



Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee

Inaugural Meeting
November 27, 2007

Held: Room C-11, Tom Davies Square
Commenced at: 1:05pm
Adjourned at: 3:50pm

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

Also Present: Bob Rogers, Source Protection Authority Liaison
Marnie Vandierendonck, Ministry of Environment Liaison
Melanie Venne, Drinking Water Source Protection
Sharon Bennett, Drinking Water Source Protection
Nathalie Gara-Boivin, Drinking Water Source Protection
Allen Bonnis, Nickel District Conservation Authority
Paul Sajatovic, Nickel District Conservation Authority

Communication: Ed Gardner, Sudbury District Health Unit Liaison
Art Petahtegoose

1. Chair Conroy opened the meeting.

Nels Conroy welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee. He introduced Crystal Osawamick, the representative from the Wahnapiatae First Nation, who had not been present during the lunch icebreaker.

2. Approval of agenda

Resolution 2007-01

Malette - Baskcomb

That the agenda for the November 27, 2007 Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

3. Remarks by Bob Rogers, Greater Sudbury Source Protection Authority Board Chair

Bob Rogers spoke about the monumental importance of this inaugural meeting. He described the role and responsibility of the Source Protection Authority Board as an overseeing body which provides support, facilitation and handles the financial aspects of the committee's work.

4. The Clean Water Act and Sudbury Source Protection

Sharon Bennett, Water Resources Technical Advisor, provided an overview presentation of the Clean Water Act. She provided a summary of the technical reports that comprise the assessment report, and progress on these. She also spoke about the early action stewardship, education and outreach programs that source protection authority staff are currently working on. She concluded with a timetable of upcoming events and tasks.

5. Other Business

Nathalie Gara-Boivin provided an overview of what is included in the source protection committee orientation binder.

Questions were asked regarding timelines, guidance document, and progress. Drinking Water Source Protection staff and Chair Conroy answered these questions.

Paul Sajatovic addressed the following items on behalf of the Nickel District Conservation Authority and the Source Protection Authority:

- Per Diem: everyone is entitled to a per diem which will be distributed quarterly. Mileage disbursements are also available.
- Indemnity and liability insurance: all Source Protection Committee Members will be protected under the Nickel District Conservation authority's liability insurance.
- Administrative: The Nickel District Conservation Authority provides administrative support to the Source Protection Committee, in terms of the hiring and management of the Drinking Water Source Protection Staff.

6. Source Protection Committee Responsibilities

Chair Conroy explained the Source Protection Committee's mission is to develop an implementable plan that protects municipal drinking water sources for present and future generations. He highlighted that the committee is lucky, because it is supported by the Source Protection Authority staff and a dedicated community. Some of the committee's work is within uncharted territory, and the committee will have to move with a great deal of faith, but much consideration has been made by the Ministry of Environment and Conservation Ontario to providing guidance and they are willing to listen to any concerns.

Chair Conroy also stressed the importance of listening, absorbing everyone's ideas and treating each other with respect and fairness. He concluded by reminding the committee of the regional training session being held on January 9th, 2008 at the Radisson Hotel.

7. Rules of Procedure, Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Manual

Chair Conroy introduced the draft manual. It was decided to go through the manual section by section. Each section of the manual was briefly introduced and explained as necessary. The issue was raised that section 2.7 was ambiguous and the length of appointment terms needed to be clarified. In section 2.8 it was thought that a new section needed to be added regarding an appeal process for members removed from the committee. It was agreed that Paul Sajatovic, in consultation with committee members, would resolve these two issues and a resolution was passed.

Resolution 2007-02

Monet - Benkovich

That the procedural manual be brought forward to the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Authority for approval pending changes discussed.

Carried.

Once the Procedural Manual is approved by the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Authority, it will be resent to all Source Protection Committee members to be acknowledged.

8. Meeting schedule

Consensus was reached that meetings will be held every second Tuesday of the month. However, December 2007 and January 2008 will be exceptions to this rule. There will be no meeting in December 2007 and for January 2008 the meeting will be held a day after the regional training for SWP committee members.

The meeting schedule for the next six months will be as follows:

- Thursday January 10th, 1-4pm, Room C-11, Tom Davies Square
- Tuesday February 12th, 1-4pm, Room C-12, Tom Davies Square
- Tuesday March 11th, 1-4pm, Room C-11, Tom Davies Square
- Tuesday April 8th, 1-4pm, Room C-11, Tom Davies Square
- Tuesday May 13th, 1-4pm, Room C-11, Tom Davies Square
- Tuesday, June 10th, 1-4pm, Room C-11, Tom Davies Square

The agenda for each meeting will be circulated two weeks prior to each meeting.

9. Developing the Terms of Reference

Chair Conroy explained that the next major task of the committee would be to create a terms of reference which he described as a detailed work plan which includes budgets and tasks. The Ministry of Environment is currently working on a wizard for this task. Judy Sewell will provide more information on the wizard and the terms of reference at the next meeting.

10. New Business

Nathalie Gara-Boivin lead a debrief out, with all committee members and guests commenting on the day's meeting and what they are looking forward to the most as the work of the committee proceeds.

11. Adjournment

Resolution 2007-03

Malette - Baskcomb

That we now adjourn.