



Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee
22nd Meeting
December 8, 2009

Held: Tom Davies Square, Room C-10

Commenced at: 10:30 a.m.

Adjourned at: 3:50 p.m.

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

Also Present: Neil Gervais, Ministry of the Environment Liaison
Bob Rogers, Greater Sudbury Source Protection Authority Liaison
Richard Auld, Sudbury & District Health Unit Alternate Liaison
Judy Sewell, Drinking Water Source Protection
Melanie Venne, Drinking Water Source Protection
Sharon Bennett, Drinking Water Source Protection
Brianna Carter, Drinking Water Source Protection
Paul Sajatovic, Nickel District Conservation Authority

Communications: Richard Bois
Cheryl Recollet

1. Presentation by Bruce Davidson, Chair of Concerned Walkerton Citizen's Committee

This presentation was held at 10:30 a.m., before the SPC meeting.

Judy Sewell introduced Mr. Davidson, spokesperson for the Concerned Walkerton Citizen's Committee and member of the Grey Sauble North Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee. Mr. Davidson gave a PowerPoint presentation titled "Walkerton: from Infamy to Excellence, The Cost of Getting it Wrong." In addition to the committee, approximately 40 people from the City of Greater Sudbury,

Ministry of the Environment, general public and media were in attendance. After the one-hour presentation, Judy thanked him for sharing his compelling story. Guests who had come for the presentation left at this time and the committee members and staff continued with the scheduled SPC meeting.

2. Chair Conroy Opened the Meeting

Nels opened the meeting by commenting on the value of Bruce Davidson's presentation; the story is moving and puts into context the important work the committee is doing.

2. No Declarations of Conflict Were Declared.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution 2009-26

Wisniewski - Baskcomb

That the agenda for the December 8, 2009, Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted, as amended.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolution 2009-27

Worton - Benkovich

That the minutes of the November 10, 2009, Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting, be approved.

Carried.

Nels reviewed the minutes of the last meeting. He mentioned that he has put some thought into an outline for the forward of the Assessment Report and will circulate some ideas to the committee for comment.

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. Technical Update

i) Assessment Report

Sharon Bennett provided the committee with the most up-to-date version of the Assessment Report working draft on Committee members' USB keys. Sharon has received some comments from committee members. She requested that any remaining comments be sent to her as soon as possible.

ii) WHPA Mapping Update

Staff was informed a few weeks ago about a problem with the provincial water well information database. This is one of the databases used to delineate groundwater vulnerability areas, including the wellhead protection areas. Sharon and Judy have put in a request to the Ministry of Natural Resources to see how much the problem with the database affects the technical work done in our area. The problem is province wide and could potentially impact the water budget, threats inventory and the delineation of highly vulnerable aquifers and wellhead protection areas.

If the technical work needs to be redone it may impact our timelines. Sharon will keep the committee updated as we find out the implications of the database errors in our area.

iii) Ramsey Lake IPZ-1

At the October SPC meeting, Sharon had shown the committee the results from a Laurentian University Master's thesis that studied Ramsey Lake circulation patterns and hydrodynamics. Staff and the peer review committee had proposed that this thesis be used to help provide the scientific rationale to enlarge the IPZ-1 beyond the regulated 1 km. circle to cover the entire bay where the Ramsey Lake drinking water intake is located. After several discussions with the MOE, they have decided not to accept the rationale for the extension.

Sharon provided options to the committee and, after substantial discussion, there was consensus to go with MOE's recommendation to use the regulated 1 km. IPZ-1 for Ramsey Lake. IPZ-2 is designed to catch threats within a two-hour time of travel and IPZ-3 is designed to deal with the cumulative impact of contaminants entering the water. The committee is hoping that IPZ-2 and 3 will provide adequate protection to areas not captured by IPZ-1.

iv) Updated Assessment Report Schedule

Judy provided the committee with a handout that laid out the public consultation schedule for the Assessment Report. Staff have put together an amended schedule that will lead to the committee posting the draft proposed Assessment Report in early March instead of February. This will allow for one more committee meeting prior to going public in early March 2010.

6. Update on New Zoning By-Law with Respect to WHPAs

Kris Longston, from the City of Greater Sudbury Planning Department and Paul Baskcomb provided an update on the WHPA mapping for the official plan and the new zoning by-law. Since the last SPC meeting, they have met with other planners from the City of Greater Sudbury and the consensus was to wait until the Assessment Report is approved before adding the new WHPA mapping. Paul mentioned that this was also the approach that is being taken by planners from other cities.

The new zoning by-law will be going public for review in early 2010. They will have the 2005 WHPA mapping overlays and will use the *Clean Water Act* technical rules to create a list of prohibited activities.

This approach is transitory in advance of the Assessment Report being completed and approved. An amendment to the by-laws and official plan can be done once the new mapping is approved in the Assessment Report. Nels thanked Kris and Paul for the update and for trying to streamline this process.

7. Brainstorming for Open House Questions

Brianne Carter spoke about the March Assessment Report open houses. The location choices, the Howard Armstrong Centre in Hanmer and the Gold Room at Science North, are both occupied in the evenings. However, she is still waiting to see if the venues can move things around to accommodate us.

Nels asked what the format of the open houses would be. Brianne explained that the evenings would include an overview presentation, and maps would be mounted throughout the room to display the vulnerable areas and their associated threats. Fact sheets are being prepared for each municipal surface water intake and each well. Consultants will also be on hand to answer any technical information related to their work.

Nels mentioned the idea of having Bruce Davidson return to Sudbury. The committee agreed that it would be important to have Mr. Davidson return at some point to speak to the general public and also to City of Greater Sudbury Council.

Brianne also asked the committee to begin thinking about questions they may be asked at the open house that they would like answers to. Committee members will be present at the open houses and a variety of questions may be asked. Staff can create question and answer sheets for these. Nels suggested adding this as an agenda item for January for further discussion.

8. Review of letter for landowners with significant threats

The Clean Water Act stipulates that all landowners who have a significant threat on their property be informed of this fact. Brianne has drafted a letter for this purpose. Approximately 40 residences in Sudbury will be receiving the letter. Committee members were given some time to read it and provide comments.

The letter will be accompanied by a brochure which explains the basis of the Assessment Report. The text of the brochure was also distributed.

The committee suggested sending the letter by registered mail or Purolator in order to verify that the landowner actually received it. The Committee also suggested drafting variations of the letter for the municipality and businesses.

9. Program Updates

i) Correspondence from Water Gathering

Judy distributed a response from questions that were received from an attendee at the Water Gathering. The Sudbury area resident had questions regarding agriculture by the Deschene well and the installation of the new storm sceptor on Paris Street.

ii) Proposed Subdivision off Howey Drive

The new subdivision off Howey Drive was also brought to Judy's attention at the Water Gathering. The committee discussed the location of the proposed subdivision and the storm water management that would then be associated with the subdivision.

iii) Terms of Reference Amendment

A letter has been drafted to amend the Terms of Reference. Three changes include:

- The three Levack wells will be removed because the Levack system was removed from the municipal distribution system on November 30, 2009.
- The Wickwas well in the Onaping system will change from planned to existing. This also came into effect on November 30, 2009.
- The ownership of the Falconbridge well changes from Xstrata Nickel to the City of Greater Sudbury; this became effective April 1, 2009.

iv) Media Training

Brianne is organizing a media training session for the beginning of February. Committee members will be invited to attend if interested.

v) Training on Source Protection Plan Regulation

In March or April of 2010 there will be training for committee members on the Source Protection Plan Regulation. There will be training coordinated for SPCs of the north and more information will be distributed as it becomes available.

10. New Business

Nels led a roundtable discussion on new business.

Bob Rogers mentioned the Greater Sudbury Climate Change Consortium that is being led by the Nickel District Conservation Authority. The Consortium was endorsed by City of Greater Sudbury Council on November 12 and by the Healthy Community Cabinet on December 7. The group is moving forward with managing partner recruitment and the first meeting is planned for January 2010.

Paul Sajatovic attended the Conservation Ontario Council meeting on December 7 in Toronto. At the meeting it was mentioned by Ian Smith that two extensions for Assessment Reports have been granted and another two are being considered. The

MOE is working on creating a review process for Assessment Reports. In addition, the MOE expects word soon on approval to extend the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program for at least two more years.

11. Adjournment

Resolution 2009-28

Monet

That we now adjourn.

12. List of Handouts Provided at Meeting

- Proposed Amended Schedule for Assessment Report
- Letter for landowners with significant threats on their property
- November correspondence, letter from Water Gathering

Flash Drive Updates:

- Update of Working draft of Assessment Report
- Draft maps for Assessment Report

Next meeting: January 12, 1 to 4 p.m. at Tom Davies Square, C-11