



Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee

54th Meeting
November 26, 2014

Held: Room C-11, Tom Davies Square

Commenced at: 1:05 p.m.

Adjourned at: 3:45 p.m.

Present: Nels Conroy, Chair
Paul Baskcomb
Richard Bois
Nick Benkovich
Luc Bock
Stephen Monet
Lilly Noble
Wendy Wisniewski

Also Present: Heather Gardiner, Ministry of the Environment Liaison
Richard Auld, Sudbury & District Health Unit
Jessica Brunette, Risk Management Office, City of Greater Sudbury
Amanda Desjardins, Risk Management Office, City of Greater Sudbury
David Brouse, Risk Management Office, City of Greater Sudbury
Kris Longston, City of Greater Sudbury
Lin Gibson, Greater Sudbury Source Protection Authority Liaison
Paul Sajatovic, Nickel District Conservation Authority
Carl Jorgensen, Nickel District Conservation Authority
Judy Sewell, Drinking Water Source Protection
Melanie Venne, Drinking Water Source Protection

Communications: Greg Haddad
Cheryl Recollet
Heather Sawdon
Tim Worton

1. Chair Conroy Opened the Meeting

Nels commented that it has been one year since our last SPC meeting, held November 27, 2013. Since the last meeting, the SPC's plan has been approved and has passed several "tests" with a cyanobacteria bloom on Ramsey Lake in July, and media coverage about rail transportation concerns in October. So far, our plan has proven to be strong.

Nels also introduced Heather Gardiner who will be our MOE liaison officer. Heather worked closely with staff while writing the source protection plan so she is familiar with our area and will be asset to us as a liaison officer.

Nels welcomed Paul Sajatovic to the meeting. Paul has recently retired as General Manager of the Nickel District Conservation Authority. He wanted to attend the meeting to personally thank the committee members for their dedication to the source water program. It has been a seven year journey for committee members to complete the source protection plan.

Nels also welcomed Carl Jorgensen, the new manager of the NDCA Lin Gibson introduced Carl to the committee, and described how his history and background are very fitting for his new role as General Manager.

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No declarations of conflict were declared.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution 2014 – 01

Noble - Baskcomb

That the agenda for the November 26, 2014, Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Communication from Visitors

There was one email in October, that was not directly addressed to the committee, but which questioned the policies of the source protection plan to address transportation threats in the Ramsey lake watershed. A response email was sent out by Judy. Nels, Jessica Brunette and Judy were on local radio to address these concerns.

5. Adoption of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolution 2014 – 02

Bois - Benkovich

That the minutes for the November 27, 2013, 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 November 2013 meeting. There was no new business arising from the minutes.

7. Program Updates

Since the last source protection committee meeting in November 2013, Judy has provided program updates to the committee by e-mail. These e-mails included updates on MOE review comments and questions on the plan and the corresponding staff responses; information about the Auditor General's audit on the provincial source protection program; media coverage about the railway along Ramsey Lake; and finally, local and provincial announcements about plan approval.

The City of Greater Sudbury's Official Plan is in the process of being updated. The Source Protection plan updates were incorporated by Kris Longston and Paul Bascomb and reviewed by NDCA and RMO staff. The Official Plan is currently in the one-window review process and should be complete and available to the public in the spring of 2015.

Provincially, ten source protection plans have been approved and 12 remained to be approved. It is anticipated that all approvals will be done by the end of 2015.

8. Source Protection Committee Membership – Renewal Process

Regulation 288/07 of the *Clean Water Act*, 2006 regulates source protection committee membership and states that upon approval of the plan one-third of the committee's membership expires. Across the province many committees are trying to figure out what to do with regards to renewing members and the future roles, responsibilities and terms of committee members.

Interim members can be appointed by the source protection authority until recruitment of new members is completed. During recruitment existing members can apply to be re-appointed.

A provincial working group was recently set up to discuss these topics and Judy is on that committee. The discussion from this meeting will be passed on to the working group.

Judy's final presentation slide posed many questions to the committee members on the recruitment process, committee composition and responsibilities, and asked members for their thoughts.

It was unanimous among the members who were at the meeting that they would like to stay on and continue as we progress towards implementation. Continuity of members, understanding of the complexity of issues and policies, and the steep learning curve were cited as reasons to continue on with the committee as it stands.

Staff will see what is decided from the discussions of the working group and will keep the committee informed.

9. Plan Implementation – City of Greater Sudbury

Jessica Brunette, from the City's risk management office, presented on the City's plan for implementation of source protection plan policies. Her presentation focused on the risk management office, timelines, official plan updates, GIS and data needs, business processes, risk management plans, and legal matters.

The risk management office (RMO) has been working diligently since 2013 to set the groundwork for implementation. They are currently finalizing the source protection by-law and will be presenting to City Council in early 2015.

A new business process has been developed in order to screen all new building applications for potential threats. Jessica displayed a flowchart showing the complexity of identifying and verifying potential threats. A mapping tool will be used to help the multiple City departments identify threats in vulnerable areas. The RMO office is intending to charge fees for these new processes.

The City has already started implementation on some of the education and outreach policies as well as some of the specify action policies. The official plan updates for source protection have also been added and reviewed, as Judy previously mentioned.

10. Plan Implementation - Ministry of the Environment

Heather Gardiner spoke to the status of implementation of the Ministry of the Environment's policies. Provincially there are over 1200 policies that are targeted towards the province and it is the intention of the Ministry to standardize implementation across all areas of the province.

Wendy asked about local communication for terms and conditions between the issuing director and the local proponent. Heather mentioned that the plans were meant to stand on their own, but listened to her concerns.

Judy and Nels had questions regarding stormwater approvals. Nels mentioned that he had previously sought direction on MoECC's review of their approval process as it related to municipal stormwater management as it directly affects nutrient and salt loadings to Ramsey Lake and some of the valley wells. At this time, Heather does not know what the terms and conditions for stormwater approvals might be. As with all the other policies, the goal is to meet section 28 of the Act which states that threats must "cease to be significant".

11. Plan Implementation – Sudbury & District Health Unit

Richard Auld spoke about the septic re-inspection program which has been on-going since 2012. The Ontario Building Code was amended in 2010, and mandated the re-inspection of all septic systems listed as significant threats in an approved assessment report. The assessment report was approved in fall 2011, and the program started in spring 2012. The Ontario Building Code allows for the entry onto private property and the collection of fees, which are necessary for program implementation.

The SDHU program follows the re-inspection guidelines set out by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and also the recommendations of the source protection plan to prioritize inspections based on age of system and proximity to the drinking water source.

Richard went through how many systems were inspected in 2012, 2013 and 2014 and the results of each of these years. The Committee had questions regarding the sorts of education material that are used in combination with site visits, the protocol for collecting fees and record keeping.

The program has two more years to complete the first round of inspections to all the households. Nels thanked Richard for the great presentation.

11. Plan Implementation – Municipality of Markstay-Warren

Melanie spoke about progress that the Municipality of Markstay-Warren is making towards implementation of the three policies that apply within their jurisdiction.

The area in which these policies apply is a small area off Hwy 17E between the communities of Wahnapiatae and Markstay and encompasses approximately 80 homes. The three policies that affect the municipality of Markstay-Warren are:

- Education and outreach for agricultural threats
- Updating the emergency response plan for sewage and fuel spills
- Install road signs at the entrance of vulnerable areas

Markstay-Warren received \$25,000 in funding under the MOE's Source Protection Municipal Implementation Fund for small and rural municipalities. An additional \$5,000 is available if they collaborate with another municipality in policy implementation. Markstay-Warren staff has been meeting with conservation authority staff and City of Greater Sudbury staff to ensure consistency in policy application.

12. New Business

Nels led a round table discussion on new business.

- Nels spoke about the provincial Chair's meeting that was held at the end of October 2014. The Minister of the Environment, Glenn Murray presented and had a strong message about climate change. Nels encouraged everyone to read the Minister's mandate letter, which is attached to these minutes.
- At the Chairs' meeting, the provincial signage working group unveiled the design of the road signs that will be installed where transportation threats exist. A copy is attached to these minutes.
- Lilly mentioned that the Council of Canadians has formed a Sudbury chapter. Meetings are held at the South End library.
- Nick mentioned the sewage bypass notifications that are now posted on the City of Greater Sudbury's website: <http://www.greatersudbury.ca/living/sewer-and-water/release-alert>.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

14. List of Handouts Provided at Meeting

- SPC Membership Renewal Presentation slides

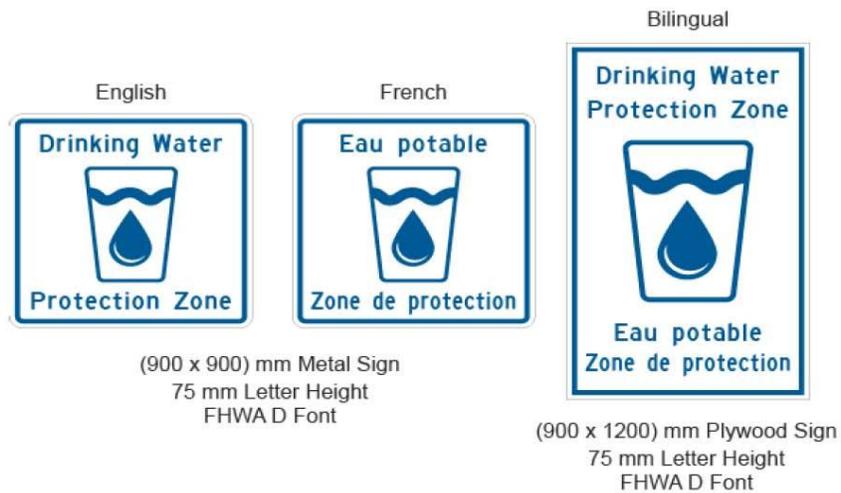
Attachments

- Minister's mandate letter
- Sketch of road signs for vulnerable drinking water areas

Next meeting: Potentially May 2015, to be confirmed

Sketch of road signs for vulnerable drinking water areas, taken from a presentation at the provincial Chair's meeting in October

The Approved Design



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November 4, 2014

Ms. Amrit Mangat
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Dear Ms. Mangat:

It is an honour and a pleasure to have you as my Parliamentary Assistant. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) and to outline some of the important work that lies ahead of us.

As you know, our government has a plan to invest in the talent and skills of our people, build modern infrastructure, support a dynamic and innovative business climate, and provide better retirement security to people across the province. At the heart of this plan are partnerships with businesses, people and communities, which will help our government grow the economy, create jobs and implement solutions that have a meaningful impact on people's lives.

This balanced and comprehensive plan is underpinned by a focus on fiscal prudence. The mandate letter I received last month from Premier Wynne reinforced our government's commitment to balance the budget by 2017-18 and to pursue increased openness, accountability and modernization.

Parliamentary Assistants play a key role in delivering these priorities and have a responsibility to put our government's plan into action.

Together, we will work to articulate and communicate the problem of climate change and the opportunities that Ontario has to play a role in addressing the climate crisis. We will take meaningful action to ensure we achieve our greenhouse gas reduction targets in order to ensure a healthy planet. We will also work to protect our Great Lakes, improve the health of pollinators, protect Ontarians from toxics and work to improve the quality of drinking water for First Nations. We will continue to enhance polluter responsibility, will work to improve waste diversion, and we will support the development of the Ring of Fire.

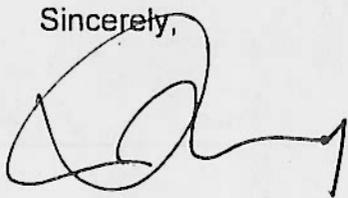
Ms. Amrit Mangat
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As Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, your specific responsibilities include:

- Supporting the Minister with legislative and committee matters related to MOECC-sponsored bills, including our existing mandate to introduce a strengthened proposed Great Lakes Protection Act in the near future, and with private members bills that impact the Ministry.
- Working with community groups, environmental non-governmental organizations, and the Ministry of Education and our Ministry on matters related to educating children and youth about climate change and what they can do to help mitigate it so that Ontario's children and youth can better support conservation efforts and climate change awareness at home.
- Participating jointly with me in helping to facilitate a strong relationship between the Ministry and its environmental and industry stakeholders.

I am confident that together, working in collaboration with our partners in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors, we can deliver on our commitment to the people we are privileged to represent and serve. I look forward to working with you to deliver our ministry's mandate, build Ontario up — and help achieve a brighter future for every person in this province.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glen Murray', written over a horizontal line.

Glen Murray
Minister