



**Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee
32nd Meeting
December 14, 2010**

Held: Tom Davies Square, Room C-12

Commenced at: 11:15 a.m.

Adjourned at: 4:15 p.m.

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

Also Present: Neil Gervais, Ministry of the Environment Liaison
Burgess Hawkins, Sudbury & District Health Unit Liaison
Kris Longston, City of Greater Sudbury Planning Department
Bob Rogers, Greater Sudbury Source Protection Authority Liaison
Judy Sewell, Drinking Water Source Protection
Melanie Venne, Drinking Water Source Protection
Jessica Brunelle, Drinking Water Source Protection
Paul Sajatovic, Nickel District Conservation Authority
Guest presenter – Pierrette Desrochers, Ontario Ministry of
Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Communications: Nick Benkovich
Vivian Naponse
Marc Rondina, Sudbury & District Health Unit Liaison Alternate

1. Chair Conroy Opened the Meeting

Chair Conroy opened the meeting by welcoming the committee members and thanking them for starting the meeting earlier than usual. He mentioned that although

there was no committee meeting held in November, staff have been busy and lots of work has been done behind the scenes.

Nels said he attended the Water Gathering on December 6 and that it was well attended with phosphorus in Ramsey Lake highlighted, which the committee would hear more on later in the meeting. Nels also mentioned that the planning working group sub-committee meetings were going well and staff would be bringing options regarding agricultural policies up for discussion later in the meeting. This discussion would require the committee to go in-camera to discuss agenda items #10 and 12 on the agenda as the discussion could involve individual properties.

2. No Declarations of Conflict were declared.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Nels suggested re-ordering the agenda to accommodate the in-camera portion. Agenda item #10 “Agricultural Policy Presentation/Discussion” and Agenda item #12 “Agricultural Policy Development” were combined and moved to item #11. Item #11 “Break” was moved to Item #10.

Resolution 2010-22

Noble – Wisniewski

That the agenda for the December 14, 2010, Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted, as amended.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Resolution 2010-23

Monet – Worton

That the minutes for the October 14, 2010, Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

5. Communication from Visitors

A resident who owns property located near two wells in Hanmer attended the meeting. He was welcomed by Nels and Judy. Committee members introduced themselves to the visitor, who was provided with a copy of the agenda and protocol

for attending Source Protection Committee meetings. Nels reviewed the agenda with the visitor and provided him with a brief outline of how the meeting would proceed.

The visitor expressed a number of concerns, including his feeling that there was secrecy surrounding the Source Water Protection Program. He felt he wasn't receiving the information/answers he was looking for and he hoped to gain more information and answers by attending the meeting. Nels assured him that the committee meetings are transparent and informal, and members of the public are always welcome to attend. The individual also expressed concerns regarding the delineation of the wellhead protection areas and asked how the areas were determined as shapes of the zones appeared random. It was explained that these areas are determined by groundwater modeling done by consultants who specialize in this type of work. Nels added that the methodology used is described in the Assessment Report, which can be viewed online.

Nels said that work is still progressing to determine the wellhead protection areas for the two new wells the City is planning to add in the future. He offered to arrange for the visitor to meet with the consultants who do the work so they could better explain how the WHPAs are delineated. The visitor agreed to this and Jessica will follow up with him to arrange a meeting.

Nels thanked the guest for being candid and raising his concerns to the committee.

6. Assessment Report Updates

Judy included Assessment Report Updates with item #7 "Correspondence/Program Updates."

7. Correspondence/Program Updates

i. Source Protection Plan Regulation Training

Source Protection Plan Regulation Training was held in Sudbury on October 26. There was good turnout from the committee with 7 out of 10 committee members attending the session.

ii. Planning Working Group Meetings

To date, the planning working group has held two meetings. From the committee, Lilly has attended one of the meetings. Members were reminded that meetings are open to them. There will be discussions of specific interest to the committee at future meetings and Melanie will update the committee on the agendas and timing of the meetings.

iii. Policy Development Process – In-camera

Committee members were informed that policy development discussions would be held in-camera when necessary. There are three reasons why this would be done – discussions involving land, personnel and/or legal matters. Procedurally, the Chair will act on a motion to move in-camera. Minutes will not be recorded during this period and subsequent minutes will reflect decisions made during the session.

iv. Emergency Response Advisory Panel Meeting

Judy, Nels and Paul Sajatovic met with the local Emergency Response Advisory Panel on November 26 to give a presentation on the Source Protection Program and speak about how the committee's work will overlap with that of the panel through the development of plans and policy.

v. Water Gathering

There was a full house at the Science North Cavern on December 6 for the Water Gathering. Judy acknowledged Stephen Monet and his staff for leading the planning of the successful event.

vi. Latornell Conservation Symposium

The Latornell conference was well attended. Source Water Protection staff, with the exception of Judy, along with Cheryl Recollet from the committee, attended this year's conference.

vii. Assessment Report Updates

MOE is in the process of finalizing the review letter regarding required changes to the Assessment Report. Staff received early notice that the land area adjacent to IPZ-1 should be added to IPZ-2 for Ramsey Lake. This modification is currently being prepared by staff and discussed with MOE.

Transportation corridors have been identified as local issues/threats, including transportation of sulphuric acid and diesel fuel on the railroad and transportation of hauled sewage wastes on the roads. Transportation of sulphuric acid on roads was not included in the initial approval, but Neil said the approval will be amended in a reissued letter from MOE.

Owing to the rising lake-wide sodium concentrations in Ramsey Lake, sodium was included as an issue in the June 2010 Assessment Report. Blue-green algae has been added as an issue in the Updated Assessment Report. This means that any activities contributing to the increase in sodium or phosphorus in Ramsey Lake will now become a significant threat. All property owners in the Ramsey Lake watershed will be notified that any activities on their property which contribute to sodium or phosphorous is a significant threat. Letters will be sent to approximately 4,500 property owners. A draft letter for watershed residents was distributed to committee members for review and an electronic version will be sent to the committee. They were asked to reply to Brianne with any comments they may have by December 17.

Lilly mentioned that the Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance is planning to go to city council sometime next year to ask for a ban on phosphorus fertilizers within the city. Stephen said that EarthCare is planning to open discussions with local retailers and fertilizer applicators in the new year regarding “lake friendly” fertilizer promotion.

Nels told the committee that they have some challenging work to do regarding phosphorus and sodium threats as we deliberate on policy development and that from here on, we will be dealing with the public and have to keep in mind our primary role of protecting drinking water sources.

8. Agricultural Presentation – Pierrette Desrochers

Pierrette Desrochers, an Agricultural Representative from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) gave a presentation to the committee about the Nutrient Management Act (NMA). She began the presentation by giving a brief overview of the NMA, what it does and who it applies to. She explained nutrient units and how they are calculated, described a Nutrient Management Strategy (NMS), who it applies to and how it can be developed, and a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) and when one would be required. The presentation then turned to Best Management Practices (BMPs), which is what Pierrette works with the most in the region as there are not many large scale agricultural operations nearby. A series of publications outlining BMPs is available through OMAFRA, copies of which were provided to Melanie. These will be made available to any committee members who are interested in reviewing them.

Nels thanked Pierrette for her presentation on behalf of the committee. He said it was very instructive and did exactly what we wanted it to do in terms of our policy development process.

9. Agricultural Policy Presentation/Discussion/Development

A motion to move in-camera for Agricultural Policy development was presented due to discussion regarding specific properties.

Resolution 2010-24

Bois – Noble

That we go in-camera for Agricultural Policy Development discussion.

Carried.

The in-camera session ended with no decision or resolution being made.

10. New Business

Nels led a roundtable discussion on new business. Paul Sajatovic said meetings will continue to be held with senior management from the City regarding post-2012 Source Protection Plan implementation. The next meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2011. Judy told the committee that the next planning group meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2011. Staff will attempt to prioritize threats for the planning process and provide a schedule to committee members. No other new business was raised. Nels reminded the committee that we have a responsibility to keep our discussions during the in-camera meeting in confidence.

12. Adjournment

Resolution 2010-25

Bois – Wiesniewski

That we do now adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Carried.

13. List of Handouts Provided at Meeting

- Draft letter to Ramsey Lake watershed residents
- Local policy options for Storage of Agricultural Source Material (threat #4) and Livestock Grazing and Pasturing (threat #21)
- Map showing updated Ramsey Lake IPZ-2

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 11, 2011, Room C-10, Tom Davies Square