

Sault Ste. Marie Region Source Protection Committee

September 19, 2024 - Virtual Meeting
Draft Minutes

Land Acknowledgement:

The SPC would like to begin by acknowledging that we are conducting this meeting within Robinson-Huron Treaty territory and that the land on which we are gathered is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, specifically Garden River and Batchewana First Nations, and Métis People who call this land home.

Attendance: **Quorum not Achieved**

Mike Delfre Acting Chair	Marlene McKinnon Project Manager, Alt. SPA Liaison, RMI (Gerard Lavoie)
Hal McGonigal Prince Township Representative	Larry Woolley SSM Resident
Catherine Taddo City of SSM	Corrina Barrett SSMRCA SPA Liaison
Orlan Euale Water Industry (PUC Services Inc.)	Michael McCarthy Environment
Vacant Local Business	Christine Ropeter DWSP Communications
Nigel Holgate MECP Representative	Peter Tonazzo Risk Management Official

Guests: N/A

Regrets:

Christine Ropeter, Michael McCarthy, Catherine Taddo, Nigel Holgate, Corrina Barrett, Peter Tonazzo

Agenda Items:

1. Land Acknowledgement
2. Sign-in/Attendance
 - Acknowledgement of those in attendance and any regrets
 - Quorum is 4 or more members plus Acting Chair
3. Approval of September 19 Agenda
 - Amendments (none)
 - Deferred to next meeting
4. Approval of August 22 minutes as distributed
 - Amendments (none)
 - Deferred to next meeting
5. **Draft Documents:**
 - Source Protection Plan (SPP), Assessment Report (AR), and Explanatory Document (ED)
 - Distributed for pre-consultation to MECP and implementing bodies (Municipalities) by Marlene McKinnon, addressed to clerks. Garden River First Nation (GRFN) and Batchewana First Nation (BFN) have also been copied on the drafts.
 - Document Links are to be distributed separately.
 - Changes are specific to O. Reg 287/07, Section 51 (i.e.: Typographical Errors, Typos Updates) - Updating to 'King's printer' on maps and documents.
 - Viewing the Impervious Surfaces layer at a 500m resolution instead of a 1km grid (complete) related to changes to 2021 Director's Technical Rules criteria 80% to 30%. At 500m nothing is above 30%. No effect to policy, so kept within the Section 51 update.
 - **October 18 deadline** - pre-consult comments from SPC, MECP and Implementing bodies.
 - In the comments prior to Oct18th and any commenting for the above, please use the following formatting:
 - a) Which document the comment belongs to
 - b) What page that the comment is referring to
 - c) Which section that it belongs to,
 - d) What the proposed change is.

6. Next steps after pre-consultation:

- Pre-consultation comments are required to be added to the Explanatory Document
- SPC to review comments / changes to AR, SPP and ED
- Approved changes implemented to AR, SPP and ED
- Publish updated documents to SSMRCA website for Public Consultation
- Online advertising, and social media channels to be included for Public Consultation
- Prepare for a presentation to municipal councils.
- SPC to review comments/changes from Public Consultation
- Approved changes implemented to AR, SPP and ED
- SPA to approve documents
- Prepare submission according to MECP requirements
- Submit to MECP for review and approval

7. Questions – Tracking of action items

8. All Other Business

- **DWSP Social Media Campaign Update:** Conservation Ontario (CO) continues to support the public’s awareness of one of Ontario’s flagship programs, Drinking Water Source Protection (DWSP), and is implementing a ‘**Water Wednesdays**’ fall social media campaign. Seasonal messaging and knowledge building of the DWSP program. Consists of at least **7 social media posts**, to be shared weekly, beginning on **Wednesday, September 25, 2024**, ending on **Wednesday, November 13, 2024**.

Source Protection Authorities (SPAs) are encouraged to use social media posts, and to make any modifications needed to better reflect local circumstances (e.g. images/text). SPAs are also encouraged to request local contacts to share the posts through their own social media. This helps to amplify our message, through reaching a wider audience and enhancing awareness about the importance of the watershed-based DWSP program in Ontario. This campaign was developed in partnership with the Source Water Protection Communications Sub-Committee:

Kate Goodale (Lake Simcoe RCA)	Tamanna Kohi (Conservation Halton)
Marlene McKinnon (Sault Ste. Marie RCA)	Natasha Mathieu (Quinte Conservation)
Erika Navarro Meza (Niagara Peninsula CA)	Crystal Percival (Mattagami RCA)
Leslie Rich (Conservation Ontario)	

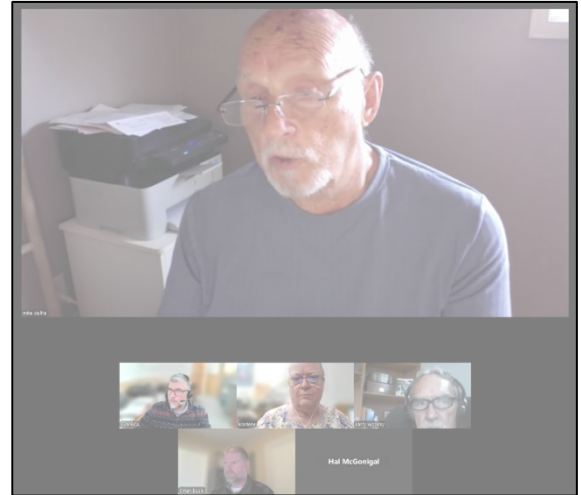
Sault Ste Marie Region SPA specific ideas for social media posts are encouraged and can be submitted by contacting Marlene or Gerard.

- Source Protection Committee Chairs Meeting Oct 8, 2024 (3pm-430 pm)
- Mike Delfre attended the September 17th Source Protection Authority (SPA) meeting located at the 5th Line SSMRCA office.
- **Water Security in the SPA**

Mike Delfre introduced and described the topic of water security specifically as it relates to food security. Netflix documentary “The Grab” was introduced and the question – ‘Is water security included in the SPC mandate?’

Water safety i.e.: having water that is safe to drink is included within the SPC mandate

Security is a slightly different thing. Security refers to having an “assured supply” of water or, in other words, who ‘owns’ the water we use?



9. **Next meeting** - Tentatively scheduled for November 21, 1pm

10. **Adjournment**

Action Items:

Date	Action Assigned	Resolution
21Apr22	Prepare draft presentation for SPA and Councils on workplan municipal endorsement	In progress