



Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee
23rd Meeting
January 12, 2010

Held: Tom Davies Square, Room C-11

Commenced at: 1:10 p.m.

Adjourned at: 3:50 p.m.

Present: Nels Conroy, Chair
Paul Baskcomb
Richard Bois
Nick Benkovich
Luc Bock
Greg Haddad
Stephen Monet
Vivian Naponse
Lilly Noble
Cheryl Recollet
Wendy Wisniewski

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

Communications: Tim Worton

1. Chair Conroy Opened the Meeting

Nels Conroy opened the meeting by welcoming two new members to the table: Vivian Naponse, Lands Manager from Atikameksheng Anishnawbek (Whitefish Lake) First Nation and Burgess Hawkins, the new Sudbury & District Health Unit Liaison. A visitor from Xstrata Nickel was also present. The Committee introduced themselves to the new members and the visitor.

2. No Declarations of Conflict Were Declared.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Nels added an agenda item, an update on the City of Greater Sudbury zoning by-law by Kris Longtson of the planning department.

Resolution 2010-01

Noble - Wisniewski

That the agenda for the January 12, 2010, Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted, as amended.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolution 2010-02

Noble - Monet

That the minutes of the December 8, 2009, Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting, be approved.

Carried.

Nels reviewed the minutes of the last meeting. The Terms of Reference amendment mentioned at the last meeting has since been sent to the Ministry of the Environment.

There was no other business arising from the minutes.

5. Zoning By-Law Update

Kris Longston from the City of Greater Sudbury Planning Department and Paul Baskcomb provided an update on the new zoning by-law. At the last SPC meeting, Kris had mentioned that the planning department was trying to blend the list of prescribed threats from the *Clean Water Act* technical rules with the use-based list from the zoning by-law. The end result is a use-based list that matches as best as possible the activity-based prescribed threats.

The committee will get a copy of the zoning by-laws for the wellhead protection areas and be able to provide comments. There will also be open houses for the new by-laws in February. Lilly Noble wondered when the by-laws would be available online. Paul said they should be available within the week.

6. Draft Assessment Report Update

i) Draft 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. Updates can also be sent in hardcopy by request.

ii) Revised IPZs

After the discussion and direction at the last SPC meeting, Sharon updated the Ramsey Lake IPZs to follow the technical rules. As per the rules, the Ramsey Lake IPZ-1 will be a 1 km circle with a 120 m buffer where it abuts land. The study used for IPZ-2 made a zone that was smaller than the 1 km IPZ -1. According to the technical rules, IPZ-2 cannot be smaller than IPZ-1, therefore there can be no IPZ-2. Instead, IPZ-3 will cover the remaining shore of Ramsey Lake and the associated tributaries. IPZ-3 will provide the same type of protection that would have been afforded by IPZ-2.

Based on advice from the committee to more strictly follow the technical rules for Ramsey Lake, IPZ-1 and 2 for the Wanapitei River have changed and decreased in size.

Sharon showed maps of all the revisions in the IPZs.

iii) Emery Creek Update

Sharon and Nels recently met with representatives from Xstrata Nickel and Golder Associates regarding the Assessment Report. Wendy Wisniewski also attended the meeting and provided the committee with an update.

In December, Wendy sent an SPC update to the mining community. The chapter on the Wanapitei River in the Assessment Report piqued the interest of Xstrata Nickel. Emery Creek falls into IPZ-3 for the Wanapitei River and there are old tailings dating back to the 1940s and 1950s upstream. There have been numerous studies done on the Creek and remediation efforts have taken place; Xstrata Nickel wanted to share that information with the Source Protection Committee and staff.

iv) WHPA Mapping Update

Source Protection staff were informed in November 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. The Committee was informed about the database problem at the December meeting. Since then, staff have learned that the database problem will not have an impact on the boundaries of the wellhead protection areas in Sudbury, but the vulnerability scoring for the Falconbridge and Garson wells may be affected. The consultants who did the groundwater analysis are checking the results for these two wells.

v) Significant Threats

A table that lists all the significant threats for each vulnerable area and details of each was distributed to committee members. The table contains confidential information. No private information was discussed during the meeting in order to keep the meeting open to the public.

The table will allow committee members to understand the circumstances that make each of the listed threats significant. Sharon reviewed all the threats and displayed maps of each of the WHPAs and IPZs. The maps did not contain any private information.

vi) Assessment Report Foreword

Nels has written a forward to add to the Assessment Report. It was distributed to committee members for their review. A few suggestions were given and any others can be sent via email to Nels or Melanie Venne.

Melanie also mentioned that the disclaimer is on the flip-side of the foreword page and if anyone has any comments on that section of the Assessment Report to please forward them to her.

7. Open House Updates

Brianne Carter spoke about the March Assessment Report open houses. The Howard Armstrong Center in Hanmer has been booked for the March 25 open house. A location is still needed for the March 23 open house in Sudbury. The committee suggested a few locations that could be considered.

Brianne continued the brainstorming session regarding questions that may be asked at the open houses. She will be compiling a question and answer sheet for use by committee members. This will allow the committee members to feel comfortable with some of the anticipated questions.

The committee discussed other display items that would be nice to have at the open houses including information regarding the stewardship program, a display regarding the source protection process steps and timeframe, and information regarding point wells.

8. Program Updates

i) Correspondence

There has been no correspondence from the public since the last SPC meeting. Staff have received two newsletters. Conservation Ontario has started a bi-monthly electronic source protection newsletter. Anyone who is interested in receiving it can contact Melanie. The MOE has also released its fifth Liaison

Newsletter. A copy of that newsletter was put on committee member's USB keys.

ii) Capacity Funding for First Nations

There is capacity funding for First Nations to participate in the source protection program. It is available from the MOE on an application basis.

iii) Quarterly Report

The second quarterly report to the Source Protection Authority was submitted in December 2009. A copy of the report was put on Committee member's USB keys.

iv) Media Training

Brianne is organizing a media training session for mid-February. Committee members are invited to attend the one-day workshop if interested. The objective of the workshop is to help committee members and staff become better prepared for responding to media inquiries about the assessment report. More details will be provided as they become available.

10. New Business

Nels led a roundtable discussion on new business. No new business was raised.

11. Adjournment

Resolution 2010-03

Bock

That we now adjourn.

12. List of Handouts Provided at Meeting

- Table of Significant Threats with details
- Foreword and disclaimer from Draft Assessment Report

Flash Drive Updates:

- Update of Working draft of Assessment Report
- Draft maps for Assessment Report
- MOE Liaison Newsletter
- Quarterly report from the SPC Chair to the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Authority

Next meeting: February 9, 1 to 4 p.m. at Tom Davies Square, C-11