



**Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee**  
**56<sup>th</sup> Meeting**  
**February 16, 2016**

**Held:** Room C-12, Tom Davies Square

**Commenced at:** 1:00 p.m.

**Adjourned at:** 2:15 p.m.

**Present:** Nels Conroy, Chair  
Richard Bois  
Nick Benkovich  
Kris Longston  
Stephen Monet  
Lilly Noble  
Tim Worton  
Wendy Wisniewski

**Also Present:** Richard Auld, Sudbury & District Health Unit Liaison  
Lin Gibson, Source Protection Authority Liaison  
David Brouse, Risk Management Office, City of Greater Sudbury  
Jessica Brunette, Risk Management Office, City of Greater Sudbury  
André Frappier, Risk Management Office, City of Greater Sudbury  
Carl Jorgensen, Conservation Sudbury  
Hajnal Kovacs, Conservation Sudbury  
Melanie Venne, Conservation Sudbury

**Communications:** Luc Bock  
Cheryl Recollet  
Heather Sawdon

### **1. Chair Conroy Opened the Meeting**

Chair Nels Conroy opened the meeting with some introductory comments. He acknowledged the role of Lin Gibson as Chair of the Conservation Sudbury Board, the Source Protection Authority Board and the vice chair of Conservation Ontario. Also Nels recognized the attendance of Carl Jorgensen, manager of Conservation Sudbury. Since our last meeting we have a new official member on the committee, who is also a familiar face, Kris Longston from the City's planning department.

The last provincial Chair's face-to-face meeting was held in late October 2015 and the Chair's were honoured again to have the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, Glen Murray speak at the meeting. He discussed the new climate change programs that his Ministry will be initiating.

The Chair's meeting also had updates on the *Great Lakes Protection Act, 2015*; the amendments to the *Aggregates Act, 1990*; and amendments to the Water Wells Regulation 903.

## **2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

No declarations of conflict were declared.

## **3. Adoption of Agenda**

Resolution 2016 – 01

Worton - Noble

That the agenda for the February 16, 2016, Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

## **4. Communication from Visitors**

There has been no communication from the public since the last SPC meeting.

## **5. Adoption of Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Resolution 2016 – 02

Bois - Longston

That the minutes for the October 22, 2015, Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

## **6. Business Arising from the Minutes**

Nels reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. There are a few items to which updates will be provided throughout the course of the meeting.

## **7. Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change Update**

There was a scheduling conflict with the voice conferencing telephone and we were unable to get Mary Wooding, our MOECC liaison to join us at the meeting. She did however send over the following updates:

- Source Protection transportation signs have started being installed across the province. Many municipalities have had their installed and the MTO is currently working on those in the Niagara Region. The bulk of signs on provincial highways will be installed by the end of summer 2016.
- The MOECC has been working towards implementation of all policies in which it is named as the implementing body. The MOECC took a provincial approach to implementing prescribed instrument (PI) policies to ensure consistency. Standard

operating policies (SOPs) for each program were developed. In Sudbury these SOPs came into effect on April 15, 2015. Since that time, every application for a new or amended PI has gone through a primary screening process to determine if the activity associated with the application is in an area where it could be a significant drinking water threat. If so, then a more detailed screening is conducted to confirm if the activity is a significant threat. When confirmed, the appropriate SOP is applied. This includes adding specific terms and conditions of operation to the prescribed instrument. Nels commented that the SOP's for storm water management in the IPZ's of Ramsey Lake remain a concern as they are the line of defense for controlling nutrient inputs.

- The SOP's are available online at: [www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTIzODA5&statusId=MTg1ODcw&language=en](http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTIzODA5&statusId=MTg1ODcw&language=en)

## 8. Source Protection Program Updates

Nels reviewed some the information items provided at the last Chair's meeting that was held on October 26 and 27, 2015. Some others are:

- The MOECC will be visiting one CA per geographic region in 2016 to gain a better understanding of the state of the Source Protection Program. At this it appears that North Bay has been selected for the review of the Northern region
- The MOECC hosted an agricultural training session and teleconference on December 1, 2015 to understand review the approach in how various CAs and RMOs are dealing with their agricultural threats.
- There is a small provincial interest in renewing the Stewardship Program which existed from 2008-2012 to help landowners who would be impacted by the Source Protection Plan. Melanie and Hajnal recently completed a survey to help Conservation Ontario determine the potential cost and design of such a program as it relates to the Sudbury Source Protection area.
- The technical rules which governed the science behind the Assessment Report may be amended in 2016. This could prove useful for our area as we would like to expand the IPZ-1 and IPZ-3 for Ramsey Lake per our original concern during the Assessment Report discussions with MOECC.
- The MOECC continues to work on developing a reportable template for the first annual Source Protection report due in 2018.

The next provincial Chair's meeting is scheduled for March 30-31, 2016.

Melanie recently submitted the draft work plan for 2016-2017 funding. The request is similar to the last fiscal year.

Melanie and Hajnal demonstrated the new MOECC Source Protection Program mapping tool that was released last week. The online tool is available at: [www.applications.ene.gov.on.ca/swp/en/index.php](http://www.applications.ene.gov.on.ca/swp/en/index.php). The tools allows users to search for addresses and locations to determine if they are in a vulnerable area. The goal is to link the mapping tool to the applicable policies. At this point it only provides a link to the appropriate Source Protection Plan.

## 9. City of Greater Sudbury Implementation Update and Reporting

Nick Benkovich presented the first annual Risk Management Official's Report. The report details the activities of the Risk Management Officials through 2015. Section 3 describes the very start of the implementation to current day.

No Risk Management Plans (RMPs) have been agreed upon with landowners yet; the timeline is to start this spring with site visits and then work through summer writing, negotiating and finalizing the RMPs.

There has been lots of progress with education and outreach. Section 57 screening is also proceeding very well.

The first annual report for all policies is due in 2018, however, the City is producing an annual interim report that they will circulate to the SPC for feedback. Melanie suggested that the SPC could meet in fall 2016 to discuss this interim report.

Nick and David Brouse introduced the newest Risk Management Officer (RMO), André Frappier. Source Protection duties are shared amongst the three RMOs along with their other water/wastewater responsibilities.

Nels thanked Nick for walking the Committee through the report and for producing such an informative and concise report.

Resolution 2016 – 03

Bois - Worton

That the Source Protection Committee accept the Risk Management Official first annual report, and that the report be submitted to the Source Protection Authority for their approval and submission to the Director of the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change.

Carried.

The Risk Management Official first annual report will be presented to the Source Protection Authority at their meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Melanie will send out an invitation to the Committee prior to that meeting. Subsequently the report will be submitted to the Director of the MOECC and will be available on our website.

## 10. Other Plan Implementation Updates

### ***Sudbury & District Health Unit***

The re-inspection program has been administered by the Health Unit since 2012. Richard Auld provided the past 4 years of reports to staff and Hajnal compiled a summary (hand-out). Richard responded to some questions regarding the inspection protocol. The protocol was defined in the amended Ontario Building Code. The committee suggested some minor changes to the report.

### ***Municipality of Markstay-Warren***

Melanie recently met with a staff member from the Municipality of Markstay-Warren. They are on track to complete the two policies that need to be implemented by April 1, 2016. These are the education and outreach for agricultural threat and source protection inclusions into their emergency response plan. They are not required to report on progress until 2018; but staffs are requesting that they provide an interim report by the end of 2016.

## **11. New Business**

Carl and Hajnal explained a new Conservation Sudbury stewardship program. Forest Ontario will be funding the planting of 50,000 trees in the Greater Sudbury area on properties at least 1 hectare in size. There has been great response to the program and Hajnal is currently screening applications.

Lin Gibson highlighted the very important source protection milestone that was achieved in December 2015; all 22 Source Protection Plans in the province have now been approved.

Melanie mentioned that the next SPC meeting would likely be in the fall of 2016.

There is a vacant seat on the committee that staff will post for filling in time for the next meeting.

## **12. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

## **13. List of Handouts Provided at Meeting**

- City of Greater Sudbury Risk Management Official's Annual Report (2015)
- Septic Re-Inspection Program 2012-2015 Report (to be revised)

**Next meeting:** Fall 2016