

# LAKE ERIE REGION SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

# **MEETING MINUTES**

Date:	October 4, 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), B. Carberry, H. Cornwell, A. Dale, P. Emerson, P. General, E. Hodgins, K. Hunsberger, R. Krueger, I. Macdonald, T. Nevills, M. Elder, L. Perrin, P. Rider, G. Schneider, J. Sepulis, B. Strauss, B. Ungar, M. Wales, D. Woolcott
Members Absent	A. Henry, C. Hill, C. Jamieson, J. Kirchin, P. Wilson
Liaisons	A. DeLauriers (Provincial Liaison), C. Komorowski (Health Liaison)
Proxy Representatives	M. Elder (J. Oliver and P. Wilson), P. General (C. Hill), E. Hodgins (J. Kirchin)
Staff	I. Feldmann, M. Keller, S. Strynatka, E. Hayman

# 1. Call to Order

W. Wright-Cascaden called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

# 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 22 members present.

#### 3. Chair's Remarks

W. Wright-Cascaden introduced two new committee members: Paul Emerson (Brant, Brantford, and Hamilton) and Cathie Jamieson (Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation). G. Schneider was also re-appointed to the committee as an aggregate member.

Source protection committee chairs across the province sent a joint letter to Rod Phillips, Minster of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in July 2018. The face-to-face chairs meeting typically held in the fall has been replaced with a chairs teleconference on October 30, 2018.

# 4. Review of Agenda

#### *Res. No. 28-18* Moved By M. Wales Seconded By B. Ungar

THAT the agenda of October 4, 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. 29-18* Moved By A. Dale Seconded By R. Krueger

THAT the minutes of the previous meeting on June 21, 2018 be approved as circulated.

Carried

#### 7. Hearing of Delegations

None

#### 8. Presentations

None

9. Correspondence

*Res. No. 30-18* Moved By B. Strauss Seconded By B. Ungar

THAT Correspondence from John Williamson, Cataraqui Source Protection Committee, on behalf of the 19 Chairs of the Source Protection Committees to the Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, be received as information.

Carried

#### 10. Reports

#### 10.1 SPC-18-10-01 Source Protection Program Update

M. Keller presented report SPC-18-10-01. E. Hodgins asked if Lake Erie Region staff have received any feedback from the province regarding the S.34 update timeline for Brant County, the City of Hamilton and County of Grey; M. Keller had not received any feedback from the province.

*Res. No. 31-18* Moved By J. Sepulis Seconded By L. Perrin THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-18-10-01 – Source Protection Program Update – for information.

#### Carried

#### **10.2** SPC-18-10-02 Proposed Source Protection Committee Meeting Schedule

M. Keller presented report SPC-18-10-02. The January 17, 2019 Source Protection Committee (SPC) meeting has been rescheduled to February 7, 2019.

*Res. No. 32-18* Moved By M. Elder Seconded By I. Macdonald

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-18-10-02 – Proposed Source Protection Committee Meeting Schedule - for information.

Carried

# 10.3 SPC-18-10-03 Interim Source Protection Committee Chair

M. Keller presented report SPC-18-10-03. W. Wright-Cascaden will miss the December 6, 2018 SPC meeting, and potentially the February 7, 2019 meeting as well. W. Wright-Cascaden will select an interim chair to act on her behalf in her absence.

*Res. No. 33-18* Moved By T. Nevills Seconded By M. Wales

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-18-10-03 –Interim Source Protection Committee Chair – for information.

Carried

#### 10.4 SPC-18-10-04 Section 36 Catfish Creek and Kettle Creek Workplans

M. Keller presented report SPC-18-10-04.

*Res. No. 34-18* Moved By B. Ungar Seconded By L. Perrin

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-18-10-04 – Section 36 Catfish Creek and Kettle Creek Workplans – for information;

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee releases the Workplan for Comprehensive Review and Update of the Catfish Creek Source Protection Plan to the Catfish Creek Source Protection Authority for submission to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks;

AND THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee releases the Workplan for Comprehensive Review and Update of the Kettle Creek Source Protection Plan to the Kettle Creek Source Protection Authority for submission to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Carried

#### 10.5 SPC-18-10-05 Progress Report Grand River

M. Keller presented report SPC-18-10-05.

# Res. No. 35-18 Moved By A. Dale Seconded By H. Cornwell

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-18-10-05 – Progress Report Grand River Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan Update – for information.

Carried

# 10.6 SPC-18-10-06 Bethel Water Quality Technical Study

E. Hayman presented report SPC-18-10-06.

*Res. No. 36-18* Moved By B. Strauss Seconded By L. Perrin

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-18-10-06 – Bethel 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 Bethel Water Quality WHPA Update Technical Study into the Draft Updated Grand River Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan.

Carried

# 10.7 SPC-18-10-07 Mount Pleasant Water Quality Technical Study

E. Hayman presented report SPC-18-10-07. A. Dale questioned if the black fields on the map presented were ginseng. E. Hayman confirmed that there is a lot of ginseng in the area.

*Res. No. 37-18* Moved By P. Emerson Seconded By A. Dale

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-18-10-07 – Mt. Pleasant 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 Mt. Pleasant Water Quality WHPA Update Technical

Study into the Draft Updated Grand River Watershed Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan.

#### Carried

# 10.8 SPC-18-10-08 Draft Updated Grand River Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan: City of Hamilton and Oxford County

M. Keller presented report SPC-18-10-08.

# *Res. No. 38-18* Moved By E. Hodgins Seconded By I. Macdonald

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-18-10-08 – Draft Updated Grand River Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan: City of Hamilton and Oxford County – for information.

# Carried

# 10.9 SPC-18-10-09 Draft Updated Grand River Assessment Report: Non-municipal Sections

M. Keller presented report SPC-18-10-09. M. Keller noted that agenda packages including reports with large attachments will be less bulky for future SPC meetings. Complete updated Grand River Source Protection Plan sections will be available on eScribe separate from the agenda package.

*Res. No. 39-18* Moved By J. Sepulis Seconded By M. Wales

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-18-10-09 – Draft Updated Grand River Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan: Non-municipal Sections – 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.

M. Keller shared that the Guelph-Guelph/Eramosa Project Team recently met with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) regarding water quantity policy development. The purpose of the meeting was to clarify and discuss if and how a Prescribed Instrument under the *Aggregate Resources Act, 1990* (ARA) could be used in the development of water quantity policies. The MNRF is restricted regarding how they can implement a Prescribed Instrument policy. The MNRF was open to further discussions with the Project Team as water quantity policy development continues. The Project Team believes that using a Prescribed

Instrument under the ARA can be used effectively to manage significant water quantity threats.

W. Wright-Cascaden added that a few members of the committee had a meeting with the MNRF about a year ago. At the time, there was a consensus to use the ARA as a tool. M. Keller added that the recent meeting with the MNRF builds on the meeting from a year ago.

H. Cornwell asked about ponding occurring in the Bethel wellfield. M. Keller commented that the Bethel wellfield does have a pond that creates a pathway for water from the pond to reach the well. In that case the concerns are mainly around water quality. In terms of water quantity with respect to quarry sites where extraction has or could breach the aquitard protecting a municipal drinking water source, the goal is to figure out a way to use a Prescribed Instrument under the ARA to prevent water from the quarry site from reaching a municipal well once extraction and dewatering stops. The dewatering volume is a concern because it is not available to be used by the municipality.

G. Schneider agreed with M. Keller's comments and wanted to participate as a committee member in any future discussions with the MNRF. M. Keller added that the Bethel wellfield has overburden wells and no protective layer therefore surface water can more easily reach the wells. For quarry situations where a protective layer is present, the aim is to determine where the layer is located and ensure that it is not breached.

# 12. Other Business

None

13. Closed Meeting

Not applicable

# 14. Next SPC Meeting

December 6, 2018 at 1:00pm, Grand River Conservation Authority, 400 Clyde Rd., Cambridge.

# 15. Adjourn

The Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee meeting of October 4, 2018 adjourned at 2:18pm.

*Res. No. 40-18* Moved By R. Krueger Seconded By B. Strauss

THAT the Lake Erie Source Protection Committee meeting of October 4, 2018 be adjourned.

Carried

Chair

Recording Secretary