



**CONSERVATION
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**Sudbury Source Protection Committee
76th Meeting
February 13, 2025**

Held: Provincial Board Room A and virtually via Teams

Commenced at: 1:00 p.m.

Adjourned at: 2:46 p.m.

Present: Amanda Hey, Acting Chair (proxy to Harry Pearce)
Harry Pearce
Jessica Brunette
Drew MacDonald
Kayla Schmidt
Wendy Wisniewski

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

Regrets: Luc Bock (proxy to Wendy Wisniewski)
Kendra Driscoll (proxy to Wendy Wisniewski)
Sara Lehman

1. Opening Remarks

Madison opened the meeting and welcomed members to the 76th Source Protection Committee meeting. Madison introduced new committee member Kayla Schmidt and members did a roundtable introduction. Madison 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 2025-01

MacDonald-Wisniewski

That the agenda for the February 13, 2025, Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

Resolution 2025-02

Brunette - Pearce

That the minutes of the March 28, 2024, Sudbury Source Protection Committee meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

5. City of Greater Sudbury Project Updates

a. EarthCare Updates

- Jennifer provided updates related to the EarthCare Program. EarthCare Minutes are aired throughout the year on a variety of environmental topics including Source Protection related information such as agricultural waste.
- EarthCare publishes Green Living articles on a variety of environmental topics including Source Protection. EarthCare hosted the Children's Water festival with 25 booths on a variety of water related topics.
- A road salt campaign was launched at the end of 2024 with a focus on businesses to provide information on how to reduce the amount of salt being applied.

b. Risk Management Official Updates

- Andre provided an overview of the progress made on risk management plans in 2024, there are no outstanding risk management plans required. Andre provided details on certain risk management plan files within the Ramsey Lake Drinking Water System.
- Andre provided an overview of the Ramsey Lake Monitoring Project, in 2024 five new locations were added to the sampling program for a total of seven sites that are monitored for sodium and chloride.
- In 2024 the City of Greater Sudbury conducted an audit of the parcels that could be impacted by policy F5EF-RMP related to home heating oil tanks. 70 parcels were identified as potentially storing fuel in the wellhead protection areas.

6. Source Protection Program Update

a. SPC Membership

- Madison provided an overview of the current committee membership, there are three upcoming expirations and one vacancy to fill. Madison will advertise for all positions in March.
- The Chair position remains vacant, the MECF recently consulted with the Source Protection Authority on a potential candidate.

b. Section 51 Amendment

- Madison provided an overview of the amendment that will be required to correct an error in the Source Protection Plan.
- A Section 51 Amendment allows for minor/typographical errors to be corrected without the requirement for consultation or approval from MECF.
- The amendment will remove a policy that is listed as applicable in the Ramsey Lake Issue Contributing Area. The Explanatory Document and past SPC meeting minutes outline the intent and applicable areas for the policy.
- The amendment will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.

7. Source Protection Committee Member Updates

a. Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition

- Amanda provided an overview of the Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition (OSPC), a group that is seeking provincial action on salt pollution to protect water.
- The Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance is part of the group along with several environmental NGOs across Ontario. The OSPC is requesting endorsement from municipal councils to support the cause at a provincial scale.

8. Section 34 Amendment Updates

a. Impervious Surfaces Evaluation Results

- Madison provided an overview of the impervious surfaces evaluation that was completed for all drinking water systems. The evaluation was completed as a result of pre-consultation comments received from the MECP. The evaluation determines the risk associated with road salt application by calculating the percentage of impervious surface in a particular area.
- The evaluation was conducted for the Garson, Falconbridge, Dowling, Onaping, Valley East, Wanapitei, and Vermilion Drinking Water Systems. The evaluations followed the requirements of the 2021 Rules.
- The results of the evaluation identified a significant risk in the Philippe Wellhead Protection Area in the Valley East Drinking Water System. Policy Sa3EF-RMP was amended to include the new area where road salt application will be managed.

b. Review of Public Consultation Materials

- Committee members reviewed public consultation materials related to the Section 34 Amendment. Feedback was provided on the draft correspondence and information sheet that will be circulated to homeowners using home heating oil tanks.
- Committee members provided several comments including using less technical language to engage with the public. Madison will incorporate feedback and circulate updated materials to members.

9. New Business

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

10. Adjournment

Resolution 2025-03

MacDonald-Wisniewski

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.