

Sault Ste. Marie Region Source Protection Committee

Approved Minutes

SPC Meeting

October 20, 2022

SSMRCA Office & Virtual – Zoom 1 pm – 2pm

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 – MECP Liaison Officer	Peter Tonazzo – Risk Management Official

Guests:

Regrets: planner SNPB, Corrina Barrett, Christine Ropeter, Peter Tonazzo, Michael McCarthy

Agenda Items: Call to order 1:05pm

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
4. Approval of September 15, 2022, minutes as distributed
Moved by Larry Woolley, seconded by Hal McGonigal, CARRIED

5. Relevant Documents Distribution – via email or download from website
 - SPP draft for discussion –description draft amended;

2.1.1 - Description

The SSMR watershed encompasses a land area of 522 km² and a total land and water area of 775 km². There is one large municipal drinking water system within the watershed that serves the municipality of Sault Ste. Marie and Rankin residential area within the urban service line. The system draws water from both surface and groundwater. There is one surface water intake in Lake Superior (Township of Prince) and six municipal groundwater wells in four locations within the urban service line. Details of the Source Protection Area physical properties can be found in the Assessment Report. The population of the Sault Ste. Marie area outside of the urban service line and the population of the Township of Prince are addressed by MECP with the Best Practices documentation and guidelines (<https://www.ontario.ca/document/best-practices-source-water-protection>).

The City of Sault Ste. Marie municipal water supply is a large municipal residential system under O. Reg. 170/03, servicing over 24 000 customers and drawing approximately equal quantities of groundwater from its municipal wells and surface water intake.

6. Communications Update – Christine Ropeter
 - Continued postings to website, Twitter and Facebook
 - Revised SSMRCA logo to be implemented immediately
 - This will trigger changes to documents and mapping
7. MECP Update –
 - SPC Chair job postings have closed. Those that wished to be reappointed were completed on October 19th. Other SPA will be approached with regards to recommendations of applicants.
 - Seven First Nation Communities were selected to be part of the funded pilot project with Best Practices in these communities.
 - Recent changes in the ministries have the ‘conservation authorities’ back under the MNRF.
8. Questions – tracking of action items
 - The ask that meeting invitations be sent via ‘outlook’ was started with this meeting. Should there be other issues, I’ll address as best I can.
9. Other Business – no other business brought forward
10. Next meeting – TBD on need basis. Drafted documents will be sent out for comments and discussed at the next formal meeting. Should there be a need for an emergency meeting, Corrina Barrett and SPA will be informed.
Moved by Hal McGonigal, seconded by Larry Woolley, CARRIED
11. Adjournment
Moved by Orlan Euale, seconded by Catherine Taddo, at 1:49pm

Action Items:

Date	Action Assigned	Resolution
21Apr22	Prepare draft presentation for SPA and Councils on workplan municipal endorsement	In progress
19May22	Presentation to SSM and Prince Council	Council presentations booked for July 11 th at SSM and July 12 th at Prince both in person.
23Jun22	Forward to members the OLT Decision and the important role that the Clean Water Act played	done
23Jun22	Closed Captioning within Zoom	UPDATE – found settings to enable the feature
23Jun22	Impervious Surface Grid	Work in progress to finalize percentages as per DTRs 2021
20Jul22	Forward Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment Tool information slide deck	Forwarded slide deck and guidance document
17Aug22	Communication Working Group request for script reader	Forwarding information to Larry Woolley
17Aug22	Email to SPC members regarding Acting Chair motion	Email sent requesting mover and seconder and vote.
17Aug22	Investigate existing policies regarding salvage yards.	Presented at September meeting
15Sep22	Request to send out meeting invitation via outlook	Process adopted for October meeting