



Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee

Minutes

Date: March 3, 2016
Time: 1:00 pm
Location: Auditorium
Grand River Conservation Authority
400 Clyde Road, Box 729
Cambridge, ON N1R 5W6

Members Present W. Wright-Cascaden (Acting Chair), A. Dale, K. Hunsberger, J. Kirchin, R. Krueger, I. Macdonald, D. Murray, D. Parker, L. Perrin, P. Rider, G. Schneider, B. Strauss, B. Ungar, M. Wales, P. Wilson, D. Woolcot

Members Absent H. Cornwell, P. General, R. Haggart, A. Henry, C. Jonathan, J. Oliver, T. Schmidt,

Proxy Representatives K. Hunsberger (R. Haggart), L. Perrin (A. Henry), P. Rider (T. Schmidt), P. Wilson (J. Oliver)

Liaisons H. Jowett (SPA Liaison), E. Forrest (Provincial Liaison), D. Young (Public Health Liaison)

Region Management M. Columbus (LPRCA), C. Evanitski (LPRCA), J. Farwell (GRCA), K. Smale (CCCA), E. VanHooren (KKCA)

Staff J. Etienne, I. Feldmann, M. Keller

1. Call to Order

W. Wright-Cascaden called the meeting to order at 1:02pm

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 19 members present.

3. Chair's Remarks

W. Wright-Cascaden welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and introduced the new Grand River Source Protection Authority Chair, Helen Jowett.

W. Wright-Cascaden recently participated in an Annual Progress Report teleconference, attended a Lake Erie Source Protection Region Management Committee meeting, January 25, 2016 and took part in a meeting held by the Wellington Water Watchers February 18, 2016.

4. Review of Agenda

Res. No. 01-16
Moved By B. Strauss
Seconded By B. Ungar

THAT the agenda of March 3, 2016 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 - December 3, 2015

W. Wright-Cascade noted the spelling of M. Wales' surname and date on the minutes heading were incorrect.

Res. No. 02-16
Moved By L. Perrin
Seconded By P. Rider

THAT the minutes of the previous meeting on December 3, 2015 be approved as amended.

Carried

7. Hearing of Delegations

None

8. Presentations

None

9. Correspondence

a) Copied

- i. Correspondence from Glen Murray, Minister of the Environment and Climate to Chief M. Bryan LaForme, Mississaugas of New Credit First Nation regarding approval of the Grand River Source Protection Plan.
- ii. Correspondence from Glen Murray, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change to Chief G. Ava Hill, Six Nations of the Grand regarding approval of the Grand River Source Protection Plan

b) Not Copied

None

Res. No. 03-16
Moved By M. Wales
Seconded By R. Krueger

THAT the Correspondence be received as information.

Carried

10. Reports

10.1 SPC-16-03-01 Program Update

M. Keller presented report SPC-16-03-01. M. Keller added that GRCA staff would like to send an online survey to committee members to determine their level of interest in remaining on the committee; the survey would help inform on the future size and configuration of the SPC. D. Parker shared his resignation from the committee, effective March 6, 2016. W. Wright-Cascaden respected the decision and thanked D. Parker for his service on the committee and input in developing the Source Protection Plans.

M. Keller clarified that specific projects proposed in the draft 2016/17 Lake Erie Source Protection Region Business Plan are tied to specific water systems - with the exception of one study which will be a regional assessment.

W. Wright-Cascaden asked committee members how they share committee content and discussions with their constituents. G. Schneider and M. Wales responded that constituents receive information if relevant; I. Macdonald shares information through a newsletter when appropriate; B. Strauss produces a report for council and K. Hunsberger reports to constituents monthly. W. Wright-Cascaden indicated that this information will be shared with the Lake Erie Region Management Committee.

Res. No. 04-16
Moved By J. Kirchin
Seconded By I. Macdonald

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-16-03-01 - Source Protection Program Update - for information.

Carried

10.2 SPC-16-03-02 Water Quantity Update

J. Etienne reported on SPC-16-03-02. J. Etienne added that the process to write a guidance document for model management has commenced. A tool will be developed for Tier 3 studies to regularly update the information and keep the models relevant. A pilot study will be conducted to help inform on applications that come forward, e.g. permits to take water.

D. Murray expressed concern with the December 31, 2017 deadline for the completion of the Guelph/Guelph-Eramosa Risk Management Measures Evaluation Process (RMMEP). J. Etienne responded that the townships are well aware of the challenges but are trying to respect MOECC's request to complete the work. A draft Terms of Reference has been put forward.

Res. No. 05-16
Moved By R. Krueger
Seconded By A. Dale

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receive report SPC-16-03-02 – Lake Erie Region Water Quantity Update for Simcoe, the Region of Waterloo, the City of Guelph, the Township of Guelph-Eramosa, the Town of Centre Wellington and Whitemans Creek – for information.

Carried

10.3 SPC-16-03-03 Deconstructing the Proposed Annual Progress Report Reportables and Performance Measures

M. Keller presented report SPC-16-03-03. GRCA staff reviewed the proposed Annual Progress Report reportables and determined that 13 of those reportables fulfill legislative requirements (O. Reg. 287/07 s.65); M. Keller will ask the Ministry why only 13 mandatory reportables were included in the Annual Progress Reporting framework. The Source Protection Authority may consider it advisable to include some of the remaining 40 reportables considered "additional." M. Keller welcomed feedback from committee members on the Annual Progress Reporting framework and staff-level analysis.

E. Forrest, M. Keller and W. Wright-Cascaden discussed how only a subset of the reportables found in the RMO Annual Report appear in the proposed Annual Progress Reporting framework. M. Keller shared that the Lake Erie Region will produce four Annual Progress Reports, one for each Source Protection Area. E. Forrest added that the final reporting framework will be consistent across the Province with one standard reporting template. However, there will be more flexibility with regard to the public-facing report.

M. Keller reviewed the proposed Annual Progress Reporting framework with the committee, explaining that in total, there are 53 reportables. Of those 53, 13 are mandatory. The other 40 reportables GRCA staff considered additional - nine of which would be fairly easy to report on. W. Wright-Cascaden observed that for some Source Protection Regions, the Annual Progress Report could be very onerous because they have additional monitoring policies. W. Wright-Cascaden questioned whether the Lake Erie Region will be obligated to report to the same level as other Source Protection Regions. E. Forrest acknowledged that there are monitoring policy differences among plans; in developing the framework, MOECC tried to include reportables that would apply to Source Protection Regions across the Province. MOECC is still in the process of receiving comments and suggestions regarding the December 2015 proposed annual progress reporting framework.

Res. No. 06-16
Moved By B. Ungar
Seconded By L. Perrin

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-16-03-03 – Deconstructing the Proposed Annual Progress Report Reportables and Performance Measures – for information.

Carried

11. Business Arising from Previous Meetings

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

E. Forrest shared that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is compiling and reviewing comments; the results of that review may satisfy committee concerns. E. Forrest will keep the committee apprised of that review process. P. Rider reminded members that the committee submitted a letter regarding this issue over five years ago and has yet to receive a response. E. Forrest will share the committee's request for a response timeline with MOECC.

12. Other Business

12.1 Planning for Health, Prosperity and Growth in the Greater Golden Horseshoe 2015-2041 Executive Summary December 2015

W. Wright-Cascaden attended a meeting that reviewed recommendations of the Advisory Panel on the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, the Greenbelt Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and the Niagara Escarpment Plan. The meeting was chaired by D. Crombie. The recommendations were part of a report included in the March 3, 2016 Source Protection Committee meeting agenda package. The Report contained 90 recommendations based on five themes. During the meeting, the panel only addressed one question regarding the greenbelt: that the expansion of the greenbelt should be viewed as a multilayer protection of water.

12.2 Question and Answer Period

M. Keller shared that the GRCA will not be attending the Great Lakes Guardians' Council meeting, March 22, 2016; MOECC's focus has shifted to the west of Lake Erie. B. Ungar added that the GLASSI target area is to the west of the Grand River watershed.

D. Woolcot asked how recent news articles regarding road salt contamination in streams ties into the Source Water Protection Program. M. Keller replied that there have been discussions among source protection staff and the Region of Waterloo to explore how to link Regional initiatives with water management and source protection. I. Macdonald added that the Region of Waterloo is conducting a number of studies examining salt concentrations in surface and groundwater.

13. Closed Meeting

Not applicable

14. Next SPC Meeting

June 2 (tentative), 2016 at 1:00pm, Grand River Conservation Authority, 400 Clyde Road, Cambridge, ON

15. Adjourn

The Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee meeting of March 3, 2016 adjourned at 3:25pm.

Res. No. 07-16

Moved By D. Parker

Seconded By M. Wales

THAT the Lake Erie Source Protection Committee meeting of March 3, 2016 be adjourned.

Carried

Chair

Recording Secretary