



Sault Ste. Marie Region Source Protection Committee
Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday December 8, 2009
 Sault College Board Room

Attendance

Subhash Verma – Chair	Peter Tonazzo – Municipal Member
Larry Woolley – Resident Member	Loralei Premo – SPC Administrator
Susan Hamilton-Beach – Municipal Member	Rhonda Bateman – SPA Liaison
Roy Bertolo – Aggregates Member	
Hal McGonigal – Municipal Member	
Ralph Yanni – Sault North Resident Member	
Peter McLarty – Environmental Member	

Regrets

Andrew Hallett – PUC Member
 Maeve McHugh – Ministry of the Environment Liaison
 Gary Nelson – Algoma Public Health Liaison
 Linda Whalen – Alternate Source Protection Authority Liaison

1. Lunch

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

3. Introductions

4. Administration

- i. Sign in sheet

ii. Adoption of Agenda

- Add Recent Articles to 5.iii. - Peter McLarty
- Add Chair's Teleconference Update to 8.iii. – Subhash Verma
- Storm Water Management Investigative Study Public Information Centre to 9.ii. – Susan Hamilton-Beach

iii. Approval of September 1, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Motion to pass September 1, 2009 Meeting Minutes – **passed by consensus**

iv. Approval of October 6, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Motion to pass October 6, 2009 Meeting Minutes – **passed by consensus**

v. Approval of November 3, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Motion to pass November 3, 2009 Meeting Minutes – **passed by consensus**

5. Correspondence

i. 2009/10 Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program Applications

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program (ODWSP) final applications for the current funding year are due December 15, 2009. The Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority (SSMRCA) however, has ODWSP funds from an earlier grant period. The SSMRCA is anticipating the receipt of applications from PUC Inc. for ODWSP funding for well decommissioning. It is suggested that decommissioning for private residences should not proceed before the Water Budget Tier 3 pump tests are completed.

The SSMRCA received Education and Outreach funding earlier in the ODWSP program which was used for a private well owner's survey within the 100 metre wellhead protection areas.

There is another \$7 million anticipated in ODWSP funding available across the province for the next fiscal year. SPC members are encouraged to visit the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) website (link provided in correspondence) to become familiar with qualifying criteria regarding ODWSP.

ii. Article on Improving Attendance at Open Houses

The article was circulated to members by email. Important points to note: key words "drinking water" is used consistently throughout the advertisement, and the importance of avoiding negative connotations.

The SPC requested that upcoming Assessment Report open houses include an invitation to Algoma Public Health (APH) to attend and offer relevant drinking water information to the public.

Action – Consult with APH Liaison to ensure APH involvement in upcoming open houses.

iii. Articles of Interest – Peter McLarty Environmental Representative

Peter McLarty briefly summarized each of the articles he had circulated to SPC members and invited the members to read the articles.

6. Assessment Report (AR)

i. Timeline Extension Letter

The draft timeline extension letter to MOE was shared with the SPC. Members were asked to provide comments and/or feedback regarding the content of the letter by Friday December 11, 2009.

Action – SPC member comments on the timeline extension letter be forwarded to Rhonda Bateman by Friday December 11, 2009

Action – Email final timeline extension letter to SPC members.

ii. Technical Rules Update

Memory sticks (thumb drives) containing the Risk Assessment Update and Technical Rules were distributed to SPC members. Reviewing the Technical Rules will prepare members for review of the Draft Proposed Assessment Report.

iii. Risk Assessment Chapter Presentation – Rhonda

Rhonda presented a summary of the Risk Assessment Chapter explaining various maps and charts in preparation of the SPC review of the chapter.

Action – Members to provide comments or feedback on the Risk Assessment Chapter by Tuesday December 22, 2009.

7. Break

8. Updates

i. MOE – Maeve McHugh

Update is deferred until next meeting

ii. Communications

a) Private Well Brochure

Loralei Premo presented the completed well brochure to the SPC.

Action – Loralei Premo to email the final well brochure to SPC members.

b) 2009 Children’s Source Water Festival (CSWF) Debrief Presentation

Christine Ropeter presented the 2009 CSWF to the SPC members.

c) Chair’s Teleconference December 1, 2009

The December Chair’s meeting was postponed until January due to the delay in the release of source protection planning regulation.

Amendments to the Technical Rules were reviewed. Draft Regulations are expected for release in February. It was proposed by Subhash Verma that a model Source Protection Plan (SPP) or template material be provided to SPCs by MOE as a guide to assist with SPCs with the SPP process.

The next Chair's meeting will be held in Toronto January 25 – 26, 2010. The subsequent Chair's meeting is anticipated to be held in Windsor in May 2010 in conjunction with the Ontario Water Works Association conference. It has been proposed that the October Chair's meeting be held in Sault Ste. Marie.

The Climate Change Advisory Council has posted 13 recommendations on the MOE website. SPC members are encouraged to review the recommendations and provide comments and feedback.

9. Other

i. Future Guest Speaker

Bruce Davidson has accepted the SPC's invitation to come to Sault Ste. Marie. Mr. Davidson is tentatively scheduled to visit in February 2010 and attend the scheduled SPC meeting as well as speak at a public meeting. Announcements and advertisements will be developed as soon as a date is finalized and a venue has been confirmed. It is anticipated to hold the public meeting in conjunction with the Community Quality Institute (CQI) as a Community Café event.

ii. Storm Water Management Investigative Study Public Information Centre

Susan Hamilton-Beach discussed the information session being held on December 17, 2009 from 3:00 – 7:00 pm at the Civic Centre. The study is being conducted to develop a standard storm water management policy for development within the City. Various SSMRCA staff will attend the information centre.

10. Items for next agenda

- i. World Water Day March 22, 2010 – Lorelei Premo**
- ii. SPC and SPA Interactions Description – Rhonda Bateman**
- iii. Draft Proposed Assessment Report Distribution**
- iv. Proposed Communications Sub-committee – Peter Tonazzo**

11. Next Meeting

Tuesday January 19, 2009
Civic Centre Russ Ramsay Room
12:00 – 4:00

12. Adjourn: 4:05 PM