

MEETING NUMBER: 1-19
DATE: March 19, 2019
TIME: 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Hamilton Conservation Authority Office

MINUTES

SPC Attendees:

Bob Edmondson
Turlough Finan
Dan Banks
David Rodgers
Gavin Smuk
Michael Kandravv

Absent with Regrets:

Bert Andrews Proxy held by Gavin Smuk
Glenn Powell Proxy held by Turlough Finan
Dana Couture Proxy held by Dan Banks
Judi Partridge Proxy held by Gavin Smuk

Other Attendees:

Beth Forrest, Liaison, MECP
Scott Peck, Liaison, Hamilton Conservation Authority
Barb Veale, Liaison, Conservation Halton
Carmen Vega, City of Hamilton
Thomas Proks, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority
Diane Bloomfield, Conservation Halton

1. Roll Call and welcome – Bob Edmondson introduced Thomas Proks, Source Protection Project Manager at the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, and Elizabeth Forrest, our new MECP Liaison Officer
2. Disclosures of conflict of interest – None
3. Acceptance of agenda
HHSPC 19-01 Moved by Dan Banks and seconded by Gavin Smuk
That the agenda be accepted as distributed.

Carried
4. Approval of Source Protection Committee meeting minutes dated December 11, 2018
HHSPC 19-02 Moved by Michael Kandravv and seconded by Gavin Smuk
That the minutes of the December 11, 2018 meeting of the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee be approved as circulated.

Carried
5. Approval of the amended source protection plan – Diane Bloomfield

Rod Phillips, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks approved the amended source protection plan and assessment report for the Hamilton Region Source Protection Area on January 30, 2019. The amended plan took effect on February 5, 2019. Notices are being placed in the Hamilton Spectator, Dundas and Flamborough News, on the website, and it will be on conservation authority social media. Copies of the documents will be available for review at municipal clerks' offices.

6. Chair's Update – Bob Edmondson

- Bill 66, Schedule 10 – Open for Business By-law – partially due to pressure over its impact on the Clean Water Act the province has removed the schedule.
- A Chairs' conference call with Minister Rod Phillips was held – he gave his background and philosophy that the government is looking at a healthy environment balanced with a healthy economy. The Chairs explained the process of how they are appointed and laid out a business case for continuance of the program. The Chairs mentioned the World Health Organization statistic that the protection of the quality of water saved about \$556 billion world wide without the human cost and that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has determined that it is about 30 to 40% more costly

13. MECP Liaison's Update – Bilal Kidwai

- Source Protection Program Branch (SPPB) is now in the new Land and Water Division within the MECP with Ontario Parks, Species at Risk, and Great Lakes & Inland Waters. They have a new acting ADM, Bruce Bateman.
- Recently, a S.34 plan amendment proposed by Saugeen, Grey Sauble source protection region and Niagara Peninsula's S.36 work plan were approved by the Minister
- Halton-Hamilton Section 34 proposed amendment is still on the list to be approved

14. Communications update – Diane Bloomfield

- The Cable TV City Matters interview was viewed, as was a new drinking water source protection video produced by Conservation Ontario and posted on YouTube.
- Diane also reported that she presented the message of road salt impacts to source water at six Hamilton winter maintenance training sessions. About 275 contractors, part-time and full-time staff were trained. We heard from the operators that they have to adhere to the level of service set in Hamilton, which includes bare pavement in residential areas. They understand that this is excessive use of salt.
- Hamilton has a new outreach campaign about what to flush down toilets – the 3Ps, which, although not mentioning source protection, does protect source water.
- Conservation Ontario continues their outreach with the release of the video, primers, advertisements, etc. Recent products are an aggregate factsheet, municipal councillor primer, real estate magazine ad, and a spills response factsheet.

15. Source Protection News – Diane Bloomfield (for details see SP News presentation slide deck attached)

- Ontario Auditor General 2018 report outlined deficiencies with Technical Safety and Standards Authority (TSSA) regarding lack of inspections, the lack of clean-up of abandoned properties that have fuel storage/contamination, and that distributors of fuel-oil are filling leaky tanks.
- Environmental Commissioner of Ontario's 2018 Environmental Protection Report – Clean Water: Back to Basics includes a review of the source protection program. She assessed the effectiveness of the Clean Water Act and gaps in provincial laws regarding pollution of our waters. Her review was scoped and Halton-Hamilton's source protection plan was one of the plans included in her review. She made recommendations on how to improve the source protection program and fill the gaps in provincial laws that address four major sources of pollutants. These recommendations align with our plan.
- A Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan is posted on the ERO (#013-4208) for comment until January 28, 2019. It aims to address four environmental challenges – protecting our air, lakes and rivers; addressing climate change; reducing litter and waste and keeping land and soil clean; and conserving land and greenspace. It is a high level document without the details to fully understand what is proposed, however, it is aligned with some of the

Environmental Commissioner of Ontario's recommendations and the Halton-Hamilton plan policies.

- Bill 66, Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act is posted on the ERO under many numbers. Relative to source protection program is the proposed repeal of the Toxics Reduction Act, and the introduction of a new mechanism for municipalities to create an open-for-business planning by-law (ERO #013-4125). A by-law would not have to comply with prescribed provisions in the Clean Water Act, i.e. policies that use planning tools, and provisions in many other Acts. It is not expected that a by-law would impact the implementation of policies within the Halton-Hamilton plan and there is the ability to use Part IV policies in addition to planning tools to strengthen the plan.

16. Other business: Next meeting is March 19, 2019 1:30 to 4:30.

17. Adjournment