



**Minutes of the meeting of the
QUINTE REGION SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

Date: March 30, 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), Ron Hamilton (Municipal - Group 5), Roy Pennell (Municipal - Prince Edward County), Jack Alexander (Economic - Small Business), Gary Fox (Economic - Agriculture), Heather Lang (Economic - Agriculture), Rahmathulla Marikkar (Economic - Large Business), Terry Shea (Economic - Tourism and Recreation), Phil Norton (Other Interests - Rural Non-Farm), Doug Parker (Other Interests - General Public), Mel Plewes (Other Interests - Public Urban), Mary Wooding (Liaison - Ministry of Environment and Climate Change), Terry Murphy, Amy Dickens

Members Absent: Jo-Anne Albert (Municipal - Marmora and Lake, Centre Hastings, and Tweed), Terry Kennedy (Other Interests - Environmental), Eric Bauer (Other Interests - General Public), Todd Kring (First Nations - Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte), Mike Kerby (Liaison - Quinte Region Source Protection Authority), Andrew Landy (Liaison - Health Unit)

Also Present: Brittany Thompson (Quinte Conservation Administrative Assistant), Terry Murphy (Quinte Conservation General Manager), Amy Dickens (Quinte Conservation Source Water Protection Program Coordinator)

1. Call to Order

Chair, Max Christie, called the meeting to order at 6:36pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

By consensus the Quinte Region Source Protection approved the agenda.

3. Chair's Statement to Guests

There were no guests at the meeting.

4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

There were no disclosures of conflict of interest.

5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Adoption of the Previous Minutes

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

A committee member asked if the delegation at the previous meeting regarding Picton Bay was connected to the recent barge incident. Staff noted that there were no concerns and would discuss later in meeting.

7. Chair's Meeting Report

Staff and committee members noted that much useful information was gained from the recent Chair's Meeting they had attended this week. Throughout the meeting, they had seen many great reports and presentations and noted that everyone was very helpful, and shared lots of great information.

From the meeting there were three main updates to report back to the committee.

1) Technical:

- Mobile Fueling
- Section 60 Risk Assessment
- 'Phase 2'

2) Program Design

- Source Protection Programs Branch
- has been reviewing and analyzing the source protection program to identify areas for potential improvement
- Program Direction - Achieving a balanced approach to the protection of sources of drinking water in Ontario, where communities take action through an integrated provincial and municipal (regulatory and non-regulatory) framework
- Focused Municipal Engagement Sessions were held:
 - March 2, March 8, April 21 (Belleville Banquet Centre)

3) Information Management

- SPIA
- Annual Reporting Database

There was general discussion surrounding the salt formula, and how in the future this could be altered. A committee member noted how this would affect land owners and could be beneficial for many.

A committee member noted the spill in Prescott and the affects that it had left on the community and asked whether this was brought up at the meeting. The discussion then extended to the rules and regulations in regards to Transportation of Dangerous Goods in bad weather conditions and the positive impact that regulations could have on saving lives.

There was general discussion around Section 60 and what adjustment could be made under the planning act. A committee member had asked if there were specific volumes which would warrant concerns, which the committee and staff noted that they are very specific to the situation with a variety of scenarios that you have to go through each unique item and asses the score.

There was general discussion surrounding the Delhi Park Storm Outfalls and Deseronto 'Mill Pond' Storm Outfalls, surrounding the state of the project.

It was noted that next meeting there would be 'refresher' surrounding Source Protection Guidelines that will be very useful to all members, as there is a lot of information and data.

8. Program Updates

There was general discussion around Risk Management plan with regards to the environment and the agricultural sector and what their roles are.

A committee member asked whether pipelines are included under Transportation of Substances, and there was general discussion surrounding this.

9. Moving Forward

A committee member reported the policy regarding Source Protection Committee member replacement and the guidelines that follow.

Committee member and staff reported that the regulations and guidelines surrounding the replacement are complicated, and that they are going to work to get more clarity. All members that are original memberships are good until at least 2019, and there is the ability for them to reapply.

A general discussion was raised about if you are no longer an elected member of municipal council, if you can still serve on the committee. The committee had assured them that this would not be an issue, as previously those who were not re-elected still had served on the committee.

The committee had noted currently the size of the committee is 15 members, which is broken down into three sectors: Economic, Municipal and Environmental/Health/Public Sector. If reduction was to occur, it would have to occur equally for each sector. Thus, reduction would mean the committee would reduce in size from 15 to 12, 9, 6 or 3 depending on the needs and situation of the committee.

The chair had recommended that everyone think about their situation, and the sector that they belong to, and if this is something they are interested in, to think it over, and bring it up and the next meeting.

General discussion surrounding how reduction would affect the committee, prompted the committee to ask whether reduction is a necessity, or if they could remain at the same capacity, as they feel that the knowledge and capacity they have built works and would be beneficial for the future.

The chair had commented that this would have to be decided by the authority, but is something that could be discussed and brought back. It was also noted that they have 30 months until any memberships expires, but is something that all members should think about.

Committee members requested that the report detailing the membership expiry be sent around so everyone could see.

A committee member commented that if a reduction happened, would the First Nations representatives be reduced due to their current other project with the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change. A committee member assured them that would not interfere with the membership on the SPC, and would like to see them continue with both.

10. Picton Bay

Staff provided the committee with an update of the situation at Picton Bay in regards to the barge that had sunk resulting in a spill into the Bay.

Staff had noted that Picton and Bloomfield are under a boil water advisory, only due to the fact that water was being brought in from other municipalities, which could lead to possible contamination of the water, and that currently none of the water in the reserve was contaminated.

Staff had also commented that they are shutting down the plant at night as a precaution, as in the dark you cannot tell how close the spill is getting to the intake. A committee member had also noted that the precautionary closure of the plant was due to the possibility of the wind blowing east, which could move the spill closer to the intake zone.

Staff overall wanted to note that this experience, was proof that SPC's hard work had paid off, and that the plans that they had developed were working appropriately and contributing to excellent response in this crisis situation, and was a great training exercise for if a larger spill was to occur.

There was general discussion around the situation in Picton Bay, especially concern with the age of the barge, and the gas can that was on the surface. As well as the ice that has not melted yet, that could be acting as a barrier/ protectant against the spill reaching the intake zone.

Committee member Phil Norton shared personal photos of the spill, how it progressed, and clean-up efforts.

11. Future Meetings

The next meeting date has not been set, but the chair noted that there will be at least two or three meetings for the year of 2017.

12. Other Business

There was general discussion around when the next iteration of the plan was due in regards to Section 36 update. Staff explained the Section 36 work plan is set for November 30, 2018. This work plan is a three year plan that sets out updates required of the Quinte Source Protection Plan. Committee had noted that in that plan, that is where any advice or changes should be noted.

A committee member wanted to note that the Minister at the Chair's meeting had described his support and commitment to the Source Water Protection Program, and does not see it going away in the near future.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Max Christie, Chair

