



LAKE ERIE REGION SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 7, 2019
Time: 1:00 pm
Location: Auditorium
Grand River Conservation Authority
400 Clyde Road, Box 729
Cambridge, ON N1R 5W6

Members Present A. Dale (interim Chair), P. Emerson, A. Henry, C. Hill, E. Hodgins, K. Hunsberger, J. Kirchin, R. Krueger, I. Macdonald, T. Nevills, P. Rider, J. Sepulis, B. Strauss, B. Ungar, D. Woolcott

Members Absent B. Carberry, H. Cornwell, P. General, C. Jamieson, L. Perrin, G. Schneider, M. Wales, P. Wilson, W. Wright-Cascaden

Liaisons O. Yudina (Provincial Liaison)

Proxy Representatives M. Elder (J. Oliver), P. Emerson (B. Carberry), E. Hodgins (P. Wilson), B. Ungar (H. Cornwell, G. Schneider, M. Wales),

Staff S. Cooke, J. Farwell, I. Feldmann, E. Hayman, M. Keller, L. Stocco

1. Call to Order

A. Dale called the meeting to order at 1:03pm.

2. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum – 17 Members Constitute a Quorum (2/3 of Members plus Chair)

The Recording Secretary called the roll and certified a quorum with 20 members present.

3. Chair's Remarks

A. Dale shared with the committee that W. Wright-Cascaden's recovery is progressing well. W. Wright-Cascaden participated in a source protection committee chairs teleconference on January 21, 2019 with Rod Phillips, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. The Minister is aware that a lot of valued work has been done as part of source protection program and that public awareness is good. The chairs emphasized the importance of source protection plans and presented a business case to the Minister providing benefits of the program. The chairs also urged funding to protect

the core-based program and expressed concern that the program does not cover all vulnerable populations, e.g., schools and northern communities. The Minister was sympathetic to the issues brought forward and the chairs offered to provide further information to the Minister.

4. Review of Agenda

Res. No. 1-19

Moved By B. Ungar

Seconded By B. Strauss

THAT the agenda of February 7, 2019 be approved as distributed.

Carried

5. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interests made in relation to the matters to be dealt with.

6. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Res. No. 2-19

Moved By R. Krueger

Seconded By P. Emerson

THAT the minutes of the previous meeting on December 6, 2018 be approved as circulated.

Carried

7. Hearing of Delegations

None

8. Presentations

None

9. Correspondence LATE STARTER

9.1 RE: Source Water Protection Committee Meeting and the Jet Fuel Spill into Mill Creek

Correspondence from Laura Murr to Ilona Feldmann, Source Protection Program Assistant, Lake Erie Source Protection Region.

M. Keller reported that the correspondence was an email received on Wednesday February 6, 2019. M. Keller responded to Ms. Murr that Lake Erie Region staff would bring a report to the committee in the near future with a more fulsome response to her concerns.

The jet fuel spill occurred along Highway 401 and made its way into Mill Creek. The Region of Waterloo was notified of the spill and shut down their GUDI wells immediately.

Lake Erie Region staff will bring a follow-up report to the committee once there is a more complete picture of the event, and will at that point discuss if there is something to be done from a committee perspective.

C. Hill asked where the spill occurred. S. Cooke provided a map of the spill location and Mill Creek and commented that the ministry focussed clean-up efforts at the point of the spill; however, some of the fuel moved into Mill Creek and downstream into the GRCA's reservoir. The ministry does not think it reached the Grand River. S. Cooke reviewed actions taken by the ministry once a spill occurs.

E. Hodgins commented the Region of Waterloo's Cambridge wells were shut off (2 wells) following the spill. J. Sepulis shared that Puslinch.ca has periodic updates on the matter and asked M. Keller if the committee should see Lake Erie Region's email response to Ms. Murr. M. Keller replied that the email response did not provide anything further than informing Ms. Murr that her email was included in the SPC agenda as a correspondence item and that a report will be brought back to a future SPC meeting.

10. Reports

10.1 SPC-19-02-01 Source Protection Program Update

M. Keller presented report SPC-19-02-01. J. Sepulis asked when a management framework will be in place for the Tier 3 models. M. Keller responded that a timeline has not been established. Lake Erie Region is considering requesting further provincial funding to continue developing the pilot studies. It will likely take months to years before a governance and management framework is in place.

Res. No. 3-19

Moved By J. Kirchin

Seconded By A. Henry

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-19-02-01 – Source Protection Program Update – for information.

Carried

10.2 SPC-19-02-02 Progress Report Grand River

M. Keller presented SPC-19-02-02.

Res. No. 4-19

Moved By I. Macdonald

Seconded By T. Nevills

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-19-02-02 – Progress Report Grand River Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan Update – for information.

Carried

10.3 SPC-19-02-03 Draft Updated Bundled Grand River Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan: Municipal and Non-municipal Sections

M. Keller presented SPC-19-02-03. P. Rider asked if the Explanatory Document will be updated as part of the plan update. M. Keller replied that the Explanatory Document will be updated in collaboration with municipalities. The document is not legally part of the source protection plan but it will be submitted to the ministry along with the updated plan.

Res. No. 5-19

Moved By B. Ungar

Seconded By A. Henry

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-19-02-03 – S.34 Draft Updated Bundled Grand River Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan: Municipal and Non-municipal Sections – for information.

Carried

10.4 SPC-19-02-04 Proposed Open-For-Business Planning By-law (ERO #013-4125)

M. Keller presented report SPC-19-02-04. J. Kirchin suggested that the second recommendation be that committee endorse staff comments. A revision was made to the resolution. B. Strauss was pleased that Schedule 10 was removed and thanked Lake Erie Region staff for providing comments.

Res. No. 6-19

Moved By M. Elder

Seconded By J. Sepulis

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-19-02-04 – Proposed Open-For-Business Planning By-law (ERO #013-4125) – for information.

AND THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee endorse staff comments sent to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing with respect to ERO #013-4125 Proposed Open-For-Business Planning By-law on January 18, 2019.

Carried

10.5 SPC-19-02-05 A Made In Ontario Environment Plan (ERO #013-4208)

M. Keller presented report SPC-19-02-05.

Res. No. 7-19

Moved By P. Rider

Seconded By B. Strauss

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-19-02-05 – A Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan – for information

AND THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee direct staff to submit a letter to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks with respect to ERO #013-4208 A Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan in support of staff comments sent January 28, 2019.

Carried

11. Business Arising from Previous Meetings

There was no business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

11.1 Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee request under Technical Rule 119, from February 3, 2011, Re: rehabilitation activities at an aggregate operation within a vulnerable area of a municipal drinking water system that allows ponding of water.

12. Other Business

None

13. Closed Meeting

Not applicable

14. Next SPC Meeting

April 4, 2019 at 1:00pm, Grand River Conservation Authority, 400 Clyde Rd., Cambridge.

15. Adjourn

The Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee meeting of February 7, 2019 adjourned at 2:30pm.

Res. No. 8-19

Moved By M. Elder

Seconded By J. Kirchin

THAT the Lake Erie Source Protection Committee meeting of February 7, 2019 be adjourned.

Carried

Chair

Recording Secretary