



**Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee
4th Meeting
March 11, 2008**

Held: Room C-11, Tom Davies Square

Commenced at: 1:10 p.m.

Adjourned at: 4:05 p.m.

Present: Nels Conroy, Chair
Paul Baskcomb
Luc Bock
Stephen Monet
Lilly Noble
Crystal Osawamick
Wendy Wisniewski
Tim Worton

Also Present: Bob Rogers, Source Protection Authority Liaison
Katie Fairman, Ministry of Environment Liaison
Richard Auld, 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: Nick Benkovich
Greg Haddad
Donald Malette
Art Petahtegoose

- 1. Chair Conroy Opened the Meeting**
- 2. No Declarations of Conflict Were Declared.**
- 3. Adoption of Agenda**

Resolution 2008-07

Bock - Worton

That the agenda for the March 11, 2008 Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

In the distributed minutes, Dr. Graeme Spiers' name was misspelled and minor changes were also made to the Communication Planning Session Report section regarding the Stewardship Fund. These changes to the February 12th minutes have been made and the corrected minutes will be posted on the Internet.

Resolution 2008-08

Noble - Wisniewski

That the minutes of the February 12, 2007 Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

5. Overview of the Next Three Meetings

In February, the Chair and the Drinking Water Source Protection Program staff met to discuss the schedule for the next few meetings, including technical and scientific information transfer. The results of the meeting included the following schedule for approval by the committee:

- The April 8th meeting will take place at the Howard Armstrong Centre in Hanmer. The meeting will highlight the Valley well system and there will be a presentation by a Public Works staff member. As Nels mentioned, understanding supply and its part in source water protection is very important. Well and groundwater models from the Children's Water Festival would aid in this learning as well.
- The May 13th meeting will be used to review and approve the Terms of Reference. The Draft Terms of Reference will be going out for public review shortly after the May meeting.
- The June 10th meeting would be dedicated to the preparation for the open houses.

6. Terms of Reference Update

Judy updated the committee on the Terms of Reference. The Terms of Reference Access Wizard has been installed, however, staff have identified some problems with the software. On March 5th, Judy attended training for the software and staff have

started to input data. A sample printout was provided to committee members. Judy demonstrated the database wizard.

Discussion arose regarding the reliability of budget estimating and planning for the next four years. Judy pointed out that updates will be needed as reliability of estimates improve and that some costs estimates out to four years will not always be feasible. The committee were informed that the Ministry of the Environment has advised that we may need to update the Terms of Reference after the Assessment Report is complete. At that point we will know more about the significance of threats.

7. Process for Reviewing Technical Studies

Chair Conroy reviewed the progress on the technical studies for the assessment report. He also explained that the final reports are quite in-depth and suggested that as each report is completed that staff or the consultant make a presentation about the report's results. An executive summary would also be distributed to committee members and the full report would be put in the library and available for committee members.

Nels suggested that the committee receive an executive summary for finished and draft reports and Judy was able to report that summaries of two reports would be ready for distribution shortly.

The committee agreed with the suggested process for reviewing technical studies.

8. Format and Location of Open Houses

Nels explained how public consultations are mandated for the Terms of Reference. He stated that the number and the essence of the open houses need to be decided shortly so that staff can plan the details. June open houses will be the first point of contact for the source protection committee with the public. The importance of ensuring that this first public contact makes the correct impression was re-emphasized.

Nathalie Gara-Boivin showed the Ripple Effect video, which could be a good outreach piece for the open houses. Nathalie also introduced different options for open houses:

- **Option 1: Cortina Cruise**
Two cruises would run with presentations on board. A tour guide would point out features around the lake that are significant with respect to source water protection. A room at Science North would also be booked. Food and hands-on demonstrations would also be available .

- Option 2: Howard Armstrong Centre
Behind the scenes tour of a well, with information sessions. Food and hands-on demonstrations would also be available.
- Option 3: Cortina Cruise and Howard Armstrong Centre
- Option 4: Regular meeting at a central location

Nels invited everyone to give their feedback on the options. After a discussion there was consensus on option 3. Everyone seemed to like the idea of a more creative and attractive open house format, and featuring locations adjacent to a surface water intake and to a well system.

9. Information Updates

Landowner Contact Training

Joanne Rzadki from Conservation Ontario will be coming to Sudbury to deliver a training session on how to deal with landowners. This will take place on Thursday, March 27th between 9am and 2pm in boardrooms C and D of the provincial building, located at 199 Larch Street. An agenda for the day was handed out and SPC members were welcomed to attend any session that may interest them. The agenda is also flexible to change based on any issues anyone thinks should be addressed.

Water on Film Festival

As part of the Stewardship Funding, a film festival celebrating World Water Day is being hosted by the Nickel District Conservation Authority and community partners on March 19th at the Science North Inco Cavern.

Four films will be shown at the event: The Water Detectives, The Water Walkers, The Tap Project and Thirst. Nathalie Gara-Boivin also played the radio advertisement that is playing on Easy Rock 105.3 FM for the event. Committee members were invited to be guests of the Source Protection Authority at the event

Earth Day

Earth Day will be celebrated on Saturday April 19th at Market Square. A water area will be set up. The Nickel District Conservation Authority will have a booth, and high school students will be helping out with water related demonstrations from the Children's Water Festival.

Climate Change Study

Nels announced that the Nickel District Conservation Authority has approved the development of a paper on adaptations to climate change. Nels applauded the NDCA for recognizing the importance of studying climate change. This study gives the opportunity to look at how source water may be impacted by climate change.

Bob Rogers mentioned a publication by Natural Resources Canada that deals with climate change. The report "From Impacts to Adaptation: Canada in a Changing Climate 2007" is available online at

http://adaptation.nrcan.gc.ca/assess/2007/index_e.php

Council Presentation

A council presentation regarding the Source Protection Program was moved from February to March 26th. The presentation will be delivered by Bob Rogers, Nels Conroy and Judy Sewell. The presentation to council will provide an update on the program and discuss the Terms of Reference process. Nels reinforced that committee support for the council presentation would be welcomed.

Presentation to Wahnapiatae First Nation

Judy Sewell spoke about the presentation that she and Nels would be making to the Wahnapiatae First Nation on March 12th at 5 p.m. The Wahnapiatae First Nation has expressed interest in perhaps joining the Terms of Reference and source protection planning process and the presentation will address this topic.

10. Correspondence

This is a new agenda item that the committee recommended become a standing agenda item.

Nathalie Gara-Boivin received the first piece of correspondence regarding the source protection committee from a member of the public. The email, received February 22nd, addressed what sort of power the source protection committee may have to protect intake zones or well head protection areas against new or existing development, or industrial businesses. Judy Sewell drafted a response, which was distributed to SPC members. Committee members were invited to comment on the response letter by contacting Judy directly.

Judy also distributed the Terms of Reference notification letters that were mailed to the City of Greater Sudbury, the Wahnapiatae First Nation and the Whitefish Lake First Nation. Letters for the Municipality of Espanola, Killarney, Nairn and Hyman and Markstay-Warren were also sent out. These latter notification letters were not duplicated for SPC members in time for the meeting and will be mailed out afterwards. The purpose of these letters is to notify the municipalities and First Nations that the Terms of Reference process has begun and invite them to participate if they wish to do so. The notification satisfies the requirements of O.Reg 287/07.

11. Lake Stratification

Nels made a presentation regarding limnology and lake stratification. Originally, a model from Science North was supposed to be used to demonstrate the point. However, the model was not available because it is needed for March Break at Science North. Nels explained that part of what makes Sudbury such a great area is

our larger number of drinkable, swimmable and fishable lakes. Lakes are complex systems and a basic understanding of surface, and also groundwater, is necessary as the committee plans for a sustainable source protection plan.

12. New Business

Paul Sajatovic informed SPC members that for the 2008 tax year, they will be issued T4A slips because the remuneration from SPC per diems go beyond 500\$ per year; if remuneration is paid to the employer then a T4A will not be issued. The NDCA should withhold income tax, and this is something SPC members will have to consider. The topic will be revisited in the next quarter.

Chair Conroy led a round table discussion regarding new business. No new issues were raised.

13. Adjournment

Resolution 2008-09

Osawamick - Worton

That we now adjourn.

Next meeting: Tuesday April 8th, 1pm to 4pm at Howard Armstrong Centre