



CONSERVATION SUDBURY

Sudbury Source Protection Committee 75th Meeting March 28, 2024

Held: Provincial Board Room A and virtually via Teams

Commenced at: 1:02 p.m. **Adjourned at:** 3:02 p.m.

Present: Amanda Hey, Acting Chair
Paul Javor
Harry Pearce
Jessica Brunette
Luc Bock
Wendy Wisniewski

Also Present: Joel Castonguay, City of Greater Sudbury
Andre Frappier, City of Greater Sudbury
Lana Haslam, City of Greater Sudbury
Dr. John Gunn, Laurentian University
Dr. George Jacoub, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Monika Lemke, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Madison Keegans, Conservation Sudbury

Regrets: Drew MacDonald
Kendra Driscoll (proxy to Luc Bock)
Sara Lehman

1. Opening Remarks

Madison opened the meeting and welcomed members to the 75th Source Protection Committee meeting. Madison welcomed guest presenter Dr. John Gunn and guests from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Dr. George Jacoub and Monika Lemke. She acknowledged Amanda Hey as Acting Chair for the meeting.

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No declarations of conflict of interest were brought forward.

3. Approval of Agenda

Resolution 2024-06

Wisniewski - Pearce

That the agenda for the March 28, 2024, Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

Resolution 2024-07

Brunette - Wisniewski

That the minutes of the January 30, 2024, Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

5. Resolution September 2023 – Source Protection Plan Amendments

Resolution 2024-08

Brunette - Pearce

That the Sudbury Source Protection Committee ratify and affirm Resolution 2024-04 passed by circulation on February 27, 2024.

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.

Carried.

6. City of Greater Sudbury Project Updates

None.

7. Source Protection Program Update

Madison provided a brief program update to committee members:

Letter – Phase out of Free Private Well Testing

- A letter was circulated to Source Protection Committees from Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley regarding the recommended phase out of free well water testing in the 2023 Auditor General's Report.
- The testing is available through Public Health Ontario and includes E. coli and total coliforms.
- Approximately 15% of the population in the Sudbury Source Protection Area rely on private drinking water systems and would be impacted by the removal of the free testing.
- Members were interested in how many residents are participating in the free private water testing in the Sudbury Source Protection Area. It was suggested that a letter of support be drafted to indicate the importance of maintaining the program in some capacity.

8. Past, Present and Future of Lake Laurentian and its Watershed

Dr. John Gunn presented on a project conducted by the Vale Living with Lakes Centre at Laurentian University in the Lake Laurentian Subwatershed. The project included biodiversity assessments, water quality assessments, a review of historical data, and recommendations for future work in the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area. Information on the federal government's goal to conserve 30 percent of Canada's land and water by 2030 was discussed.

9. Review of Seventh Annual Progress Report

Resolution 2024-09

Wisniewski - Pearce

That the Sudbury Source Protection Committee accepts the Seventh Annual Progress Report, including any remarks discussed at the Source Protection Committee Meeting of March 28, 2024.

And further, that the Annual Report be brought forward to the Source Protection Authority for approval and subsequent submission to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks by May 1, 2024.

Carried.

Review of 2023 Activities

Madison provided an overview of the activities from 2023 including:

- Summary of policy implementation
- The Septic Inspection Program
- Risk Management Plans
- Prescribed Instruments
- Education and Outreach

All sections of the Seventh Annual Progress Report were assigned a score of progressing well/on target. The Source Protection Committee highlighted the following:

- 100% of significant threat policies have been implemented.
- All required existing significant threats have been managed with a risk management plan.
- Completion of the Tier 3 Water Quantity Risk Assessment for the Valley Drinking Water System.
- Education and outreach initiatives including the Municipal Road Salt Campaign.

Feedback for Implementing Bodies

Members discussed the outreach initiatives conducted in 2023 and provided feedback for implementing bodies for future initiatives related to home heating oil storage and road salt campaigns.

10. Review of Source Protection Plan Pre-Consultation Comments

Madison provided a summary of pre-consultation comments from the City of Greater Sudbury and the MECP on the proposed amendments to the Source Protection Plan and Assessment Report. Additional impervious surface area evaluations for each drinking water system will be completed before moving on to public consultation, updated maps will be reviewed at the next meeting.

11. New Business

The next meeting will take place in June. Madison will send a poll to members to determine availability.

12. Adjournment

Resolution 2024-10

Brunette - Wisniewski

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.