



Sudbury Source Protection Committee
70th Meeting
July 15, 2022

Held: Virtually via Teams

Commenced at: 10:02 a.m.

Adjourned at: 11:28 a.m.

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

Also Present: Andre Frappier, City of Greater Sudbury
Lana Haslam, City of Greater Sudbury
Beth Forrest, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)
Madison Keegans, Conservation Sudbury

Regrets: Cheryl Beam (proxy to Paul Javor)
Mike Jensen
Michel Simard (proxy to Paul Javor)
Steve Kaufman, Chairperson, Sudbury Source Protection Authority
Joel Castonguay, City of Greater Sudbury

1. Opening Remarks

Chair Bilodeau opened the meeting and welcomed members to the 70th Source Protection Committee meeting.

Safety Talk: Harry provided members with a safety talk regarding cyclists on the road including tips for drivers to ensure they are aware of cyclists. As well cyclists should wear high visibility clothing, a helmet and remain alert. Gerry nominated Luc to deliver the safety talk at the next meeting.

Enviro Talk: Madison provided members with information on how to identify blue green algae blooms, how to report suspected blooms and ways to prevent the formation of blooms. Gerry nominated Kendra to deliver the environmental talk at the next meeting.

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No declarations of conflict were brought forward.

3. Approval of Agenda

Resolution 2022-06

Javor - Bock

That the agenda for the July 15, 2022, Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

Resolution 2022-07

Driscoll - Javor

That the minutes of the March 24, 2022 Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

Madison indicated that the transfer payment agreement for the 2022-24 fiscal year has been signed since the last meeting. The Fifth Annual Progress Report was approved by the Source Protection Authority during their April meeting and submitted to the MECP by May 1st.

6. Interim Chair Election

Resolution 2022-08

That the Sudbury Source Protection Committee appoints _____ to act as Interim Chair from August 20, 2022 until the time when the process to fill the permanent Chair position has been completed by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Not passed.

The terms for Minister appointed Source Protection Committee Chairs are set to expire on August 19, 2022. It is anticipated that the process the appoint a new Chair will not be completed by the expiration date, therefore committees were encouraged to appoint an Interim Chair from amongst the nine committee members.

Members elected to appoint an Acting Chair for each meeting until a time when the MECP completes the process to fill the chair position. Paul Javor will chair the next meeting in the fall. Gerry indicated that he will not be applying to be re-appointed as Chair and thanked source protection authority staff and committee members for their hard work and dedicated to the program.

7. City of Greater Sudbury Project Updates

Andre Frappier provided an update on behalf of the Risk Management Office:

- There are currently four risk management plans in progress, three are close to being complete. The RMO/Is have been completing annual inspections for risk management plans.
- An audit of source protection road signs will be completed this fall. A street sweeping audit was completed in the spring for the Ramsey Lake area.
- A new EarthCare Minute will be airing soon and will focus on agricultural activities and their impact on drinking water sources. The municipal water buggy has been deployed at community events to discuss Water/Wastewater programs including Source Protection.
- The RMO/Is are completing a ground truthing exercise in the Valley East Wellhead Protection Areas to determine if any threats are occurring that were not originally captured in the first round of source protection planning. No additional threats have been identified to date.
- Lastly, the City of Greater Sudbury is planning to launch a new permitting system in the fall that will streamline incoming permit reviews from building and planning services.

8. Source Protection Program Update

Madison provided program updates to committee members:

a) Ramsey Lake Intake Protection Zone Update

- The boundary for the Intake Protection Zone 3 (IPZ-3) in the Ramsey Lake Drinking Water System requires an update. New development and changes to stormwater infrastructure must be captured to reflect the current conditions on the ground and capture all areas that contribute water to the intake.
- Work is underway to update the boundary and a Section 34 update will be completed for the Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan. Draft work will be reviewed at the next meeting and the source protection documents will be updated in the next fiscal year.

b) Valley East Tier 3 Update

- The City of Greater Sudbury is completing an update to the Water Quantity Risk Assessment for the Valley East Drinking Water System. A draft report was made available in March for review and comment. It is anticipated that the final report will be complete by the end of 2022. The results of the assessment will be incorporated into the Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan through a Section 34 update, in tandem with the IPZ-3 update for Ramsey Lake.

c) Ontario Road Salt Management Advisory Committee (ORSMAC)

- The committee met in March where they reviewed a social media campaign for winter salt management and changes to the Director's Technical Rules related to salt and snow threats. The committee intends to complete a comprehensive review and update of the Winter Maintenance in Salt Vulnerable Areas released in 2018.
- The committee will meet twice a year moving forward.

d) Communications Working Group

- The group met in May to review upcoming projects and campaigns. The group recently completed a summer social media campaign focusing on topics such as blue green algae blooms, septic systems and beaches.
- The group will develop materials to support the roll out of the MECP's Best Practices

for Source Protection document including information sheets for certain audiences.

e) Septic Re-Inspection Program

- The program led by Public Health Sudbury & Districts (PHSD) is underway for the 2022 season. PHSD anticipates visiting approximately 65 properties by the end of the year.

9. Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Update

Beth Forrest provided an update on behalf of the MECP

a) Section 34/36 Review

- The Ministry has received a number of Section 34 and Section 36 amendments and have continued to review these packages for early engagement, pre-consultation, public consultation and final submission.

b) Ministry Re-Organization

- The Ministry Branch has been re-organized to include the Conservation Authority Section, Program Support Section and the Source Protection Section. The re-organization was to ensure operations are as efficient as possible. In addition, after the provincial election, Minister Picinni remains the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

10. Overview of Best Practices for Source Water Protection

Madison provided an overview of the Best Practices for Source Water Protection document that was released in February. The purpose of the document provides information to drinking water system owners not currently covered under a Provincial Source Protection Plan. The document is broken into four sections:

- Identify areas where drinking water sources could be at risk
- Manage risks to drinking water sources
- Review the actions you are taking to protect drinking water sources
- Include optional drinking water sources in a source protection plan

In the Sudbury Source Protection Area approximately 15% of households do not receive municipal drinking water and rely on private sources. Outreach will be conducted to specific interest groups including campgrounds, trailer parks, small municipalities and stewardship groups.

11. Overview of Salt and Snow Director's Technical Rules

Madison provided an overview of the updated Director's Technical Rules for salt and snow threats including salt handling and storage and storage of snow.

- The updated Rules contain new thresholds with smaller quantities for salt handling and storage. Policies must be updated accordingly to address new thresholds and manage any new risks to drinking water.
- The Rules for storage of snow direct committees to consider the area in which the snow is stored. Policies must be updated to reflect the new threshold and measurements. Members indicated snow volume is an important consideration when assessing

- potential risks to drinking water.
- These updates will be incorporated into the assessment report and plan through a Section 34 update in the next fiscal year.

12. Roundtable Updates

None.

13. Adjournment

Resolution 2022-09

Pearce - Bock

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Next meeting: Late November/Early December 2022