

MINUTES

HALTON-HAMILTON SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING #9-11

**Mountainside Room, Brant Hills Community Centre
2255 Brant Street, Burlington L7P 5C8
November 8, 2011 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm**

SPC Attendees:			
Andrea Doherty	Susan Fielding	Paul Attack	Peter Ashenurst
Gavin Smuk	Teri Yamada	Glenn Powell	Nick DiGirolamo
Doug Cuthbert	Chris Shrive	Barry Lee	
Regrets SPC/Other Regrets:			
Judi Partridge	Melanie Horton	Turlough Finan	Kathy Menyes
Dave Braden	David Simpson	Bob Edmondson	
Other Attendees:			
Diane Bloomfield Project Manager HHSPR	David King, Health Liaison	Ruth Victor, Ruth Victor & Associates	
Virginia Bancur Project Assistant HHSPR	Wesley Wright, MOE Liaison	John McIntosh, Halton Region	
Jean Williams, Conservation Halton	Roy Maxwell		

ITEM	TOPIC/DISCUSSION	ACTION REQUIRED
1.	<p>Roll Call & Mileage</p> <p>Doug welcomed everyone. Notification was given that Gavin Smuk was given proxy of Dave Braden; Teri Yamada was given proxy by Melanie Horton; Chris Shrive was given proxy by Judi Partridge; Barry Lee was given proxy by David Simpson.</p>	
2.	<p>Disclosures of Conflict of Interest – Doug Cuthbert</p> <p>None</p>	
3.	<p>Delegations – Doug Cuthbert</p> <p>None</p>	
4.	<p>Review of Agenda – Doug Cuthbert</p> <p>Acceptance of Agenda:</p> <p>HHSPC 11-42 Moved by: Peter Ashenhurst Seconded by: Chris Shrive</p> <p>THAT the agenda be accepted as printed. Carried</p>	
5.	<p>Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Management Committee Briefing – Doug Cuthbert</p> <p>Doug Cuthbert and Diane Bloomfield attended the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Management Committee meeting which includes chairs, vice-chairs and liaisons of both Conservation Halton and Hamilton Conservation Authority. Diane presented an update on the Source Protection Committee work. Financial disclosure of the Halton-Hamilton source protection program was discussed resulting in financial information from the audited statements being attached to the October 11, 2011 Source Protection Committee minutes with MOE approval. Other items discussed dealt with the submission of the plans and what happens to the source protection committee once the plans are in effect. The Management Committee will discuss future make-up of source protection committee in spring 2012.</p> <p>Wesley Wright will replace John Westlake as our MOE liaison due to personnel changes and reorganization at the MOE. Wesley reported that the MOE is working with the source protection committees on pre-consultation and to reach their goals.</p>	
6.	<p>Approval of Source Protection Committee Minutes of October 11, 2011 – Doug Cuthbert</p> <p>HHSPC 11-43 Moved by: Susan Fielding Seconded by: Chris Shrive</p> <p>THAT the Source Protection Committee minutes of October 11, 2011 be accepted as printed. Carried</p>	
7.	<p>Business Arising From Minutes – October 11, 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> David King presented his e-mail report on the information source on the number of farm wells that are contaminated. There are no data on the types of wells reported 	

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	<p>on. David's e-mail is appended to these minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The discussion on septic systems will be rescheduled when Turlough Finan is able to attend a meeting. • The additional SPC meeting was set for Wednesday, December 14, at Conservation Halton between 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm. • Diane Bloomfield reviewed certificates of approval for disinfection and contingency requirements at three waste water treatment plants – Woodward, Skyway and Oakville Southeast. The documents include itemized disinfection equipment and under Operation and Maintenance, require that a spill prevention control and countermeasures plan be included in the operations manual. The draft policy T-8-C requires MOE to review certificates of approval and ensure appropriate conditions are included that protect drinking water sources. To add clarity that the reference to leaks is for the entire works the policy was amended to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T-8-C (a) The Ministry of the Environment shall ensure that certificates of approval required for the sewage treatment plants incorporate conditions that, when implemented, will ensure that they cease to be or do not become significant drinking water threats. The conditions shall include strict criteria for effluent quality, appropriate sizing to reduce by-passes, disinfection contingencies, in addition to inspections and proactive maintenance to prevent leaks from the works. • Doug Cuthbert and Virginia Bancur attended a meeting called by Susan Self and Bev Thorpe of the CTC regarding Lake Ontario policies. Other attendees included representatives from Trent, Niagara, and associates of the CTC. Lake Ontario threat policies drafted by each Source Protection Committee were discussed. It was concluded that policies to protect Lake Ontario source water will differ between Regions due to differences in Committee focus. 	
8	<p>Proposed Updated Assessment Reports – Diane Bloomfield</p> <p>Consultation on the proposed updated Assessment Reports ends November 11, 2011. Notification letters were sent to stakeholders affected by the amendments, ie. Hamilton and Halton Region wastewater services, Trans Northern Pipelines Inc., and Suncor Energy. Comments were received from Suncor Energy. The Source Protection Committee cannot edit the reports based on comments received. The reports and comments must be given to the Source Protection Authority for submission to the MOE for formal review and approval once the comment period ends.</p> <p>A discussion was held on the Suncor tour. Some committee members do not believe that Suncor is a significant threat because the modelling that identified them as such is not appropriate. Modeling of a refined spill scenario is needed and staff will work with Suncor and the Lake Ontario Collaborative to reassess this threat. Results will be incorporated into future updates of the Assessment Reports and Plans.</p> <p>It was suggested that the committee also visit a waste water treatment plant. Discussion continued on modeling scenarios and mitigating measures for spills. Since more than 80 % of the population are on water services that draw from Lake Ontario, the Committee must complete the necessary due diligence. Committee members were reminded that the identification of a significant threat to the Lake Ontario intakes is solely based on the results of event-based modelling. Therefore, the modelled scenarios must be credible. The Explanatory Document will reflect the reality of the threat and policy development.</p>	<p>Staff to give the Proposed Updated Assessment Reports to the Source Protection Authority for their submission to the MOE.</p>

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	<p>HHSPC 11-44 Moved by: Peter Ashenhurst Seconded by: Glenn Powell</p> <p>THAT the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee endorse the proposed updated Assessment Reports, and submit them, with comments received, to the relevant Source Protection Authority for submission to the Ministry of the Environment.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	
9.	<p>Lake Ontario policy discussion and endorsement for pre-consultation – Diane Bloomfield</p> <p>A policy summary document was distributed prior to the Committee meeting for review. A brief discussion was held on policies not previously discussed. L-2-S was added based on a policy developed by the City of Guelph. The general policies that were adopted from the CTC proposed policies were given the identifier “W” and are primarily requests for MOE action.</p> <p>HHSPC 11-43 Moved by: Chris Shrive Seconded by: Teri Yamada</p> <p>THAT the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee endorse for pre-consultation the Lake Ontario policies as discussed and amended.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	
10.	<p>Pre-consultation feedback / updates on neighbouring Source Protection Area policies – Diane Bloomfield / Ruth Victor</p> <p>Other source protection regions are also pre-consulting with implementing bodies. Similar processes to ours have been followed to write policies in neighbouring Regions. Municipalities are starting to take staff reports to committee or council about pre-consultation on Source Protection Plan policies. Diane will be presenting at Milton Planning and Administration Committee meeting and be attending City of Hamilton’s General Issues Committee to assist with answering questions, all on November 14.</p> <p>Pre-consultation comments have been received from the Township of Puslinch and both Grimsby and Niagara Region have asked a few questions. OMAFRA have indicated that they will not be able to meet the November 22 pre-consultation deadline and are working toward a December 23 deadline.</p> <p>At the December 14, 2011 SPC meeting, the agency and municipal comments received will be presented for discussion. By the January 24, 2012 SPC meeting all comments will be received and follow-up completed. The SPC will discuss suggested modifications to existing policies or the writing of new policies to address the comments received during pre-consultation. Our scheduled endorsement of the draft proposed Plan for public consultation is February 21.</p> <p>Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee was a bit ahead of some of our neighbouring Regions and our policies have been reviewed and similar policies drafted, when appropriate, by the City of Guelph, County of Wellington, and Lake Erie Source Protection Region. Therefore, a high level of consistency is expected.</p> <p>Conservation Ontario has prepared “Summary of Tools and Implementing Bodies (All</p>	

