



**Sudbury Source Protection Committee
62nd Meeting
April 9, 2019**

Held: Room C-12 Tom Davies Square
Commenced at: 1:05 p.m.
Adjourned at: 3:10 p.m.

Present: Richard Bois, Chair
Wendy Wisniewski
Luc Bock
Robert Alemany
Stephen Monet
Lilly Noble
Harry Pearce
Michel Simard

Also Present: Lin Gibson, Source Protection Authority Chairperson
David Brouse, City of Greater Sudbury
Andre Frappier, City of Greater Sudbury
Richard Auld, Public Health Sudbury & Districts
Olga Yudina, Liaison Officer, MECP (present by phone)
Madison Keegans, Conservation Sudbury

Regrets: Mike Jensen (Proxy granted to Stephen Monet)
Kris Longston (Proxy granted to Stephen Monet)

Chair Bois opened the meeting

Chair Bois introduced Harry Pearce, new SPC member - Harry provided an overview on his background. Committee members introduced themselves to the new member.

1. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No declarations of conflict were declared.

2. Approval of Agenda

Resolution 2019-01

Noble – Monet

That the agenda for April 9, 2019 Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

3. Communication from Visitors

Lin Gibson provided updates through the lens of Conservation Ontario:

- Lin highlighted that changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* were posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario regarding the core mandate of Conservation Authorities and the review of development permits. Conservation Authorities are currently waiting for more information regarding the changes.
- Lin indicated that new transfer payment agreements for Source Protection should be in place by the end of April.

4. Approval of Minutes

Resolution 2019-02

Wisniewski-Noble

That the minutes of the November 1, 2018 Source Protection Committee meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

6. Source Protection Program Update

Madison provided a brief update on the Source Protection Program:

- On Friday April 5, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks posted proposed changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) for comment. These proposed changes direct conservation authorities to focus and deliver on their core mandate. The proposed core mandate consists of natural hazard protection and management, conservation and management of conservation authority lands, drinking water source protection (as prescribed under the *Clean Water Act*) and protection of the Lake Simcoe watershed (as prescribed under the *Lake Simcoe Protection Act*). Core mandatory programs can be funded through levies from municipalities – any non-core programs funded by the municipality would require an agreement and a process for reviewing non-core programs after a certain time period.
- A call for work plans was sent out on January 30, 2019 and the work plan was submitted to the Ministry on February 28, 2019. It was indicated that the work plan submitted at the end of February would help inform discussions with senior management at the Province for the 2019-20 budget. It is anticipated that the agreements for the upcoming fiscal year will be in place for the end of April. There is currently a gap between the end of the fiscal year on March 31 and the start of the new agreement which normally occurs on April 1. The Provincial budget is being presented on April 11.
- Conservation Ontario (CO) launched a campaign for their new Drinking Water Source Protection (DWSP) animated video in order to align with World Water Day. Conservation Ontario has been promoting the video through social media and CO provided funding to individual conservation authorities to share the video locally. Part of CO's video distribution plan was to share the video at movie theatres throughout the

province. Conservation Sudbury utilized their funding to share the video at Silvercity – the campaign has been running for two weeks and wraps up on April 11th. The DWSP video can be used by anyone completing Source Protection outreach.

Olga provided updates from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks:

- Olga expanded on the *Conservation Authorities Act* update that Lin and Madison delivered: She indicated that the Source Protection Programs Branch is working with the Great Lakes & Inland Waters Branch to determine what changes to the *Act* would mean for the Source Protection Program. Carolyn O’Neil is the contact for the ERO posting. Olga encouraged the members to submit comments.
- Olga discussed the Made in Ontario Environment Plan: the plan was posted for a 60 day period – 1400 comments were received therefore they intend to undertake additional consultation. The goal of the plan is to balance protection of the environment with the economy. Source protection was mentioned multiple times in the plan.
- Olga indicated that the Ministry is in the process of reviewing Section 36 work plans that were submitted at the end of November 2018. To date one amended order has been issued and there will be more details in the coming months.
- Heather Malcolmson, Director of the Source Protection Programs Branch is currently acting as Director of Environmental Assessment & Permission Branch. In her absence, Susan Ecclestone will fill the role of Acting Director of Source Protection Programs Branch. Susan has been working with the MECP since 2008 and has prior experience with the Source Protection Program.

7. Review of Annual Progress Reporting Forms

Madison presented on sections of the Second Annual Progress Report to be submitted to the MECP:

- Summary of Policy Implementation
- Municipal Progress: Addressing Risks on the Ground
- Septic Inspection Program
- Risk Management Plans
- Provincial Progress: Addressing Risks on the Ground
- Education and Outreach:
 - David highlighted that the City of Greater Sudbury utilized their H₂O to Go Buggy for source protection outreach. To show students where their drinking water comes from and discuss the different source protection area.
- Ramsey Monitoring Program Results
 - It was indicated that the Lake Water Quality Program is also sampling for sodium and chloride in addition to the Water/WasteWater Division. These samples are taken at the same location of the spring phosphorus samples. Madison will follow up with the lead for the Lake Water Quality Program to discuss sampling protocol.
 - Madison reported on the number of years where blue green algal blooms occurred Stephen asked if Public Health Sudbury & Districts tracks the number of blooms per year – Richard Auld indicated that these numbers are available.

8. SPC Comments required for Annual Progress Report

The Committee assigned a score to sections in the Second Annual Progress Report that needed to be re-visited from the previous year’s report:

- Source Protection Plan Summary – score of progressing well
- Risk Management Plans – score of satisfactory

- Progress score on achieving Source Protection Plan objectives – progressing well

The SPC provided comments at how they arrived at their decision to be included in the progress report.

David Brouse commented that the Risk Management Plans are nearing completion – the Risk Management Official/Inspectors work with land owners to provide education on the importance of managing threat activities. Risk Management Plans to be completed by the end of 2019.

Stephen highlighted that the City of Greater Sudbury completed a Living with Ice information card in partnership with the Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance. Lake stewardship groups assisted in spreading the word and handing out the card.

Lin highlighted initiatives related to road salt undertaken by Conservation Ontario and other conservation authorities:

- Conservation Ontario completed the Salt Vulnerable Areas Guidance Document for Best Practices in partnership with the Ontario Good Roads Association in July 2018
https://conservationontario.ca/fileadmin/pdf/Members_Program_Areas/SWP_Combined_SVA_Document.pdf
- Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority has a chlorides working group in partnership with the World Wildlife Fund
- Credit Valley, Toronto and Region, and Central Lake Ontario (CTC) salt working group

9. Motion to accept the Sudbury Protection Area Second Annual Progress Report 2018

Resolution 2019-03

Monet – Bock

That the Sudbury Source Protection Committee accepts the Source Protection Second Annual Report, including the SPC remarks as discussed at the Source Protection Committee Meeting of April 9, 2019.

And further, that the Annual Report be brought forward to the Source Protection Authority for approval and subsequent submission to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks by May 1, 2019.

10. Addendum/ New Business

No new business

11. Adjournment

Resolution 2019-04

Noble – Wisniewski

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Next meeting: TBD