



Sault Ste. Marie Region Source Protection Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 24, 2012
Civic Centre – Biggings Room

Attendance

Hal McGonigal – Municipal Member, Prince Township	Ralph Yanni – Sault North Resident Member
Larry Woolley – Resident Member	Roy Bertolo - Aggregates Member
Peter Tonazzo – Municipal Member	Catherine Taddo – Municipal Member
Subhash Verma, Chair (via teleconference)	Rhonda Bateman – Project Coordinator and SPA Liaison
Kate Turner, MOE Liaison (via teleconference)	Christine Ropeter - Communications

Heather Gardiner, MOE Planner via teleconference from 11:15 am to 11:45 am

Regrets:

- Peter McLarty – Environmental Member
- Linda Whalen – Alternate SPA Liaison
- Ken Greenwood – Algoma Public Health Liaison
- Clare Mitchell – MOE Liaison
- Andrew Hallett - PUC Member

The meeting commenced at 9:05 am

Welcome

Motion that Larry Woolley facilitate the meeting
 Moved by Roy Bertolo, seconded by Peter Tonazzo
 - carried unanimously

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

Administration

Adoption of May 24, 2012 proposed agenda
 Moved by Roy Bertolo, seconded by Peter Tonazzo
 - carried unanimously

Adoption of May 1, 2012 draft minutes

Moved by Hal McGonigal, seconded by Ralph Gianni

- carried unanimously

Source Protection Planning

Review and Discussion of comments received with real-time edits by SPC members

MOE-Safe Drinking Water Branch

An email was received from Aziz Ahmed, P.Eng., Supervisor, Approvals and Licensing on behalf of the Safe Drinking Water Branch, Ministry of the Environment to acknowledge receipt of the Sault Ste. Marie Region Draft Proposed Source Protection Plan. Since there are no policies that impact the Safe Drinking Water Act Prescribed Instruments, no comments were provided at this time.

Hal McGonigal inquired as to whether acknowledgements are being sent to commenting agencies. Rhonda Bateman indicated that acknowledgement letters will be sent out after the Proposed Source Protection Plan is released for public consultation. The letters will address any edits that were made as a result of the agency comments.

MMAH

A letter was received from Edouard Landry, MCIP, RPP, Team Lead (A), Community Planning and Development, Northeastern Municipal Services Office, on behalf of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. In the letter the Source Protection Committee was encouraged to consider which land uses may be prohibited through the zoning by-law.

OMAFRA

A letter was received from J.D. Richardson, Director, Environmental Management Branch on behalf of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA).

During pre-consultation discussions with OMAFRA it was identified fact that WHPA – As in Sault Ste. Marie are primarily zoned urban/residential/commercial and therefore agricultural uses are not permitted. The comment in the letter reflected acknowledgement of the zoning and a retraction of earlier comments.

OMAFRA also recommended that the SPC define “outdoor confinement area” according to the definition in the Nutrient Management Act (NMA) to allow for consistency. The definition is already found within Chapter 3 of the Source Protection Plan, not in the policy itself.

The final comment received from OMAFRA referenced the Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) regulation of OMAFRA was only intended to address and

minimize complaints related to odour, not source water protection. Withdrawal of the reference to MDS should be removed from the Explanatory Document as it is not applicable.

Edits were made in regard to these comments.

City of Sault Ste. Marie – Engineering & Construction Division

Catherine Taddo, P.Eng., Land Development & Environmental Engineer on behalf of the City of Sault Ste. Marie sent a letter with the following comments:

Policy number SSM-Trans-E-2.1 references any spill of fuel or potassic fertilizer within the IPZ-2, however the monitoring policy references any spill within the IPZ-1 and IPZ-2. Edits were made to the Monitoring Policy to address this inconsistency.

Policy number SSM-Salt-F-1.4 - Comment received - that the identification of areas with higher infiltration rates was not practical. Also, the monitoring policy requires a report each year on the progress on the update of the Road Salt Management Plan. Once the plan is updated it should be noted that reporting shall cease. Edits were made to the policy and will be reviewed by City staff.

Action Item: Rhonda to send revisions to Catherine Taddo for review by City staff.

Reference to Environmental Compliance Approvals (ECA) and inclusion of Source Water Protection on new forms was discussed.

Consistency in wording was identified and had been changed prior to receiving the comment with regard to “future and existing”.

In Section 5.0 of the Explanatory Document - Financial Implications, in regard to policy number SSM-Sewage-E-1.4 it was noted that cost is not the sole contributing factor toward policy. Other factors of consideration are:

- age of pipe and expected service life
- Type of pipe, and pipe construction

Edits were made in regard to these comments.

City of Sault Ste. Marie – Planning Division

Peter Tonazzo, MCIP, RPP, Planner on behalf of the City of Sault Ste. Marie sent a letter outlining his concerns with the complex wording required by MOE in the policies.

With regards to specific policies within the Plan:

Future and Existing Threat – Fuel Storage and Handling

The volume of fuel that will cause a significant threat should be inserted into the policy.

As the regulated volume may change over time it has been recommended by the MOE that the volumes are not directly addressed in the policy but can be noted in the explanatory document.

Implementation protocols can be developed to identify those volumes that would result in a significant threat.

The Explanatory Document will be edited to reflect the minimum volume of fuel that registers as a significant threat.

Future and Existing Threat – Road Salt Storage

The definition of “low density residential uses” should be clearly defined for the purposes of the Source Protection Plan.

Action: Peter Tonazzo will forward a definition of low density residential uses to Rhonda Bateman to include in the Explanatory Document.

Future and Existing Threat – Handling, storage and application of pesticides

Policy number SSM-pest-F-1.1 addition of the phrase residential uses excluded was incorporated.

It was also noted that wording in policy numbers SSM-Salt-F-2.2 and SSM-de-icing-F-1.2 is inconsistent.

Discussion of the threshold of sewage threats

Action Item: Rhonda will send the significant threat tables related to sewage threats to Catherine Taddo.

MOE Drinking Water Source Protection Branch

Most of the comments received from MOE Drinking Water Source Protection Branch were with regard to wording that must be changed as per legislative requirements.

The question was raised by Peter Tonazzo as to why existing by-law had to be included in some policies (i.e: by-law 2005-150...), which can make the policy confusing. Heather Gardiner commented that it was required by MOE.

Discussion regarding the use of the word “potential” in policy SSM-Fuel F.1.1 and Heather said MOE would not accept that wording. With regards to the use of Section 59, MOE is strongly recommending it be used in this instance.

Real-time edits were made by the committee members with regards to these comments.

Moderate Policy

MOE comments were reviewed and discussed

The committee was reminded that Part 4 is not available for use to prohibit activities for a moderate threat.

2.17 Future Moderate Threat SGRA

- change “significance” to “importance”

2.0 Policy Rationale

- insert the following: “in addition, policies for the SGRA have been included because...”

The moderate policy will be redrafted and sent to the committee for review prior to posting.

Action Item: Rhonda has requested that the committee members review the Comparative Document and comment and/or approve the proposed changes by email no later than 4:30, Monday, May 28, 2012.

Next Steps

The website release of the Draft Source Protection Plan for a final 30 day public consultation is scheduled for June 8, 2012. That date is dependent on the committee’s approval of the Proposed Source Protection Plan and the review and acceptance of the document by the Source Protection Authority.

Items for the next agenda

Adjournment: 12:00 pm

Next meeting:

Email poll for approval for the revised wording on the policies for the Proposed SPP.

To be determined