



Halton-Hamilton
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HALTON-HAMILTON SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING #3-12

Hamilton Conservation Authority, Board Room
838 Mineral Springs Road, Ancaster L9G 4X1
May 1, 2012 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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

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6.	<p>Business Arising From Minutes – February 21, 2012</p> <p>Halton Region cancelled the meeting with staff to discuss additional comments indicating that they required more time for review.</p> <p>Staff organized a stakeholder workshop for March 20, 2012, but did not receive any confirmation of attendance from stakeholders, therefore the workshop was cancelled.</p> <p>Peter Ashenhurst sent comments regarding the Plan by March 27, 2012.</p> <p>The notification of the webcast for the municipal outreach session on Part IV implementation was sent to the SPC and SPA representatives. Those committee members who participated in the webcast for municipal outreach session on Part IV implementation reported it was informative and well done.</p>	
7	<p>Chairs Meeting, April 16, 2012- Doug Cuthbert</p> <p>Chairs and project managers met to discuss current issues. Extension requests were discussed. Halton Region and Halton Hills and 3 Source Protection Committees requested extensions. One Source Protection Authority (Grand River) is not capable of meeting the August 20, 2012 deadline for submission of the Plans due to the lack of an approved assessment report. All others are on track to meet the deadline. Halton-Hamilton is in the middle of the pack for Plan completion and public consultation.</p> <p>The Chairs met with Minister Bradley of the MOE. Issues raised included: the lack of response to extension requests; long term funding commitment from the Province; the importance of continuing the stewardship program; and better engagement of other provincial ministries and branches of MOE. The Minister requested that we proceed to meeting the deadline, and discussed the proposed Great Lakes Protection Act (Conservation Ontario has commented).</p>	
8.	<p>Public Consultation Period Results – Diane Bloomfield</p> <p>Four public meetings were held: Milton, Greensville, Hamilton, and Carlisle. Except for Carlisle, the attendance was disappointing; Milton – 1 (a farmer), Greensville – 5 (including a media person and councillor); Hamilton 4, and Carlisle 21. There were many individual discussions and Doug gave a presentation at the Carlisle meeting.</p> <p>No one submitted comments on the policies at the meetings but some were received after. Though the turn out was low, the public meetings were well organized and useful.</p> <p>Doug reported that he gave a similar presentation at the Halton Region SPA meeting. He included the outcome of the public consultation and presented on the challenges for program delivery. He discussed misinformation circulating about the program.</p>	
9.	<p>Proposed Plan Modifications – Diane Bloomfield / Ruth Victor (2 handouts – Consultation Comments Summary, Draft Plan Revisions)</p> <p>All comments received are included on the spreadsheets. Each comment was reviewed and recommendations were provided by staff for amendments, where appropriate. All recommendations were agreed to by the SPC. Some comments require additional rationale be added to the explanatory document which will be completed by staff. John Westlake clarified that the explanatory document partners with the plan but is not</p>	

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	<p>approved by the Minister.</p> <p>G-1a – Halton Region requested additional time for development of risk management plans for consistency with other Regions’ timeframes. David Simpson said interim powers (before the Plan is approved) could be used to provide this additional time. More than 2/3 of the SPC voted to maintain the policy as written and indicated that policy consistency was not needed.</p> <p>Waste policies: Discussion was tabled until additional discussion is held with Gavin and MOE. An e-mail will be sent providing the outcome.</p> <p>The MOE requested wording changes to prescribed instrument policies to include direction and allow for MOE procedural changes to be followed. Changes were made to part a of the policies. Changes were not made to part b of the policies, which require the reporting back of specific information that is necessary for the Committee to evaluate effectiveness of the policies. The Committee agreed with this approach.</p> <p>It was suggested that the approach to pesticide policy T-29-C a. be changed from prohibition to management through risk management plans to focus solely on significant threats. The existing policy captures non-significant threats and indirectly prohibits potential moderate or low threats. The Committee agreed with the change in approach and the policies will be reworded. With this change to policy T-29-C, policy T-30-S, implemented by the Niagara Escarpment Commission, is no longer needed and will be recorded as “repealed” in the Plan.</p> <p>According to the MOE, T-52-S f. is out of scope and a discussion will be added to the explanatory document.</p> <p>Suncor again commented that by requiring the stakeholders to notify each municipality and SAC that the phone lines would be tied up and this could cause confusion. It was agreed to amend the policies.</p> <p>Transition Polices –Richard Clark, Environmental Planner with Halton Region, spoke on Halton Region’s request for transitional policies. He questioned whether the threats assessment may have missed a significant threat activity and whether there will be development applications in process at the time the Plan takes effect. Staff explained that most of the threat activities were field verified and there is a high level of confidence in our results. Staff also indicated that municipal planners were asked if development applications are likely to be in-process in 2013 when the plan takes effect and the answer was no. Halton Region would like transitional policies to be included in the plan to be consistent with neighbouring SPA plans. It is staff’s opinion that these policies are unnecessary because the plan’s policies are either the same for existing and future uses or there are only future policies. There is nothing to transition to. MOE agrees that there doesn’t appear to be a need for these policies in the plan. Staff will discuss this further with Halton Region and MOE.</p>	<p>Staff to discuss waste policies with Gavin Smuk and MOE and inform the Committee of the outcomes through e-mail.</p> <p>Staff to meet with Halton Region and MOE to discuss Halton Region’s request.</p>
10.	<p>Revised Schedule – Doug Cuthbert (handout – updated schedule)</p> <p>The SPC will be drafting a letter to be sent to the SPA during the public consultation period to highlight priority topics. Committee members are to send possible items for inclusion to Doug Cuthbert and Virginia Bancur and a letter will be drafted. The letter will be sent out via e-mail and a conference call, unless discussion requires a face-to-face meeting, is scheduled for June 26 at 2 pm to finalize its content.</p> <p>It was decided that if a decision is required by the Committee outside the scheduled meetings, it will be conducted via conference call or e-mail. A Committee member should e-mail or call the Chair if a meeting is needed.</p>	

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	<p>Once the Plan has been approved by the MOE, the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee members will be transitioned in accordance with the Act.</p> <p>Meetings have been scheduled for – December 4, 2012 and April 23, 2013.</p> <p>HHSPC 12-17 Moved by: Susan Fielding Seconded by: Andrea Doherty</p> <p>THAT the revised meeting schedule be accepted as updated. Carried</p>	
11.	<p>Other Business – All</p> <p>Source Protection Funding Priorities – Chairs and project managers are on a conference call with the MOE on Friday May 4 to provide advice on priority funding in the short, moderate, and long term. The spreadsheet was e-mailed to all members and if anyone has input, they are to have it to Diane Bloomfield by Wednesday, May 2.</p>	All priority funding suggestions are to be in to Diane Bloomfield by May 2, 2012.
12.	<p>Comments from Attending Public – Doug Cuthbert</p> <p>None</p>	
13.	<p>Adjournment – Doug Cuthbert</p> <p>HHSPC 12-18 Moved by: Judi Partridge Seconded by: Glenn Powell</p> <p>That the meeting be adjourned at 4:47 pm. Carried</p>	
14.	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 15, 2012, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm at the Brant Hills Community Centre, Nelson Room.</p>	

Minutes prepared by: Virginia Bancur