



Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee
8th Meeting
July 8th, 2008

Held: Tom Davies Square, Room C-11

Commenced at: 12:20 p.m.

Adjourned at: 1:40 p.m.

Present: Tim Worton, Acting Chair
Paul Baskcomb
Luc Bock
Greg Haddad
Donald Malette
Stephen Monet
Lilly Noble
Wendy Wisniewski

Also Present: Bob Rogers, Source Protection Authority Liaison
Katie Fairman, Ministry of Environment Liaison via
teleconference
Judy Sewell, Drinking Water Source Protection
Sharon Bennett, Drinking Water Source Protection
Melanie Venne, Drinking Water Source Protection
Paul Sajatovic, Nickel District Conservation Authority

Communication: Nick Benkovich
Nels Conroy
Heather Mandamin
Crystal Osawamick
Richard Auld, Sudbury District Health Unit Liaison

1. Acting Chair Tim Worton Opened the Meeting

Due to a health related absence, Nels Conroy was unable to attend the meeting. Tim Worton acted as Chair, based on an email poll sent to all committee members on June 26, 2008. Tim will remain as Acting Chair until September 15th. The next SPC meeting is scheduled for September 16th.

2. No Declarations of Conflict Were Declared.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Tim suggested re-ordering the agenda to ease the flow of discussion. Agenda item #6 "Meeting Schedule for the Next 6 Months" was moved to item #5 and "Terms of Reference Update" and "Correspondence and Source Protection Program Update" were combined and moved to agenda item #6.

Resolution 2008-20

Noble - Hadded

That the agenda for the July 8, 2008 Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted, as amended.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolution 2008-21

Malette - Wisnewski

That the minutes of the June 10, 2008 Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

There was no business arising from the June 10th minutes.

5. Meeting Schedule for Next 6 Months

Tim led a discussion regarding planning the meeting schedule for the next year. The committee had no problem continuing with every second Tuesday of the month, and afternoon meetings were the preferred option.

There was discussion around the necessity of having a meeting in the Christmas season. But for the time being, a December and January meeting will be booked and can be eliminated closer to the date if necessary.

Exceptions to the normal date will be:

- September – as previously discussed, on the second Tuesday of the month the NDCA will be hosting the Conservation Ontario Biennial tour. The meeting will be held the following Tuesday, on September 16th.
- November – the second Tuesday of the month falls on November 11th and many organizations and companies are closed including the Conservation Authority, the City of Greater Sudbury and Vale Inco. The meeting will therefore be held on the following day, November 12th.

The meeting schedule for the next year is therefore:

- Tuesday, September 16th, 1 to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 14th, 1 to 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 12th, 1 to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 9th, 1 to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 13th, 1 to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 10th, 1 to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 10th, 1 to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 14th, 1 to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 12th, 1 to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 9th, 1 to 4 p.m.

The meeting locations will be decided upon as we get closer to the dates.

6. Terms of Reference Update and Communications

Judy handed out a summary of the Terms of Reference open houses. Tim expressed satisfaction with the turnout, the interest and the feedback. Approximately 65 members of the public attended the Ramsey Lake Open House and Cortina Cruise and nearly every committee member was in attendance.

At the Valley Open House and well tour, 13 members of the public were in attendance and three committee members, who each spoke during the presentation.

The newest version of the Terms of Reference was distributed. The July 8th version incorporates comments received by several committee members. Judy opened the floor to additional comments or amendments. Several clarifications and comments were discussed and will be included before the Proposed Terms of Reference goes to the Source Protection Authority in August.

A copy of the notification letters to municipalities and First Nations was handed out. These letters were sent on June 19, 2008 rather than on May 22nd when the draft proposed Terms of Reference was posted on the internet. The municipalities and First Nations still received the full 35 day comment period which lasts until July 25, 2008.

Tim inquired about the next steps for the Terms of Reference. Judy explained that the proposed Terms of Reference will go to the Source Protection Authority (SPA) on August 13th then get released for public review on August 20th. The August 20th release will launch a public comment period of 30 days. The final step is for the proposed Terms of Reference to be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment on October 20th.

Paul Sajatovic asked about the role of the Source Protection Authority when they receive the proposed Terms of Reference on August 13th. Judy Sewell and Katie Fairman clarified that the role of the SPA is to review them, post them for a 30 day

public review period, and then submit them to the MOE together with their own comments and any comments received from the public.

Tim then led the committee through the Terms of Reference comments received from the public during the review period. Comments received were generally favourable. People enjoyed the open houses and getting an understanding of the SPC and their activities.

Don Malette noted that it is important for the committee to respond to each letter or written comment received from the public. Greg Haddad suggested making the responses to comments and letters a bit more general especially regarding risk assessment of threats. Katie and Sharon Bennett discussed the process of how risks are assessed and the categories of threats.

A number of other suggestions were made by committee members, and Paul Baskcomb and Ed Gardner will provide some wording for matters for which the City and Health Unit are responsible. Committee members have until Friday, July 18 to make any additional comments on the responses to public letters and comments.

With regards to threats, many of the comments discussed specific threats as the public sees them, such as boats and other motorized vehicles on Ramsey Lake, geese, septic systems and the trains near the lake.

A letter from the Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA) was also received. A similar letter was sent to all Source Protection areas or regions. After a discussion, many of the committee members agreed that the response letter to CELA should not be detailed and should refer to the Ministry of the Environment's response to a similar letter. Lilly Noble explained that CELA is part of a broader environmental group called the Water Guardians (www.thewaterhole.ca).

Most of the items that CELA asked to have included in the Terms of Reference are already included in the Clean Water Act and the Source Protection Program. Two additional items were requested: an executive summary and a mission statement. The committee felt that it would not be appropriate to add an executive summary because the summary document accompanying the Terms of Reference serves this purpose. However, the committee agreed to put the mission statement in both the summary document and in the Terms of Reference.

Lastly, another letter addressed the translation of all public documents. Under the *French Language Services Act*, technical documents do not need to be translated. But, the summary document will be translated into French for the August 20th release. In addition, Don volunteered to answer any technical questions or make any presentations needed in French.

That the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee accept the Proposed Terms of Reference for submission to the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Authority pending the additions and amendments discussed during the July 8 committee meeting.

Carried.

7. New Business

It was suggested that at a meeting in the near future, the committee discuss how to deal with the members of the public who wish to attend SPC meetings. For example, should there be a time period allotted for public questions.

8. Adjournment

Resolution 2008-23

Malette - Haddad

That we now adjourn.

9. List of Handouts Provided at Meeting

- Debrief terms of reference open house summary on June 12 and June 17, 2008
- Terms of reference notice letters to municipalities and First Nations
- Proposed Terms of Reference, July 8
- Terms of reference comments and letters received from the public and draft response letters
- Comparison table of estimated costs in all source protection areas and regions

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 16, 1 to 4 p.m., Provincial Building, 199 Larch St., Boardroom P-7 (7th floor)