



**Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee
43rd Meeting
December 13, 2011**

Held: Room C-11, Tom Davies Square

Commenced at: 1:00 p.m.

Adjourned at: 4:30 p.m.

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

Also Present: Neil Gervais, Ministry of the Environment Liaison
Richard Auld, Sudbury & District Health Unit Liaison
Kris Longston, City of Greater Sudbury Planning Alternate
Bob Rogers, Source Protection Authority Chair
Marc Rondina, Sudbury & District Health Unit Liaison Alternate
Judy Sewell, Drinking Water Source Protection
Jessica Brunelle, Drinking Water Source Protection
Katherine Mackenzie, Drinking Water Source Protection
Paul Sajatovic, Nickel District Conservation Authority

Communications: Burgess Hawkins
Heather Mandamin
Cheryl Recollet

1. Chair Conroy Opened the Meeting

Chair Conroy began the meeting by thanking staff and SPC members for being present at the Nickel District Conservation Authority annual Christmas dinner. Nels was pleased to be granted the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Source Protection Committee about the success of the planning workshop held November 7th.

In the New Year, Nels explained we can look forward to meeting the new Director of the Ministry's Source Protection Programs Branch. He also hopes that we will be granted the opportunity to meet Jim Bradley, the new Minister of the Environment.

Nels went on to discuss the possibility of cancelling the January SPC meeting, pending the outcome from the policies that were held over. February 14 will be the SPC meeting during the pre-consultation period with the City and the Ministries.

Nels explained that the format for today's meeting will be similar to that of the November 7th meeting. The committee will be seeking a resolution approving the policy subset for pre-consultation.

Chair Conroy also wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.

2. Declarations of Conflict

No declarations of conflict were declared.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution 2011 – 26

Baskcomb – Bock

That the agenda for December 13, 2011, Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous the Meeting

Resolution 2011 – 27

Bois – Worton

That the minutes for the October 11, 2011, Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting, and the minutes for the November 7, 2011, Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

5. Business arising from the minutes

There was no business arising from the October or November minutes.

6. Communications

The agenda for the meeting was posted online as usual, in case any members of the public wanted to attend, even though today's meeting was acting as a follow-up working session to the November 7th policy development workshop.

7. Policy Development / Planning Working Group Update

Update from the November 7th all day workshop:

Judy indicated that pre-consultation letters had been sent out to the Ministry of the Environment regarding fuel, waste and pesticides. Sewage threats required a follow-up from the November 7th meeting as well as transportation. Staff members have a meeting scheduled for the afternoon of December 14th with the local rail companies to finalize transportations policies. Canadian National (CN) rail will be in attendance along with staff members from the North Bay-Mattawa Source Protection Program. Ontario Northland Railway (ONR) will join the discussion via teleconference.

Letters for the Sudbury and District Health Unit (SDHU), Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) and the Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) will be ready to be mailed before December 23rd, the pre-consultation letter and package for the City of Greater Sudbury will be prepared for January (to be sent out the first week).

Katherine reviewed the questions around spills less than 100L. She explained that spills less than 100L do indeed have to be reported to the MOE Spills Action Center, under existing O.Reg. 6-75. The Committee advised Katherine to include a sentence in the fuel related policies that will remind fuel tank owners of this requirement.

The committee also agreed that the reporting date will remain as February 1st for all policies.

Pesticides:

Katherine updated the committee on the results of the pesticide permits wording poll that was sent out by email. The decision was made to use a policy similar to that of Raisin/South Nation Source Protection Area. This prescribed instrument policy draft was sent to the MOE along with the pre-consultation letter.

Septic Systems:

Paul Baskcomb and Dave Grieve of the planning department prepared maps for the SPC to give an idea of the number of currently owned lots that would be affected if future septic systems were prohibited. There are approximately 30 to 50 such lots that have road frontage but are unserviced (and are not likely to be serviced). The SPC decided that it would be preferable to manage these future septic systems through the inspection program.

The SPC asked Katherine and Paul Baskcomb to investigate further the current restrictions in the Official Plan around division of lots in the Ramsey Lake area, and what the impact of a future prohibition of septic systems would be (except for lots of record).

[Post meeting note: Katherine sent email re: septics. Policy regarding future prohibition of septics on lots was abandoned. Committee supported lot severance rules found in Official Plan, section 21.9]

Sewage Systems:

At the November 7th meeting the SPC decided that the future prohibition of large sewage systems (5 sub threats) needed to be reexamined.

Katherine provided an overview of the 5 sub threats and led a discussion regarding policy options. Options discussed: prohibition of some sub threats in some of the vulnerable areas, management via Certificates of Approval and Risk Management Plans.

The SPC agreed to the following policies for pre-consultation:

- Prohibition of the following sub threats in limited vulnerable areas:

Sewage Sub Threat	Applicable Vulnerable Areas (for prohibition of future)
Combined sewer discharge	IPZ 1 and 2 with score 9+
Sewage treatment plant by pass discharge to surface water	IPZ 1 and 2 with score 9+
Sewage treatment plant effluent discharges (including lagoons)	IPZ 1 and 2 with score 9+ WHPA A and B
Industrial effluent discharge	IPZ 1 and 2 with score 9+

- Management of the above sub threats and also storage of sewage (treatment plant tanks, lift stations etc) via Certificates of Approval and RMPs (for those rare cases where infrastructure is exempt from a C of A).

Fertilizer, Snow Storage, Education and Outreach Monitoring:

Katherine gave an update to the application of commercial fertilizer Risk Management Plan policy. This policy was sent to the “parking lot” on November 7th because there were concerns that it would not catch the right properties. With help from the MOE, Katherine has rewritten the policy to catch only those properties zoned agricultural, open space, and institutional. The SPC also agreed to adding in a size cut-off of 1ha of land (that fertilizer could be applied to), in order to avoid imposing Risk Management Plans on small residential properties.

On November 7th the SPC rejected the snow storage prohibition policy. Katherine drafted new policy options, mainly relying on existing policies for salt. The policies, approved by the SPC, are:

- Site plan control and subdivision agreements
- RMPs for those properties with parking lots over 1 ha
- Education and outreach
- Prohibition of future snow dump / melt facilities (large scale municipal)

As requested on November 7th, Katherine also redrafted the monitoring policy for all Education and Outreach policies. She drew on examples available from other SPCs, which were all quite similar and general in nature. The SPC had a few suggestions, and Katherine is to redraft one option and email it as soon as possible to the SPC for final approval. [Post meeting note: this draft policy was approved via email on December 16th 2011]

Issues Monitoring:

On November 7th the SPC also asked that the issues monitoring policy be redrafted. Katherine redrafted the policy, again drawing on examples from other SPCs, and also included phosphorus as well as sodium.

Judy presented the redrafted policy, and the SPC approved it.

Approval of policies:

Motion: that the Sudbury Source Protection Committee approves the following draft policies as discussed at the regular meeting of Tuesday December 13, 2011 for circulation to the respective implementing bodies and the MOE Source Protection Office:

- Prohibition of future sewage infrastructure in limited areas and management via Certificates of Approval and RMPs)
- Managing future septic systems on existing lots of record via the inspection program
- Management of pesticides
- Snow storage policies (4 options as listed above)
- Issues Monitoring
- Fertilizer Risk Management Plan Policy

Resolution 2011 – 28

Bois – Monet

Motion: that the Sudbury Source Protection Committee direct staff to amend the following policies to reflect the discussion at the regular meeting of Tuesday December 13, 2011 and seek Committee approval of the amended policies:

- Prohibition of future septic systems on future lots that could be severed
- Education and outreach monitoring

8. Correspondence/Program Updates

Nels declared that the January meeting will be cancelled and that the next committee meeting will be held on February 14th 2012.

9. New Business

No new business.

10. Adjournment

Resolution 2011 – 30

Bois

That we do now adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Carried.

11. List of Handouts Provided at Meeting

- Pre-consultation and updates presentation
- Application of commercial fertilizer policy (updated)
- Salt and Snow policies (updated)
- Education and outreach policies (updated)
- Water quality monitoring policy (updated)
- Large sewage infrastructure policy (updated)

12. Flash Drive Updates

- None provided

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 14, 2012
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Tom Davies Square, Room C-13 (A-B)