

MINUTES

HALTON-HAMILTON SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING #5-09

Hamilton Conservation Authority Administration Office
SEPTEMBER 29, 2009: 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

| SPC Attendees: | | | |
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| Peter Ashenhurst | Paul Attack | Dave Braden | Doug Cuthbert |
| Nick DiGirolamo | Susan Fielding | Turlough Finan | Adam Kuehnbaum |
| Barry Lee | Glenn Powell | Chris Shrive | Gavin Smuk |
| Jacqueline Weston | Teri Yamada | | |
| SPC Regrets: | | | |
| Melanie Horton | Margaret McCarthy | | |
| Other Attendees: | | | |
| Diane Bloomfield, Project Manager, HHSPR | Beth Coughlan, Project Assistant, HHSPR | Nicole Mathews, Medical Officer of Health Liaison | Ruth Victor, Ruth Victor & Associates |
| John Westlake, MOE Liaison | | | |

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| 1. | Roll Call & Mileage Melanie Horton proxy to Susan Fielding. | |
| 2. | Disclosures of Conflict of Interest None | |
| 3. | SPC Membership Update Mark Sproule-Jones – resignation from Source Protection Committee as Environmental Representative. The two environmental representative vacancies left by Mark | |

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| | <p>Sproule-Jones and Betty Hansen were advertised and the positions were filled by Turlough Finan and Paul Attack. Official appointment by the Source Protection Authority was on October 1, 2009.</p> <p>Staff Update: R. Hull on leave until January, 2010.</p> | |
| 4. | <p>Acceptance of Agenda as Distributed</p> <p>HHSPC 5-01 Moved by: Susan Fielding Seconded by: Peter Ashenhurst</p> <p>THAT the agenda be accepted as distributed. Carried</p> | |
| 5. | <p>Approval of Source Protection Committee Minutes dated July 27, 2009</p> <p>HHSPC 5-02 Moved by: Teri Yamada Seconded by: Glenn Powell</p> <p>Review of action items for completion. Completed with Diane Bloomfield's update on Significant Groundwater Recharge Area methodology during the meeting. Gavin Smuk indicated he had received the deLoe study regarding agricultural consumptive factors. He indicated that it is a good study and an accurate accounting of agricultural activities. Gavin indicated that the consumptive factors used in the Tier 1 water budget are representative.</p> <p>THAT the Source Protection Committee minutes of July 27, 2009 be accepted. Carried</p> | |
| 6. | <p>Delegations</p> <p>None</p> | |
| 7. | <p>Chairs' Meeting Update</p> <p>Quarterly meeting in Kingston hosted by Cataraqui. Range of topics covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding of Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship | |

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| | <p>Program (ODWSP).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of the Environment creating a Risk Management Catalog to assist with development of policies. • Deadlines/completeness of assessment reports. • Presentation of Provincial Planning Act. • Meeting with the Honourable John Gerretsen, Minister of the Environment. Topics discussed included the renewal of the stewardship program beyond 2011; funding of municipal well upgrades under the stewardship program; assessment report timelines; engagement of municipal councils and planners; bringing in other wells to the Clean Water Act. • Lake Ontario Collaborative meeting. | |
| 8. | <p>MOE Liaison Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 of 19 Source Protection committees completed a mock exercise. • Regional road show for training on Source Protection Plans to combined Halton-Hamilton, CTC and Niagara Source Protection Committees tentatively scheduled for March 1, 2010. More details to follow. • The comment period for the Ministry proposed amendments to the technical rules now closed. Will post technical rules in October. The rules will help facilitate work going forward. • Catalog of Risk Management – database the MOE is building. Tool to help with policy development. Will be on the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) in October or November for comment. • Source Protection plan draft regulation will come out in late October with a 60 day comment period. Final regulation will be released in early 2010. • The Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program (ODWSP) is in its third year of funding. There are two application periods this year of September 15th (now closed) and December 15th. Over \$11 million in applications for a \$7 million fund. \$28 million over 4 years across the Province. | <p>John Westlake provide information on mock exercises feedback.</p> <p>John Westlake follow-up on regional road show.</p> <p>John Westlake provide list of projects funded under ODWSP.</p> <p>Diane Bloomfield provide copy of letter to residents who are eligible to apply for stewardship funding.</p> |
| 9. | <p>Assessment Report Update</p> <p>Reports expected to be ready for Source Protection</p> | |

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| | <p>Committee review in late November. Technical work ongoing. Will provide reports as early as possible to Source Protection Committee for review, and will provide sufficient time for review, within reason.</p> <p>Significant Groundwater Recharge Areas (SGRAs) – explanation of delineation method chosen.</p> | |
| 10. | <p>Follow-up on Mock Planning Exercise</p> <p>Overview of mock planning exercise held on September 9th. Very engaged session. Worthwhile activity. Teri Yamada and Gavin Smuk chaired sessions. All comments compiled and put together in draft for discussion.</p> <p>Approval of the letter addressed to the Ministry of the Environment in response to the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) Registry Number 010-6726, Source Protection Plans under the <i>Clean Water Act, 2006: A Discussion Paper on Requirements for the Content and Preparation of Source Protection Plans.</i></p> <p>HHSPC 5-03 Moved by: Peter Ashenurst Seconded by: Glenn Powell</p> <p>THAT the letter addressed to the Ministry of the Environment in response to the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry Number 010-6726, Source Protection Plans under the <i>Clean Water Act, 2006: A Discussion Paper on Requirements for the Content and Preparation of Source Protection Plans</i> be accepted and staff to send final copy of letter to the EBR.</p> <p>Carried</p> | <p>Beth Coughlan provide City of Hamilton and Region of Halton comments to SPC.</p> <p>John Westlake report how the Province will collate and respond to comments.</p> <p>Diane Bloomfield send final copy of letter to EBR.</p> |
| 11. | <p>MOE/MNR Proposal – Safeguarding and Sustaining Ontario’s Water Resources for Future Generations</p> <p>Highlights of proposal. Relates to Source Protection, ties in with Clean Water Act. Comments due to Province October 4th.</p> | |
| 12. | <p>A.D. Latornell Conservation Symposium</p> <p>November 18-20th in Alliston, Ontario. http://www.latornell.ca/ for registration and information.</p> | <p>Members interested in attending are to contact Beth Coughlan</p> |

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| | Funding available for member participation | |
| 13. | <p>Roundtable</p> <p>D. Braden – Don't use acronyms, use common language. A. Kuehnbaum – Don't use acronyms, stressed importance of giving committee time to review assessment report. J. Weston – Thank you to D. Bloomfield for bringing MOE/MNR Proposal to the attention of the SPC. P. Ashenurst – Don't use people's initials in minutes, don't use acronyms. B. Lee – Approval of Ruth Victor as planning consultant. Utilize tools (i.e. risk assessment, monitoring) already in place to avoid duplication. G. Powell – Question regarding public notice period for Assessment Report– cannot change as it is legislated. N. DiGirolamo – Concern that everyone (i.e. municipalities) is dipping into ODWSP funds, how much is left for individual landowners? Engage planners in meetings. J. Westlake – Offered support to committee members on any information gaps – John is available if members have any questions. G. Smuk – Concern of Source Protection Plan regulations and the use of planning tools for moderate/low threats. Planning changes could be a contentious issue. What will municipalities do? T. Yamada – Question of Communication sub-committee existing and what role it is playing? Proposed by Chair, Doug Cuthbert, that communications subcommittee be charged with defining the public process for communications this fall/winter.</p> | <p>Jacqueline Weston and Chris Shrive provide Halton Region and City of Hamilton comments on MOE/MNR proposal.</p> <p>Beth Coughlan organize Communications sub-committee meeting</p> |
| 14. | <p>SPC Meeting Schedule</p> <p>Meeting Schedule be revised as proposed: October 29th, December 8th, March 2nd (tentative) and April 20th (tentative) SPC meetings. January 18-30th public open houses (tentative). March 1 MOE Workshop (tentative).</p> <p>HHSPC 5-05 Moved by: Adam Kuehnbaum Seconded by: Susan Fielding</p> <p>THAT the revised meeting schedule be revised as proposed.</p> | |

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| | Carried | |
| 15. | <p>Other Business</p> <p>Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Committee letter dated September 23, 2009 to Ian Smith, MOE. Concern that the MOE turned down a special projects application for funding for a goose management program.</p> | |
| 16. | <p>Comments from Attending Public</p> <p>None</p> | |
| 17. | <p>Adjournment</p> <p>HHSPC 5-06 Moved by: Barry Lee Seconded by: Glenn Powell</p> <p>THAT the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee adjourns at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Carried</p> | |

Minutes distributed by: Beth Coughlan