



LAKE ERIE REGION SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 21, 2018
Time: 1:00 pm
Location: Auditorium
Grand River Conservation Authority
400 Clyde Road, Box 729
Cambridge, ON N1R 5W6

Members Present W. Wright-Cascaden (Chair), H. Cornwell, A. Dale, P. General, R. Haggart, A. Henry, C. Hill, E. Hodgins, K. Hunsberger, J. Kirchin, R. Krueger, T. Nevills, L. Perrin, P. Rider, G. Schneider, J. Sepulis, B. Strauss, B. Ungar, M. Wales, P. Wilson, D. Woolcott

Members Absent B. Carberry, C. Jonathan, I. Macdonald, J. Oliver

Liaisons O. Yudina (Provincial Liaison)

Proxy Representatives M. Elder (J. Oliver), E. Hodgins (I. Macdonald), M. Wales (B. Carberry)

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

1. Call to Order

W. Wright-Cascaden 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 23 members present.

3. Chair's Remarks

W. Wright-Cascaden provided highlights the Province's annual reporting summary and felt that implementation is progressing well in Kettle Creek and Catfish Creek.

W. Wright-Cascaden introduced Mary Elder - proxy for Jim Oliver.

4. Review of Agenda

M. Wales suggested that the Source Protection Committee (SPC) have a brief discussion at the end of the meeting about the future of the program under a conservative government.

Res. No. 11-18
Moved By M. Wales
Seconded By B. Strauss

THAT the agenda of June 21, 2018 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. 12-18
Moved By A. Dale
Seconded By B. Ungar

THAT the minutes of the previous meeting on April 5, 2018 be approved as circulated.

Carried

7. Hearing of Delegations

None

8. Presentations

None

9. Correspondence

Res. No. 13-18
Moved By A. Henry
Seconded By T. Nevills

THAT the Correspondence be received as information.

Carried

10. Reports

10.1 SPC-18-06-01 Source Protection Program Update

M. Keller noted that several of the presentations have been shortened in the interest of time.

M. Keller presented report SPC-18-06-01. R. Haggart asked if Lake Erie Region staff anticipate new wells coming online in the next year. M. Keller responded that the regulation changes require system owners to notify the Source Protection Authority (SPA) of their intent to expand or add a new system. Once source protection work is complete, the SPA will provide a notice to the system owner that the work is completed. Moving forward Lake Erie Region will likely

need to align source protection plan updates with specific municipalities as work on new or expanding drinking water systems is needed.

Res. No. 14-18
Moved By R. Krueger
Seconded By J. Kirchin

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-18-06-01 - Source Protection Program Update - for information.

Carried

10.2 SPC-18-06-02 Proposed SPC Member Terms of Appointment

I. Feldmann presented report SPC-18-06-02. A. Henry asked if the upcoming municipal election would affect the nomination of SPC municipal members. M. Keller replied that councils could still technically nominate new members. However, it is unlikely that Lake Erie Region staff will receive council resolutions before the New Year (2019); A. Henry agreed.

Res. No. 15-18
Moved By L. Perrin
Seconded By B. Ungar

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-18-06-02 - Proposed SPC Member Terms of Appointment - for information.

Carried

10.3 SPC-18-06-03 Guelph/Guelph-Eramosa Water Quantity Policy Development Study

M. Keller presented report SPC-18-06-03. A. Dale commented on the places to grow population targets for the City of Guelph and questioned which population growth scenarios were used in the Tier 3 model. Asked if Dolime is being pumped into the river and is it available for re-capture. M. Keller confirmed but could not respond about ability to recapture.

Res. No. 16-18
Moved By J. Sepulis
Seconded By P. Rider

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-18-06-03 - Source Protection Program Update - for information.

AND THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee direct Lake Erie Region staff to continue to work with the Project Team, with input from the Implementing Municipal Group (IMG) and Community Liaison Group (CLG), to develop water quantity policies for the Guelph-Guelph/Eramosa WHPA-Q and IPZ-Q.

Carried

10.4 SPC-18-06-04 Progress Report Grand River

M. Keller presented report SPC-18-06-04.

Res. No. 17-18
Moved By M. Wales
Seconded By B. Ungar

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-18-06-04 – Progress Report Grand River Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan Update – for information.

Carried

10.5 SPC-18-06-05 Lynden Water Quality Technical Study

S. Strynatka presented report SPC-18-06-05.

Res. No. 18-18
Moved By A. Dale
Seconded By J. Kirchin

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-18-06-05 – Lynden Water Quality Wellhead Protection Area Technical Study - for information.

AND THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee direct staff to incorporate the results of the Lynden Water Quality Wellhead Protection Area Technical Study into the Draft Updated Grand River Watershed Assessment Report.

Carried

10.6 SPC-18-06-06 St. George Water Quality Technical Study

S. Strynatka presented report SPC-18-06-06.

Res. No. 19-18
Moved By R. Krueger
Seconded By L. Perrin

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-18-06-06 — St. George Water Quality Wellhead Protection Area Technical Study - for information.

AND THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee direct staff to incorporate the results of the St. George Water Quality Wellhead Protection Area Technical Study into the Draft Updated Grand River Watershed Assessment Report.

Carried

10.7 SPC-18-06-07 Re-Evaluating Issues in Mt. Pleasant, Bethel and St. George

E. Hayman presented report SPC-18-06-07. E. Hodgins asked if there are policies in the Grand River Source Protection Plan that directs a municipality to work with/engage farmers. M. Keller responded that report SPC-18-06-07 recommends that the County continue to monitor nitrate concentrations at the St. George wellfield. The County of Brant section of the source protection plan

includes policies that specifically speak to the reduction in fertilizer use through education and outreach, but it is not specific to the St. George wellfield. Lake Erie Region staff may follow-up with the County of Brant to determine if a wellfield-specific policy is warranted.

A. Dale has commented that there has been development in the business park near the Bethel wellfield over the past year, and asked if the development was dry industry; E. Hayman was aware of a stormwater management pond and an Adidas facility within the park. M. Keller felt it was a fair assumption to assume that the development it is dry industry.

Res. No. 20-18

Moved By A. Henry

Seconded By E. Hodgins

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-18-06-07 – Re-evaluating Issues in Mt. Pleasant, Bethel and St. George - for information.

AND THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee support the staff recommendation to remove the Mt. Pleasant wellfield chloride ICA and the Bethel wellfield nitrate ICA from the Grand River Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan.

AND THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee recommends that the County of Brant continue to monitor and report on nitrate concentrations at the St. George wellfield.

Carried

10.8 SPC-18-06-08 Bright Water Quality Technical Study

S. Strynatka presented report SPC-18-06-08.

Res. No. 21-18

Moved By B. Strauss

Seconded By L. Perrin

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-18-06-08 – Bright Water Quality WHPA Update Technical Study - for information.

AND THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee direct staff to incorporate the results of the Bright Water Quality WHPA Update Technical Study into the Draft Updated Grand River Watershed Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan.

Carried

10.9 SPC-18-06-09 Region of Waterloo Water Quality Technical Study

S. Strynatka presented report SPC-18-06-09.

Res. No. 22-18

Moved By E. Hodgins

Seconded By A. Dale

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-18-06-09– Region of Waterloo Water Quality WHPA Technical Study - for information.

AND THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee direct staff to incorporate the updated Region of Waterloo WHPAs into the Draft Updated Grand River Watershed Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan.

Carried

10.10 SPC-18-06-10 Whitemans Tier 3 Water Budget and Local Area Risk Assessment

S. Shifflett presented report SPC-18-06-10.

Res. No. 23-18

Moved By T. Nevills

Seconded By L. Perrin

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee direct staff to incorporate the components of the report entitled Whitemans Creek Tier Three Local Area Water Budget and Risk Assessment (Earthfx Inc. May 2018) into an Updated Grand River Source Protection Area Assessment Report.

Carried

10.11 SPC-18-06-11 Draft Updated Grand River Assessment Report: Region of Waterloo Tier 3 Water Budget and Local Area Risk Assessment

M. Keller presented report SPC-18-06-11.

Res. No. 24-18

Moved By B. Ungar

Seconded By B. Strauss

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-18-06-11 – Draft Updated Grand River Assessment Report: Region of Waterloo Tier 3 Water Budget and Local Area Risk Assessment – for information.

Carried

10.12 SPC-18-06-12 Draft Updated Grand River Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan: County of Grey

M. Keller presented report SPC-18-06-12.

Res. No. 25-18

Moved By J. Sepulis

Seconded By T. Nevills

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-18-06-12 – Draft Updated Grand River Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan: County of Grey – for information.

Carried

10.13 SPC-18-06-13 Draft Updated Grand River Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan: Dufferin County

M. Keller presented report SPC-18-06-13.

Res. No. 26-18

Moved By A. Henry

Seconded By R. Krueger

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-18-06-13 – Draft Updated Grand River Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan: Dufferin County – 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.

No further update.

12. Other Business

B. Ungar left the meeting at 3:08pm.

M. Wales shared that the incoming provincial government has announced their intention to cut environmental programs and questioned if the source protection program may be at risk. M. Keller replied that Lake Erie Region's source protection funding is secure until the end of the fiscal year, March 2019, and has not received any indications from the province that cuts are imminent. R. Haggart asked if the chairs have been discussing this issue with the province. W. Wright-Cascaden responded that a chairs teleconference was held at the end of May 2018 - there will be a face-to-face meeting in October 2018. Chairs also have access to an online forum, however, to this point there have not been any posts/discussions regarding the financial future of the program. It is anticipated that the chairs will have an opportunity to speak with the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) during the October chairs and program managers meeting. The source protection program has been moved to the province's Policies and Programs Branch. The chairs felt that the move put the source protection program into a stronger more permanent position with. R. Haggart suggested that W. Wright-Cascaden initiate a discussion among the chairs regarding the financial future of the program.

O. Yudina commented that the province acts as the caretaker of the source protection program. The Source Protection Programs Branch is waiting for direction from the new government.

A. Dale added that the program was primarily funded by the province, now the source of funding is shifting to the municipalities. There may be a possibility that the program is downloaded to the municipalities.

W. Wright-Cascaden will share the committee's concerns about downloading the program to the municipalities and the strength and future of the program with the chairs

in the next two weeks. M. Wales felt that W. Wright-Cascaden captured the committee's concerns and thought it would be good for the chairs to have a conversation with the Minister before the October chairs and program managers meeting. W. Wright-Cascaden will keep the committee up-to-date over the summer regarding any correspondence with the Minister.

E. Hodgins expressed concern about the recent regulation changes under the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002* and the *Clean Water Act, 2006*, specifically the increased responsibilities of the committee and potentially the increased number of committee meetings.

R. Haggart shared his resignation from the committee. W. Wright-Cascaden thanked R. Haggart on behalf of the committee.

13. Closed Meeting

Not applicable

14. Next SPC Meeting

October 4, 2018 at 1:00pm, Grand River Conservation Authority, 400 Clyde Rd., Cambridge.

15. Adjourn

The Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee meeting of June 21, 2018 adjourned at 3:25pm.

Res. No. 27-18

Moved By P. General

Seconded By L. Perrin

THAT the Lake Erie Source Protection Committee meeting of June 21, 2018 be adjourned.

Carried

Chair

Recording Secretary