



Minutes of Meeting of the Essex Region Source Protection Committee (SPC) held on Wednesday, July 30, 2008, in the **Essex Civic Centre, Committee Room E, 360 Fairview Avenue West, Essex, Ontario.**

Present

Members: Robert Auger
John Barnett
David Brister (SPA Liaison)
Tom Fuerth (Chair)
Thom Hunt
Charles McLean
John Stuart

Gord Queen
Ashley Stevenson
Mario Sonogo
Larry Verbeke
Jim Vincent
David Watsa

Regrets: Anthony Leardi (SPA Alternate Liaison)
Tim Mousseau
Hans Peter Pfeifer
Andrew Pula
Richard Vantfoort (MOE Liaison)
Lou Zarlenga

Absent: Deb Bennett (Health Liaison)

Staff: Stan Taylor, Director of Source Water Protection
Candice Kondratowicz, Administrative Assistant
Rajesh Bejankiwar, Water Quality Specialist
Roger Palmi, GIS/Data Specialist
Susanne Tomkins, SWP Communications Specialist

Guests: Antonietta Giofu, Town of Amherstburg, on behalf of Lou Zarlenga
Martin Keller, on behalf of Richard Vantfoort (MOE Liaison)

Call to Order

The Chair of the SPC Tom Fuerth, called the Meeting to Order at 3:10 p.m.

The Chair noted that three present SPC Members carried proxies at this Meeting; Gord Queen carried a proxy for Tim Mousseau, Robert Auger carried a proxy for Andrew Pula, and Charles McLean held the proxy from Lou Zarlenga. David Watsa carried a proxy for Hans Peter Pfeifer, but had not yet arrived.

Three SPC Members apologized to the Chair and SPC as they had to leave prior to the completion of discussion of **Report SPC 01/08**. John Barnett left, but did not provide proxy, as one was not needed at that time. Two other SPC Members had to leave and provided proxies prior to leaving the meeting. They were; Thom Hunt who provided his proxy to Ashley Stevenson and Mario Sonogo, who gave his proxy to John Stuart.

Introductions

Antionietta Giofu, Town of Amherstburg, Watershed/Wastewater Engineer

Martin Keller, Great Lakes Project & Planning Advisor, Source Protection Programs Branch

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

None

Agenda

1. The Agenda for the Meeting of the Essex Region Source Protection Committee (SPC) held on Wednesday, July 30, 2008.

Moved by Gord Queen
Seconded by John Stuart

THAT the Agenda for the Wednesday, July 30, 2008, Meeting of the Essex Region Source Protection Committee (SPC) be approved.

- CARRIED

Minutes

1. Minutes of the Meeting of the Source Protection Committee (SPC) held on Wednesday, June 18, 2008.

Moved by Larry Verbeke
Seconded by John Barnett

THAT the Minutes for the Wednesday, June 18, 2008, Meeting of the Essex Region Source Protection Committee (SPC) be approved.

- CARRIED

Mr. Watsa had arrived, and apologized to the Chair and SPC for being late.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA), dated June 26, 2008
Re: Elements to be considered for inclusion in the Essex Region Source Protection Area Terms of Reference.

2. Letter from Citizens Environment Alliance, dated June 30, 2008
Re: Elements to be considered for inclusion in the Essex Region Source Protection Area Terms of Reference.
3. Meeting Summary from President, Bernard Nelson of the Essex County Federation of Agriculture
Re: Concerns with the Terms of Reference Draft and the Source Water Legislation

Discussion arose regarding the above received correspondence. Stan Taylor noted the intent to provide recommendations regarding these comments, along with other comments which may be received, when the Terms of Reference are dealt with in detail at the next meeting. The Chair noted the importance of responding to the various correspondence received, after the SPC considers them in the context of the Terms of Reference, as keeping an open line of communication is key.

Moved by Larry Verbeke
Seconded by John Stuart

THAT the correspondence be received, and considered at the next meeting.

- CARRIED

Delegations

None

Reports

Report SPC 01/08 – Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) Posting – MOE Draft Technical Rules & Assessment Report Regulations

A power point presentation (*attached*) was presented by Roger Palmi and Rajesh Bejankiwar to the SPC, and there was considerable discussion during the presentation. It was noted that the same presentation was given to the Municipal Working Group (MWG) on July 3, 2008. An updated list of comments regarding the material in the EBR posting was provided to the SPC (*attached*) and was discussed in detail at the meeting. The SPC provided feedback and direction to staff regarding the various points.

The comments and direction received from the SPC were indicated in the letter sent to Mr. Keith Willson of the MOE, dated August 1, 2008 (*attached*).

Other Business

1. **Draft Terms of Reference**

It was determined that the SPC should request a two (2) month extension of deadlines associated with the submission of the Terms of Reference by MOE. This deadline would enable the Source Protection Committee to fully consider and address the implications of the proposed Director's Rules, particularly with respect to potential substantial changes in the scope of work, and associated costs and timelines, and allow more time for comments from municipalities and other stake-holders.

Moved by Charles McLean
Seconded by Gord Queen

THAT the SPC request a two (2) month extension of deadlines associated with the submission of the Terms of Reference.

-CARRIED

2. **SPC 2008 Meeting Dates – (proposed revisions)**

Proposed revisions of meeting dates were provided to the SPC for the months of September and November. The proposed revisions were as follows; Thursday, September 25, 2008 and Thursday, November 20, 2008, with meeting times staying as previously approved 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Moved by Larry Verbeke
Seconded by Ashley Stevenson

THAT the proposed revisions to the September and November 2008 SPC Meeting dates be approved.

-CARRIED

It was requested that Candice Kondratowicz send the revised SPC Meeting schedule to the SPC Members via email in the near future.

3. **Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement and Related Documents**

The SPC acknowledged that they have received the documents via Canada Post. The Lake Erie Lakewide Management Plan document which was not included in the mailing, has not yet been compiled, but will be provided to the SPC sometime in the near future.

4. **Comments from Open House**

Comments were distributed for information purposes, no further discussion had occurred.

5. **Watershed Characterization - revisions**

This document was provided, with the revisions as requested by the as requested by SPC Members at the May 21, 2008 Meeting.

New Business

1. Rajesh Bejankiwar notified the SPC of a seminar that will be hosted by 'The Walkerton Clean Water Centre' on "Climate Change Impact on Water Systems" sometime in the near future. It was discussed, and determined that the Essex Region SPC should send one or more representatives to attend this seminar.

Moved by Larry Verbeke
Seconded by John Stuart

THAT the Essex Region Source Protection Committee (SPC) send one or more representatives to attend the seminar hosted by The Walkerton Clean Water Centre.

-CARRIED

Meeting Adjournment

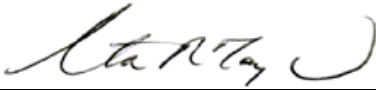
Meeting adjourned by consensus at 7:05 p.m.

Date – Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SPC was scheduled for Wednesday, August 13, 2008, in the Essex Civic Centre, Committee Room E, commencing at 3:00 p.m. **This meeting has been CANCELLED.**

The next meeting of the SPC will be held on September 25, 2008, in the Essex Civic Centre, Committee Room E, commencing at 3:00 p.m.

Conclusion of Meeting



Stan Taylor P.Eng.,
Director of Source Water Protection