



**SEVERN SOUND SOURCE PROTECTION AUTHORITY
MEETING NO. 02-11-SSSPA**

April 21, 2011

Town of Midland Council Chambers
575 Dominion Avenue
Midland, ON
Minutes

Present

Councillor Bob Jeffery	SSEA Chair/Town of Midland
Councillor Paul Wiancko	Township of Georgian Bay
Councillor Andrew Hill	City of Orillia
Deputy Mayor Ralph Hough	Township of Oro-Medonte
Councillor Kelly Meyer	Township of Oro-Medonte
Deputy Mayor Pat Marion	Town of Penetanguishene
Councillor Ron Stevens	Township of Severn
Councillor Perry Ritchie	Township of Springwater
Mayor Ray Millar	Township of Tiny
Lynn Dolin	SPC Chair
Don Goodyear	Director LSRCA
Keith Sherman	SSEA ED
Gail Marchildon	SSEA OM

Other Attendees

Councillor Dave Ritchie	SPC Committee Member
Herb Proudley	SPC Committee Member

1. Welcome

Chair Jeffery welcomed the board to the meeting. 9:03 AM

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Ron Stevens, seconded by Pat Marion that the agenda of the Meeting of the Severn Sound Source Protection Authority of April 21, 2011 be approved. CARRIED.

3. Approval of Past Minutes

MOTION: Moved by Ron Stevens, seconded by Pat Marion that the minutes of the Meeting of the Severn Sound Source Protection Authority held on January 20, 2011 be approved. CARRIED.

4. Report from SPC Committee presented by Lynn Dollin, Chair (written report provided)

SPC Chair Lynn Dolin updated the board on the work of the Regional Source Protection Committee (SPC). The proposed Assessment Reports sent to MOE December 17th, 2010 had still not received formal comment from the ministry. Don Goodyear will speak further on their response. In the meantime, the Source Protection Region staff (with support from the SPAs) have been updating in order to start a 30 day consultation period required by the Province scheduled to start at the end of June. Property owners identified as having potential significant threat activities will be receiving a letter in the mail (7,000 letters will be mailed to the 52 municipalities). The updated assessment report will be available on the website (www.ourwatershed.ca). The Planning and Policy Working Group (PPWG) is working on the draft Source Protection Plan.

SPC is also planning Municipal Workshops. These workshops are being held on May 12th in Innisfil and May 13th in Orillia. Chair Dolin encouraged all board members, their Councils and staff to attend these workshops so that they are prepared to respond to their constituents when asked about the background leading up to the Source Water Protection Plan.

Ron Stevens stated concern that some property owners in his area received the initial 2010 significant threat letter despite the area now being entirely on Municipal water and sewage. He asked if a letter could be sent to these property owners informing them they are no longer a threat. Chair Dolin explained that some property owners could still be a threat due to on site storage of fuels other than natural gas for heating systems. She also commented that property owners receiving the letter who did not have significant threats for the most part were appreciative of the information and supportive of this process given the goal of protecting our drinking water. Given where we are in the communication process along with the remaining possible exceptions, follow up letters to property owners not viewed as threats will not be sent.

Ray Millar stated Tiny Township has received several letters as well as developer input from the Penetanguishene area highlighting concern for the potential impact of the letters on property values. He asked for help in dealing with these specific issues. Chair Dolin offered her communications support as well as Don Goodyear's and Keith Sherman's stating their readiness to share presentations with groups in the area interested in more detailed information sharing.

Action: A copy of letter will be sent to the Board

5. Source water protection technical studies update and Assessment Report Review

Don Goodyear presented an overview on Source Water Protection to the board highlighting the Source Protection Authorities jurisdictions with emphasis to how risks to drinking water supplies are indentified. There are approximately 7,000 threats in our region with septic and fuel storage posing the greatest risks. The Source Protection Committee is well supported by 4 working groups:

i) The Technical Group had been the busiest group working diligently towards getting the Assessment Reports completed.

ii & iii) The Communications and Municipal groups have effectively engaged the community and municipalities.

iv) The Planning Group is now the busiest working group with membership from the SPA staff, Municipal Planners and Source Protection Committee members endeavouring to provide recommendations to the Source Protection Committee on how to deal with these threats and how to ensure they don't happen again.

The Severn Sound watershed is well represented in these working groups.

Don stressed the importance of continuity in how we share information with municipalities. The ongoing development of the SPP will ensure that effective policies evolve that address gaps in current policies. A template will be developed outlining options for responsibility in monitoring Risk Management Plans. Draft policies will be available this fall for municipalities and stakeholders for comment and review. Formal public review is targeted for 2012.

Keith suggested that the board review the Assessment reports at www.ourwatershed.ca, Site navigation support of the website is available by calling the SSEA's office manager Gail.

Paul Wianko asked if the municipalities have been informed of any specific financial responsibility for implementing the policies once established. Don responded yes as there have been a number of workshops over the last couple of years. This said, he stated concern for the fact that the elections had introduced a lot of new council and this being a very complicated process may have overwhelmed many. Don went on to state that responsibilities would depend on the policy. It is possible that water issues fall under Municipalities while land use could be a District responsibility (in the case of Muskoka District). Lynn reiterated that no plans exist at this time regarding responsibilities for implementing the SPP.

Copy of Don's presentation will be made available to the board with the minutes of this meeting.

6. Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program update

Keith Sherman reported that the Source Water Protection Early Response Stewardship program will be launched within the next couple of weeks. This project funding is targeting eligible landowners in the significant risk areas of our regions. There is a tool found on the www.ourwatershed.ca website where landowners can view a map to see if they are in the eligible zone. It also provides contact information. Lynn Dolin commended Michelle Hudolin, Maggie Stewart and Shannon Stevens for a job well done. Michelle Hudolin is the SSEA Coordinator for this program. Keith presented maps of Intake Protection Zones (IPZs) for two municipal surface water supplies in the Township of Tay.

7. Other Business

Correspondence from Ian Smith

A letter from Ian Smith (MOE Source Water Protection Director) was sent to a property owner from Tiny and Penetanguishene regarding the TCE contamination at the Robert Street wells. Keith reiterated to the board that all correspondence voicing concerns from the landowner has been shared with all parties involved and that the SSEA is working with all groups to aid towards a better understanding of these concerns.

UAR Board Approval before end of June

Updated Assessment report requires the SSSPA Board endorsement before the end of June. This will require a special meeting before the end of June.

Action: The Board will review the UAR and consider their endorsement of the Proposed Assessment Report by special arrangement (email or meeting) before the end of June, 2011.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 21, 2011 at the Town of Midland Council Chambers.

8. Adjournment 10:13 am.

MOTION: Moved by Ron Stevens, seconded by Pat Marion to adjourn.