



**Minutes of the meeting of the
Quinte Region Source Protection Committee**

MEETING 49

Date: January 11, 2017, 6:30 pm

**Location: Quinte Conservation - Joe Eberwein Board Room
2061 Old Highway 2
Belleville ON**

Members Present: Max Christie, Clarence Zieman (Municipal - Greater Napanee and Town of Deseronto), Garnet Thompson (Municipal - City of Belleville), Jo-Anne Albert (Municipal - Marmora and Lake, Centre Hastings, and Tweed), Ron Hamilton (Municipal - Group 5), Jack Alexander (Economic - Small Business), Heather Lang (Economic - Agriculture), Rahmathulla Marikkar (Economic - Large Business), Terry Shea (Economic - Tourism and Recreation), Phil Norton (Other Interests - Rural Non-Farm), Terry Kennedy (Other Interests - Environmental), Mel Plewes (Other Interests - Public Urban), Todd Kring (First Nations - Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte), Andrew Landy (Liaison - Health Unit), Mary Wooding (Liaison - Ministry of Environment and Climate Change)

Members Absent: Roy Pennell (Municipal - Prince Edward County), Gary Fox (Economic - Agriculture), Doug Parker (Other Interests - General Public), Eric Bauer (Other Interests - General Public), Mike Kerby (Liaison - Quinte Region Source Protection Authority)

Also Present: Jennifer May-Anderson (Quinte Conservation Communications Manager), Brittany Thompson (Quinte Conservation Administrative Assistant)

Visitors: Victor Lind, Delegate
David Sutherland, Delegate

1. Call to Order

Chair, Max Christie, called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

2. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

There were no disclosures of conflict of interest.

3. Approval of Agenda

By consensus the Quinte Region Source Protection approved the agenda.

4. Approval of Minutes

By consensus the Quinte Region Source Protection approved the minutes of the previous meeting.

5. Delegations

The delegate, a representative of the group Save Picton Bay, distributed a map created by a consultant showing proposed locations for new intake pipes for Picton.

The delegate reported that the Picton Terminals site was purchased in 2014 and shipping resumed on the site after forty years of dormancy.

The delegate said that there have been some spills at the Picton Terminals site and the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change has been involved.

The delegate noted that the proposed intake pipe would be very close to Picton Terminals and the activities on that site.

The delegate said they were at the meeting to make sure the Quinte Region Source Protection Committee is aware of the situation.

The delegate wondered that if the intake pipe is relocated if the Intake Protection Zone would be extended to protect it.

A committee member asked what the concerns of the delegate were in relation to the intake pipe placement.

The delegate replied that they are concerned that the intake pipe location and protection are more important than the industry and also is concerned that the industry comply with environmental regulations.

The chair said that the committee shares the delegate's concerns and noted the committee has a limited mandate.

The delegates left the meeting.

Staff reported that the delegates have a right to be concerned about activities at Picton Terminals.

Staff reported that Quinte Conservation has issued some permits for work at Picton Terminals and has declined one work permit until the full scope of the project can be understood and all Ministry of Environment and Climate Change requirements have been met.

Staff said that Quinte Conservation has been consulting with the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change and that Quinte Conservation can comment on site plans, floodplain issues, and runoff into the Bay of Quinte.

A committee member noted that Picton Terminals had made a presentation to Hastings County regarding the project and had detailed the economic benefits of their proposals but had not included all of the environmental information.

A committee member noted that the committee cannot look ahead to see what might happen in the future.

A committee member said that the position of the committee should be that it would be premature to make any decisions or recommendations.

Staff said that if the intake pipe were to be relocated many studies including threats and vulnerabilities would have to be undertaken.

Staff noted that the current flows away from the proposed intake pipe site.

A committee member asked if the flow could be reversed.

Staff replied that if there is a very strong east wind it is possible the flow could be reversed.

6. Source Protection Plan Implementation Report

Staff reported that the end of 2016 was difficult for Quinte Conservation as two source protection staff members retired and one resigned.

Staff noted that changes in staffing have been made and more may need to be made.

Staff said that existing internal staff have replaced the two retirees and management is examining how best to replace the staff member who resigned.

Staff reported that the following Risk Management Plans had been completed:

Prince Edward County
9 completed in 2016
2 underway

Madoc
14 completed in 2016
4 underway

Staff reported that the following Section 59 Clearance Notices were issued:

Belleville – 1
Centre Hastings – 6
Deseronto – 8
Madoc Township – 1
Marmora – 1
Napanee – 7
Picton – 30
Bayside – 2
Peats Point – 1
Ameliasburgh – 7

Staff reported they received the following legal inquiries:

Ameliasburgh – 1
Madoc – 1
Peats Point – 1
Picton – 9

Staff reported that the following education and outreach activities were undertaken:

Website
E – newsletters
Podcasts
Social media
Letters to emergency responders
Household Hazardous Waste Ad
Drinking Water Protection Zone Road Sign Media Package
Road Signs
Well and Borehole Fact Sheet
Letters to well drillers and Earth Energy Companies
Folded card – Part IV information
Fertilizer Fact Sheet
DNAPL mail out

7. Source Protection Municipal Implementation Funding Report

Staff reported that as of October 2016 there is money still remaining for this project.

Staff noted that some municipalities have encountered spending challenges such as the definition of DNAPL, eligibility of funds too narrow, RMP time, and plan approval timing,

Staff said that the funds now have an extension until December 4, 2017.

Staff said that 2016 invoices and work plans have been sent out to municipalities.

A committee member asked what the money can be used for.

Staff replied that the money is for implementation of plan but cannot be used for capital projects.

The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change Liaison noted that municipalities across the province have become very creative in using the money.

9. Chair's Meeting Report

The chair reported that the Source Protection Program is under review and this will lead to improved effectiveness, efficiencies, sustainability and local accountability.

The chair noted there will be stakeholder consultations in February and March.

The chair said consideration is being given to adding transportation activities as a prescribed drinking water threat and this would lead to mandatory municipal spill prevention/spill contingency/emergency response.

The chair noted the Clean Water Act only enables non-legally binding transport pathways and consideration is being given to enabling legally-binding policies for transportation pathways and standardized policies across the province.

The chair reported that Source Protection Committees and Source Protection Authorities would retain the decision to “manage” or “prohibit” threats.

The chair said there are numerous rule changes being contemplated and each change will impact current plans.

The chair noted a new threat name is being considered – LNAPLs (Light Non aqueous Phase Liquids).

The chair said that the following rule changes would not require regulation changes:

Handling and storage of DNAPLs, Lnapls and organic solvents

Sewage works

Waste Disposal Sites

Pesticides

There was a general discussion on the topic of water systems not covered by the Clean Water Act such as private wells.

The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change Liaison gave an update on programs and projects regarding source protection in First Nations communities.

The chair suggested that a committee be formed to discuss a recommendation for the Source Protection Authority on how to proceed with membership renewal on the Source Protection Committee.

There was general discussion on the topic and no committee was struck.

The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change Liaison said they would put together an information package on membership requirements and distribute to the committee members.

8. Section 34 Updates Report

Staff reported that the public consultation process for the Section 34 updates involving proposed changes to Intake Protection Zones in Belleville and Picton was completed as of December 23, 2016.

10. Annual Reporting

Staff reported that the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change has issued an annual reporting template for municipalities.

Staff said that Quinte Conservation will be responsible for Part IV reporting.

Staff noted eight member municipalities will be submitting annual reports on February 1, 2017 and that Provincial Ministries also required to report February 1, 2017.

11. Moving Forward

There were no items for discussion under "Moving Forward".

12. Future Meetings

The next meeting will be held at the call of the Chair.

13. Other Business

There were no items under "Other Business".

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Max Christie, Chair