

**Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee
26th Meeting
April 13, 2010**

Held: Boardroom C/D, 199 Larch St.

Commenced at: 1:05 p.m.

Adjourned at: 3:50 p.m.

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

Also Present: Neil Gervais, Ministry of the Environment Liaison
Bob Rogers, Greater Sudbury Source Protection Authority Liaison
Burgess Hawkins, Sudbury & District Health Unit Liaison
Judy Sewell, Drinking Water Source Protection
Melanie Venne, Drinking Water Source Protection
Anoop Naik, Drinking Water Source Protection
Brianna Carter, Drinking Water Source Protection
Paul Sajatovic, Nickel District Conservation Authority

Communications: Nick Benkovich
Stephen Monet
Vivian Naponse

1. Chair Conroy Opened the Meeting

Nels Conroy opened the meeting by thanking the Committee members for their attendance at the open houses for the Assessment Report. Many committee members attended multiple sessions, which was greatly appreciated by the Chair and staff.

2. No Declarations of Conflict Were Declared.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution 2010-09

Haddad – Bois

That the agenda for the April 13, 2010, Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted, as circulated.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolution 2010-10

Noble - Worton

That the minutes of the March 9, 2010, Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting, be approved.

Carried.

Nels reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. At the March meeting the committee discussed threats and other local concerns about drinking water quality. The Committee had discussed the need for inclusion of these in the Source Protection Plan. These types of discussions are ongoing in SPC's around the province and Nels mentioned that they will be discussed at the next Chair's meeting in May.

At the last meeting Lilly had raised a concern with the splitting of rural five acre lots into two acre parcels. Lilly provided an update: the City Planning Committee did not accept the resolution which would have allowed the splitting of rural lots. Planning staff suggested revisiting the proposal in the official plan review process which will begin in a couple of years.

5. Debrief from Assessment Report Open Houses

Nels led a round table discussion on the Open Houses for the Assessment Report, hosted on April 6 and 8.

The overall feedback from Committee members was that the open houses were well organized and the information was very well presented. However, they were generally not as well attended as had been hoped. The Sudbury open houses brought out 22 members of the public, and were attended by 7 SPC members. The Thursday open house in Hanmer was unfortunately during a snow storm, and had 12 members of the public in attendance and 5 SPC members.

For the future, it was suggested to only have one open house per day, and perhaps combine our events with other incentives or other community events. The Committee suggested doing more public events to raise awareness about the program.

The Committee emphasized involving the Community Action Networks (CANs). Brianne will look into this.

6. Comments Received on Assessment Report

Brianne distributed the comments received during the consultation period on the Draft Proposed Assessment Report. Staff have received five phone calls stemming from the threats letters and seven written comments.

The Ministry of the Environment will be conducting an informed review of the Draft Proposed Assessment Report. Neil Gervais reported that he will be meeting with the review team to discuss and review the Greater Sudbury Draft Proposed Assessment Report on April 14. The final date for receiving comments during this consultation period is April 20. Staff will respond to all written questions and comments.

The Committee discussed some of the issues raised in the comments, including the zoning by-law and allowances within the wellhead protection areas, and increased development around Ramsey Lake. The Committee also discussed at length the cleanup of sand and road salt in the spring on roads near vulnerable areas. Nels indicated that he would relay to the City of Greater Sudbury Infrastructure department the comment received relating to removal of road sand/salt as a high priority in the early spring clean up of roads near Ramsey Lake and other vulnerable areas. An update will be provided on this topic at a future SPC meeting.

7. Submitted Comments on Source Protection Plan Draft Regulation

Committee members received a copy of the comments on the Source Protection Plan Draft Regulation submitted to the MOE by Judy and Nels. Comments reflected the discussions held during the previous SPC meetings.

The most important comment of the response was the need to address local issues. The letter listed the types of policies that would likely be developed in response to these local issues.

Nels stressed the significance of the regulation and the importance of properly responding. The MOE is currently reviewing the comments received and the final regulation is set to be released in July.

8. Next Steps after the Assessment Report

The current consultation period for the Draft Proposed Assessment Report ends on April 20. Comments received will be reviewed and the Proposed Assessment Report will be reposted on May 7 for a second comment period. The report is due to the MOE on June 8. The MOE has stated that their review period will be approximately six months.

In the meantime, technical work will continue. The Tier 3 water budget work will continue. There are also two new wells in the Valley that will have to be studied as they come online. Anoop Naik will coordinate the technical work and Melanie Venne will work on policy development and planning.

In July, the Source Protection Plan regulation and risk management catalogue should be released. Training for the regulation and the catalogue will follow.

Nels mentioned that the MOE is organizing training for risk management inspectors and officials. They have asked each Source Protection area or region to identify who these inspectors and officials would be. The Committee discussed whether these officials should be from the municipality, the NDCA or some other agency.

Paul Sajatovic mentioned that talks are ongoing between the NDCA and the City of Greater Sudbury about different funding models. Nels suggested waiting until the Source Protection Plan regulation is released before making any decisions on who should attend the training sessions.

Judy and Nels spoke to the next steps for the committee. After the submission of the Assessment Report the emphasis will shift to policy and plan development. However, the committee will be limited in progressing with this phase until the SPP regulation is in place. Nels suggested a short summer hiatus. If there are topics or areas of the watershed that specific committee members would like to see, please email Nels or staff and meetings or tours can be arranged as needed. Otherwise the regular committee meetings will be called off until fall subsequent to the May meeting. It was agreed that pressing matters could be dealt with by a call from the Chair.

9. Program Updates

i) Correspondence

Judy distributed three letters and the responses to the Committee. One of them was a letter from Ducks Unlimited which expressed interest in the continued maintenance of wetland values. Included with the letter were several coloured wetland factsheets. These are available on the Ducks Unlimited website.

ii) Technical Executive Summary

The MOE requested a technical executive summary of our Assessment Report. The high level summary was completed by Jamie Dumoulin, the GIS specialist, and identified how many significant threats there are, where they are, and the size of the different vulnerable areas. A copy was provided to SPC members

iii) Field Season

Anoop Naik will begin the field season in early May. Water quality sampling will continue across the watershed under the Provincial Water Quality Monitoring

Network. Water quality sampling on Ramsey Lake for the blue green algae monitoring program will enter its second year.

10. New Business

Nels led a roundtable discussion on new business.

Paul Sajatovic was approached by the Healthy Community Cabinet to submit an application for the Source Protection program to be designated as a healthy community initiative. Bob Rogers distributed the draft application. Designation would mean public recognition of the work being done by the committee. Members were asked to review the draft and provide any comments to Bob or Paul. The submission will be presented at the May 10 Healthy Community Cabinet meeting.

11. Adjournment

Resolution 2010-11

Wisniewski - Bois

That we do now adjourn.

12. List of Handouts Provided at Meeting

- Summary of Comments Received from Assessment Report Open Houses (2 pages)
- Technical Executive Summary of Draft Proposed Assessment Report
- Correspondence and Responses (4 letters)
- Draft Healthy Community Cabinet Application
- SPC & NDCA Response to Draft Source Protection Plan Regulation

Next meeting: Tuesday May 11, 1 to 4 p.m., Field trip to Vermilion River Intake and Water Treatment Plant, Sixth Avenue Golf Course