



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

**Tuesday November 4, 2008
Russ Ramsay Room, Civic Centre
12:30 pm**

Attendance

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| Subhash Verma – Chair | Gary Nelson– Algoma Public Health Liaison |
| Hal McGonigal – Municipal Member | Kate Turner – MOE Liaison |
| Andrew Hallett – PUC Member | Loralei Premo – SPC Administrator |
| Susan Hamilton-Beach – Municipal Member | Rhonda Bateman – SPA Liaison and Source Protection Planning Coordinator |
| Larry Woolley – Resident Member | Linda Whalen – SSMRCA General Manager |
| Peter McLarty – Environmental Member | |

Regrets

Ralph Yanni – Sault North Resident Member

Absent

Roy Bertolo – Aggregates Member
Peter Tonazzo – Municipal Member

Guests

Rick Talvitie – P. Eng., Project Manager, AECOM
Jason Hamilton – St. Marys River Remedial Action Plan (RAP) Coordinator

1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

P. McLarty raised a potential conflict of interest as a petitioner to a subdivision development that has, in the past, been under review by the Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority (SSMRCA). The

development is currently not before the SSMRCA however, it is anticipated that a revised application may be submitted. The SPC members present discussed the potential for a conflict but the member is acting as an individual, not receiving remuneration and the proposed development does not affect the municipal drinking water supply therefore it was deemed not to be a conflict of interest.

2. Introductions

Rick Talvitie of AECOM and Jason Hamilton, the RAP Coordinator were introduced to the committee.

3. Administration

There is no quorum for the meeting so Item #3 ii & iii will be postponed until the December 2 SPC meeting.

i. Sign in Sheet

ii. Adoption of Agenda

iii. Adoption of minutes from meeting August 5, 2008

4. Presentations

i. Rick Talvitie – Landfill Presentation

The presentation is available online with the November 4 meeting materials.

ii. Jason Hamilton – St. Marys River Remedial Action Plan Update

The presentation is available online with the November 4 meeting materials.

5. Break 3:05 – 3:15

6. Correspondence

i. News Article - Perfect Storm

There will be more sampling in the future on outflows such as storm drains. Sault Ste. Marie has storm sewers separate from sanitary sewers so this is not a particular issue for us locally; however, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, does not have separate storm sewers which can impact water quality of the Great Lakes/St. Marys River given extreme rain events.

ii. Letter to Minister of Environment re: Transportation Corridors September 2008

The Minister has already drafted a reply to this letter. The Ministry of Environment Liaison will circulate it to us when it is approved and becomes available.

Action – K. Turner to circulate Minister's response to letter regarding Transportation of materials through vulnerable areas.

Action – Outstanding action item to contact Global Gateway committee.

Action - It was suggested that our Chair discuss transportation corridors with the other SPC Chairs at the December 8 & 9 meeting.

iii. Assessment Report Regulations/Guidelines

The Assessment Report Regulations were to be posted Monday November 3, 2008 by the MOE. There has been a delay in the legal department but the MOE hopes to have the Assessment Report Regulations posted later this week.

Assessment Report Regulation Training December 10 and 11, 2008 in Sudbury, details below.

iv. Ontario Minister of the Environment Annual Report on Drinking Water 2008

The Chair was given a copy of this report at their last meeting. It is available online at the MOE website. <http://www.ontario.ca/drinkingwater/254529.pdf>. A copy is also available for review at the SSMRCA office.

7. Terms of Reference (TOR) Update

The TOR was due Monday October 20, 2008. The SSMR-Source Protection Authority sent the Proposed TOR on October 16 and received verification it was received on October 17. There is a group within the MOE reviewing each proposed TOR. All required materials as per regulations were sent with the proposed TOR. Best case scenario is the receipt of approval from the minister without further questions or clarifications.

8. Other

i. Chairs meeting September 29/30.

Transportation Canada had a representative present regarding transportation corridors, specifically, railways. Current safety rules and legislation for railways were discussed.

Next Chairs meeting is December 8/9.

ii. Media Training October 10, 2008

S. Verma and L. Premo attended media training at Black Creek Pioneer Village last month. The one day session was very useful and informative.

iii. Sudbury Assessment Report Training December 10/11

The majority of the committee will attend the general session on December 10th. Remaining members will attend the technical session on December 11th with the DWSP staff and local consultants. L. Premo will coordinate travel and accommodations for everyone. Each person planning to attend must register independently online via the link emailed with the original message on September 10, 2008.

iv. Homework – Intake Protection Zone 2 Study

Fiona Duckett of Baird & Associates presented the IPZ-1 and IPZ-2 Studies at our April 1 meeting.

Actions - Read the IPZ-2 study and send comments or questions to R. Bateman 1 week before the December 2 meeting. Questions will be forwarded to the consultants for reply.

v. Larry Woolley sends his regrets for the December 2, 2008 meeting

9. Items for next agenda

- i. **Comments or questions arising from the Intake Protection Zone 2 Study**
- ii. **MFIPPA presentation**
- iii. **Johnson Township is holding a Water Summit regarding the issue of blue-green algae in a local lake. The Chair will be attending as a Sault College representative.**

10. Next SPC Meeting

Tuesday December 2, 2008
Water Tower Inn
12:00 – 4:00 pm

Adjourn: 3:06 PM