



**Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee**  
**48<sup>th</sup> Meeting**  
**June 12, 2012**

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

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

**Adjourned at:** 4:05 p.m.

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

**Also Present:** Marc Rondina, Sudbury & District Health Unit  
Burgess Hawkins, Sudbury & District Health Unit  
Kris Longston, City of Greater Sudbury  
Neil Gervais, Ministry of the Environment Liaison  
Judy Sewell, Drinking Water Source Protection  
Jessica Brunelle, Drinking Water Source Protection  
Katherine Mackenzie, Drinking Water Source Protection  
Paul Sajatovic, Nickel District Conservation Authority  
Melanie Venne, Drinking Water Source Protection

**Communications:** Richard Auld  
Heather Sawdon  
Stephen Monet  
Bob Rogers

**1. Chair Conroy Opened the Meeting**

Chair Conroy welcomed the committee and commented that the June meeting was #48 for the committee. The SPC has been working together for over four and a half years and that dedication is to be commended. Regular meetings in the coming months might become irregular as the plan is submitted and we wait for it to be approved. Nels also provided a few information updates:

The SPC Chairs and CA General Managers had a teleconference last week to receive information on the Great Lakes Protection Act and strategy. The Act has been proposed and had first reading in the provincial legislature. SPC's, SPA's and Conservation Authorities are to be named as local bodies in the Greater Lakes Protection Act.

The City of Greater Sudbury's Lake Advisory Panel is looking for a public member. Advertising for the position by the City will proceed soon.

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

No declarations of conflict were declared.

## **3. Adoption of Agenda**

Resolution 2012 – 10

Bois - Baskcomb

That the agenda for June 12, 2012, Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

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

Resolution 2012 – 11

Bois - Noble

That the minutes for the May 8, 2012, Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

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

Nels quickly reviewed the minutes from the May meeting. There was no new business arising from the minutes.

## **6. Communication from Visitors**

Nels welcomed two guests from the Long Lake area to the meeting.

## **7. Open Houses and Comments Received during Review Period**

The 49 day consultation period for the Draft Source Protection Plan ended on June 4, 2012. A total of 63 people signed in at the two open houses held in May. Twelve comments were received at the open houses and two written comments were submitted during the review period. If a written comment had an email or home address then a response will be sent.

Melanie quickly reviewed the concerns and questions raised from the open house comments received. She has drafted responses to each comment and they will be sent out in late June with a notice of the posting of the Proposed Source Protection Plan. The open house comments did not result in any proposed changes to the Source Protection Plan. Some comments were about items already addressed in the plan and others were out of scope for the *Clean Water Act* and could not be addressed in the plan.

Nels also updated the committee on the May 29<sup>th</sup> presentation to the City of Greater Sudbury Council. The Councillors were complementary on progress made and asked when source protection would be available to private water sources and other lakes. The mayor asked if we had considered exploratory mining drilling in the source protection plan and Nels indicated that the Clean Water Act is very limited in how it can deal with this, and that he would get back to the Mayor on how it is dealt with by other legislation.

## **8. Proposed Policy Changes to the Draft Source Protection Plan**

Katherine reviewed some comments received from implementing bodies during the review period and how these impact certain policies.

### *Storage of Commercial Fertilizer*

It was suggested to remove storage of commercial fertilizer (future) from prohibition policy and to regulate it instead via risk management plans (same as for existing threats). As discussed with City staff, this would allow future stores to sell commercial fertilizer. The committee agreed with this suggestion .

### *Below Grade Storage of Fuel*

Staff suggested removing future below grade storage of fuel under 2500L from a prohibition policy, and regulate the activity instead via risk management plans (same as for existing threats). We do not want to inadvertently create situations where people are installing home heating oil tanks outside where there is a greater risk of a spill. The Committee suggested doing more research into whether inside below grade home heating oil tanks are currently allowed. Katherine will do more research and present the options via an email poll.

### *Fuel Haulers and the TSSA*

This policy applies to moderate threats. The TSSA suggested that they would not implement the policy as they view it to be outside of their mandate and staff suggested removing it. The Committee agreed.

### *Septic System Land-Use Planning Policy*

MOE and MMAH noted that we cannot refer to a City's policy directly in the SPP; it would need to be reworded to express the actual content. In the septic system policy there are some slight revisions needed and some sections (those parts of Policy #S5F-LUP that pertain only to small areas on the south shore of Ramsey Lake) need to be removed. These deletions would be moved to the explanatory document in order to not lose sight of

the initial intention of the policy and to help ensure that these policies remain in the City's Official Plan as discussed with City staff. The Committee agreed to this approach.

#### *Transition Provisions*

Transition provisions are used when the SPP prohibits a future threat activity and manages an existing threat activity and there is a desire to allow applications in process to continue (i.e. to be treated as an existing threat). The MOE provided text; the City reviewed it and agreed with it. The Committee approved this addition.

#### *Shoreline Buffer and Development Setback Policy*

MOE and MMAH noted that we cannot refer to a City's policy in the SPP; it would need to be stated explicitly in the SPP. This would apply to the shoreline buffer and development setback policy (#S8F-LUP) which referred directly to the City's zoning by-law. Rewording the policy might prove problematic and in consultation with City staff, the suggestion is to remove the policy. The deletion would be moved to the explanatory document in order to not lose sight of the initial intention of the policy and to help ensure that the policies remain in the City's zoning by-law. The Committee agreed to this approach.

#### *Section 59*

The Draft SPP required all planning applications and building permits in the areas where prohibition and risk management plans apply to be submitted to the risk management official to be screened for a s.59 notice. The MOE commented that this would result in a lot of unnecessary screening. After reviewing the policy with City staff, it was determined that the policy can exclude residential zones from the screen, except for the fuel policies. The Committee discussed this suggestion and agreed to the change.

#### *Road Salt Storage Policies (Risk Management Plans and Prohibition)*

New information received indicated that any amount of salt stored is a significant threat in the issues contributing zone for Ramsey Lake. Therefore an amount cutoff is required for where an RMP or prohibition policy versus an education and outreach policy would be used; staff suggested 500 kg and the Committee agreed.

#### *Pesticides Education and Outreach Policy*

A small addition to clarify the intent of the pesticide education and outreach policy was added as a result of an MOE comment. The Committee approved of the addition.

Resolution 2012-12

Bois- Worton

That staff be instructed to edit the source protection plan for changes to policies as agreed on at the June 12 Source Protection Committee Meeting or subsequently agreed on by an email poll.

### **9. Messages for SPC Letter to SPA**

One of the last duties of the Committee is to provide the Source Protection Plan to the Source Protection Authority. The SPA will then submit the Proposed SPP with a covering letter to the Ministry of the Environment. The SPA may also include an accompanying memo that includes key messages and lessons learned during the source protection planning process.

Judy handed out a document that included samples of types of letters that could be drafted from the SPC to the SPA, and a summary of comments received from 2008 to present.

Nels went around the table and asked for key messages, observations and comments that could be included in the SPC letter to the SPA. Judy will summarize everyone's comments and draft a letter. It will be circulated to the SPC for review prior to submission to the SPA.

## **10. New Business**

No new business was raised.

## **11. Adjournment**

Resolution 2010-13

Bois

That we do now adjourn.

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

- Proposed Policy Changes to the Draft Source Protection Plan
- Sample Letters for submission of SPP to SPA
- Summary of Public Comments received from June 2008 to present

## **13. Flash Drive Updates**

- None provided

**Next meeting:** To be determined