



Sault Ste. Marie Region Source Protection Committee
Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday March 1, 2011
 Civic Centre, Thompson Room

Attendance

Subhash Verma – Chair	Andrew Hallett – PUC Member
Larry Woolley – Resident Member	Peter McLarty – Environmental Member
Susan Hamilton-Beach – Municipal Member	Loralei Premo – SPC Administrator
Hal McGonigal – Municipal Member, Prince Township	Rhonda Bateman – SPA Liaison and Source Protection Planning Coordinator
Roy Bertolo – Aggregates Member	Linda Whalen – Alternate SPA Liaison
Ralph Yanni – Sault North Resident Member	Wesley Wright - MOE Liaison
Peter Tonazzo – Municipal Member	

1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
 No conflicts were declared.

2. Introductions

3. Administration

i. **Sign in sheet**

ii. **Adoption of March 1, 2011 Agenda**
 - approved by consensus

iii. **Adoption of January 13, 2010 Minutes**
 - approved by consensus

iv. **Adoption of February 1, 2011 Proposed Minutes**
 - approved by consensus with changes

4. Source Protection Planning

i. SPP Policy Subcommittee Report

Peter Tonazzo, Peter McLarty, Susan Hamilton-Beach and Rhonda Bateman met with three Public Works staff on February 22, 2011 in regards to the snow storage activity occurring within 100 metres of the Lorna Wellhead.

There was a brief discussion as to the reason this site is deemed a significant threat in the Assessment Report. All parties are interested in mitigating the threat of snow storage within 100 metres of the municipal well. Considerations discussed included site specific considerations for the current activity, land use options with the inclusion of 'green' zone or buffer for the parcel of land and implement site monitoring and Risk Management Plans. Currently, the portion of the land parcel that falls within the 100 metre zone is not being used for snow storage.

The City's Engineering Department has applied for funding in relation to St. Marys River water quality. A monitoring program for the snow storage site was included as a component in the funding application. Monitoring results would indicate if there are existing levels of sodium and chloride on the site. In addition, the Stormwater Management Plan is currently a draft report and is under review. Stormwater management of the site could be a component in threat mitigation depending on sampling results.

The Conservation Authority's Provincial Groundwater Monitoring Network (PGMN) has 13 test wells throughout the watershed. They are sampled for water quality parameters once per year and water quantity measurements are recorded through data loggers.

SPC members suggested that limiting snow storage on private lots within the wellhead protection areas should be considered for future planning options.

5. Coffee break

6. Assessment Report

i. Chapter 6.0 Draft Summary of Proposed Changes to Assessment Report

Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority (SSMRCA) staff provided SPC members with a summary of some of the changes made to date on the Assessment Report (AR). The summary was accompanied by three maps. SPC members are requested to review the summary. There will be further discussion at the April SPC meeting. The final changes will be presented to SPC for approval. The SPC is required to consult with Prince Township and the City of Sault Ste. Marie for the new information regarding the IPZ3 delineation. The Source Protection Authority (SPA) must submit the Updated and Amended Assessment Report to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) for final approval.

Action – SPC members requested e-mail summary maps for colour clarity.

Action – SPC members to review proposed changes for follow-up at April SPC meeting.

7. Updates

i. Correspondence

a) Source Protection Plan (SPP) Bulletin

The latest SPP Bulletin is an explanatory document provided by the MOE to assist SPCs with completion of Source Protection Plans including the importance in the rationalization of policies that are developed.

b) MOE Source Protection Planning Branch Official Plan Review

The MOE Source Protection Planning Branch does not review official plans.

c) Electrical Transformer Follow-Up

MOE has clarified that an electrical transformer station is not considered a threat unless the transformer station is using PCBs.

The electrical transformer station within 100 metres of the Goulais well does not use PCBs and therefore the transformer station is no longer classified a significant drinking water threat for the Sault Ste. Marie Region Source Protection Area.

The Public Utilities Commission Inc. (PUC) has budgeted to upgrade the transformer station. Dependent on the design of the upgraded site the MOE may need a Certificate of Approval for waste water from the transformer site.

The MOE Liaison noted that the SPC can request MOE to add the transformer station as a local significant threat. MOE would then evaluate the site and associated circumstances, recalculate the hazard scoring and then determine if it qualifies as a local threat.

Action – SPC members requested information as to submissions other SPCs have made to MOE in regard to additions of local significant threats.

Action – Chair will prepare letter to PUC requesting a presentation to the SPC on the proposed transformer station upgrades.

Concern arose in regards to the PUC upgrading the site as earlier discussed if the re-designation of the site as a local threat may result in further restrictions on the operation of the transformer site.

Action – Rhonda Bateman to distribute copies of the MSDS sheet for the transformer oil (VOLTESSO 35) to members.

d) Goulais Well Relocation Follow-Up

The municipality can choose to relocate one of their wells and pay the entire cost. ODWSP only offers funds for the decommissioning of wells but not for relocation of current functioning wells.

e) TSSA Instruments Follow-Up

There are no instruments listed under the TSSA for use in the SPP and policy.

f) Geospatial Information Letter from Ian Smith

Data collected in the SPP process across the province will be stored in a data warehouse with MOE. Other Ontario government ministries will have access to geospatial data pertaining to the Assessment Report. All data must be received by the MOE within four months of SPP approvals.

ii. MOE

There has been an MOE Planning Liaison assigned to assist SPCs with Source Protection Plan development. Heather Gardiner is our assigned Planning Liaison. Heather is available to assist with concerns and issues from a Provincial standpoint. She can teleconference into meetings and attend one meeting in person.

Action - Invitation to Heather Gardiner to attend the May 5th meeting of the SPC

iii. Communications

a) The 2011 Home and Outdoor Show will be held March 11-13 at the Essar Centre. The SSMRCA and DWSP will have a display booth. The Show hours are as follows:

Friday March 11	4:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Saturday March 12	10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Sunday March 13	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

SPC members can notify SSMRCA staff if they are able to assist in staffing the display booth.

Action – SPC members to notify Lorelei Premo as to their availability to assist in staffing the display booth during the Home and Outdoor Show.

b) The Lake Superior State University annual Environmental Summit will be Saturday March 26, 2011 in the Cisler Center. The SSMRCA and DWSP will have a display at the event. Information regarding time, speakers and participants will be shared as available.

Action – Lorelei Premo to forward Environmental Summit information as it becomes available.

c) This will be Lorelei Premo's final SPC meeting. Christine Ropeter will be filling in for Lorelei in SPC administration and communications. The SPC wishes Lorelei well in her future endeavours.

8. Other

i. SPP Advisory Council Update

The provincial SPP Advisory Council is currently working through listed threats and drafting a list of prescribed instruments for each threat.

ii. Next Chairs Meeting

The next Chairs Meeting is March 7-8, 2011. There will be further discussion of prescribed instruments and planning tools.

iii. West End Community Centre Update

Pile driving has begun at the construction site for the West End Community Centre. PUC has requested information/progress updates with the engineers to open lines of communication. SSMRCA technical staff have assisted with determining travel times from the construction site to the Goulais well.

PUC is monitoring the Goulais well water and has installed a new particle counter. The Steelton well is also being monitored. A private consultant has been hired by the PUC to analyse the data and determine possible effects to the Goulais well.

9. Items for next agenda

- SPP Policy Subcommittee Update - Rhonda
- AR Amendment Review Feedback – All
- Chair's letter to PUC requesting transformer station upgrade presentation
- Chair's Meeting Update – Subhash
- Communications: Home & Outdoor Show, Environmental Summit – Christine

Next meeting:

April 5, 2011

Plummer Room (1st Floor), Civic Centre

12:00 – 4:00PM

10. Adjourn: 3:43 PM