



**Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee
30th Meeting
September 14, 2010**

Held: Tom Davies Square, Room C-11

Commenced at: 1:05 p.m.

Adjourned at: 4:15 p.m.

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

Also Present: Neil Gervais, Ministry of the Environment Liaison
Bob Rogers, Greater Sudbury Source Protection Authority Liaison
Marc Rondina, Sudbury & District Health Unit Liaison
Judy Sewell, Drinking Water Source Protection
Melanie Venne, Drinking Water Source Protection
Jessica Brunelle, Drinking Water Source Protection
Brianna Carter, Drinking Water Source Protection
Paul Sajatovic, Nickel District Conservation Authority

Communications: Cheryl Recollet

1. Chair Conroy Opened the Meeting

Nels Conroy opened the meeting by welcoming Marc Rondina, who has replaced Richard Auld, as the Sudbury & District Health Unit alternate Liaison. The committee members introduced themselves.

2. No Declarations of Conflict were declared.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution 2010-15

Wisniewski – Bois

That the agenda for the September 14, 2010, Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted, as circulated.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Resolution 2010-16

Noble – Worton

That the minutes for the May 11, 2010, Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting be approved.

Carried.

Prior to approval of the May 11 minutes, Paul Sajatovic was asked to provide an update on the meeting with himself, Judy Sewell, NDCA/GSSPA Chair Bob Rogers and City of Greater Sudbury staff regarding Source Protection Plan implementation responsibility. Initial discussion was held with senior staff at the City regarding post-2012 responsibilities. The discussion had a positive note and was well received by the City. More discussion will be held in the future.

Resolution 2010-17

Worton – Bois

That the minutes for the August 10, 2010, Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting be approved.

Carried.

5. Early Response Application Review

Melanie and Jessica have been working on the NDCA application for funding under the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program – Early Response. A copy of the application to date was provided to committee members. The application is due on September 30.

To finish the application for submission to the MOE, it was necessary for the committee to pass a resolution addressing their preferred approach for the funding application. As the Early Response funds can only be used to address identified significant threats, threats were discussed individually at the August meeting and the committee expressed which threats they felt were most important to address. Melanie and Jessica were responsible for refining the table prioritizing the threats eligible for

funding based upon these discussions. A copy of the refined table was provided to committee members prior to the September meeting. Melanie informed committee members that after the last SPC meeting she learned that research, feasibility and design projects are not eligible for funding under the Early Response program and the province is looking to fund projects that will happen immediately.

Committee members reviewed the table of recommendations by staff for the funding application. These included completing nutrient management strategies for non-registered farms around wells in the Valley so land owners and staff know how to best deal with these threats, keeping the current funding program for septic systems in place, addressing handling and storage of fuel, and addressing the storage of hazardous waste at disposal sites. Other threats that the committee had expressed interest in at the August meeting included handling, storage and application of road salt, and discharge of stormwater. Costs for these projects that exceed \$100,000 are not eligible under the NDCA application and would require a Special Projects application to be submitted by the municipality. Staff are trying to move forward with a road salt project with the City.

Committee members suggested staff add one sewer hook-up to the list of projects for the application and an additional \$22,000 for program delivery. Given the financial burden that the *Clean Water Act* could impose on land owners and the municipality, committee members requested a revised budget to encompass all known and feasible significant threats identified in the proposed Assessment Report. The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2010-18

Bois – Baskcomb

It is hereby recommended that the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Area's Early Response Application include the prioritized threats listed in Table 2 (Recommendations for NDCA Early Response Application) of the September 13, 2010, Early Response Committee Report.

Carried.

After passing the resolution, committee members were reminded that they will have to consider financial implications while developing policy. It was mentioned that the funds received through the program will have to be spent on projects related to other threats if there is no buy in from the land owner or the municipality for the recommended threats discussed. Nels said that he appreciated SPC input on the application and staff did an admirable job preparing the application and the list of recommended projects.

6. Source Protection Plan – Neil Gervais

Neil continued the presentation on the Source Protection Plan regulation from the August SPC meeting. After completing a quick review of the first part for committee members who were not in attendance at the August meeting, he continued with the remainder of the presentation. Committee members were reminded that all questions asked during the presentations will be addressed by Ministry of the Environment staff and that selected responses will form the basis of the guidance document.

The presentation included discussion regarding policy development. Neil discussed goals and outcomes, mainly prohibiting or managing the activity under consideration and the tools available to do this. This included a discussion regarding the prescribed instruments and the ability of the committee to amend/modify these instruments to achieve their goals. The committee asked why the building code was not considered to be a prescribed instrument. Neil brought this question to the MOE and was informed that the Building code is not an instrument, it is a piece of legislation that is not amendable by Source Protection Committees.

There was also some discussion regarding what could be done if the committee felt a significant threat needs to be addressed immediately. Neil told them that an interim risk management plan could be written to deal with the threat until the Source Protection Plan is completed.

The consultation/notification process for the Source Protection Plan was also discussed briefly. This process is based on the model used for the Assessment Reports. In addition to the consultation and notification, the committee will also be required to prepare an explanatory document to be made publically available which explains their policy decisions. Once the Source Protection Plan is approved, the Source Protection Authority will be required to submit annual progress reports. The first report will be due the second calendar year after the plan comes into effect.

Neil informed the Committee that a training session for SPC members and conservation authority staff will be held in Sudbury for the Northern Conservation Authorities. This training is currently scheduled for October 26 and committee members are strongly encouraged to attend.

Nels thanked Neil for his presentation and told the committee there is a big task ahead, so this will set the stage for the work to be done. Nels also mentioned that Conservation Ontario is currently developing a web-based application for common policies that Conservation Authorities will be able to access while working on policy development.

7. Program Updates and Correspondence

i) Staff Update

There have been some changes with Source Water Protection staff. Brianne Carter is the new contact person for the Source Protection Committee. Anoop Naik is

leading development of the Updated Assessment Report and finishing some field work to support this document. Melanie Venne is leading the development of the Source Protection Plan for Greater Sudbury. She will be holding the first planning working group meeting on September 22, and will bring the results of that meeting to the October SPC meeting.

ii) Updated Assessment Report

Judy noted that Anoop was in the field today doing cross-sections and measuring flow and depth on the Wanapitei River; he would be doing the Vermilion River on Friday. She explained that, as advised by MOE, the best information available at the time was used to delineate the intake protection zones for the June 2010 assessment report, but that the senior reviewer at the consulting firm was concerned about the lack of data near the intakes available for modelling. Therefore, Anoop and one of the consultants went out to collect field data to calibrate the model.-Stephen Monet assisted greatly in this by making a City boat, motor, truck and staff available for this work.

iii) Guidance on Notice for Planning

All SPCs must issue a notice to municipalities, key stakeholders and all affected individuals or land owners when source protection planning begins. This bulletin provides advice to SPCs on when to issue that notice and who to send it to. A copy of the bulletin was provided at the last meeting; Lilly and Nels provided feedback and a draft response sent to committee members prior to the meeting. If anyone would like review or comment, let Judy tomorrow, as she plans to respond this week. MOE will accept comments until September 30.

iv) Source Protection Plan Regulation Training

This training session is currently scheduled to take place October 26, in Sudbury for the four Northeastern Ontario Conservation Authorities. All committee members are encouraged to participate in this full day training session.

v) Latornell Conservation Symposium

This will be held November 17, 18 and 19. With approximately 1,000 participants, this is the largest conservation symposium in the province. The program can be viewed online by visiting the Conservation Ontario website and clicking the link for the Latornell symposium. SPC members are welcome to attend and expenses will be covered.

vi) Blue-Green Algae

Source Protection sent a news release to local media in response to the August blue-green algae bloom in Ramsey Lake asking residents to register for the Algae Watch Program. Municipal Water/Wastewater staff continue to sample daily, there were no further updates at the time of the SPC meeting. Source Protection staff continue to collect samples in conjunction with the Laurentian University Masters' student. The committee asked if it would be possible for the Masters'

student to come to a future meeting to discuss the results of her studies. This possibility will be considered.

8. New Business

Nels led a roundtable discussion on new business. No new business was raised. Lilly told committee members that the Ramsey Lake Stewardship Committee would be meeting this evening. No other new business was raised.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

10. List of Handouts Provided at Meeting

- Report on the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program – Early Response
- NDCA application for funding under the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program – Early Response

Zip Drive Updates

- Letters to Bob Falcioni, Ron Norton, Nick Benkovich

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 12, 1 to 4 p.m., at Tom Davies Square, Room C-11