



**Sault Ste. Marie Region  
Source Protection Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**Monday June 8, 2009  
Civic Centre – Biggings Room  
1:00 pm**

**Attendance**

Subhash Verma – Chair	Rhonda Bateman – SPA Liaison and Source Protection Planning Coordinator
Larry Woolley – Resident Member	Linda Whalen – Alternate SPA Liaison
Andrew Hallett – PUC Member	Loralei Premo – SPC Administrator
Roy Bertolo – Aggregates Member	Maeve McHugh – MOE Liaison
Hal McGonigal – Municipal Member	
Ralph Yanni – Sault North Resident Member	
Peter McLarty – Environmental Member	
Peter Tonazzo – Municipal Member	

**Regrets**

Susan Hamilton-Beach  
Gary Nelson  
Cliff Graham

**1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

No conflicts were declared.

**2. Introductions**

Trisha Westman, Ministry of the Environment (MOE) Drinking Water Inspector, Safe Drinking Water Branch, attended the Source Protection Committee (SPC) meeting.

Chris Kresin of Kresin Engineering attended the meeting to present an update on the Water Budget.

### **3. Administration**

#### **i. Sign in sheet**

#### **ii. Adoption of Agenda**

Add Risk Management Stakeholders Meeting to item #5. i.

Add General Update to item #4. iii.

Add Activity Centre Updates to item #6. ii. c).

#### **iii. Approval of May 12, 2009 Meeting Minutes.**

Approved with no changes.

### **4. Assessment Report**

#### **i. Water Budget Update Presentation – Chris Kresin**

Hardcopies of the water budget presentation were given to SPC members. A copy of the presentation is available online with Meeting Materials,

<http://www.ssmrca.ca/Section.aspx?ID=329>.

The presentation provided a status summary of the Tier 1 and 2 Reports as well as outlined the proposed work plan for the Tier 3 field work and proposed timelines. Due to municipal well upgrades, the field work for the Tier 3 will be delayed until the fall. The Tier 3 Water Budget will not be prepared in time for inclusion in the first Assessment Report.

#### **ii. General Update & Summary of Comments & Feedback on Vulnerability Report**

The SPC members and MOE Liaison were acknowledged for submitting feedback on the Draft Groundwater Vulnerability Report.

### **5. Correspondence**

#### **i. Risk Management Stakeholders Meeting**

There will be an MOE hosted risk management videoconference held June 23. Peter Tonazzo will coordinate the videoconference at the Civic Centre. Three SSMRCA staff will be attending.

There is limited space, if SPC members wish to participate, please contact Peter before June 23 to ensure space availability.

### **6. Updates**

#### **i. MOE**

##### **a) Newsletter**

The MOE Liaisons assembled comments and questions arising from their SPC meetings to form a monthly Newsletter that will be distributed to all SPC Chairs and Project Managers. The Newsletter came out this month and was distributed to Project Managers and Chairs.

##### **b) Assessment Report**

A Technical Bulletin regarding transportation threats has been sent out by Heather Malcolmson. This bulletin will be forwarded to SPC members

**c) Threats and Issues Training**

Anjum Amin, Water Resources Technical Advisor, and Sarah Ackert-Ferguson, Conestoga – Rovers and Associates participated in Threats Training on May 29. Threats and Issues Training is also available for staff on June 12 in Toronto. Marlene McKinnon and Subhash Verma will be attending this training.

**d) Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program**

To date, across the province, 84 Special Projects and 400 Early Action projects have been funded since March 2008.

**e) Threats & Issues Presentation – Maeve McHugh**

The presentation is available online posted under the June 8 SPC Meeting Materials, <http://www.ssmrca.ca/Section.aspx?ID=329>.

**ii. Communications Update**

**a) August Environmental Themed Event**

Currently we propose hosting the environmental event at the White Pines Secondary School gymnasium and parking lot. The tentative dates for this event are August 22, 23, 29 or 30.

**b) Private/Municipal Well Brochure**

The brochure will impart information about Source Protection Authorities, Drinking Water Source Protection and the Sault Ste. Marie Region SPC. The brochure will focus on how the Clean Water Act, 2006 protects municipal drinking water and will provide private well owners with additional information.

**c) Follow up with May/June Activity Centres with Local Youth**

May 12 - Brownies

May 19 - Sparks

May 20 - Sir James Dunn senior students

Groups were educated through hands on activity centres including: Drinking Water/Wastewater Treatment Model, No Water Off a Ducks Back, Dripiat Pursuit. Drinking Water Source Protection (DWSP) promotional items were awarded to the youth for participating.

**d) SSMRCA Newsletter**

The newly released SSMRCA Newsletter highlighted DWSP including: Provincial Water Quality Monitoring Network, Provincial Groundwater Monitoring Network, Ontario Benthic Biomonitoring Network, SSMR-SPC and the Travelling Education Program for Children involving the Children's Source Water Festival (CSWF) Activity Centres.

**Action** – Explore Michigan water education website for more DWSP outreach & education ideas as well as CSWF centre ideas and activities.

**Action** – Contact Nathalie at Science North to inquire about DWSP component to summer program.

**Action** – Contact Brianna in Prince Township to find out about a partnership for any Prince Days planned for this summer.

## **7. Coffee Break**

## **8. Other**

### **i. Ontario Municipal Board (OMB)**

At the last meeting there was a request to have an OMB representative attend a local SPC meeting. A summary was provided to the committee regarding the OMB's roles and responsibilities. The summary will be provided on line with the meeting materials.

Municipal members explained that the OMB hears appeals relating to the decisions of City Council. The OMB would not be concerned with the source protection planning process until the plan is implemented.

**Action** – Maeve McHugh to research MOE opinion on the likelihood of appeals to the OMB in the future of source protection planning.

## **9. Items for next agenda**

### **i. Slag leachate, use on driveways and roads/aggregate and other storage**

**Action** – Roy Bertolo to provide information on slag leachate for the next meeting for discussion.

**Action** – Peter Tonazzo to ensure that the SSMRCA has up to date snow dump mapping.

### **ii. June 23 Weblink - Water Quality Risk Management Measures Update**

### **iii. June 12 Weblink - Threats and Issues Technical Training Update**

## **10. Next Meeting**

July 7, 2009

Sault College Board Room, Room A1050

12:30 – 4:00

## **11. Adjourn: 4:03 PM**