The following are the minutes of the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee meeting held on Thursday, August 16, 2012 at the Grand River Conservation Authority, 400 Clyde Road, Cambridge, ON.


Members Regrets: J. Laird, P. General, D. Parker

Proxy Representatives: P. Busatto (J. Laird), M. Wales (D. Parker)

Liaisons: C. Murray (SPA Liaison), L. Ross (Provincial Liaison)

Region Management Committee: J. Farwell, GRCA; R. Geysens, LPRCA; J. Mitchell, GRCA, K. Smale S. Martyn, CCCA; E. VanHooren, KCCA

Staff: L. Heyming, GRCA; C. Jacques, LPRCA; L. Minshall, GRCA; D. Schultz, GRCA; K. Smith, GRCA; E. Stahl, WESA; J. Ogier, GRCA; E. Hodgins, Region of Waterloo, J. Deter, GRCA, G. Zwiers, GRCA, J. McIntosh, Region of Halton, A. Nix, City of Guelph, L. Stafford, City of St. Thomas, J. Sault, Mississaugas of New Credit

1. Call to Order

C. Ashbaugh called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm

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, as well as introduced and welcomed B. Strauss to the Source Protection Committee (SPC). B. Strauss shared his experiences and background with the SPC members.

C. Ashbaugh noted that August 20, 2012 marks the 5th anniversary of the appointment of the 19 SPC Chairs which took place in 2007. He informed members that the projected timelines set out in 2007 to complete the Source Protection Plans by August 20, 2012 will be achieved by the majority of the Source Protection Regions. However, due to complexities such as
cross-boundary harmonization, the Lake Erie Region was granted a formal submission deadline extension to December 31, 2012.

C. Ashbaugh expressed his appreciation to J. Farwell for chairing the harmonization meeting in Dufferin County held on July 16th at the Mono Community Centre.

4. Review of Agenda

The agenda for the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee meeting of August 16th, 2012 was approved as amended.

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 – July 5, 2012

A. Henry noted that Resolution #34-12 and #35-12 made at the July 5, 2012 SPC meeting where recorded incorrectly and were not in fact carried unanimously. K. Smith confirmed the error and advised that a revised copy of the July 5th SPC meeting minutes will be recirculated.

Res. No. 45-12 Moved by: R. Krueger
Seconded by: B. Strauss carried unanimously

THAT the minutes of the previous meeting July 5, 2012 be approved as distributed.

7. Hearing of Delegations

None

8. Presentations

None

9. Correspondence

a) Copies for Members
   
i) Correspondence from Susan Self, Chair, CTC Source Protection Committee to Craig Ashbaugh, Chair, Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee.

ii) Correspondence from Orna Salamon, Director, Source Protection Programs Branch, Ministry of Environment to Jane Mitchell, Chair, Grand River Conservation Authority and Craig Ashbaugh, Chair, Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee. Re: Approval of the Proposed Amended Grand River Assessment Report
b) Not Copied

None.

Res. No. 46-12  Moved by: A. Henry  
Seconded by: J. Oliver  
carried unanimously

THAT the correspondence be received for information.

10. Reports

a) SPC-12-08-01 - Lake Erie Source Protection Region Draft Source Protection Plan Policy Summary

E. Stahl provided an overview of report SPC-12-08-01.

Res. No. 47-12  Moved by: D. Murray  
Seconded by: P. Busatto  
carried unanimously

THAT the Source Protection Committee support continued policy development on the basis of the Draft policy direction outlined in this report, as amended where necessary based on comments from the Source Protection Committee, comments received during public consultation and direction from policy developers.

b) SPC-12-08-02 - Kettle Creek Source Protection Plan - Proposed

K. Smith provided an overview of report SPC 12-08-02.

Res. No. 48-12  Moved by: B. Strauss  
Seconded by: B. Unger  
carried unanimously

THAT the Proposed Kettle Creek Source Protection Plan and associated Explanatory Document be posted for the second consultation period starting August 17 and ending on September 17, 2012 in accordance with Section 42 of Ontario Regulation 287/07;

AND THAT the Proposed Kettle Creek Source Protection Plan and associated Explanatory Document be submitted to the Kettle Creek Source Protection Authority in accordance with Section 16 of the Clean Water Act, 2006
c) SPC-12-08-03 - Catfish Creek Source Protection Plan- Draft

K. Smith provided an overview of report SPC 12-08-03.

Res. No. 49-12  Moved by: A. Henry
                Seconded by: A. Dale  carried unanimously

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee approve the Draft Catfish Creek Source Protection Plan and associated Explanatory Document for public consultation in accordance with Section 41 of Ontario Regulation 287/07 and direct staff to commence the 35 day consultation.

d) SPC-12-08-04 - Long Point Region Source Protection Plan- Draft

K. Smith provided an overview of report SPC 12-08-04.

J. Oliver noted that the population data included in the Lake Erie Region SPP’s refers to the 2006 census information; however, 2011 census data information is now available. He felt that the Lake Erie Region SPP’s should reference the updated information. L. Minshall explained that GRCA staff will investigate what is involved with updating the census data information in the SPP’s and update the information if it can be done. She noted that this work was a fairly complex project completed by consultants and tight timelines will likely not allow for the work to be completed at this time.

Res. No. 50-12  Moved by: I. MacDonald
                Seconded by: M. Ceschi-Smith  carried unanimously

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee approve the Draft Long Point Region Source Protection Plan and associated Explanatory Document for public consultation as required by Section 41 of Ontario Regulation 287/07 and direct staff to commence the 35 day consultation.

e) SPC-12-08-05 - Grand River Source Protection Plan- Draft

E. Stahl provided an overview of report SPC 12-08-05.

T. Schmidt commended GRCA staff and municipal staff from the Region of Waterloo on their efforts in completing the Draft Waterloo Region policies. He elaborated that the region’s lawyers identified a possible legal issue that incentive programs outlined in the draft policies may be considered ‘bonusing’. E. Hodgins indicated that this applies to all four plans in the Lake Erie Region; discussions with MMAH and the MOE have been initiated to clarify the issue. Updates will be brought forth to the SPC as received.
Res. No. 51-12  Moved by: B. Unger  
Seconded by: M. Wales  
carried unanimously

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee approve the Draft Grand River Source Protection Plan and associated Explanatory Document for public consultation as required by Section 41 of Ontario Regulation 287/07 and direct staff to commence the 48 day consultation.

f) SPC-12-08-06 - Source Protection Plan Public Consultation – Summer-Fall 2012

D. Schultz provided an overview of report SPC 12-08-06.

D. Woolcott pointed out that report SPC 12-08-06 indicates that the Catfish Creek meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17 at the Brownsville Community Centre; however, September 17 falls on a Monday. D. Shultz confirmed that this is a typo in the report and that the meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 18.

Res. No. 52-12  Moved by: B. Unger  
Seconded by: A. Henry  
carried unanimously

THAT report 12-08-06 be received for information.

11. Business Arising from Previous Meetings

None

12. Other Business

Great Lakes Protection Act – teleconference

C. Ashbaugh noted that the SPC Chairs attended a teleconference hosted by the MOE regarding the Great Lakes Protection Act and were also informed of the upcoming Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund information sessions. C. Ashbaugh encouraged SPC members to attend the information sessions if possible, and explained that any interested members could contact him regarding registration information.

J. Oliver inquired if there will be webinars available as an alternate to attending the meetings. M. Wales felt confident that webinars will be offered. He added that the Great Lakes Protection Act is very ‘vague’ legislation, and encouraged SPC members to attend the meetings for more information. Additionally, it is anticipated that the available funding for initiatives under the Act will be spent quickly. A. Henry inquired if the funding must be allocated to non-profit groups and if so, is there any leverage within those policies. L. Minshall explained that funding can be granted to municipalities if a partnership with a non-profit group is involved.

City of Guelph Notice of Motion

P. Busatto provided a brief explanation on the City of Guelph’s proposed motion, regarding the development of a cost-sharing framework for cross-boundary policy implementation.
THAT the Lake Erie Source Protection Committee direct staff to explore the opportunity of developing a common policy framework for funding cost sharing between municipalities for the implementation of source water protection.

13. Closed Meeting

Not applicable

14. Next Meeting – Thursday, October 4th at 1:00 p.m.

Wellington County Museum and Archives: Aboyne Hall, 536 Wellington Rd 18, Fergus ON N1M 2W3

15. Adjourn

The Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee meeting of August 16, 2012 adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

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Chair  Recording Secretary