



Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee
28th Meeting
May 11, 2010

Held: Sixth Avenue Golf Course, Lively

Commenced at: 1:15 p.m.

Adjourned at: 4:10 p.m.

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

Also Present: Neil Gervais, Ministry of the Environment Liaison
Judy Sewell, Drinking Water Source Protection
Jessica Brunelle, Drinking Water Source Protection
Brianna Carter, Drinking Water Source Protection
Jamie Dumoulin, Drinking Water Source Protection
Paul Sajatovic, Nickel District Conservation Authority

Communications: Vivian Naponse
Richard Auld
Burgess Hawkins
Bob Rogers

1. Chair Conroy Opened the Meeting

Nels Conroy opened the meeting by thanking staff for completion of the Proposed Assessment Report.

Judy Sewell introduced the newest NDCA employee, Jessica Brunelle, Source Protection Assistant, to the committee. Jessica will assist staff while Sharon is away on parental leave.

2. No Declarations of Conflict Were Declared.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution 2010-12

Noble – Baskcomb

That the agenda for the May 11, 2010, Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted, as circulated.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolution 2010-13

Noble - Worton

That the minutes of the April 13, 2010, Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting, be approved.

Carried.

Nels reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. At the April meeting, the committee debriefed from the Assessment Report Open Houses. This included a discussion about comments received regarding the Draft Proposed Assessment Report. The committee also discussed comments submitted to the MOE on the Source Protection Plan Draft Regulation and the next steps after the Assessment Report.

At the last meeting, Bob Rogers distributed a draft application to have the Source Protection program designated as a Healthy Community and Regional Centre of Expertise initiative by the Healthy Community Cabinet. Paul Sajatovic provided an update on this; the application was approved on May 10, 2010. This designation ties in with the municipality and allows the Source Protection program to use the Healthy Community Initiative logo on any materials, advertising and the website.

Nels thanked Paul and Chair Bob Rogers for following through with this initiative on behalf of the Source Protection program.

5. Comments Received on Draft Proposed Assessment Report

Jessica distributed a summary of comments received during the consultation period on the Draft Proposed Assessment Report with the draft responses prepared by

Brianne. Staff received eight comments; Judy provided Nels with copies of the draft response letters to be sent to the public for his review.

Judy reviewed the comments and responses with the committee, noting that many of the comments made by the public reflected many of the local concerns that had already been discussed by the committee and included in the draft proposed assessment report. One of the comments received from the public asked whether street sweeping could be prioritized based on municipal water supplies. As recommended by the committee at the last meeting, Nels sent a letter to the City of Greater Sudbury making this request.

The MOE had provided a list of comments relating to the Draft Proposed Assessment Report. Staff was able to address most of these in the time they had, but Judy will speak to Neil about addressing the remaining MOE comments. A copy of the MOE comments was provided to the committee. Judy specifically mentioned comment five to the committee and informed them that a copy of the Provincial Tables of Circumstances had been included with the report on a CD in an appendix for the full 35 day consultation period. Nels was impressed with how comprehensive the MOE review was and asked Neil to pass this along to the reviewers.

The MOE reviewers were impressed with how thorough and comprehensive the Draft Proposed Assessment Report was and asked Nels to pass this along to the committee.

6. Correspondence and Program Updates

Judy distributed and discussed three letters from the MOE. One of these was a letter from Ian Smith regarding risk management officials and plans. The NDCA and Greater Sudbury Source Protection Authority Board will be discussing this with senior management at the City, as this will become a municipal responsibility. Paul Sajatovic noted that Bill Lautenbach will be taking the lead on these discussions. It is anticipated that municipal committee members will be part of this discussion.

The second letter was dated April 21, 2010 and was in response to a March 3, 2010 letter Nels had sent to the MOE. The April 21 response indicated that many of the local concerns that had been identified by the committee in the March 3rd letter could be added to the assessment report as threats. Staff will pursue this through the formal threat identification and assessment process.

The third letter was about Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products and Source Protection; a copy of this letter is being distributed with these minutes.

7. New Business

Nels briefly discussed the recent Chairs meeting he attended. At this meeting, changes to the Stewardship program were mentioned, which may be good news for Greater Sudbury depending on the types of changes that are made. Nels also

referenced the presentation at the meeting by John Stager, Ontario's Chief Drinking Water Inspector. The presentation was very well received and a copy of the slide deck was provided to the committee.

Nels is planning to make a presentation to MOE's Drinking Water Inspectors at the request of Neil Gervais. The presentation will be coordinated by Source Protection Staff.

He informed the group that the Ministry of the Environment requires that committee members and source protection staff take accessibility training and that the online link for this training would be provided with these minutes:

Accessibility training is available online from this link and takes approximately 45 minutes.

Serve-ability: <http://www.mcass.gov.on.ca/mcass/serve-ability/splash.html>

For more information on the Accessibility Standards for Customer Service you can visit the following sites:

Main Website (AccessON)

<http://www.mcass.gov.on.ca/en/accesson/index.aspx>

Training Resources: Accessibility Standards for Customer Service, (Ontario Regulation 429/097)

<http://www.mcass.gov.on.ca/en/mcass/programs/accessibility/ComplyingStandards/guideToAccessibilityStandards/intro.aspx>

Staff are required to keep a record of the completed training and are asking that after completing the online session that each member provide an email confirmation to Melanie.

8. Site Visit of the Vermilion River Intake/Tour of the Vermilion Water Treatment Plant

The committee toured two locations – the Vermilion River Intake and the Vermilion Water Treatment Plant. Wendy provided an overview of the Intake and the pumphouse was opened to enable committee members to view the pumping arrangement inside.

The committee then toured the Vermilion Water Treatment Plant. A brief tour of the plant was conducted by Vale Inco employees; including the duty operator, Angelo Prato, Peter Larsen, the manager of the system and Wendy Wisniewski. The Vermilion plant is the only municipal water treatment plant in the province which is owned by a private company. Wendy explained that this provides some unique challenges for Vale Inco in adhering to the requirements of the *Safe Drinking Water Act* and various regulations. Vale Inco maintains the distribution system from the plant to its facilities and the distribution system supplying the City of Greater

Sudbury is owned and operated by City staff. The two authorities share test results collected on the plant and the distribution system.

9. Adjournment

Resolution 2010-14

Bois - Wisniewski

That we do now adjourn.

10. List of Handouts Provided at Meeting

- Summary of Comments Received from Assessment Report Open Houses with staff responses (3 pages)
- Copy of MOE comments on the Draft Proposed Assessment Report
- Draft Letter to MMAH commenting on proposed amendments to the Building Code
- April 21, 2010 response from Ian Smith to letter from Nels about addressing local concerns in the assessment report
- Letter from MOE regarding risk management planning and training
- Slideshow titled Ontario's Experience in Drinking Water – 10 Years After Walkerton

Next meeting: At call of the Chair.