LAKE ERIE REGION SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 8, 2010

The following are the minutes of the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee meeting held on Thursday, July 8, 2010 at the Grand River Conservation Authority Administration Centre, 400 Clyde Road, Cambridge, ON.


Members Regrets: M. Ceschi-Smith, M. Goldberg, B. LaForme, C. Martin,

Proxy Representatives: K. Hagan (M. Ceschi-Smith)

Liaisons: A. Dale, Source Protection Authority Liaison; K. Turner, Provincial Liaison; D. Young, Public Health Liaison

Region Management Committee: C. Evanitski, LPRCA; Tom Marks, KCCA; S. Martyn, CCCA; K. Smale, CCCA

Staff: M. Anderson, GRCA; I. Bielaska, KCCA; S. Brocklebank, GRCA; J. Etienne, GRCA; E. Hodgins, Region of Waterloo; C. Jacques, LPRCA; M. Keller, GRCA; L. Minshall, GRCA; L. Moczarski, KCCA; T. Ryan, GRCA; T. Seguin, GRCA; M. Sherran, County of Oxford; A. Wong, GRCA; G. Zwiers, GRCA

Also Present: N. Chaloner, G. Padusenko (Golder)

1. **Call to Order**

   C. Ashbaugh called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. **Roll Call and Certification of Quorum – 17 Members Constitute a Quorum (2/3 of members)**

   The Recording Secretary called the roll and certified quorum.

3. **Chairman’s Remarks**

   C. Ashbaugh welcomed members, staff and guests and noted the following:

   - The Lake Erie Region Management Committee met on July 7, 2010 at the Long Point Region Conservation Authority office in Tillsonburg.
• On June 25 the Grand River Conservation Authority held their General Meeting at Byng Island Conservation Area to celebrate Byng’s 50th anniversary

• Forthcoming vulnerability information sessions will take place in Brant on July 13 and Grand Valley on July 20.

4. Review of Agenda

Moved by: L. Perrin
Seconded by: D. Murray carried unanimously

THAT the agenda for the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee Meeting of July 8, 2010 be approved as distributed.

5. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest made in relation to the matters to be dealt with.

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting – June 24, 2010

Moved by: B. Ungar
Seconded by: M. Wales carried unanimously

THAT the minutes of the previous meeting June 24, 2010 be approved as distributed.

7. Hearing of Delegations

None

8. Presentations

a) International Plowing Match – Izabela Bielaska, KCCA

Kettle Creek Conservation Authority in partnership with Catfish Creek Conservation Authority, Upper Thames River Conservation Authority, Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority and Long Point Conservation Authority will have a display tent at the 2010 Elgin-St. Thomas International Plowing Match from Tuesday, September 21 to September 25 (8:30 am to 5:30 pm). The purpose of the tent will be educating the public regarding Source Water Protection. If any Source Protection Committee members are interested in volunteering, please complete the volunteer sheet and submit it to Luiza Moczarski or Izabela Bielaska by July 30, 2010.

* R. Krueger and J. Laird joined the meeting at 1:40.

9. Correspondence

b) Copies for Members
None
c) Not Copied

None

10. Reports

a) SPC-07-10-01 Stewardship Update (verbal)

T. Ryan noted that there have been 291 projects reflecting $1.2 million in grant dollars disbursed to date. Some municipalities have taken on larger projects such as well decommissioning and connecting residents to municipal service. There are $330,000 of allocated projects not reflected in the summary. The 2007-09 funds are fully allocated, and there are $380,500 of the 2009-10 funds left to be allocated. The remaining funds are being reserved for areas that have not had sufficient opportunity to take advantage of the stewardship program and have therefore had a lower uptake.

The next step will be for the committee to review prioritization of significant threats. An application for the Early Response program will be due to the Ministry of the Environment by the end of September. To qualify for Early Response funding, an activity must be a significant threat.

M. Wales noted that septic systems represent a significant portion of the uptake and asked if it is expected that the Ministry of the Environment will be removing septic systems from the early response program. K. Turner responded that to her knowledge septic systems are eligible for the Early Response Program, but indicated that she will follow up and confirm.

b) SPC-07-10-02 Staffing Update (verbal)

M. Keller introduced Sue Brocklebank and provided an overview of Sue’s experience and background, noting that Sue brings valuable knowledge and experience to the program.

c) SPC-07-10-03 Incidental Threats

M. Keller provided an overview of Report SPC-07-10-03.

J. Oliver asked if the 375 incidental occurrences of commercial fertilizers identified in Norfolk County at the June 24 meeting will be removed from the mail-out list. M. Keller confirmed that these occurrences were removed from the table, and notification letters will not be sent for these incidental threats.

D. Parker identified that for the storage of heating oil, an insurance company inspection should make the threat negligible. M. Keller responded that the assessment of threat reduction measures will be addressed through the plan development. T. Schmidt pointed out that it is the development of effective policies that will be imperative. The infrastructure that is new now will age and in 20 years could become a threat again unless there are effective policies established.
Res. No. 52-10  Moved by: B. Ungar  Seconded by: W. Wright-Cascaden carried unanimously

THAT incidental threats on residential properties will not be enumerated in the assessment report and an explanatory note be included to explain that these significant drinking water threats are likely occurring in the source protection area, as a reminder that these threats will need to be addressed in the source protection plan.

d) SPC-07-10-04  Brant County Vulnerability, Threats and Issues

G. Zwiers provided an overview of Report SPC-07-10-04 Brant County Vulnerability, Threats and Issues.

T. Schmidt noted that the wellhead protection area delineation for Paris is quite large and overlapping a well in Ayr in the Region of Waterloo. He suggested it may be worthwhile to review this delineation.

G. Zwiers identified that the Paris wellhead protection area was established on the basis that the aquifer is bedrock and the well is run conservatively; the pumping rates are much larger than current use. T. Schmidt pointed out that the operational parameters seem excessively conservative and noted that the Region of Waterloo Middleton well has similar parameters, services ten times as many residents, and has a less extensive wellhead protection area. He expressed concern regarding impacting large areas that don’t need to be impacted and asked that the delineation be reviewed. L. Minshall identified that this can be further investigated, and identified that the vulnerability score in the 25 year time of travel is extremely low; there will be no significant threats. T. Schmidt responded that regardless of whether there are significant threats, there should be consistency between the degree of conservatism.

H. Cornwell noted that the Paris well is not the only well with a very large wellhead protection area, and pointed out that the Norwich wells are similar.

D. Murray commented that nitrate concentrations from septic systems were identified in St. George and noted that St. George is serviced by a wastewater treatment plant. G. Padusenko advised that the septic systems identified are in a rural area outside of St. George.

D. Parker identified that there is an airport in Brant County, and expressed concern that deicer is not listed as a threat. G. Zwiers responded that the airport is outside of the wellhead protection area; the location of the deicing may not occur in the wellhead protection area. D. Parker expressed concern regarding threats falling through the cracks because of where the delineation line is established.

J. Harrison pointed out that the recommended resolution is to include the information in the draft Assessment Report, and suggested that this can be taken into consideration as the process moves forward.
THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee direct staff to incorporate components of the report: Draft Source Protection Vulnerability, Issues and Threats Assessment (Golder, 2010) into the Grand River Source Protection Assessment Report.

e) SPC-07-10-05 Significant Threats Property Owner Notification Letter

M. Keller provided an overview of Report SPC-07-10-05 Significant Threats Property Owner Notification Letter.

There were no questions or comments.

f) SPC-07-10-06 Long Point Region Draft Assessment Report


J. Harrison identified that one of the most egregious threats to the Lehman Reservoir, Highway 3, has not been identified as a significant threat. Highway 3 passes over the reservoir and an accident would immediately pollute the reservoir. He pointed out that the City of Brantford has identified the Highway 403 bridge as a significant threat and elaborated that transportation corridors are not included but can be identified as a significant threat if the Source Protection Committee deems it to be so. J. Harrison stated that he believes Highway 3 is as much a threat to the Lehman Reservoir as the Highway 403 bridge is to Brantford. He expressed he believes this is a significant issue and stated that if the final Long Point Region Source Protection Area Assessment Report does not identify Highway 3 as a significant threat to the Lehman reservoir he will oppose it vigorously.

M. Keller suggested that there is a process in place by which the committee can apply to have a transportation corridor included. The process necessitates, however, that the contaminant be identified. J. Harrison suggested identifying everything that can be transported by truck.

L. Minshall added that the Cataraqui Region Source Protection Committee has recently addressed transport corridors and received approval for something similar. This will provide a basis for further investigation regarding how other regions are addressing transportation corridors.
A. Henry identified that the lack of inclusion of transportation corridors is a significant flaw in this process.

K. Turner advised that the resolution is the process by which the committee can request inclusion. She elaborated that in the new Source Protection Plan Regulation there is a clause that allows the committee to write policies about updating spill prevention and spill contingency into the plan.

Res. No. 55-10 Moved by: J. Harrison
Seconded by: L. Perrin carried unanimously

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee approve the Draft Long Point Source Protection Area Assessment Report for public consultation.

g) SPC-07-10-07 Grand River First Draft Assessment Report

M. Keller summarized that the Grand River First Draft Assessment Report is forthcoming. All systems have been presented with the exception of Ohsweken, which will be presented at the next meeting. Sections of the first draft Grand River Source Protection Area Assessment Report will be distributed to members as they are available.

11. Business Arising from Previous Meetings

I. Macdonald referred to the list of Source Protection Committee members to be made available at the public meetings and asked members what information they would like on the sheet.

A. Henry pointed out that the committee members’ names are on the website. J. Oliver noted that the members’ names, which group they represent and by whom they were appointed are also listed in the Assessment Reports.

J. Laird pointed out that consistency of messaging to public is imperative and suggested that the more generic questions should go through the Grand River Conservation Authority whereas industry specific questions, for example can go to the representative. D. Murray concurred, noting that he would prefer the response be unified. Further, because D. Murray represents 17 municipalities, he noted the volume of inquiries may be excessive in this instance.

I. Macdonald identified that while outgoing information should be uniform, he feels that he would like to receive incoming information directly.

B. Ungar suggested a generic e-mail address be used to contact members, and staff can direct the correspondence to the correct person. D. Schultz indicated that the website has info@sourcewater.ca, which could be used for this purpose.

C. Ashbaugh noted that staff will develop a handout and have it available at the next public meeting.
12. Other Business
   a) Question and Answer Period
      None

13. Closed Meeting
    Not applicable

14. Next Meeting – Thursday, August 12, 2010, 1:00 pm
    GRCA Administration Centre, 400 Clyde Road, Cambridge, ON

15. Adjourn
    The Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee meeting of July 8, 2010 adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

    Moved by: G. Rae
    Seconded by: D. Parker
    Carried unanimously

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Chair                                  Recording Secretary