



LAKE ERIE REGION SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 4, 2019
Time: 1:00 pm
Location: Auditorium
Grand River Conservation Authority
400 Clyde Road, Box 729
Cambridge, ON N1R 5W6

Members Present B. Carberry, H. Cornwell, A. Dale, P. Emerson, P. General, A. Henry, C. Hill, K. Hunsberger, C. Jamieson, J. Kirchin, I. Macdonald, T. Nevills, L. Perrin, P. Rider, G. Schneider, J. Sepulis, B. Strauss, B. Ungar, M. Wales, P. Wilson, D. Woolcott
Members Absent E. Hodgins, R. Krueger
Liaisons O. Yudina (Provincial Liaison)
Proxy Representatives I. Macdonald (R. Krueger), P. Rider (E. Hodgins)
Staff J. Farwell, I. Feldmann, E. Hayman, M. Keller, S. Strynatka

1. Call to Order

W. Wright-Cascaden called the meeting to order at 1:01pm.

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 24 members present.

3. Chair's Remarks

W. Wright-Cascaden thanked A. Dale for his recent role as acting Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee Chair and welcomed Ryan Taylor as the new municipal representative for Norfolk County and Haldimand County.

4. Review of Agenda

Res. No. 9-19
Moved By I. Macdonald
Seconded By A. Henry

THAT the agenda of April 4, 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. 10-19

Moved By B. Ungar

Seconded By B. Strauss

THAT the minutes of the previous meeting on February 7, 2019 be approved as circulated.

Carried

7. Hearing of Delegations

8. Presentations

9. Correspondence

10. Reports

10.1 SPC-19-04-01 Source Protection Program Update

M. Keller presented report SPC-19-04-01. J. Sepulis thanked Lake Erie Region staff for including Wellington County in the model management discussions.

Res. No. 11-19

Moved By J. Kirchin

Seconded By A. Dale

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-19-04-01 – Source Protection Program Update – for information.

Carried

10.2 SPC-19-04-02 Progress Report Grand River

M. Keller presented report SPC-19-04-02.

Res. No. 12-19

Moved By P. Rider

Seconded By A. Henry

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-19-04-02 – Progress Report Grand River Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan Update – for information.

Carried

10.3 SPC-19-04-03 Otterville Wellfield and Wellhead Protection Area and Issue Contributing Area Update

E. Hayman presented report SPC-19-04-03. B. Ungar asked if Oxford County is planning to continue monitoring nitrate concentrations. E. Hayman confirmed that the County is planning to continue monitoring nitrate. H. Cornwell commented that the Otterville Wellfield is connected to the Norwich and Springford Wellfields, part of the Oxford South drinking water system, and asked why the Otterville wells are not just closed down permanently. E. Hayman replied that the County would have the answer to that question. H. Cornwell noted that ginseng is likely the major source of nitrate in the Otterville wells. P. Rider questioned why the Otterville Issue Contributing Area (ICA) extends out to a sixty-year time of travel years compared to the more standard twenty-five years. M. Keller responded that sixty years is the total time of travel in the unsaturated and saturated zone (vertical and horizontal time of travel), whereas the twenty-five years time of travel for WHPA delineation only represents the travel time in the saturated zone (horizontal). A. Dale asked if there is a study in the Town of Tillsongburg to revise the existing Wellhead Protection Areas (WHPAs). E. Hayman responded that the Tillsongburg WHPAs have not been updated since the November 2015 approval of the Long Point Region Source Protection Plan.

Res. No. 13-19
Moved By B. Strauss
Seconded By T. Nevills

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-19-04-03 – Otterville Wellfield Wellhead Protection Area and Issue Contributing Area Update – for information.

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee support the staff recommendation to identify nitrate as an Issue and add a nitrate Issue Contributing Area (ICA) to the Otterville wellfield.

AND THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee direct staff to incorporate the results of the Otterville Wellfield Wellhead Protection Area and Issue Contributing Area Technical Study into the Draft Updated Long Point Region Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan.

Carried

10.4 SPC-19-04-04 Catfish Creek Annual Progress Report

M. Keller presented report SPC-19-04-04.

Res. No. 14-19
Moved By A. Dale
Seconded By J. Kirchin

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-19-04-04 – Catfish Creek Annual Progress Report - for information.

THAT in the opinion of the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee, implementation of the Catfish Creek Source Protection Plan has progressed well and is on target towards achieving the plan objectives.

AND THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee direct staff to finalize the draft Catfish Creek Annual Progress Report and Supplemental Form and annual reporting objectives letter for submission to the Catfish Creek Source Protection Authority for submission to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, along with any Source Protection Committee comments, in accordance with S.46 of the Clean Water Act, 2006 and any Director's instructions established under O. Reg. 287/07 S.52.

Carried

10.5 SPC-19-04-05 Kettle Creek Annual Progress Report

M. Keller presented report SPC-19-04-05.

Res. No. 15-19

Moved By M. Wales

Seconded By B. Ungar

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-19-04-05 – Kettle Creek Annual Progress Report - for information.

THAT in the opinion of the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee, implementation of the Kettle Creek Source Protection Plan has progressed well and is on target towards achieving the plan objectives.

AND THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee direct staff to finalize the draft Kettle Creek Annual Progress Report and Supplemental Form and annual reporting objectives letter for submission to the Kettle Creek Source Protection Authority for submission to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, along with any Source Protection Committee comments, in accordance with S.46 of the Clean Water Act, 2006 and any Director's instructions established under O. Reg. 287/07 S.52.

Carried

10.6 SPC-19-04-06 Long Point Region Annual Progress Report

M. Keller presented report SPC-19-04-06.

Res. No. 16-19

Moved By B. Strauss

Seconded By R. Taylor

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-19-04-06 – Long Point Region Annual Progress Report - for information.

THAT in the opinion of the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee, implementation of the Long Point Region Source Protection Plan has progressed satisfactorily towards achieving the plan objectives.

AND THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee direct staff to amend the draft Long Point Region Annual Progress Report and Supplemental Form and annual reporting objectives letter for finalization and submission to the Long Point Region Source Protection Authority for submission to the Ministry of

the Environment, Conservation and Parks, along with any Source Protection Committee comments, in accordance with S.46 of the Clean Water Act, 2006 and any Director's instructions established under O. Reg. 287/07 S.52.

Carried

10.7 SPC-19-04-07 Grand River Annual Progress Report

M. Keller presented report SPC-19-04-07. J. Sepulis suggested that the response to annual reporting question 351 be amended, specifically the percentage of threats that have been addressed because of plan implementation, for both the Grand River and Long Point Region. The calculation provided by the province does not give credit to the work done through field verification. M. Keller responded that Lake Erie Region staff will make the revisions as suggested.

A. Henry noted that the percentage of significant drinking water threats addressed in the Kettle Creek Source Protection Area is 100%.

M. Keller recognized that the province's "progress made" calculation does not accurately reflect efforts to review threats. M. Keller suggested that Lake Erie Region include the following statement in the Grand River and Long Point Region annual reports, "in addition, x number of threats have been removed through field verification". J. Sepulis was comfortable with the suggestion. W. Wright-Cascaden suggested that the committee could give direction to amend the statement before finalizing the reports. R. Taylor questioned how the percentage of Long Point Region plan policies that were implemented or in progress was calculated. M. Keller replied that the calculation was based on provincial guidance.

Res. No. 17-19

Moved By I. Macdonald

Seconded By J. Sepulis

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-19-04-07 – Grand River Annual Progress Report - for information.

THAT in the opinion of the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee, implementation of the Grand River Source Protection Plan has progressed well and is on target towards achieving the plan objectives.

AND THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee direct staff to amend the draft Grand River Annual Progress Report and Supplemental Form and annual reporting objectives letter for finalization and submission to the Grand River Source Protection Authority for submission to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, along with any Source Protection Committee comments, in accordance with S.46 of the Clean Water Act, 2006 and any Director's instructions established under O. Reg. 287/07 S.52.

Carried

10.8 SPC-19-04-08 Revised Updated Grand River Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan for Grey/Hamilton/Brant

M. Keller presented report SPC-19-04-08.

Res. No. 18-19
Moved By J. Sepulis
Seconded By B. Strauss

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-19-04-08 – Revised Updated Grand River Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan for Grey County, City of Hamilton, and County of Brant – for information.

AND THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee releases the Revised Updated Grand River Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan for Grey County, City of Hamilton, and County of Brant to the Grand River Source Protection Authority for submission to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks along with the municipal council resolutions endorsing the changes, and the comments as presented in this report.

Carried

10.9 SPC-19-04-09 Draft Updated Bundled Grand River Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan

M. Keller presented report SPC-19-04-09. J. Sepulis commented that Puslinch Township passed a resolution endorsing the proposed amendments to Grand River Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan.

Res. No. 19-19
Moved By T. Nevills
Seconded By L. Perrin

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee receives report SPC-19-04-09 –Updated “Bundled” Grand River Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan – for information.

AND THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee releases the Updated “Bundled” Grand River Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan to the Grand River Source Protection Authority for public consultation starting on April 8, 2019 to May 21, 2019 (44 days).

Carried

11. Business Arising from Previous Meetings

M. Keller reminded the committee of a correspondence from February 7, 2019 regarding the jet fuel spill into Mill Creek. Lake Erie Region staff will consider the information and will provide a response to the committee once an assessment of the spill is complete.

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

12.1 Question and Answer Period

W. Wright-Cascaden noted that this was the final committee meeting for P. General, H. Cornwell and D. Woolcott and thanked them for their contribution to the Source Water Protection Program. P. General, H. Cornwell and D. Woolcott expressed their thanks to the committee.

13. Closed Meeting

Not applicable

14. Next SPC Meeting

June 20, 2019 at 1:00pm, Grand River Conservation Authority, 400 Clyde Road, Cambridge, ON

15. Adjourn

The Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee meeting of April 4, 2019 adjourned at 2:24pm.

Res. No. 20-19

Moved By A. Henry

Seconded By B. Ungar

THAT the Lake Erie Source Protection Committee meeting of April 4, 2019 be adjourned.

Carried

Chair

Recording Secretary