

**Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee
53rd Meeting
November 27, 2013**

Held: Room C-11, Tom Davies Square

Commenced at: 1:05 p.m.

Adjourned at: 3:40 p.m.

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

Also Present: John Westlake, Ministry of the Environment Liaison
Richard Auld, Sudbury & District Health Unit
Jessica Brunelle, 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
Judy Sewell, Drinking Water Source Protection
Melanie Venne, Drinking Water Source Protection

Communications: Cheryl Recollet
Heather Sawdon

1. Chair Conroy Opened the Meeting

Chair Conroy reintroduced John Westlake who will be our interim Ministry of the Environment Liaison while Neil Gervais is on a leave of absence. John had been our Liaison Officer before Neil, so he is familiar with our area.

Nels briefly spoke of the provincial Chair's meeting which was held in Toronto in early November. Of significance at the meeting were presentations on municipal readiness for implementation. One of the three presentations was made by Sudbury's risk management office.

Lin Gibson congratulated Nels on his reappointment as Chair of the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee.

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No declarations of conflict were declared.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution 2013 – 10

Wisniewski - Worton

That the agenda for the November 27, 2013, Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Communication from Visitors

The Source Protection Committee was cc'd on a letter from the Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance to the City of Greater Sudbury. The letter was regarding concern and recommendations for stormwater management in the Ramsey Lake watershed.

Nels received a response from Ling Mark, the Director of the Source Protection Programs Branch at MOE. Nels had originally sent a letter voicing local concerns on the use of prescribed instruments to deal with a blue green algal bloom and the inclusion of private systems in the source protection program. Nels' letter and the MOE response letter will be circulated to committee members with these minutes.

5. Adoption of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolution 2013 – 11

Noble - Bois

That the minutes for the May 9, 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 May meeting. There was no new business arising from the minutes.

7. Ministry of the Environment Update, John Westlake

1) Chairs' Meeting Highlights

At the provincial chair's meeting in November, the Ministry announced the release of municipal funding for implementation for small rural municipalities. This milestone shows the commitment of the province to the Source Protection Program. John reaffirmed, as Nels had mentioned, the valuable information that was shared by municipalities on the readiness for implementation.

2) Provincial Plan Review

The MOE is in the midst of reviewing Source Protection Plans; Sudbury's is ahead of most plans in the review process. John discussed many of the review considerations and showed a timeline table of the stage of all the plans across the province. Nearly half have received final comments from the MOE.

Nels asked what the expected timelines for plan approval after re-submission might be. John could not give an exact timeframe, but broadly perhaps three to six months would be a reasonable assumption.

8. Final Comments on 2012 Source Protection Plan

Since the last SPC meeting in May, the final MOE comments on the Source Protection Plan have been received. At the last meeting the initial MOE comments on the plan had been received and were discussed.

A verbal comment on the deicing policy was discussed. The current policy is an education and outreach policy that requires the City to inform Transport Canada on the location of vulnerable areas; it was requested that Transport Canada be removed. The new wording will read "airport authority or operator" to receive the relevant notification instead of Transport Canada.

The only formal comment was regarding the waste threat policies. A handout illustrated the changes that staff are suggesting. The policies as initially written would have inadvertently prohibited small scale waste activities such as medical or university laboratories. These were unintended prohibitions.

There was a long discussion regarding these suggested revisions. The policies as revised will allow more light industrial activities to be established and will also require more risk management plans than the initial policy. John Westlake clarified that this is a comment that is being made for many plans across the province and that the risk management plans for this threat activity could be flexible as to not be an administrative burden for the risk management office.

The concerns of the SPC members were discussed at length and resolved. There was a consensus to accept the changes as illustrated on the handout. Nels read a motion to approve the waste policy as revised and as attached to these minutes;

Resolution 2013 – 12

Bois – Monet

That the waste policies be accepted as revised based on MOE comments on the August 2012 Proposed Source Protection Plan. That W1 be amended to include existing and future threat activities and that W3 be deleted.

Carried.

9. Pre-Consultation Comments on Water Quantity Policies

The process to finalize the water quantity policies has been ongoing since last November. Since the last SPC meeting staff have met with City staff twice and the distributed policies represent the minor changes requested by the City during the last meeting in November. The content and intentions of these policies are largely the same as the initial policies that were brought forward during the pre-consultation process that started in April; they have however been consolidated into a fewer number of policies and more flexibility has been added.

Judy went through each change requested by the City and the committee accepted all of them. Nels read a motion to accept the policies and move forward with public consultation.

Resolution 2013 – 13

Noble – Monet

That the water quantity policies be accepted as distributed at the November 27th SPC meeting with the revisions as discussed and agreed upon at the meeting (revised policies attached).

Carried.

10. Public Consultation and Plan Submission Schedule

Judy handed out the timelines for consultation on the Amended Assessment Report and the Updated Source Protection Plan and a table highlighting all those that will be consulted.

The public consultation period will be from December 16th to February 7th. SPC members can review the documents beforehand if they are interested. There will one small-scale open house at the Tom Davies Square in order meet with those affected.

11. New Business

Nels led a round table discussion on new business.

- Nick Benkovich introduced David Brouse, the newest Risk Management Inspector with the City of Greater Sudbury;
- Judy mentioned a Globe and Mail news article in the handout package dealing with railroad safety;
- Nels indicated that this year's stewardship money has been all spent on septic repairs. Six septic projects were completed.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

13. List of Handouts Provided at Meeting

- Letter from the Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance and attached factsheet on stormwater technologies
- Program update presentation
- Letter from MOE with final comments on the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Plan
- Proposed changes to waste policies in the Source Protection Plan resulting from MOE final comments
- Revised water quantity policies based on pre-consultation process
- Proposed schedule for public consultation
- Globe and Mail article on railway safety

Next meeting: To be determined