



**Sudbury Source Protection Committee  
71<sup>st</sup> Meeting  
December 6, 2022**

**Held:** Virtually via Teams

**Commenced at:** 1:02 p.m.

**Adjourned at:** 3:27 p.m.

**Present:** Paul Javor, Acting Chair  
Cheryl Beam  
Harry Pearce  
Kendra Driscoll  
Sara Lehman

**Also Present:** Joel Castonguay, City of Greater Sudbury  
Andre Frappier, City of Greater Sudbury  
Jessica Brunette, City of Greater Sudbury  
Conor Gamelin, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Madison Keegans, Conservation Sudbury

**Regrets:** Luc Bock (proxy to Kendra Driscoll)  
Michael Loken (proxy to Cheryl Beam)  
Wendy Wisniewski (proxy to Cheryl Beam)  
Michel Simard  
Steve Kaufman, Chairperson, Sudbury Source Protection Authority  
Beth Forrest, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation & Parks  
Richard Auld, Public Health Sudbury & Districts

**1. Opening Remarks**

Madison opened the meeting and welcomed members to the 71<sup>st</sup> Source Protection Committee meeting. She introduced Paul Javor as Acting Chair for the meeting due to the vacancy in the Chair position.

**Safety Talk:** Madison provided members with tips on safe winter driving including see and be seen, matching speed to weather conditions, avoiding passing in poor conditions and slowing down and allow for extra travel time.

**Enviro Talk:** Kendra provided members with tips on how to have a greener holiday season including sending electronic gift cards, donating to charity, and ensuring proper holiday waste diversion.

## 2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No declarations of conflict were brought forward.

## 3. Approval of Agenda

### Resolution 2022-10

**Beam - Driscoll**

*That the agenda for the December 6, 2022 Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.*

**Carried.**

## 4. Approval of Minutes

### Resolution 2022-11

**Driscoll - Pearce**

*That the minutes of the July 15, 2022 Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.*

**Carried.**

## 5. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

## 6. City of Greater Sudbury Project Updates

### EarthCare Initiatives Update

Jennifer Babin-Fenske provided an update on 2022 initiatives:

- SPC feedback provided through the annual reporting process was considered.
- A new EarthCare Minute on agricultural runoff was released ([link](#)).
- An article on winter salt use was published in Green Living ([link](#)).
- Children's Water Festival took place in person in September with 700 students in attendance.
- A road salt campaign was launched in the fall. Materials on responsible salt use were circulated to businesses including a parking lot infographic with winter preparedness tips, a Smart About Salt coupon and ad, a risk management plan water protection zone map, and a salt cup flyer. In addition, 2000 salt cups will be provided to the public and businesses to demonstrate the ideal amount of salt to apply. The campaign has been promoted on social media and has led to high engagement and traffic on the City of Greater Sudbury website.

### Risk Management Official Update

Andre Frappier provided an update on risk management activities:

- The Risk Management Team continue to make progress on four remaining risk management files. These files are related to road salt activities and the handling and storage of fuel. It is anticipated the remaining files will be completed in 2023.

## 7. Wahnapiatae First Nation Update

Sara Lehman, Environmental Coordinator for Wahnapiatae First Nation provided an update:

- There has been a focus on staff development and the environmental staff has expanded over recent years.
- The community has been working towards closing the landfill and changing to a waste transfer site. They are currently in the design phase and will engage with the City of Greater Sudbury on the project.
- Regular water sampling is completed at community buildings and private residences. Water sampling is completed in partnership with mining companies at several sites.
- Other projects underway include trail refurbishment, community gardens, waste diversion, and the establishment of a protected area around Wolf Lake.
- In 2023 the community will work on source water protection planning, a water feasibility study has been completed.

## 8. Source Protection Program Update

Madison provided program updates to committee members:

### a) Source Protection Committee Chair Recruitment

- On August 20, 2022, the term for all source protection committee chairs expired and there is currently a vacancy in the chair position for the Sudbury Source Protection Committee.
- The Public Appointment Secretariat takes the lead on recruitment and posted an advertisement for the position that closed on October 3. Applications are currently being screened and consultation with the Source Protection Authority will be underway soon.

### b) Source Protection Committee Member Update

- There is currently one Public Member at Large vacancy on the committee. Two member expirations upcoming in 2023. Madison will complete recruitment to fill the three positions in Spring 2023.

### c) Ontario Road Salt Management Advisory Committee (ORSMAC)

- The committee met in November where they heard a presentation on a pilot project for technology that tracks salt application. 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 November to review upcoming projects and campaigns. The group heard a presentation from the City of Greater Sudbury on their Salt Cup Campaign.
- The group reviewed the [Salt Responsibly Campaign](#) developed by a sub-working group. The campaign consists of multiple components including social media posts, a road salt story map, online resources, and salt bin stickers. The stickers include information on ways to reduce road salt use. The campaign runs from November 30, 2022 until March 8, 2023.

### e) Septic Re-Inspection Program

- The program led by Public Health Sudbury & Districts (PHSD) is complete for 2022 and 61 septic systems were visited with no issues identified.

f) [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 second draft report was made available for review and comment in early November. Once the report is finalized, the committee will review the results in more detail and source protection documents will be updated accordingly.

g) [CELA Report – Safe Drinking Water for All](#)

- Canadian Environmental Law Association released a report “Safe Drinking Water for All – 20 Years after the Walkerton Inquiry Reports. The report evaluated the implementation of the 121 recommendations made by Justice O’Connor through his inquiry into the Walkerton Tragedy.
- The report provides a recommendation to focus on the small or private systems not currently covered in a source protection plan.

h) [Bill 23 – More Homes Built Faster](#)

- Passed on November 28, 2022, this Bill supports the Province’s goal of building 1.5 million homes over the next ten years.
- The *Clean Water Act, 2006* is not specifically mentioned.
- It is not anticipated that the conservation authority’s role in delivering the Drinking Water Source Protection Program will change, the program remains as part of the core programs and services.
- Any impacts on because of the Bill 23 will be relayed to the committee as required.

## **9. Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Update**

An update will be provided at the next meeting.

## **10. Review of Ramsey Lake IPZ-3 Update**

### **Resolution 2022-12**

*That the Sudbury Source Protection Committee accepts the proposed amendments to the Ramsey Lake Intake Protection Zone 3 as outlined in the staff report titled ‘Ramsey Lake Intake Protection Zone 3 Update’ dated November 22, 2022 and presented at the meeting of December 6, 2022.*

*And further, that the proposed amendments be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for early engagement.*

### **Not passed.**

Madison provided an overview of the update to the Intake Protection Zone 3 (IPZ-3) mapping for the Ramsey Lake Drinking Water System. The update was completed on a subwatershed basis and considered new development such as roads and stormwater infrastructure and other natural features that could transport water to the intake. The updated IPZ-3 included an additional 2.69km<sup>2</sup> and 113 parcels.

Members suggested that the mapping should incorporate future development areas and approved draft development plans to ensure that the mapping remains current. Since the amendment process is lengthy, members suggested taking a proactive approach to updating the source protection documents.

At the next meeting an updated draft that incorporates this feedback will be provided for review and approval. Once approved the mapping will be submitted to the MECP for early engagement.

## **11. Review of Draft Salt and Snow Policies**

### **Resolution 2022-13**

**Beam - Driscoll**

*That the Sudbury Source Protection Committee receive the staff report titled 'Salt and Snow Policy Updates' dated November 22, 2022, as information.*

*And further, that direction be provided to staff to update salt and snow policies to align with the 2021 Director's Technical Rules.*

Madison provided members with an overview of the changes to the Director's Technical Rules for the handling and storage of road salt and the storage of snow. Members reviewed and provided feedback on potential policy updates. Madison will consider feedback and further consult with the Risk Management Official to update salt and snow policies for the next meeting.

## **12. Roundtable Updates**

None.

## **13. New Business**

The next meeting will take place in March 2023, Madison will provide a poll to members in the new year to select a meeting date.

## **14. Adjournment**

### **Resolution 2022-14**

**Beam - Pearce**

*That we do now adjourn.*

**Carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

**Next meeting: Late March 2023**