



Sault Ste. Marie Region Source Protection Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 5, 2014
Civic Centre – Thompson Room

Attendance

Peter McLarty – Acting Chair/ Environmental Member	Ralph Yanni – Sault North Resident Member
Andrew Hallett - PUC Member	Catherine Taddo – Municipal Member
Hal McGonigal – Municipal Member, Prince Township	Rhonda Bateman – General Manager and SPA Liaison
Larry Woolley – Resident Member	Christine Ropeter - Communications
Peter Tonazzo – Municipal Member	Mary Wooding – MOE Liaison via teleconference
Marlene McKinnon – GIS Specialist	

Regrets:

Roy Bertolo – Aggregates Member

Meeting called to order at 1:06 am with no quorum

Welcome

Peter McLarty facilitated the meeting as Acting Chair

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

Administration

Adoption of February 12, 2014 proposed agenda
Carried unanimously

Chair’s update

Acting Chair, Peter McLarty reported that there has been no further information regarding the appointment of a new Chair for the Sault Ste. Marie SPC. With the recent call for a provincial election, it is anticipated that appointments will be delayed.

Quorum was reached at 1:11 pm

Minutes

Two changes to the Minutes include a spelling corrections and clarification of an action item

Adoption of February 12, 2014 minutes as edited
Moved by Ralph Yanni, seconded by Larry Woolley
Carried unanimously

Assessment Report

Tier 3 Water Budget update

Rhonda provided an update to the SPC about the Tier 3 Water Budget. The Tier 3 modelling scenarios resulted in a low water quantity threat. Therefore no further source protection policies will be required to address water quantity.

The Water Budget Peer Review Committee will meet on May 21st.

As a result of the Tier 3 Water Budget it is anticipated that the WHPAs will need to be re-delineated. This will subsequently affect the City's Official Plan, the Assessment Report and corresponding mapping products will require updates.

There was a question from the committee with regard to the MNRs concern about "safe drawdown". Andrew Hallett explained that the concern is due to the well depth at the Steelton well only. It was discussed that the concern was in relation to Steelton's construction and is not an issue of water quantity.

Source Protection Planning

Review of Source Protection Plan edits from previous meeting. Each edit was discussed and presented to the SPC

Rhonda distributed copies of the following new proposed Waste Policies to the committee to replace Policy SSM-Waste-F-2.2:

Policy SSM-Waste-F-2.3
Policy SSM-Waste-F-2.4
Policy SSM-Waste-F-2.5

The committee suggested minor revisions such as adding (WHPA-A and WHPA-B) to all three policies.

Review of Explanatory Document edits from previous meeting

Review of Source Protection Plan edits from previous meeting

Motion to accept the intent of the amendments to both the Source Protection Plan and the Explanatory Document

Moved by Peter Tonazzo, seconded by Ralph Gianni
Carried unanimously

There was a question from the committee to Mary Wooding with regard to required changes to the approved Plan if it was determined that policy was not effective in decreasing a significant threat. It is currently not clear exactly how often edits would be allowed. It will be determined by the Ministry and indicated in the approval cover letter. The SPC will play a role in monitoring during implementation.

Hal McGonigal asked why railways were not considered a pathway for contaminants. Rhonda stated that the situation could be handled in the same way the SPC addressed the spill event in the intake protection zone. An outreach and education approach could be undertaken with the Railway. However, it is noted that due to recent tragedies involving railway accidents that changes to railway policies are anticipated. Federal railways may face new requirements such as supplying manifests to local municipalities.

Using Sudbury and North Bay as an example Rhonda explained areas that exist with road and railways within the WHPA-As. Local threats would have to be identified and a special request made to the Ministry. Threat risk would be determined in the same manner as the point source contaminant scenario the committee used for the shipping threat in the Intake Protection Zone.

Public consultation

A 30 day public consultation is required for both the Assessment Report and the Source Protection Plan. There may be an increased time period for public consultation because of the potential changes to the WHPAs.

Ralph Gianni inquired as to what type of consultation would be required and Rhonda stated that an on-line posting is all that is required. However, if the WHPAs expand consideration should be given to sending letters to the affected residents.

Next Steps

During the month of July some further action by the SPC will be required however an in-person meeting may not be required. Approvals may be granted through email polling prior to presenting the Source Protection Plan to the Source Protection Authority.

Additional/New Business

SPC members inquired as to why an education and outreach campaign has not been coordinated on a provincial basis directly from MOE. The only education and outreach that has taken place is through smaller efforts by various Source Protection Areas and Conservation Ontario. Mary Wooding stated that the Ministry had discussed branding the program. It was noted that it would be advantageous for the

Chair's to champion that issue.

Andrew Hallett discussed in general terms what is currently being done by the PUC with regard to current and future water quantity issues in the east end wells. An Environmental Assessment (EA) is being initiated by the PUC. Mary was asked if the public consultation component could take place with recognition of the pending approvals of the Source Protection Plan and the Assessment Report. Mary recognised that this is a good link and the Ministry is attempting to develop a strategy to include the Source Protection Program in to EAs for new municipal water sources.

Risk Management Official/Risk Management Inspector

Training for Peter Tonazzo as the Risk Management Official (RMO) and Anjum Amin as the Risk Management Inspector (RMI) was completed.

A discussion of the \$75,000 in provincial funding allocated to the City of Sault Ste. Marie for the implementation of the Source Protection Plan with is to be used within 3 years.

New Business

Peter McLarty indicated that he had recently made a Source Water Protection presentation to a Sault College class.

Andrew Hallett discussed the operational challenges for water treatment the PUC is experiencing in regard to the brown water issues in the east end of the City.

Peter McLarty encouraged SPC members to bring information and questions forward which he can convey at an upcoming Chair's Meetings.

Mary was asked if there would be any upcoming opportunities for provincial funding for studies that the PUC may undertake and which could fill important information gaps. Mary responded that no new funding is anticipated

Some of the members suggested that the SPC send a letter of support for the PUC's request for funding be sent to the Minister.

Action Item: Rhonda will provide the PUC with the contact information for Ling Mark, Director Source Protection Programs Branch

Adjournment: 2:51 pm

Next meeting: To be determined.