

Sault Ste. Marie Region Source Protection Committee

Approved Minutes

SPC Meeting

April 13, 2023

Virtual – Zoom 1 pm – 2:40 pm

Land Acknowledgement

The SPC would like to begin by acknowledging that we are in Robinson-Huron Treaty territory and that the land on which we are gathered is the traditional territory of the Anishnaabeg, specifically the Garden River and Batchewana First Nations, as well as Métis People.

Attendance

Mike Delfre – Acting Chair	Marlene McKinnon – Project Manager & Alternate SPA Liaison & Risk Management Inspector
Hal McGonigal – Prince Township Representative	Larry Woolley – SSM Resident
Catherine Taddo – City of SSM Representative	Corrina Barrett – SSMRCA SPA Liaison
Orlan Euale – Water Industry (PUC Services Inc.)	Michael McCarthy, Environment
Temporary Vacancy – Local Business	Christine Ropeter – DWSP Communications
Elizabeth Forrest Conor Gamelin – MECP Liaison Officer	Peter Tonazzo – Risk Management Official

Guests: Derek Hatfield, HBSc, Information Management Lead/Coordinator, Technical and Program Delivery Section, Conservation Source Protection Branch, Land and Water Division, MECP, 300 Water Street, Peterborough, ON K9J 8M5, Tel: (416) 358-7430
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Regrets: planner SNPB, Catherine Taddo, Elizabeth Forrest

Agenda Items:

1. Land Acknowledgement
2. Sign-in/Attendance – acknowledgement of those in attendance and any regrets –quorum is 4 or more members plus Chair
3. Approval of Agenda - amendments
Moved by Larry Woolley, seconded by Hal McGonigal, CARRIED AS

AMENDED

4. Source Protection Information Atlas (SPIA) Demo with Derek Hatfield
SPIA Link - <https://www.liaapplications.lrc.gov.on.ca/SourceWaterProtection/index.html?viewer=SourceWaterProtection.SWPViewer&locale=en-CA>
Threats Link - <https://threats.swpip.ca/>

5. Approval of March 23, 2023, minutes as distributed – amendments – Hal McGonigal sent regrets.

Moved by Larry Woolley, seconded by Orlan Euale, CARRIED AS AMENDED

6. Review of Assessment Report

- DTR's changes prompted changes to text within Chapter 1, 3, 5 and 6
- All maps will have to have minor changes and specifically Chapter 1, Map 21 C; Chapter 3, Map 4 SGRA and Chapter 5, Figure 4.
 - o Discussion on process leading into September on review and early consultation in October with MECP

7. Communications Update – Christine Ropeter

World Water Day - On World Water Day, March 22, 2023, the SSMRCA is released the **Sault Ste. Marie Region 2023 Watershed Report Card**.

Watershed Report Cards reflect environmental changes underway in Ontario's watershed. They also provide information on environmental indicators that reflect Watershed conditions being impacted by climate change, urbanization, and population growth. Indicators used include: Surface Water Quality, Forest Conditions, Groundwater Quality and Wetland Cover.

The SPC is encouraged to download and the 2023 Watershed Report Card at <https://ssmrca.ca/watershed-report-card/> and to visit the Conservation Ontario dedicated webpage at <https://watershedcheckup.ca/>

Social Media Campaign - "Back to the Basics" (Phase 2), on Facebook/Twitter/Instagram.

This campaign will run on Water Wednesdays (April 12 to May 10, 2023).

As many SPA/Rs will be undertaking s36 updates which include public consultation this broad campaign will focus on raising awareness of the DWSP program.

*Note: This campaign includes a Drinking Water Trust Survey (**see attached**) for the audience which was developed by CO, Great Lakes Office (MECP) and the Conservation and Source Protection Branch (MECP).*

Please encourage the Source Protection Committee to "Like and Share" the posts widely with their own networks.

Sault Ste Marie Science Carnival - Date: Saturday, April 29, 2023, Time: 11:00am to 4:00pm, Location: Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre, Cost: FREE

SSMRCA Booth Activity - Test your skills with Dripal Pursuit "Flood Version". You can find out "Where are You in the Watershed", pin your home location on a flood map and find out your flood risk. Additional information will include simple steps to prevent flooding from damaging your home, local flood forecasting messages (where to find them and what they mean). This booth will also feature information about the Sault Ste. Marie Region Source Protection Plan and "Why We Need To Protect Water".

Source Protection display - setup starting at 9am and takedown after 4pm

- o Simple activity for children and adults for how much water is used to make things such as newspaper, toy, etc.;
- o Hand outs include pencils, notepads and rulers;
- o Draw for ten steel water bottles;
- o Still need some volunteers to assist in manning the table to hand out information or answer questions.

- Placemat by MECP based on Annual Progress Reports 2017-2021

8. MECP Update

- Best Practices Program has signed with Sagamok FN near Massey
- SPC Chair appointments – but not Sault Ste. Marie
- SPA's working on their Section 34 and 36 updates
- TSSA sessions recommendations to not license private fuel outlets, but approaching fuel suppliers who know the locations of these private fuel outlets, RMO are asked to attend the engagement sessions.
- Director continues to meet with Chairs and PM's
- Connor's last day and move to Walkerton Clean Water Centre

9. Questions – tracking of action items – I would like to remove some of the completed items highlighted in pink – will be done and cleaned up for the next meeting.

10. Other Business

- Plan meetings from June to September for update on website.
 - June – 15th
 - July – summer break
 - August – summer break
 - September – 21st

11. Next meeting – Thursday May 18th 1pm to 4pm – Mike McCarthy will not be in attendance.

12. Adjournment – moved by Larry Woolley, time 2:40 pm

Action Items:

Date	Action Assigned	Resolution
21Apr22	Prepare draft presentation for SPA and Councils on workplan municipal endorsement	In progress
23Jun22	Impervious Surface Grid	Work in progress to finalize percentages as per DTRs 2021
16Feb23	Annual Progress Report	Edit as required for approval by SPC and presentation to SPA at April Mtg.
23Mar23	To determine if the chloride MAC was recorded within the water system and when – Orlan Euale	East end wells have the chloride levels that are not near the MAC – Shannon most recent test is at 50mg/l and MAC objective is 250mg/l while before Lorna well went to standby and not in use at this time was at 72mg/l in 2013. Brown water complaints were traced back to the Lorna well.
23Mar23	SPIA Demo – invite Derek Hatfield to do demo at April meeting.	Done and presentation was very well received.