



Sault Ste. Marie Region Source Protection Committee
Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday August 10, 2010
 East End Wastewater Treatment Facility

Attendance

Subhash Verma – Chair	Peter McLarty – Environmental Member
Larry Woolley – Resident Member	Peter Tonazzo – Municipal Member
Susan Hamilton-Beach – Municipal Member	Loralei Premo – SPC Administrator
Roy Bertolo – Aggregates Member	Rhonda Bateman – SPA Liaison and Source Protection Planning Coordinator
Hal McGonigal – Municipal Member	Virginia MacEachern – Algoma Public Health
Ralph Yanni – Sault North Resident Member	

Regrets

Andrew Hallett – PUC Member
 Maeve McHugh – MOE Liaison
 Linda Whalen – Alternate SPA Liaison

Guests

Charlene Grexton – Algoma Public Health
 Don Elliott – City Sault Ste. Marie

1. Lunch

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

3. Introductions

4. Administration

- i. Sign in sheet
- ii. Adoption of August 10, 2010 Agenda
 - Add Question and Answer session to Item #5.ii.
 - **modified agenda approved by consensus**

iii. Approval of June 1, 2010 Meeting Minutes
Approved by consensus

5. i. East End Wastewater Treatment Facility Tour - John Griffiths and Jeff Slater – Public Utilities Commission

ii. Question and Answer/Discussion

The East End Wastewater Treatment Facility was upgraded to secondary treatment in 2006. Effluent goes into the St. Marys River. The outflow is in the deepest portion of the river on the Canadian side.

The Proposed Assessment Report identified the East End Wastewater Treatment Facility as a significant threat due to the location of the parcel of land on which it sits. The cover letter accompanying the Proposed Assessment Report notes that the Wastewater Treatment Facility should not be identified as a significant threat because it is not in the Wellhead Protection Zone A (100m) of the Lorna well but actually the parcel lies within the Wellhead Protection Zone – B (2 year time of travel). In addition, the treatment facility itself does not lie in the Wellhead Protection Zone – B but a small portion of the parcel of land not used in the activity lies with Zone B.

The Source Protection Committee (SPC) is waiting for comment on this situation from the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) Assessment Report review team.

The Updated Assessment Report will be revised to reflect the significant threats with the recognition of updated data.

6. Coffee break

7. Source Protection Plan

Maeve McHugh will be presenting Source Protection Plan Regulation overview at the September 10, 2010 SPC meeting.

SPC training on the Source Protection Plan Regulation is anticipated in late October 2010.

Action – SPC members have requested that the Chair and Project Manager inform MOE at the next Chairs meeting that all SPC members would like to attend the training in October or videoconferencing should be available.

Action – SPC members have requested specialized Source Protection Plan training for municipal planning staff.

Action – Chair and Project Manager to verify training schedules as soon as possible for travel approvals.

Action – SPC members need to review the Source Protection Plan Regulation and prepare questions for the September 10 presentation.

- Each SPC will be writing their own Source Protection Plan for their area. There are three objectives to remember when writing the SPP.
 1. The SPC needs to identify the goals for the Source Protection Plan
 2. Use the Assessment Report information as a knowledge base to build and rationalize the policy and use the expertise of SPC members
 3. Create policies that are reasonable for the Source Protection Area

Action – SPC members request that Maeve McHugh email a copy of the Source Protection Plan Regulation presentation with the agenda packages.

Action – Lorelei to distribute hard copies of the Source Protection Plan Regulation for three SPC members

8. Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program

Lorelei Premo provided the members with a printout reviewing the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program and the estimated timelines. The July 29th Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program teleconference highlights were included.

Conservation Authority staff is currently waiting for the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program application to be released. The next teleconference is scheduled for August 18th.

9. Updates

Fall 2010 Chairs Meeting

The Source Protection Committee Chairs meeting this fall will not be held in Sault Ste. Marie. Sault Ste. Marie will be acting as guest host for the meeting however and will conduct an information slideshow highlighting the Sault Ste. Marie Region Source Protection Area at the meeting. The Chairs meeting will be in Toronto September 20 - 21, 2010.

10. Proposed SPC Meeting Schedule

The SPC is required to comply with the Clean Water Act through adopting a six month SPC meeting schedule and posting the schedule on the webpage. The following SPC meeting schedule is approved by consensus by the SPC however, subject to change.

<i>Friday September 10, 2010</i>	<i>Tuesday February 1, 2010</i>
<i>Tuesday October 5, 2010</i>	<i>Tuesday March 1, 2010</i>
<i>Tuesday November 2, 2010</i>	<i>Tuesday April 5, 2010</i>
<i>Tuesday December 7, 2010</i>	<i>Tuesday May 3, 2010</i>
<i>Tuesday January 4, 2010</i>	<i>Tuesday June 7, 2010</i>

11. Items for next agenda

- Source Protection Plan Regulation Presentation - Maeve McHugh
- Sault Ste. Marie Official Plan and Zoning presentation – Peter Tonazzo
- Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program – Lorelei Premo
- Conservation Authority Day September 18, 2010

12. Adjourn: 3:46 PM