



CONSERVATION SUDBURY

Sudbury Source Protection Committee 74th Meeting January 30, 2024

Held: Provincial Board Room A and virtually via Teams

Commenced at: 1:03 p.m.

Adjourned at: 2:58 p.m.

Present: Paul Javor, Acting Chair
Amanda Hey
Drew MacDonald
Harry Pearce
Jessica Brunette
Kendra Driscoll
Wendy Wisniewski

Also Present: Joel Castonguay, City of Greater Sudbury
Andre Frappier, City of Greater Sudbury
Ian Granthien, City of Greater Sudbury
Jennifer Babin-Fenske, City of Greater Sudbury
Madison Keegans, Conservation Sudbury

Regrets: Luc Bock
Sara Lehman
Richard Auld, Public Health Sudbury & Districts

1. Opening Remarks

Madison opened the meeting and welcomed members to the 74th Source Protection Committee meeting.

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No declarations of conflict of interest were brought forward.

3. Approval of Agenda

Resolution 2024-01

Pearce - Hey

That the agenda for the January 30, 2024, Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

Resolution 2024-02

Driscoll - Pearce

That the minutes of the April 4, 2023 Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

5. Resolution September 2023 – Source Protection Plan Amendments

Resolution 2024-03

Wisniewski - Pearce

That the Sudbury Source Protection Committee ratify and affirm Resolution 2023-06 passed by circulation on September 13, 2023.

That the Sudbury Source Protection Committee accept the updates to the Sudbury Source Protection Plan and Assessment Report and that the amended documents be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for early engagement review.

Carried.

6. Roundtable – SPC Member Introductions

Members provided a brief introduction including their sector represented and work experience.

7. City of Greater Sudbury Project Updates

EarthCare Update

- Jennifer Babin-Fenske provided an update on EarthCare activities that were carried out in 2023 including the Children’s Water Festival with source protection activities. The promotion of responsible salt use to homeowners and businesses was completed including distribution of an information package with a salt cup and promotion of Smart About Salt Training. EarthCare Minutes on source protection topics air on CTV including salt, toxic waste disposal, stormwater management and agricultural waste.

8. Source Protection Program Update

Madison provided program updates to committee members:

Source Protection Committee Memberships

- Madison provided an overview of committee memberships including the dates for the end of terms. One member vacancy is upcoming in 2024, the Chair position remains vacant.

2024-27 Workplan

- A workplan for 2024-27 fiscal year was submitted to the MECP in January. Madison provided members with a summary of new activities that were included in the application:
 - Technical work to update the Valley East Tier 3 Water Quantity Risk Assessment.
 - A climate change pilot project for the Ramsey Lake Drinking Water System.
 - Outreach activities related to the Best Practices for Source Water Protection with a focus on Northern Ontario.

- A technical pilot project with Laurentian University related to sodium inputs in the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area.

9. Source Protection Plan Updates

Resolution 2024-04

That the Sudbury Source Protection Committee accept the updates to the Sudbury Source Protection Plan and Assessment Report as presented and that the amended documents be circulated to implementing bodies for pre-consultation.

Deferred.

Madison provided an overview of the proposed policy changes based on early engagement feedback from the MECP. The committee reviewed the following updates:

- Changes to Tier 3 Water Budget and Water Quantity Risk Assessment maps for the Valley Drinking Water System. The maps will incorporate delineations for 'I Well' which was not included in the original risk assessment update.
- A new dense non-aqueous phase liquid policy was proposed to manage existing and future threats in the Intake Protection Zones 2 and 3 for Ramsey Lake with a risk management plan.
- A new fuel policy was proposed to manage home heating oil tanks in the Wellhead Protection Areas A and B and in the Intake Protection Zone 1. Existing and future above grade storage in the Wellhead Protection Areas would be managed through a risk management plan. Future below grade and partially below grade storage would be prohibited.
- Minor administrative changes to the salt and snow policies were proposed to provide clarification on the thresholds that would be managed by the polies.

Members were unable to reach a consensus regarding the proposed policy tools to manage home heating oil tanks. Members directed staff to further discuss policy implementation with the Risk Management Office and provide updated policies via email. Resolution 2024-04 will be passed via circulation and ratified at the next meeting.

10. New Business

The next meeting will take place late March/early April. Madison will send a poll to members to determine availability.

11. Adjournment

Resolution 2024-05

Wisniewski – MacDonald

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.