

MEETING NUMBER: 3-17

DATE: September 19, 2017

TIME: 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

LOCATION: Hamilton Conservation Authority, 838 Mineral Springs Rd., Ancaster

MINUTES

SPC Attendees:

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

Other Attendees:

Scott Peck, HCA
Carmen Vega, City of Hamilton
Diane Bloomfield, CH
Barbara Veale, CH
Emily Vandermeulen, Centre Wellington
Jen Croswell, Niagara Region
John McMulkin, Town of Halton Hills
Bert Andrews
Tony Colaco
Mary Wooding/MOECC
Patricia Vickers, CH

1. Bob Edmondson noted that David Rodgers holds the proxy of Turlough Finan.
Introduction of Bert Andrews, SPC agricultural representative nominee with a round table of member and liaison introductions.
Introduction of guests.
2. Disclosures of Conflict of Interest – none

3. Acceptance of Agenda

HHSPC 17-08 Moved by Adam Gilmore and seconded by David Rodgers

That the agenda be accepted as distributed. Carried

4. Approval of Source Protection Committee Meeting Minutes dated June 20, 2017.

HHSPC 17-09 Moved by Michael Kandravv and seconded by Glenn Powell

That the minutes of the June 20, 2017 meeting of the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee be approved as circulated. Carried

5. Business Arising from June 20, 2017 SPC meeting minutes

Mary Wooding confirmed that MOECC inspectors review nutrient management plans during farm inspections and assess operations for compliance. She also noted that O.Reg. 287/07 requires that prescribed instruments, such as nutrient management plans, conform to source protection plan policies.

Staff were unable to arrange for a farming community representative to report back on the development of nutrient management plans at this meeting and will try for the December meeting.

Revised report sections and mapping – see item #8.

6. SPC Chair's Update – Bob Edmondson

A MOECC SPC Chairs' meeting will be held Oct. 12/13, 2017. Many of the items being addressed are those covered in the Chair's Report which was attached to the June 20, 2017 Minutes. Bob will report back at the December 12, 2017 meeting.

7. MOECC Liaison's Update – Mary Wooding

The MOECC released a new on-line Threats Tool, which replaces the 76 Tables of Circumstances. Mary Wooding received a demo and will do a demo of this for the Committee at the December meeting. This is also being presented at the Chairs meeting.

An updated version of the mapping tool, SPIA, has been released and is available to all through the website: ontario.ca. A demo of this will also be provided at the December meeting. This is a sophisticated tool, specific to source water protection vulnerable areas, and reasonably easy to use.

The MOECC has a new Minister, Chris Ballard. He was appointed in July and comes from Municipal Affairs and Housing. Mary advises no meeting has been set up yet to orient him to source protection, however, they are preparing for that meeting. Orna Salamon is still the Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, however, this position may be posted or changed.

Action: Mary Wooding to demonstrate the threats and mapping tools to the committee at the December meeting.

8. Source Protection Documents Update:

Section 34 Amendments:

We are revising our Source Protection documents to bring in the findings of the Greensville study. This is being done under Section 34 of the Clean Water Act. We consulted with the public July 11, 2017 on the results of the Greensville technical studies and both Bob and Diane were in attendance to answer questions. The City of Hamilton held a Public Information Centre (PIC) for their Class EA on the Greensville backup well and they included us so we could have our source protection table. Hamilton also included source protection in their public announcements.

We are also updating the documents under Section 51 of O.Reg. 287/07 to correct formatting, fix typos, add clarity, etc. The Section 51 update is brief as all the major updates to the legislation, etc. will be included in the Section 36 review work plan. The work plan needs to be submitted to the MOECC by Nov. 30, 2018 and therefore, we will begin developing a review plan at the Dec. 12th Source Protection Committee meeting.

Diane provided the presentation and a copy is included with these Minutes.

Action: Scott Peck to check the legal name of Hamilton Region Conservation Authority and whether Policy T-52-C/S needs correction.

Section 51 Amendments: Proposed edits included in the presentation.

The removal of references to the 76 Tables of Circumstances is the major edit. This included removal of an appendix.

Action: GIS to review the colours used on the Managed Lands maps to differentiate them more clearly. The colours were provided by the Province but a symbol could also be used.

Action: City of Hamilton has advised that FDG02 will be the name of the new Greensville well, therefore, the text and figures to be updated before public consultation.

9. Plan update next steps – Page 41 of the presentation

Staff Direction: Staff were directed to have the public consultation a minimum of 35 days. Diane will forward the information to the members when it is available and letters will go out to the public affected. The City of Hamilton has scheduled the public meeting for November 16. At the Dec. 12th meeting a report will be provided on all comments received and any proposed document changes.

Action: Diane to send notification of the Greensville public consultation and meeting details to members, when available.

Action: Diane to report back on the public consultation at the December meeting.

10. Source Protection Legal Implications for Risk Management Officials – Page 42-47 of the presentation.

Diane provided an overview of a portion of a presentation made to the Risk Management Officials on a recent conference call about “going above and beyond” and “the risk of being helpful”.

11. Source Protection News: Presentation by Diane Bloomfield is attached to these Minutes.

12. Other Business

Membership changes: this was Nick DiGirolamo’s last meeting and Bob Edmondson read a thank you from the Source Protection Authorities for his efforts. Once appointed by the Halton Region Source Protection Authority, Bert Andrews will be the new agricultural representative. Adam Gilmore has taken on a new position at Halton Region and his replacement is being recruited. Adam will remain on the source protection committee and as risk management official until the recruitment process is completed.

Mary Wooding advised that the Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation is leading the training of 15 First Nations communities on Source Water Protection planning.

Mary noted that an update on the ongoing program review and analysis will be presented at the MOECC SPC Chairs’ meeting.

Mary also noted that the MOECC is looking to improve the format of the annual reporting this year with a digital form being phased in with government ministries, such as OMAFRA and MNRF, before including the Source Protection Authorities.

Action: Mary Wooding to advise if the reporting requirements are changing.

Next Meeting: December 12, 2017 between 1:30 and 4:30 pm at Conservation Halton Administration Building, 2596 Britannia Road, West, Burlington ON.

13. Adjournment

That the Source Protection Committee meeting of September 19, 2017 be adjourned.