

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES – MEETING #89

MEETING: SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE
DATE: FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2022
TIME: 1:00 P.M.
LOCATION: GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION & VIRTUAL VIA WEB/EX

CALL TO ORDER

The Project Manager advised that Chair Bill Twaddle was unable to attend this meeting and called for the members to nominate an acting chair.

Motion No.
SPC-22-330

Moved by Gord Timmerman
Seconded by Dan Orr

THAT the members of the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee nominate Dick Hibma Acting Chair of the Source Protection Committee for the meeting held July 22, 2022.

Carried

The Acting Chair called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

In Attendance: Acting Chair, Dick Hibma
Andrew Barton, Stan Eby, John Fruin, Dan Orr, Tara Saab, Gord Timmerman, Jim Uram

Others Present: Mary Wooding, Ex-officio, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)
Carl Seider, Project Manager, Drinking Water Source Protection (DWSP)
Nancy Guest, Recording Secretary, DWSP
Karen Gillan, Communications Specialist, DWSP

Also in Attendance: Jennifer Stephens, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Saugeen Conservation

Regrets: Chair Bill Twaddle, Robert Emerson, Les Nichols, Mitch Twolan

Proxy Appointed By: Les Nichols

The Acting Chair introduced and welcomed new Health Sector representative, Andrew Barton, to the Committee members. Andrew, who served on the Committee previously, replaced Angela

Newman and is familiar with the matters concerning the Committee. Andrew will also serve as the Health Unit ex-officio to the Committee.

1. Adoption of Agenda

**Motion No.
SPC-22-331**

**Moved by John Fruin
Seconded by Andrew Barton**

THAT the Agenda be adopted as distributed.

Carried

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary or Conflict of Interest

Source Protection Committee (SPC) members were reminded to disclose any pecuniary interest that may arise during the course of the meeting. No disclosures of pecuniary interest were expressed at this time.

Gord Timmerman declared that he may have a conflict of interest with the Wiarton Fish Farm issue.

3. Adoption of Minutes

**Motion No.
SPC-22-332**

**Moved by John Fruin
Seconded by Gord Timmerman**

THAT the Minutes of the March 25, 2022 Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

No matters arose from the previous minutes.

5. Correspondence

No correspondence at this time.

6. Reports

Administration Report 6a

The Project Manager reviewed Administration Report 6a and advised that new wells are in development at Scott's Point in the Municipality of Kincardine and Chesley in the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie. Previous models have proved to be helpful to the consultants and pumping tests have been undertaken to obtain recharge rates. A Notice will be issued by the local Source Protection Authority (SPA), Saugeen Valley Conservation, before the owner can apply for a drinking water works permit/license and water cannot be provided to the public until the updated Source Protection Plan has been approved.

With respect to Lake Rosalind, Staff has been meeting with staff from the Municipality of Brockton and Saugeen Valley Conservation regarding water quality concerns and will revisit septic and fuel storage policies in this area. Feedback has been supportive respecting revisiting the threat policies that may apply within the existing source protection zones, as well as future education and outreach opportunities. The Municipality is considering the possible changes and the technical work that would be required to support these amendments.

A request was received respecting the water quality concerns of Lake Eugenia in the Municipality of Grey Highlands, which is not within a protection zone. The man-made lake is shallow and sensitive to algal blooms. Grey Sauble Conservation staff currently conducts water monitoring in a couple of locations around Lake Eugenia. Best management practices are being considered respecting septic inspections, fertilizer use and land use practices around the Lake. The MECP is sharing information so that new tools and support might be implemented by the Municipality.

There are eleven risk management plans remaining to be negotiated in the Town of Minto and the Township of Wellington North, possibly less once threats have been determined.

Bruce Power continues to monitor and regularly report tritium levels in Lake Huron which shows levels to be very low. Scheduled repairs may move levels even lower.

**Motion No.
SPC-22-333**

**Moved by John Fruin
Seconded by Dan Orr**

THAT: the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee receives this Administration Report 6a for information.

Carried

Communications Report 6b

The Communications Specialist reviewed Communications Report 6b and advised that Conservation Ontario is developing a focus group to develop optimum education and outreach and the Project Manager and Communications Specialist are also developing region-specific outreach material. Our social media results were discussed, including the themes covered on our website. Saugeen Valley Conservation has partnered with the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) to offer a water well improvement program to financially support landowners in their efforts to protect groundwater within the SVCA watershed. The Children's Water Festival will be virtual again in 2022, with a plan to return to in-person activities in 2023. The Communications Specialist assisted in judging the Arran-Tara Fall Fair Ambassador competition, and also invited SPC members to join her at the Hibou Free Family Fun Day booth on August 7, 2022 to assist with educational outreach.

7. New Business

Source Protection Committee Members Report 7a

The Project Manager reviewed Source Protection Committee Members Report 7a and advised that the Chair's appointment was ending August 19, 2022 and the appointment of an interim Chair would be necessary until the Province officially appoints a new Chair. This process has been delayed by the recent election and members are encouraged to discuss an interim Chair from amongst the Committee. Chair Twaddle's contributions to and passion for the program was acknowledged.

Andrew Barton has been appointed to the Committee as the health sector representative filling the place of Angela Newman. Andrew served on the SPC previously and is employed by the Grey Bruce District Health Unit. Andrew will concurrently serve as the Health Unit ex-officio to the SPC.

Municipal Group #1 representative Dennis Kefalas resigned from the Committee and his vacancy will be filled after canvassing the relevant municipalities for a candidate who will then be vetted by the Management Committee.

The terms of SPC members were reviewed as to renewal or replacement. Municipal representative renewals or replacements will be addressed following municipal elections in October 2022.

**Motion No.
SPC-22-334**

**Moved by Gord Timmerman
Seconded by Stan Eby**

THAT: the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee receives Source Protection Committee Members Report 7a for information and welcomes Andrew Barton as the new Health Sector Representative on the Committee; and further,

THAT: the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee recognizes the dedication and significant contributions provided by Chair Bill Twaddle over the years in furthering the protection of drinking water sources across the Region.

Carried

The MECP liaison attending this meeting, Mary Wooding, advised that a new Chair will be appointed as soon as possible and in the interim, it was recommended that an Interim Chair be appointed until that time.

**Motion No.
SPC-22-335**

**Moved by Gord Timmerman
Seconded by John Fruin**

THAT: Interim Chair Dick Hibma remains as Interim Chair until such time as a Chair is formally appointed by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Carried

Warton Fish Farm Report 7b

The Project Manager reviewed Warton Fish Farm Report 7b and advised that this matter was brought to the attention of the Committee after recent studies respecting a proposed major fish farm facility north of Warton near Colpoys Bay, which may affect the Warton intake protection zone. Current information states that the fish farm will use a recycled aquaculture system with water taken from Colpoys Bay, recirculated within the facility and returned 500m into the Bay as treated effluent. An independent study by the Bruce Peninsula Water Watch, as well as a study by McMaster University students sets out implications and impacts and lists a number of concerns such as sodium levels, waste and waste management.

Various permitting is required and source water Risk Management Staff will be investigating the implications as well. The actual facility is outside the intake protection zone however, a pipeline is proposed to go through the zone, which could be compared to a sewer pipe, whereby if a spill occurs, potential impacts on the drinking water source should be considered.

This matter was discussed by the Committee and the Project Manager will contact the Municipality of South Bruce Peninsula to discuss a position of interest with respect to risk management.

**Motion No.
SPC-22-336**

**Moved by John Fruin
Seconded by Andrew Barton**

THAT: the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee receives Warton Fish Farm Report 7b for information and directs Staff to continue to review possible Source Protection Plan policy implications pending further information or application details becoming available.

Carried


8. Other Business

There was no other business.

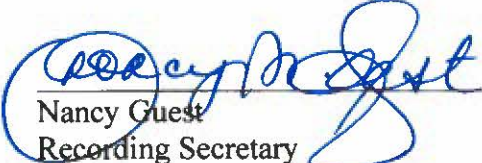
9. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next Committee meeting will be held on Friday, November 25, 2022.

There being no further business, Gord Timmerman made a motion to adjourn at 2:35 p.m.



Dick Hibma
Interim Chair



Nancy Guest
Recording Secretary