



Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee
55th Meeting
October 22, 2015

Held: Room C-11, Tom Davies Square

Commenced at: 2:10 p.m.

Adjourned at: 4:00 p.m.

Present: Nels Conroy, Chair
Richard Bois
Nick Benkovich
Kendra Driscoll (for Cheryl Recollet)
Stephen Monet
Lilly Noble
Tim Worton
Wendy Wisniewski

Also Present: Tessa Villeneuve, Ministry of the Environment Liaison
Richard Auld, Sudbury & District Health Unit
David Brouse, Risk Management Office, City of Greater Sudbury
Kris Longston, City of Greater Sudbury
Carl Jorgensen, Conservation Sudbury
Hajnal Kovacs, Conservation Sudbury
Melanie Venne, Conservation Sudbury

Communications: Lin Gibson
Paul Baskcomb
Luc Bock
Heather Sawdon

1. Chair Conroy Opened the Meeting

Chair Nels Conroy thanked everyone for attending and provided some introductory comments. Activity within the Source Protection Office has slowed down quite a bit as we support the City in their implementation of the Source Protection Plan. We are glad of our continuing strong relationship with all the implementing bodies.

Tessa Villeneuve, the new Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change Liaison officer, was introduced. She has been with the Ministry for almost ten years but is new to the Source Protection office.

The Provincial Source Protection Chairs will be meeting in Toronto next week. Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, Glen Murray, will be making a presentation at this meeting.

From the Chairs perspectives there are some items that need to be addressed including planning for a second round of source protection and addressing areas in the Province not currently under source protection.

The *Ontario Aggregate Act, 1990*, is currently being reviewed. Information was just released an hour prior to the meeting. Staff will look into this and forward highlights to the Committee.

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No declarations of conflict were declared.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution 2015 – 01

Noble - Worton

That the agenda for the October 22, 2015, Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Communication from Visitors

Melanie reported that we did have any communication from visitors, however, she has been receiving emails and phone calls from landowners regarding how the plan may impact them. David Brouse indicated that he has been receiving similar inquiries.

5. Adoption of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolution 2015 – 02

Bois - Benkovich

That the minutes for the November 26, 2014, 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. Most of the topics from the last meeting including membership renewal and updates on implementation are on today's agenda.

7. Conservation Authority Update – Carl Jorgensen

Carl Jorgensen, General Manager of Conservation Sudbury, provided a short update of the Conservation Authority's activities, notably:

- The Conservation Authority is currently undergoing a strategic planning exercise. Carl

thanked those who completed the online survey that was circulated. There was a 30% response rate to the survey.

- The *Conservation Authorities Act, 1990* is currently under review. The main items under review are governance, funding, roles and responsibilities. Feedback on the review of the Act is expected by the end of 2015.

8. Program Updates

Email Updates

Since our last SPC meeting, Source Water staff has been keeping Committee members informed via email updates. Committee members would have received two formal updates and a few other small information items. One outstanding item from these update emails is to formally note the disagreement of an SPC member on the consultation letter sent to the Ontario Energy Board regarding the Energy East pipeline.

Staffing Changes

There has been a number of staffing changes at the NDCA in the past year. We have a new GIS person who will be working on both Source Protection and general Conservation Authority business. Mojgan Esfahaninejad has been with us since July. Judy Sewell retired in August, and Melanie Venne moved into the project manager's role. Hajnal Kovacs is on a contract to help with Source Protection projects, and communication and outreach with the Conservation Authority.

Housing Development on Ramsey Lake

A contentious development planned off Keast Drive in the Ramsey Lake watershed has been in the news lately. Conservation Authority staff have provided comment letters in 2012 and 2015 to the developer explaining how the Source Protection Plan would impact this planned subdivision:

- the requirement that the development be sewerered,
- additional terms and conditions on the Environment Compliance Approval governing the sanitary sewer and stormwater retention pond, and;
- a risk management plan for snow or salt storage.

The Keast Drive subdivision was approved by City of Greater Sudbury Council in July. However, this week it was announced that a neighbor has appealed this decision to the Ontario Municipal Board. We will keep the Committee abreast of any other emerging developments.

The Committee agreed that developers should be properly informed of impacts as a result of the Source Protection Plan. City staff mentioned that there is a Development Liaison Advisory Committee where there has been Source Protection presentations given in the past but an update could be made in the near future.

Corporations and Risk Management Plan Working Group

Hajnal is sitting on a Provincial working group to deal with Risk Management Plans for DNAPL chemical threats, specifically with corporations and big box stores. The intended goal is to develop consistent guidelines that can be used to create a risk management plan. As part of the work of this group, Conservation Authorities across the province, including Sudbury submitted a request letter to the MOECC to release a list of commonly used products containing DNAPLs in order to ease the identification of threats.

Annual Reporting Working Group

Melanie is sitting on a working group with other Project Managers and the MOECC to comment on a template for the annual report. In Sudbury the first annual report for all implementing bodies will be due in 2018.

9. Source Protection Committee Regulation Amendment

An amendment to the regulation governing Source Protection Committee membership (Ontario Regulation 288/07) was released in June 2015. Nels and Melanie submitted a response in late July, which was copied to all Committee members.

The updated regulation was released on October 19, 2015. The two main update include:

- *Changes to the expiry of Committee membership.* The updated regulation will allow two-thirds of the existing membership to remain in their positions for the evaluation of the first annual report due in 2018. The previous regulation directed all original memberships to have been replaced by that point in time.
- *Ability of Committees to decrease in size.* It is at the discretion of the SPC and the SPA to decide if a smaller committee could serve the source protection area.

Melanie discussed the next steps for the Committee. The first RMO annual report is due on February 1, 2016 and will discuss the activities undertaken in 2015. We will likely have our next SPC meeting shortly thereafter to review that report. We will try to meet bi-annually with update emails in between to keep the Committee informed.

10. Plan Implementation - Ministry of the Environment

Tessa Villeneuve presented some MOECC Source Protection Updates. Twenty of the 22 Source Protection Plans have been approved to date and the Ministry is on track to have them all approved by the end of the year.

Artwork for the road signs should be released imminently.

The Ministry is close to publicly releasing a Source Protection mapping tool that shows all the vulnerable areas in the province, and will eventually be linked to the applicable policies. The tool is currently being used internally by various provincial ministries.

11. Plan Implementation - City of Greater Sudbury

Official Plan

Kris Longston provided an official plan update. The Official Plan incorporated all the required Source Protection additions. The City is in consultation with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and it is expected that the Official Plan will be released for public consultation in early 2016.

Education and Outreach

A lot of education and outreach activities are underway and are being recorded by a tracking system. Stephen Monet spoke to some of the previously accomplished activities and upcoming education initiatives.

Risk Management Office

Dave Brouse gave an update on the Risk Management Office. Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) were signed between Water/Wastewater and various city departments and Dave is currently in the process updating these SOPs.

The Source Protection by-law was passed in March 2015 and it appointed the Risk Management Officials and Risk Management Inspectors and established the fee schedule.

Part IV screening has been ongoing since the effective date of April 1, 2015 and the process has been going very well. To date, 47 applications have been reviewed and no new significant drinking water threats have been identified.

The Risk Management Office will host a source protection information session for lawyers and real estate agents. They will also be organizing an agricultural workshop for the affected landowners to help them gain an understanding of their obligations and responsibilities.

12. Plan Implementation – Sudbury & District Health Unit

Richard Auld provided an update on the 4th year of the 5 year re-inspection program. In 2015, approximately 40 septic systems were inspected. No faulty systems were found. The total of inspections is now at approximately 185. Next year, 2016, will be the last year of the first round of inspections, at which point they will start over again.

Melanie asked if knowledge of the program is increasing and if education and outreach opportunities are available during the inspections. Richard replied that because the policy stated that the inspections should be done based on distance from the drinking water source and the age of the installation, all the required addresses along given roads were done over the course of multiple years and neighbors did speak to each other and news of the program has spread. Unfortunately most landowners are not at home at the time of the inspection and SDHU staff is unable to promote best management practices on a one-to-one basis.

13. Plan Implementation – Municipality of Markstay-Warren

Melanie explained that the Municipality of Markstay-Warren has three policies to implement and is making good progress on these. Their policies include: education and outreach for agricultural threats, emergency response plan updates for sewage and fuel spills and installing road signs in vulnerable areas.

The municipality of Markstay-Warren received MOECC Source Protection Implementation Funding for small and rural municipalities which were originally set to expire at the end of 2015. However, the MOECC recently announced a funding extension and the Municipality of Markstay-Warren qualified. Funding has now been extended until the end of 2016.

14. New Business

Nels led a round table discussion on new business. No topics were raised.

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

16. List of Handouts Provided at Meeting

- Slides: Source Protection Program Updates and Changes to Source Protection Committees

Next meeting: Early February 2016