



Minutes of Meeting of the Essex Region Source Protection Committee (SPC) held on **Tuesday, March 23, 2010**, in the **Essex Civic Centre, Committee Room C**, 360 Fairview Avenue West, Essex, Ontario.

PRESENT

MEMBERS: Robert Auger
John Barnett – carries proxy fo John Stuart
Tom Fuerth (Chair)
Antonietta Giofu
Thom Hunt – carries proxy for Mario Sonogo
Teresa McLellan (MOE Liaison)
Tim Mousseau – carries proxy for Charles McLean

Andrew Pula
Gord Queen
Ron Rogers (SPA Liaison)
Larry Verbeke - carries proxy for Hans Peter Pfeifer
David Watsa – carries proxy for Ashley Stevenson

REGRETS: Charles McLean
Hans Peter Pfeifer
Mario Sonogo
Ashley Stevenson
John Stuart
Jim Vincent

ABSENT: Deb Bennett (Health Liaison)

STAFF: Stan Taylor, Director of Source Water Protection
Candice Kondratowicz, Administrative Assistant
Roger Palmini, GIS/Data Specialist
Susanne Tomkins, SWP Communications Specialist

GUESTS: None

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair of the SPC, Tom Fuerth, called the Meeting to Order at 4:10 p.m.

CHAIR'S WELCOME

Chair Fuerth welcomed all the attendants to this SPC meeting.

Chair Fuerth stated that a quorum was present by way of proxies therefore the meeting can commence. The Chair noted that the follow SPC Members carry proxies at this meeting; Dave Watsa carries the proxy for Ashley Stevenson, Tim Mousseau carries the proxy for Charles McLean, Larry Verbeke carries the proxy for Hans Peter Pfeifer, and John Barnett carries the proxy for John Stuart. It was also noted that Thom Hunt carries the proxy for Mario Sonego but has not yet arrived.

It was mentioned that there was a training session in London, ON on the Source Protection Plan. Chair Fuerth some SPC/MWG members attended this session, along with Stan Taylor. It was determined that the information provided at this session was informative.

INTRODUCTIONS

None

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None

AGENDA

1. The Agenda for the Meeting of the Essex Region Source Protection Committee (SPC) held on Tuesday, March 23, 2010.

Resolution SPC 07/10

**Moved by Gord Queen
Seconded by John Barnett**

THAT the Agenda for the Tuesday, March 23, 2010, 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, January 20, 2010.

Resolution SPC 08/10

**Moved by Tim Mousseau
Seconded by Dave Watsa**

THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Source Protection Committee (SPC) held on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 and the recommendations therein be adopted as distributed.

- CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Environmental Defense & Canadian Environmental Law Association, dated January 6, 2010.
Re: Advance copy of Pollution Watch Report, Protecting the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence River Basin and Drinking Water Sources
2. Letter from Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC), dated January 11, 2010
Re: Continued interest in development of Source Water Protection Plans
3. Letter from Green Communities Canada, dated February 9, 2010
Re: Recommendation for community based private well stewardship programs
4. Letter from Ian Smith, Ministry of the Environment (MOE), dated February 23, 2010
Re: Drinking Water Threats and Federal Jurisdiction

Resolution SPC 09/10

**Moved by Gord Queen
Seconded by John Barnett**

THAT Correspondence 1 through 4 be received for SPC Members information.

- CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

None

SOURCE PROTECTION AUTHORITY (SPA) INFORMATION

1. Minutes of the Meeting of the Source Protection Authority (SPA) held on December 10, 2009

Resolution SPC 10/10

**Moved by Antonietta Giofu
Seconded by Andrew Pula**

THAT the Minutes of the December 10, 2009, Source Protection Authority (SPA), as distributed be received for information purposes.

- CARRIED

2. Reports SPA 01/10 – Draft Proposed Assessment Report and SPA 02/10 – Information on Source Protection Committee Matters

Resolution SPC 11/10

**Moved by Gord Queen
Seconded by John Barnett**

THAT the Reports SPA 01/10 and SPA 02/10, as distributed be received for information purposes.

- CARRIED

MOE LIAISON'S UPDATE

Ms McLellan provided a brief update to the SPC. Ms McLellan advised that a training session on Policy Regulations will likely be held in the Fall for the SPC to attend.

Ms McLellan informed the SPC that there is a Certificates of Approval data base that will be searchable and accessible for the SPC & other SWP Staff. She did caution the SPC that the information is not 100% up to date, but is a useful tool for finding information.

REPORTS

1. **Report SPC 03/10**– Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program

Mrs. Tomkins attended an Emergency Planners meeting in March. The Emergency Planners Annual Mock Disaster was discussed with an opportunity to create a mock disaster event near a watershed upstream of a Water Treatment Plant. It was determined that this year's mock disaster event will focus on a chemical spill around Turkey Creek & possibly a train derailment in Tecumseh.

Resolution SPC 12/10

**Moved by Gord Queen
Seconded by Tim Mousseau**

THAT the updated on the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program in Report SPC 03/10 be received for information.

- CARRIED

Thom Hunt arrives at 4:35 p.m.

2. **Report SPC 04/10** – French Languages Service Plan

Resolution SPC 13/10

**Moved by Gord Queen
Seconded by Andrew Pula**

THAT the proposed French Lanaguage Service Plan as attached to Report SPC 04/10 be endorsed.

- CARRIED

Ron Rogers arrives at 4:40 p.m.

3. **Report 05/10** – EBR Posting of MOE's Draft Regulation – Source Protection Plan Framework

The SPC reviewed & discussed comments that were received.

Resolution SPC 14/10

**Moved by Tim Mousseau
Seconded by Antonietta Giofu**

THAT the comments as attached to Report SPC 05/10 be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment as the SPC's comments on the Draft Regulation on Source Protection Plans.

- CARRIED

4. **Report SPC 06/10** – Proposed Assessment Report – Essex Region Source Protection Area

It was noted that other than comments received from the Ministry of the Environment, no comments received resulted in changes to the Proposed Assessment Report. The SPC was informed that minor editorial comments will be made to the document prior to it being posted (page numbers, typos, etc.).

Resolution SPC 15/10

**Moved by Gord Queen
Seconded by Thom Hunt**

THAT the Proposed Assessment Report be submitted to the Source Protection Authority for the purpose of required consultation and submission to the Ministry of the Environment as described in Report SPC 06/10.

- CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

1. SouthPoint Wind's 1400MW Offshore Wind Energy Project

Resolution SPC 16/10

**Moved by Gord Queen
Seconded by Thom Hunt**

THAT the information regarding South Point Wind's 1400MW Offshore Wind Energy Project be received; and further

THAT the SPC's comments regarding the proposed offshore wind energy project, as reflected in the Minutes of the meeting of September 17, 2009, also be applicable to the expanded proposal in Lake Erie in Lake St. Clair; and further,

THAT the SPC's concerns be forwarded to the Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA), the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority (LTVCA), and the Thames-Sydenham and Region Source Protection Committee.

Discussion took place regarding the proposed sites, the Green Energy Act, and the need for studies on the effects of water quality. Chair Fuerth recapped the discussion; When the Ministry of the Environment developed policies they may not have considered the possibility of windmills in the water, therefore it is not clear what current policy is in place. The discussion included concerns regarding potential effects on quality of drinking water sources, due to disturbance of sediment and other pollutants during construction, and potential spills – such as the oil or other fluids which may be contained in the turbines.

Amendment to Resolution SPC 17/10

**Moved by Larry Verbeke
Seconded by Andrew Pula**

THAT the SPC's comments be forwarded to the Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA), the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority (LTVCA), the Thames-Sydenham and Region Source Protection Committee, Ministry of the Environment (MOE), and other government agencies.

ORIGINAL MOTION AS AMENDED

THAT the information regarding SouthPoint Wind's 1400MW Offshore Wind Energy Project be received; and further,

THAT the SPC's comments regarding the proposed offshore wind energy project, as reflected in the Minutes of the meeting of September 17, 2009, also be applicable to the expanded proposal in Lake Erie in Lake St. Clair; and further,

THAT the SPC's comments be forwarded to the Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA), the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority (LTVCA), the Thames-Sydenham and Region Source Protection Committee, Ministry of the Environment (MOE), and other government agencies.

- CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

- 1 Tour of IPZs and HVAs

Resolution SPC 18/10

**Moved by Larry Verbeke
Seconded by Robert Auger**

THAT a bus tour of the IPZs and HVAs be held on Wednesday, June 2nd, 2010 as outlined above.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Resolution SPC 19/10

**Moved by Consensus
Seconded by**

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

- CARRIED

DATE – NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the SPC is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 21, 2010** in the Essex Civic Centre, Committee Room C, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

CONCLUSION OF MEETING



Stan Taylor P.Eng.,
SWP Program Manager