



**Sudbury Source Protection Committee
65th Meeting
September 8, 2020**

Held: via Turbo Meeting and Teleconference
Commenced at: 1:02 p.m.
Adjourned at: 2:44 p.m.

Present: Gerry Bilodeau, Chair
Robert Alemany
Luc Bock
Kendra Driscoll
Harry Pearce
Mike Jensen
Wendy Wisniewski
Kris Longston
Paul Javor

Also Present: Andre Frappier, RMO, City of Greater Sudbury
Jessica Brunette, RMI, City of Greater Sudbury
Richard Auld, Public Health Sudbury & Districts
Desiree Ducharme, Wahnapiatae First Nation
Olga Yudina, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Madison Keegans, Conservation Sudbury

Regrets: Michel Simard (proxy to Wendy)

Chair Bilodeau opened the meeting and took a roll call of all meeting participants. He welcomed new Member Paul Javor and Desiree Ducharme from Wahnapiatae First Nation to the meeting.

Safety Talk: Chair Bilodeau provided a safety message to members regarding road safety since there has been an increase in the occurrence of accidents this summer. He nominated Member Harry Pearce to provide the safety talk at the next meeting.

Enviro Talk: Madison acknowledged that it has been twenty years since the Walkerton Tragedy occurred. She indicated there has been great progress made in protecting drinking water including the development of the Source Protection Program. Madison nominated Member Kendra Driscoll to provide the enviro talk at the next meeting.

1. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No declarations of conflict were brought forward.

2. Approval of Rules of Procedure, Code of Conduct, and Conflict of Interest Policy

Resolution 2020-06

Bock-Wisniewski

That the Sudbury Source Protection Committee accepts the changes to the Rules of Procedure, Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest policy made on April 9, 2020.

Carried.

3. Approval of Agenda

Resolution 2020-07

Bock-Jensen

That the agenda for the September 8, 2020 Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Communication from Visitors

There was no communication from visitors.

5. Approval of Minutes

Resolution 2020-08

Pearce- Driscoll

That the minutes of the March 3, 2020 Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

Kendra asked about the Hold the Salt event that was being held by the City of Greater Sudbury. Madison indicated it has not yet been rescheduled but will let members know if they plan to hold a virtual event.

7. Source Protection Program Update

Madison provided a few program updates to committee members:

a) SPC Member Appointment

The City of Greater Sudbury recently appointed Paul Javor as a municipal representative on the committee. Paul is a Drainage Engineer in the Roads and Transportation Division at the municipality. He is the lead for the Ramsey Lake Watershed Study and Stormwater Master Plan. Paul will be appointed by the Source Protection Authority on Thursday September 10th for a term of five years.

b) Source Protection Projects Update

Madison provided an overview of Source Protection projects that are being undertaken by the City of Greater Sudbury including the Water Quantity Action Plan, Tier 3 Water Quantity Risk Assessment, Ramsey Lake Stormwater Strategy. She provided a brief update on committee projects including the Section 36 updates and education and outreach materials.

c) Annual Reporting 2020

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks recently sent out the annual reporting form for the 2020 Annual Progress Report. Most the content will remain unchanged however there were a few changes to note:

- Information for Part IV policies will be broadened to include inspection activities and results
- An option is included to provide a summary of the time spent negotiating risk management plans
- An option to share insights on the compliance process is included
- Only new education and outreach initiatives should be included in this annual report

d) Septic Re-Inspection Program

Public Health Sudbury & Districts is continuing to deliver the septic re-inspection program this year. The beginning of inspections was delayed due to the pandemic, however it is likely that all inspections will be completed by the end of the year. In total 39 septic systems require inspections in 2020, to date half have been inspected.

e) Wahnapiatae First Nation

Desiree Ducharme provided an update on behalf of Wahnapiatae First Nation. They are currently undertaking a water feasibility study to assess their drinking water sources based on the twenty year demand for the community. They have already completed a background study and have inventoried all wells and septic systems. They are moving toward the hydrogeological assessment stage where they will investigate the existing wells, complete point source testing, and look at both a community well and surface water from Lake Wanapitei as options for drinking water sources.

They are also undertaking an education and outreach project with the goal of helping landowners reduce water flow from their property in order to protect groundwater sources including the establishment of rain gardens.

Desiree will provide further updates to the committee as projects progress.

8. Education and Outreach Subcommittee Update

Madison provided a brief update on behalf of the Education and Outreach Subcommittee: In order to increase awareness of source protection in the general public and specific sectors an education subcommittee was established to aid in the creation and review of materials. The subcommittee is planning to complete information sheets on specific source protection topics to share with the general public and sectors. The topics covered will include the Walkerton Tragedy, key program partners, water treatment, and road salt.

The subcommittee is looking for other opportunities to connect with sectors directly through virtual presentations or meetings. Madison is attending a meeting with Vale to provide an overview of the program later in September.

9. Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Update

Olga Yudina provided an update on behalf of the MECP

a) Phase II Amendments to the Director's Technical Rules

The Ministry is proposing to amend the Director's Technical Rules and currently have a public posting on the Environmental Registry of Ontario. Stakeholder consultation was completed in Fall of 2019 and the Ministry incorporated the feedback from those sessions and is now undertaking public consultation.

b) Source Protection Guidance for Private Systems

The Ministry has been developing guidance to ensure that communities and individuals have the tools to protect their privately owned drinking water systems not covered under source protection plans. The guidance uses existing source protection information and program framework to manage the risks around private systems. Currently the MECP is consulting with a small group of project managers and municipalities to review the draft guidance. The guidance will be available in the spring on the Province of Ontario website. Olga will provide additional updates as the guidance document progresses.

c) Approval of Amendments

The Ministry continues to process amendments under Section 34 and Section 36. To date twenty amendments have been approved since the first round of source protection planning. Source Protection Authorities across the province are in different stages of the development of their Section 36 updates. Mattagami was most recently approved in December 2019, while others are continuing to work through those amendments for submission later in the year or in following years.

10. Risk Management Official Update

Andre Frappier provided an update from the Risk Management Official perspective. The Risk Management Office continues to operate business as usual but did make changes due to the pandemic including working from home. They are continuing to work on the source protection files and have established three risk management plans since March. Meetings with landowners have been conducted via phone and occasionally in person while respecting social distancing. They are continuing with Section 59 reviews and have received 26 applications to date in 2020.

11. Review and Approval of Section 36 Updates

Madison provided a summary of the amendments that are proposed under Section 36 of the *Clean Water Act, 2006*:

- Alignment with the amendments to the Director's Technical Rules from March 2017
- Addition of two pipeline policies
- Update to the water quality monitoring policy for issues
- Update to salt and snow and stormwater education policies
- Updates to maps for missing wells and changes to Significant Groundwater Recharge Areas

Madison reviewed the engagement activities that have been completed to date:

- Early engagement with the Source Protection Programs Branch in late 2019
- Pre-consultation with affected stakeholders in Spring 2020
- Public consultation for 35 days in Summer 2020

Comments received during public consultation were reviewed. Members did not have any additional comments or questions on the proposed amendments.

Resolution 2020-09

Bock- Wisniewski

That the Sudbury Source Protection Committee accepts the Section 36 updates as presented at the Source Protection Committee Meeting of September 8, 2020.

And further, that the Section 36 updates be brought forward to the Source Protection Authority for approval and subsequent submission to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Carried.

12. Presentation – Risk Management Planning for Salt & Snow

Andre provided members with a walkthrough of the process for establishing a risk management plan for salt and snow threats. He provided an example of a property in the Source Protection Area that has an established Risk Management Plan. He explained to members the process for identifying threats, selecting measures to include in the risk management plan and the inspection activities that are completed once the plan is established.

13. Presentation – Overview of Amendments to Technical Rules

Olga provided members with an overview of the proposed amendments to the Director's Technical Rules that are currently posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario. The amendments were posted on August 11th for a period of 90 days. She provided background on why the Rules were developed and how they are applied in the Assessment Report. She provided details on certain updates including road salt application, road salt storage, storage of snow, and fuel handling and storage.

Madison let committee members know that she would circulate a document that summarizes the proposed amendments to the Rules. She asked that committee members review the document and send any comments by Thursday October 8th so that they may be submitted to Conservation Ontario.

14. Roundtable Discussion

Chair Bilodeau asked members if there were any outstanding questions or items for discussion based on the presentations that were provided. No questions or items were raised by members.

15. Presentation – Overview of Members Roles & Responsibilities

Madison provided members with an overview of key elements of the program and key partners. She reviewed roles and responsibilities of Source Protection Committee Members including:

- Attending 2-3 meetings per year

- Contributing positively to committee discussions
- Reviewing and understanding technical materials
- Making a five year commitment to the committee
- Acting as a sector liaison
- Providing general outreach to the public and sector
- Respecting confidential information
- Following the Rules of Procedure, Conduct & Conflict of Interest Policy

16. Addendum / New Business

None.

17. Adjournment

Resolution 2020-10

Bock – Jensen

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:44pm.

Next meeting: March 2021