

MEETING NUMBER: 1-17

DATE: February 28, 2017

TIME: 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

LOCATION: Brant Hills Community Centre, Burlington

MINUTES

SPC Attendees:

Bob Edmondson
Michael Kandravv
Judi Partridge
Gavin Smuk
Dave Braden
David Rodgers
Adam Gilmore
Nick DiGirolamo
Turlough Finan
Glenn Powell

Other Attendees:

Scott Peck, HCA
Carmen Vega, City of Hamilton
Martha Kariuki, City of Hamilton
Jen Croswell, Niagara Region
Michelle Cuomo, Centre Wellington
Jean Williams, Member, Conservation Halton
Tony Colaco, Health Liaison
Mary Wooding, MOECC Liaison
Jenn Simons, CH
Diane Bloomfield, CH

1. Roll Call – Bob introduced and welcomed Jean Williams to the meeting
2. Disclosures of Conflict of Interest – none
3. Acceptance of Agenda

HHSPC 17-1 Moved by Turlough Finan and seconded by Michael Kandravv
That the agenda be accepted as distributed. Carried

4. Approval of Source Protection Committee Meeting Minutes

HHSPC 17-2 Moved by Adam Gilmore and seconded by Glenn Powell

That the minutes of the December 13, 2016 meeting of the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee meeting be approved as circulated. Carried

5. Business Arising from December 13, 2016 SPC meeting minutes

- A link to the Husky Oil spill investigation report was provided in the approved minutes of the December 13, 2016 Source Protection Committee meeting. Michael also reported that the Saskatchewan Government is conducting their own investigation into the spill and he will report back on the findings, when available.
- Mary Wooding confirmed that nutrient management plans are neither reviewed nor approved by OMAFRA but strategies are approved. Therefore, plans are for the farmer's use only. She will check whether the MOECC inspector sees the nutrient management plan during an inspection.

ACTION: Mary Wooding to report back on whether the MOECC inspectors can see the nutrient management plan during farm inspections

- Mary Wooding is working with OMAFRA on the source protection file and will report back on OMAFRA's response to the Auditor General's recommendations on the *Nutrient Management Act* at a later date.
- The Conservation Ontario package about the EBR posting on the regulation of water bottling companies will be sent to Bob Edmondson in the next few days by Scott Peck or Diane Bloomfield. Regarding this item, Scott Peck reported that the City of Hamilton Council passed a motion at their recent meeting and it was to be sent to the Source Protection Committee. Diane Bloomfield reported that the notice has not been received. Scott Peck will follow-up.

ACTION: Scott Peck to follow up on City of Hamilton motion relating to the regulation of water bottling companies.

- Diane Bloomfield reported that the MOECC has reviewed the City of Hamilton's fuel storage and handling self report at their well water treatment plants and confirmed that this activity is not a significant threat. The e-mail received has been sent to the City.

6. SPC Chair's Update

- The eight vacant source protection committee chair positions have been filled
- MOECC is holding a one day training and re-training session for chairs at the end of March along with the regular chairs' meeting

7. MOECC Liaison's Update - No update until after the chairs' meeting

8. Annual Reporting and the Source Protection Authority's Annual Progress Report – slide deck and handouts attached – Diane Bloomfield provided an overview of the policies in the source protection plan and the status of policy implementation. She briefly discussed the source protection authority's annual progress report and the supplemental form.

Discussion

- There should be some coordination of inspections on farms since both MOECC and the risk management official are carrying out these inspections, even though for different compliance items
- Mary Wooding suggested that a presentation on the Nutrient Management Act and how inspections are done may be helpful

ACTION: Mary Wooding to present on *Nutrient Management Act* inspections

- It was questioned whether there was a decreasing trend in the number of bypasses of wastewater treatment plants. During the meeting Carmen Vega, City of Hamilton, reported that in previous years the bypasses were from primary treatment, while the ones in 2016 were from secondary treatment and therefore of better water quality. The numbers vary each year and it was suggested that this could increase due to climate change.
- Cedarvale well system chloride concentrations remained similar to the previous years and it was suggested that small efforts to reduce the amount of chloride entering the environment through plan policies could help make a difference

9. SPC Discussion – progress score and comments

- Bob Edmondson lead a discussion on Part II of the Annual Progress Report, which includes a score on plan progress to meet its objectives and source protection committee comments.
- A discussion took place regarding the score of satisfactory and whether the score should be increased to progressing well/on target. Following discussion, the Committee agreed with the score of satisfactory based on the annual reporting received from stakeholders, the policy implementation status, and the number of significant threats that have been addressed and that remain.
- Suggestions for improvement to the comment section included the following, although it was acknowledged that the Committee is limited in the number of words they can include:
 - the report should mention that this is an interim report to inform the public that this was completed a year earlier than what is mandated

- two successes and a gap that will be addressed in the next year should be added

Bob Edmondson will edit Part II based on feedback received and send it out to members of the Committee for approval prior to finalization of the source protection authorities' report.

ACTION: Bob to distribute a revised version of Part II for Committee approval

The Committee also provided comments on the remainder of the source protection authorities' report, including:

- Adding which septic systems are subject to the policy
- Readers may be confused between Hamilton Region Source Protection Area and the City of Hamilton
- Adding something on public consultation and communications
- When submitting the report to municipal clerks it should be asked that the reports be added to council agendas
- Councillor Partridge offered to include a link to the report on her website
- Place the source protection website address on the front cover
- A request was made to change the photo of the waterfall on the cover to not show the base, as this could encourage visitation and it is currently a safety issue. The cover is consistent with the assessment reports, plan and explanatory document. When these are updated the photo can be changed.
- The score given to septic inspections was discussed and the Committee agreed with the source protection authority's score of satisfactory

These comments will be considered for amendments to the report.

10. Other Business

- Nick DiGirolamo's term as agricultural representative on the source protection committee ends at the end of June
- The next meeting of the Committee will be scheduled for June with the date to be determined

11. Adjournment

HHSPC 17-3 Moved by Nick DiGirolamo

That the Source Protection Committee meeting of February 28, 2017 be adjourned.