



CTC Source Protection Committee Meeting (#1/23)

Meeting Details

Date/Time: Thursday March 23, 2023; 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Chair: Nathan Hyde

Location: Hybrid meeting (Microsoft TEAMS and in-person)¹; Credit Valley Conservation Administration Office, Boardroom; 1255 Old Derry Road, Mississauga, ON

Approved Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Certification of Quorum – 14 Members constitute a Quorum (2/3 of members including proxies)

Members present:

In person: Mark Heaton, Gary Mountain, Frank Quarisa, Ryan Wheeler
Virtual: Nathan Hyde (Chair), Cody Brown, Ken Dion, Colin Evans, Chris Gerrits, Scott Lister, Peter Miasek, Rosemary Keenan (joined 1:55 p.m.)

Regrets:

Julie Abouchar (proxy to Peter Miasek), Liza Ballantyne (proxy to Frank Quarisa), Louise Foster (proxy to Peter Miasek), Lee Gould, Jeff Light, Geoff Maltby (proxy to Gary Mountain), Elvis Oliveira (proxy to Frank Quarisa), John Presta (proxy to Frank Quarisa)

Quorum was achieved.

MECP Liaison: Beth Forrest

Source Protection Authority Liaison: Quentin Hanchard (CVSPA-lead SPA)

¹ CTC Source Protection Committee meetings are video recorded for the purpose of minute taking.

The following CTC SPA staff were in attendance: Kristina Anderson, Shanice Badior, Josh Campbell, Godofredo Carpio, Behnam Doulatyari, Don Ford, Parastoo Hosseini, Craig Jacques, Chris Jones, Annie Li, Daniela MacLeod, Kerry Mulchansingh, Alison Qua-Enoo, Laurie Nelson, Holly Shipclark, John Sinnige, Jeff Thompson, Rod Wilmot

Others in attendance: Debbie Balika, Daniel Banks, Maureen Blanchet, Megan Buitenhuis, Jon Clark, Shari Dahmer, Kyle Davis, Therese Estephan, Beata Golas, Colin Hall, Stefan Herceg, Muriel Kim-Brisson, Tavis Nimmo, Hayley Pankhurst, Bill Snodgrass, Tiffany Svensson, Sarah Thompson

2. Review of Agenda

Moved by: G. Mountain

Seconded by: P. Miasek

Resolution #1/23:

THAT discussion item on water supplies for rural, urban and Greenbelt communities be added to the agenda of March 23, 2023 under Other Business.

CARRIED

Moved by: G. Mountain

Seconded by: K. Dion

Resolution #2/23

THAT the amended agenda of March 23, 2023 be approved.

CARRIED

3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

There were no disclosures of conflicts of interest.

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Moved by: F. Quarisa

Seconded by: C. Evans

Resolution #3/23:

THAT the minutes of the December 7, 2022 meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Member Introductions

The Chair announced that two new members have joined the committee and called on B. Doulatyari to provide introductions:

Cody Brown to serve as a citizen-at-large public interest representative.

Mark Heaton to serve as an environmental non-governmental organization (ENGO) public interest representative.

B. Doulatyari noted the recent resignations of Dave Kentner and Dan Bunner and expressed gratitude for their years of service. A letter of recognition will be sent to both former members. CTC staff have sent an official notice to municipalities in Wellington and Halton requesting a joint nomination for a replacement representative. Staff will also be pursuing a new petrochemical representative in the coming months.

6. Chair's Remarks

The Chair expressed his enthusiasm for working with SPC members and staff over the coming years; a conflict will require him to depart prior to the conclusion of this meeting.

7. Election of Acting Chair

Moved by: C. Gerrits

Seconded by: K. Dion

Resolution #4/23:

THAT Gary Mountain serve as Acting Chair, for SPC meeting #1/23, upon the Chair's departure.

CARRIED

8. Update

8.1. Update from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks Liaison Officer - Beth Forrest

MECP continues to work on review and approvals of Source Protection Plan amendments proposed under Section 34 and Section 36 of the *Clean Water Act, 2006*.

MECP is working on providing funding to two First Nation communities for source protection best practices work within their communities.

Four Source Protection Committee Chair appointments are currently outstanding.

MECP is currently working with the Technical Standards and Safety Authority and fuel suppliers to identify locations of private fuel outlets. MECP has a number of engagement sessions for these fuel outlets planned and will invite Source Protection Authority and municipal Risk Management staff.

The Director of the Conservation and Source Protection Branch, Kirsten Service, is holding one-on-one sessions with source protection Chairs and program managers across the province.

8.2. Update from Conservation Ontario Source Water Protection Manager – Debbie Balika

Conservation Ontario launched Watershed Report Cards on March 22, 2023; these assess monitoring data over the last five years from each Conservation Authority. The information has been rolled up into a provincial grading system and online [Story Map](#).

There is an upcoming education and outreach campaign, “drinking water source protection back to the basics”; it will include a drinking water trust survey for Ontario residents.

Conservation Ontario is developing a Best Practices Education and Outreach provincial toolkit in collaboration with a Conservation Authority working group. Release is anticipated by early April 2023.

8.3. Update from Conservation Authority Liaison – Quentin Hanchard, CAO of Credit Valley Conservation

Conservation Authorities are adapting to the changes made to the *Conservation Authorities Act* and the *Planning Act*. They are by working with municipal partners to respond to these changes and clarify evolving roles and responsibilities. The importance of the planning framework continuing to consider cumulative impacts was noted. Conservation Authorities continue to work on tightening planning and approval timelines

9. Presentations

9.1. CTC Risk Management Official update: RMP challenges and opportunities

D. Banks, a Risk Management Official (RMO) in Halton Region provided an overview of the *Clean Water Act, 2006* requirements for Risk Management Plans (RMPs), as well as activities in 2022 and early 2023 on behalf of RMOs in Halton Region, and the Towns of Erin and Orangeville.

Implementation challenges include limited return on outreach efforts; relatively narrow negotiation windows for agricultural properties; continuing pandemic related impacts over the past three years; and staff responsibilities beyond RMP negotiations stretching finite staff resources. Obtaining final RMP sign off was also noted as sometimes being a significant obstacle. Negotiations with upper-level government agencies on Risk Management Plan implementation have also proceeded at a slow pace.

Opportunities to advance RMP completion include additional staff resources and/or back-filling staff vacancies; in-person relationship building and negotiations; increasing the number of Smart About Salt certified contractors; reviewing incoming development applications which provides opportunities to establish RMPs; and working with SPC members where they can assist with landowner communications in some sectors. It was noted that six RMPs have been established since the start of 2023, and currently there are about forty draft RMPs in progress and/or awaiting sign off by landowners/operators.

CTC staff will follow-up with SPC members about supporting the landowner engagement process.

Moved by: C. Brown

Seconded by: P. Miasek

Resolution #5/23:

THAT the CTC Source Protection Committee received the presentation CTC Risk Management Official update: RMP Challenges and Opportunities for information.

At 1:51 p.m. the Chair departed the meeting, and G. Mountain took over as Acting Chair.

A short break occurred from 1:51-1:55 p.m.

R. Keenan joined the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

10. Committee Business

10.1. Reports to Committee

a) CTC Program Update

B. Doulatyari provided the following program updates:

The Amendments Working Group (AWG) is undertaking review of proposed fuel policy updates to align with the 2021 Director Technical Rules.

In consultation with the Amendments Working Group, DNAPL and Organic Solvent policy language was modified for better alignment between the policies as part of the upcoming Section 34 amendments. Further DNAPL and Organic Solvent policy alignment will be considered as part of the Section 36 update.

The Section 34 pre-consultation packages were sent out on March 10, 2023 to affected municipalities. Municipal feedback was requested by April 14, 2023 and council endorsements are expected by the end of May. The public consultation period is June 5 - July 12, 2023.

An overview of the Section 36 workplan was provided. The Section 36 deliverables identified within the current Transfer Payment Agreement are being prioritized, along with updates to policies that would impact the number of RMPs that would be required. Timelines for Section 36 municipal deliverables continue to be discussed with municipal staff.

The next Source Protection Committee meeting has been shifted from April 26, 2023 to May 3, 2023.

Moved by: K. Dion

Seconded by: C. Brown

Resolution #6/23:

THAT the CTC Source Protection Committee receive the staff report and CTC program update for information.

CARRIED

b) CTC Source Protection Plan Annual Progress Report – 2022

B. Doulatyari provided a brief overview of the 6th annual progress report. CTC has switched to an online Electronic Annual Reporting system to simplify municipal annual reporting.

Staff provided an overview of its recommendation of an overall implementation assessment of progress well, but short of target.

There are 175 overdue septic systems inspections in York Region and Town of Erin, these inspections are expected to commence in 2023. Overall progress in finalizing Risk Management Plans for existing threats have progressed at a

slower pace than anticipated in Halton Region, Town of Orangeville, and Town of Erin.

The joint water management agreement for four Dufferin lower-tier municipalities has been endorsed by council of all affected municipalities.

An overview of the assessment of the source water quality monitoring results for identified issues was shared. Updated statistical methods have been proposed to identify and track drinking water issues. Recommendations on an updated issues identification methodology will be brought to an upcoming SPC meeting.

The committee discussed its concern with the currently identified chloride and sodium issues and moreover generally rising levels observed. Provincial and regional comparisons can be seen through provincial and conservation authority monitoring networks, Watershed Report Cards, and Conservation Ontario's Salt Responsibly Story Map.

Moved by: C. Gerrits

Seconded by: C. Brown

Resolution #7/23:

THAT the CTC Source Protection Committee receive the staff report CTC Source Protection Plan Annual Progress Report 2022 for information.

AND THAT in the opinion of the CTC Source Protection Committee, implementation of the Source Protection Plan has progressed well but is short of target in achieving the plan's objectives.

AND THAT CTC staff be directed to present the CTC Source Protection Committee's comments along with the Annual Progress Report 2022 to the Credit Valley, Toronto and Region, and Central Lake Ontario Source Protection Authorities for submission to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

CARRIED

c) Extension to Risk Management Plan Timeline for Impacted Municipalities

B. Doulatyari provided an overview of the outstanding existing significant drinking water threats that require Risk Management Plans (RMPs).

Staff noted that it will not be feasible to complete the 163 outstanding RMPs by the Dec. 31, 2023 deadline despite the efforts of Risk Management Officials and mitigation measures put in place to date. The ministry has indicated that they would consider a two year extension request.

CTC staff will be providing a RMP workplan template to affected municipalities in April 2023, with response by the end of June 2023. Council endorsement for these workplans and the official extension request will be submitted to MECP shortly thereafter.

Staff agreed to provide the SPC with quarterly updates on outstanding existing significant drinking water threats and Risk Management Plans.

Moved by: C. Gerrits

Seconded by: C. Brown

Resolution #8/23

THAT the CTC Source Protection Committee receive the report on Extension to Risk Management Plan Timeline for Impacted Municipalities for information.

AND FURTHER THAT the CTC Source Protection Committee authorizes a 2-year extension to the December 31, 2023, deadline for municipalities to complete RMPs that address existing significant drinking water threats contingent on their submission of a workplan.

AND FURTHER THAT all impacted municipalities provide Council endorsement of this workplan to ensure the necessary resources available to meet the objectives.

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to take the necessary actions to request a formal 2-year extension to December 31, 2025 from MECP, for the completion of RMPs to address the remaining existing significant drinking water threats.

AND FURTHER THAT all impacted municipalities report on the status of workplan progression by February 1st of each calendar year through 2026.

CARRIED

11. Correspondence

None

12. Next Meeting

May 3, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. (hybrid: TEAMS and CVC Boardroom)

13. Adjourn

Moved by: K. Dion

RESOLUTION #9/23

THAT the CTC Source Protection Committee meeting of March 23, 2023 be adjourned.

CARRIED.

Adjournment time: 3:05 p.m.