

# MINUTES

## HALTON-HAMILTON SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING #10-11

**CONSERVATION HALTON, AUDITORIUM  
2596 Britannia Road West, Burlington L7P 0G3  
December 14, 2011 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

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

ITEM	TOPIC/DISCUSSION	ACTION REQUIRED
1.	<p><b>Roll Call &amp; Mileage</b></p> <p>Doug welcomed everyone. Notification was given that Gavin Smuk was given proxy by Peter Ashenhurst; Turlough Finan was given proxy by Paul Attack and Andrea Doherty; and Judi Partridge was given proxy by Chris Shrive.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Disclosures of Conflict of Interest – Doug Cuthbert</b></p> <p>None</p>	
3.	<p><b>Delegations – Doug Cuthbert</b></p> <p>None</p>	
4.	<p><b>Review of Agenda – Doug Cuthbert</b></p> <p>Item #10. was moved up to follow item #7.</p> <p><b>Acceptance of Agenda:</b></p> <p><b>HHSPC 11-42</b> Moved by: Susan Fielding Seconded by: David Braden</p> <p><b>THAT</b> the agenda be accepted as modified. Carried</p>	
5.	<p><b>Approval of Source Protection Committee Minutes of November 8, 2011 – Doug Cuthbert</b></p> <p>The meeting number should be changed from 8 to 9.</p> <p><b>HHSPC 11-43</b> Moved by: Glenn Powell Seconded by: Nick DiGirolamo</p> <p><b>THAT</b> the Source Protection Committee minutes of November 8, 2011 be accepted as corrected. Carried</p>	
6.	<p><b>Business Arising From Minutes – November 8, 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suncor Energy was the only agency to submit comments on the Assessment Report. Their letter was submitted with the Proposed Updated Assessment Reports to the MOE on December 2, 2011. Confirmation of receipt of the reports was received.</li> <li>MOE was requested to work with SPC to have the updated Assessment Reports approved by January 25, 2012.</li> </ul>	<p>Wesley Wright was requested to inquire when we would hear back from the MOE on the Assessment Reports.</p>
7	<p><b>Consistency of Policies – CTC workshops, City of Guelph, Wellington County, Lake Erie Source Protection Region - Ruth Victor</b></p> <p>CTC workshops were discussed by those who attended. The workshops were well received and constructive. Conversations were in-depth with much information sharing. Comparisons of policy approaches within each municipality were presented at each meeting. Much consistency in policies.</p>	

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	<p><b>Policy comparisons</b></p> <p>Wellington County – similar policy approaches used, no conflict in policy directions based on existing uses</p> <p>City of Guelph – similar policy approaches used, difference in storage of waste and pesticides – Halton-Hamilton prohibit and Guelph manage, due to existing uses. Town of Milton will impose most restrictive policy where policies are not similar.</p> <p>CTC – different approaches where existing threats are different. Where a prescribed instrument is used as a tool there is also a land use policy. Education and outreach policies are prescriptive. Future threats are often prohibited. Redundancy of policy and more regulatory. Overall will be difficult to achieve compatibility.</p> <p>Staff are meeting with Hamilton and Lake Erie Source Protection Region staff in January to discuss consistency of policies. Generally our policies are similar.</p> <p>Barry Lee was a delegate at a Town of Milton committee meeting earlier and at Halton Regional Council in the morning of December 14. He spoke as a resident and not on behalf of the Source Protection Committee. Doug Cuthbert and David Simpson attended the Halton Regional Council meeting and Doug responded to Council questions.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Pre-consultation Feedback to Date (handout – pre-consultation spreadsheet as of December 6, 2011)</b></p> <p>Agency comments were to be received by November 22, 2011 and municipal comments by December 22, 2011. To date comments have been received from Township of Puslinch, City of Hamilton, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hamilton-Halton Watershed Stewardship Program, Ministry of Transportation and Hamilton Port Authority.</p> <p>David Simpson reported that a letter is being drafted by Halton Region to the Ministry of the Environment requesting an extension for submission of the Source Protection Plans until December 2011 to allow for sufficient time for policy review and commenting. They are also requesting an extension of pre-consultation to March 31, 2012 to complete their comments on the policies.</p> <p>Wesley reported that the MOE expectation is that SPCs will work toward the regulated deadline of August 20, 2012. They will review each request for extension on a case by case basis. He indicated that with a new Minister in place it may take some time to receive a response, as it is the Minister that must grant the exemption from the requirements of the Act.</p> <p>Halton-Hamilton SPC will continue following our work plan and schedule unless a favorable Ministry decision is received. All pre-consultation comments will have to be addressed and finalized for public consultation in January unless MOE agrees to an extension.</p> <p>The Hamilton Port Authority has suggesting a change in wording of the policy directing outreach toward the vessel operators rather than those that lease port lands. After further discussion it was decided to change policy O-6-N to include both vessel</p>	<p>Wesley Wright to discuss our timeline with MOE to obtain a Minister response as soon as possible and preferable by January 24<sup>th</sup> SPC meeting.</p>

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	<p>operators and lessees of the port lands.</p> <p>In addition, the Port Authority shared a copy of the Environmental Sensitivity Atlas for Lake Ontario’s Canadian Shoreline. The document is dated 1993 and requires updating as it is a good resource for those using the lake. A policy will be written requesting Environment Canada to update the atlas to include all current information gained through source protection.</p> <p>The Ministry of Transportation did not support our policy regarding application of road salt. They use best management practices everywhere and will not change their operations within wellhead protection areas. A conference call was held with Ministry staff, Chris Shrive, Tom Renic of Halton Region, Doug Cuthbert, Ruth Victor and Diane Bloomfield. We were informed that they currently have a research study underway at the works yard at the intersection of Hwy 401 and Hwy 6. It will be a few years before the results could be applied elsewhere.</p> <p>Staff have received 3 calls from private contractors in response to the private de-icing contractor pre-consultation letters sent out. One caller had taken the Smart About Salt course and suggested an accreditation program be set up by the Province of Ontario to train de-icing contractors. Insurance claims drive the amount of salt put down in a parking lot. If someone slips and falls injuring themselves, they can sue the building owners for not providing a slip free lot.</p> <p>The Source Protection Committee agreed with the revised salt management policies presented resulting from the pre-consultation.</p> <p>It has been suggested by the MOE that all plans include definitions for future and existing threats. The confusion may be with agricultural activities that may change year to year. If the activity has occurred in the past 10 years it is existing, otherwise it is considered future. It was suggested that the timeline could change in future versions of the plans.</p> <p>The Province has made changes to the Environmental Approvals Program which affects our policy text. All policies that refer to certificates of approval will be changed to the new wording of environmental compliance approvals.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Public meetings – proposed locations, format, and communications</b></p> <p>Four meeting locations have been selected for the public meetings - Greensville, Freelton/Carlisle, Milton and the mid-point of all IPZs in the Halton-Hamilton Region. Poster boards will be used along with GIS maps on a laptop computer to show landowners their land. A presentation will be available if a large number of people turn up. Time 6:30- 8:30 pm, Dates: March 19, 20, 21, 22, 2012. It was suggested we piggyback on other meetings in the areas, if possible. SPC members will promote the meetings to improve attendance.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Source Protection messaging inconsistencies (handout – Memo from Diane Bloomfield dated December 14, 2011 re Source Protection Messaging Inconsistencies)</b></p> <p>As the municipal planners are writing staff reports to Councils some inconsistencies have shown up, e.g., confusion in text of Source Protection Area and Source Protection Region. The memo will be sent to the planners to improve their understanding and to assist with future reports.</p>	

