



SAULT STE. MARIE REGION SOURCE PROTECTION AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting

Tuesday Aug 19, 2008

5:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Members

Ken Lamming
Susan Myers
Ozzie Grandinetti
Neil DelBianco

Regrets

Frank Manzo

Staff

Rhonda Bateman, SWP Coordinator
Loralei Premo, SPC Administrator
Linda Whalen, General Manager

Guest

Subhash Verma, SPC Chair

1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared

2. Administration

Adoption of Agenda

No changes

Adoption of minutes from meeting June 17, 2008

Resolution #14/08, Moved by: Neil DelBianco seconded by: Susan Myers

“Resolved that the Minutes of the Sault Ste. Marie Source Protection Authority regular meeting of June 17, 2008 be approved”

was CARRIED.

3. Clean Water Act

Ministry of the Environment Roundtable sessions on Assessment Report Regulations and Director's Rules

Three Drinking Water Source Protection (DWSP) staff and our consultant hydrogeologist attended a technical session in Sudbury on Thursday July 10 in regards to new proposed regulations under the Clean Water Act (CWA). The Chair of the Source Protection Committee (SPC) and two other committee members attended a subsequent public session which was non technical in nature. Both members commended the DWSP staff for the work they do and their ability to provide a comprehensive interpretation of the technical requirements for the use of SPC members. The Sudbury session was useful to illustrate the extent and amount of work required to research, compile, analyze and complete the reports and technical studies leading up to the assessment report and Source Protection Plan (SPP).

Comments to the Assessment Report Regulations on the Environmental Bill of Rights

A copy of the Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority's Environmental Bill of Rights submission was provided in the meeting package regarding the Assessment Report Regulations. Completion of the required regulations, for this portion of the CWA, is anticipated this fall.

The SPC Chair expanded on the SPCs thoughts and comments regarding the EBR submission. The SPC requested more emphasis on transportation corridors. Transportation corridors are of a particular concern to Sault Ste. Marie with the close proximity of marine and air traffic to our intake zone and the proximity of rail and road traffic to our wellhead protection areas. Knowledge of the type of materials and the frequency of passage of those materials near sensitivity areas will better enable the SPC to develop a more comprehensive SPP.

4. Source Protection Committee (SPC)

Proposed Terms of Reference

Resolution #15/08, Moved by: Ozzie Grandinetti seconded by: Susan Myers

"Be it resolved that the Proposed Terms of Reference from the Sault Ste. Marie Region Source Protection Committee be accepted for review and comment from the Source Protection Authority (SPA) and further that comments from the SPA be forwarded to the Coordinator of the Drinking Water Source Protection Program by no later than September 19, 2008 be approved."

was CARRIED.

The Proposed Terms of Reference will be posted online for 30 days beginning August 20 for public comment closes September 19. Comment sheets are available online and at the Conservation Authority office. All public comments are to be sent to the SPC Administrator.

Next Steps

Copies of the Proposed Terms of Reference will be distributed on August 20 to the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Prince Township, Sault North Planning Board, Garden River First Nation and Batchewana First Nation. After September 19 the SPA will have the opportunity to review any comments received and forward unresolved comments along with any SPA comments onto the Minister of the Environment no later than October 20, 2008. The Minister of the Environment has the responsibility to review and approve or deny approval for all proposed terms of reference from all of the source protection areas.

The SPC Chair highlighted page 31 of the Proposed Terms of Reference specifying the non-municipal drinking water systems that are not included in the current planning process. These systems fall under other regulatory mechanisms to ensure water quality.

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No comments

5. Other

No other business was declared.

6. Adjournment

Resolution #16/08, moved by: Susan Myers seconded by: Neil DelBianco

“Be it resolved that the August 19, 2008 Source Protection Authority meeting be adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

was CARRIED.

Rhonda Bateman,
SWP Coordinator

Ken Lamming,
SPA Chairman