. This is an extensive document but not the final format. A question was asked regarding whether the reporting tool would allow for the various implementers to fill out their own report which would then populate the report for the region. Due to the multiple implementers that will need to provide reports information in this reporting process it could become very time consuming, and lead to errors, if the SPA needs to enter all of this information into a single report. At this time it is not known what the method for entering these reports will be. One possibility is the fluid survey tool, which gives the ability to customize the survey and feed into the same source of



information. The SPC will be provided a copy of the word document and can forward any comments to Michelle Fletcher.

Bob Bedggood noted his concern that amount of work and money required to justify the SP program through annual reporting is difficult as the results of the SPP may not being evident for 20 years. Teresa McLellan relayed although there may not be immediate water quality impacts we need to see the steps to achieve this outcome.

A concern was noted around how RMOs will interpret the policies. How the RMOs are trained, how implementation is enforced and the funding associated is a concern.

Thames-Sydenham and Region RMO Reporting Guidance

Unlike the overall annual reporting on policies that will need to be submitted by policy implementers to the SPA beginning in 2018, the RMOs must submit reports beginning February 1 the year after they are designated. This is a requirement of O Reg 287/07 section 65. For February 1, 2016 this will apply to several RMOs within this region. The Regulation sets out very specific areas to be reported on. To make this reporting easier for the RMOs, and to make it consistent across the region, staff is providing the RMOs with a draft reporting template. The initial draft of the template was developed by the Lake Erie Region working group. Staff have worked with them to make some slight modifications so that the template will work for both regions. This will make reporting much easier for municipalities that have to report to both regions. RMOs have been asked to use this template for their Feb 1, 2016 reporting and for the initial collection of information on work they conduct in 2016 until we finalize the template pending final guidance from the province.

Documentation at the time that work is undertaken will be important so that the RMO does not need to go back through a year's worth of work to try and complete their report.

7b) Transport Pathway Guidance

Policy 4.07 of the SPP indicates that the CAs within the TSR will develop guidance on transport pathway reporting as soon as possible after the effective date of the SPP. O Reg 287/07 contains specific requirements for municipalities in regards to their responsibility to report on transport pathways. The Regulation does not however get into the specifics of what types of transport pathways must be reported on and in what areas. Staff have drafted some initial documents based on what has already been done in other regions. As transport pathway reporting has not been fully embraced in some other regions the intention is to circulate these draft documents to the municipalities in the region to solicit



their input in developing a working version of the documents. Comments that have already been raised by CA staff include the possible need to expand the areas of applicability outside the vulnerable score of 8 and to include the EBAs and the ICAs.

Input from the members of the SPC is encouraged over the next three weeks as we begin soliciting comments on these documents.

8) Information

8a) Stewardship funding survey

The SWP Joint Advisory Committee has been asked to develop a strong rationale for a targeted stewardship program. In order to inform this exercise CO has asked CA staff to complete a survey aimed at what threats should be addressed via this program and what the associated costs for addressing those threats (e.g. via best management practices) would be. CO has asked for this survey to be completed by January 22. Staff from the three CAs will be providing a coordinated response to the survey. A question was asked of if the funding is “merit” based. This is similar to the initial ODWSP, an incentive program to ease financial burden.

9) In Camera Session

None.

10) Other Business

None.

11) MOE Liaison Report

Teresa McLellan reported Ling Mark has moved to the Lands and Water policy branch and Heather Malcomson is the new acting Source Protection Director. There are now only three SP Liaisons for the Province and all SP plans are now approved. Long term support for the SP program is being looked at and what the MOECC’s role will be in moving forward.

12) Members Reports

Doug McGee-reported Rural Lambton Stewardship Network in Wallaceburg will be announcing a project soon relating to land use. He noted Darrell Randell, a previous member has returned.



John Van Dorp-Lambton Greenhouse group was able to get funding through Soil and Crop to deal with run off contributing to the blue-green algae issue.

13) Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. PLEASE NOTE: The next SPC meeting is scheduled for **April 8, 2016** and meeting location is to be at the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority office.