



Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee
3rd Meeting
February 12, 2008

Held: B2052 Boardroom, Willet Green Miller Centre, Laurentian University

Commenced at: 1:25pm

Adjourned at: 4:05pm

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

Also Present: Bob Rogers, Source Protection Authority Liaison
Katie Fairman, Ministry of Environment Liaison
Richard Auld, sitting in for Ed Gardner, Sudbury District Health Unit Liaison
Judy Sewell, Drinking Water Source Protection
Melanie Venne, Drinking Water Source Protection
Sharon Bennett, Drinking Water Source Protection
Nathalie Gara-Boivin, Drinking Water Source Protection
Paul Sajatovic, Nickel District Conservation Authority

Communication: Donald Malette
Crystal Osawamick
Art Petahtegoose

1. Virtual Reality Lab – Ramsey Lake Model

Graeme Spiers, director of the Centre for Environmental Monitoring with MIRARCO, welcomed the group on behalf of MIRARCO and Laurentian University. MIRARCO had undertaken continuous monitoring of Lake Ramsey and has built a 3-dimensional model of the water quality and quantity aspects of the Lake and the watershed. Dr. Spiers explained that some of the datasets were currently not working in the Virtual Reality lab. But images had been placed in a power point presentation

and he explained some of the two dimensional images.

Discussion arose regarding Ramsey Lake turnover and Nels suggested revisiting the subject of lake life cycles and limnology at another meeting.

Graeme Spiers then directed the group towards the Virtual Reality Lab for a short multi-dimensional presentation on Ramsey Lake.

The Chair thanked Dr. Spiers on behalf of the committee and staff of the Source Protection Authority for an informative presentation on Ramsey Lake.

2. No Declarations of Conflict Were Declared.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution 2008-04

Noble - Baskcomb

That the agenda for the February 12, 2008 Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolution 2008-05

Noble - Baskcomb

That the minutes of the January 10, 2007 Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

5. Communication Planning Session Report

At the previous committee meeting a decision was made to hold an ad hoc communications planning meeting to outline a draft communications strategy for the committee, focusing on the first public consultation to release the draft Terms of Reference document.

Lilly Noble presented the results of this communications planning session, held January 16th with Drinking Water Source Protection Program staff. At that meeting staff provided a provincial document “Draft Guidance for Public Consultation on the Source Protection Planning Process, Version 1.0 (June 8, 2006)”. The notes from this meeting were summarized by Lilly and circulated in an email to the committee (email to SPC from Melanie Venne, January 18, 2008). Lilly presented a table summarizing the notes of the meeting. The table is attached at the end of the minutes.

As well as the Public Consultation requirement of the Terms of Reference regulation, information was provided at the January 16th meeting on the Stewardship Fund administered by the NDCA Stewardship Staff. The information is summarized as an attachment to these minutes.

The Terms of Reference will be released to the public by a notice in newspapers and on the internet followed by open houses in June. Open houses for the assessment report public consultation on vulnerable areas, issues evaluation and threats inventory are tentatively scheduled for October 2008. The committee discussed the merits of multiple venues for the first public consultation versus a single central meeting location. Experience on the merits of a multiple venue presentation varied and the committee members with experience in public consultation were able to provide valuable input.

Nels reminded the committee that at this point, the focus of the committee is on preparation for the public consultation requirements for the Terms of Reference. Nels stressed the importance of the committee being present at the open houses and that as our first public consultation we need to ensure that we are able to present a positive image of the Source Protection Process.

Sharon Bennett informed the committee that on March 27th, the Nickel District Conservation Authority will be holding a landowner contact training session. Committee members are welcome to attend. As soon as a schedule for the day has been produced it will be sent to committee members.

6. Terms of Reference

Judy Sewell introduced the proposed schedule and timeline for the preparation of the Terms of Reference. Open houses will be held the week of June 12, and possibly the following week depending on committee members' schedules. Having three open houses was proposed, as was limiting it to two: one centralized downtown and another in the Valley. Committee members will decide on their preference for dates and locations at the March meeting.

The next milestone for the committee is the public consultation in June. Staff will be meeting shortly with the Chair to discuss planning for the next SPC meetings leading up to the open houses in June.

Judy also gave a short power point presentation regarding responsibilities for preparing the Terms of Reference among committee members, the municipality, the Source Protection Authority and the Province. A copy of the presentation is on the members section of our website. Reviewing and providing input into the development of the Terms of Reference and the completion of the Assessment Report, will provide committee members with much useful information for developing strategies and policies for the source protection plan. Discussion also arose regarding the addition of new systems. Clusters of wells, such as Skead or the

Radar Base in Hanmer, could be added to the Terms of Reference planning process. Katie Fairman agreed to provide the committee with additional information on the mechanics of including additional systems.

The Chair reminded the committee that it will be important to have a decision by the Province on the nature of the funding arrangements for any additional systems.

Katie also agreed to supply the committee with information regarding Great Lakes implications after a question by Lilly Noble was raised.

Finally, Judy introduced the draft notification letters which will be sent to First Nations and the City of Greater Sudbury. Committee members are welcome to submit comments on these by February 21st.

7. Housekeeping Items

Nathalie Gara-Boivin introduced and distributed an interactive CD-ROM produced by Conservation Ontario. This program is a useful education tool which will be used in public consultations.

Nathalie also provided information regarding the “Water on Film” event; Sudbury’s First film festival to provide outreach and education about the importance of water globally and locally around World Water Day. The Nickel District Conservation Authority received funding for this event under the 2007-2008 Stewardship Program from the Ministry of the Environment under the Clean Water Act. This event will be held on March 19th at the Science North INCO Cavern. Four films illustrating water issues will be screened.

Lastly, the idea of clothing or name tags for public consultation purposes was raised. An email poll will be circulated to get the committee’s feedback. The options for committee members are a vest, golf shirts or name tags.

8. New Business

Nels thanked staff for organizing the meeting at MIRARCO. Then, Chair Conroy led a round table discussion regarding new business. The issue of the next meeting was raised. The March 11th meeting falls on the March break and the meeting may need to be rescheduled depending on committee member’s schedules.

Paul Sajatovic informed the committee about the new transfer payment funding model for the Drinking Water Source Protection program. The new model will be administered by the Ministry of Natural Resources and is scheduled to begin April 1, 2008. The SPC will be updated as the NDCA and Greater Sudbury Source Protection Authority receive further information.

9. Adjournment

Resolution 2008-06

Worton - Wisniewski

That we now adjourn.

Next meeting: Tuesday March 11th, 1pm to 4pm in C-11, Tom Davies Square

SPC Public Notification and Consultation	
Draft Terms of Reference should be made available to public	May 16th, 2008
Public Consultation #1 – Consult public re: Draft Terms of Reference. Highlighting Watershed Characterization and Water Budget modules from the Assessment Report	3 Open Houses to be held in the first week of June, 2008. SPC members should be in attendance
Public Consultation #2 – Discussion should focus on Vulnerable Areas	Open Houses for #2 and #3 to be held together in September or October 2008.
Public Consultation #3 – Threats Inventory, Identified Issues, and Water Quantity Stress Issues	Focus should be to notify and meet with those who live within vulnerable areas

Stewardship Fund Administered by the NDCA Stewardship Staff	
Province-wide	<p>Outreach & Education - \$2 million – 2007/08 Early Action - \$5 million – 2007/08 - \$1 million of which is for Special Projects</p> <p>Total \$7 million x 4 years = \$28 million</p>
Local	<p>Outreach & Education - \$71,000 – 2007/08 – NDCA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IPZ Signage – Ramsey Lake – as scheduled 2. World Water Day Movie Festival – March 19 – as scheduled 3. Kitchen Table Discussions – extended until July 4. Half time position – support / coordination – extended until July <p>Early Action - \$41,000 – 2007/08 – NDCA Funding provided to land owner; can use for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Well upgrades &/or decommissioning – 50% funding 2. Septic inspection or maintenance – 50% funding 3. Runoff & Erosion Protection – 25-75% funding 4. Pollution Prevention Reviews – 100% funding <p>Special Projects - Municipality requesting funds for fencing around municipal wells</p>

