



South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region

**SEVERN SOUND SOURCE PROTECTION AUTHORITY
MEETING NO. 03-15-SSSPA
Thursday July 16, 2015 9:30 AM
Town of Midland Council Chambers
575 Dominion Avenue
Midland, ON
Agenda**

1. **Welcome and call to order**
2. **Adoption of Agenda**
3. **Adoption of the Minutes**
April 16, 2015 Regular SSSPA Meeting
4. **Report from the Source Protection Committee- Lynn Dolin, Chair**
5. **Report from LSRCA SWP Manager – Ben Longstaff**
•SPC EBR posting
6. **Technical Report- Keith Sherman-Verbal**
7. **Other Business**
8. **Next Regular SSSPA Meeting**
October 15, 2015
9. **Adjournment**



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MEETING NO. 02-15 SSSPA**

April 16, 2015 10:30 AM
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575 Dominion Ave
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Draft Minutes

Present

Councillor Jack Contin	Town of Midland
Councillor Barb Coutanche	Township of Oro-Medonte
Councillor Mike Lauder	Town of Penetanguishene
Councillor Ron Stevens	SSEA Chair/Township of Severn
Councillor Perry Ritchie	Township of Springwater
Deputy Mayor Steffen Walma	Township of Tiny
Councillor Paul Wiancko	Township of Georgian Bay
Keith Sherman	SSEA ED
Gail Marchildon	SSEA Office Manager

Regrets

Councillor Rob Klootra	City of Orillia
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Guests

Lynn Dollin	Chair, South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region (SGBLSSPR)
John Boucher	SPC Member
Councillor Dave Ritchie	Township of Tay
Ben Longstaff	LRSCA

1. WELCOME

Chair Ron Stevens opened the meeting welcoming all guests.

2. AGENDA:

Moved by: Jack Contin
Seconded by: Barb Coutanche

Motion:

That the content of the agenda for the April 16, 2015 meeting of the Severn Sound Source Protection Authority (SSSPA) be accepted as distributed.

Carried.

3. Approval of Past Minutes:

Moved by: Barb Coutanche

Seconded by: Jack Contin

Motion:

That the minutes for the SSSPA No. 01-15 held on January 15, 2014 be received and approved.

Carried.

4. Report from SPC Committee presented by Lynn Dolin, Chair

Moved by: Perry Ritchie

Seconded by: Paul Wiancko

Recommended:

That the report dated April 16, 2015 from Lynn Dolin be received for information

Carried. Report attached.

5. Report from LSRCA General Manager, Integrated Watershed Management – Ben Longstaff

Moved by: Mike Lauder

Seconded by: Perry Ritchie

Motion:

That the presentations on Source Water 101 dated April 16, 2015 from Ben Longstaff be received for information.

Carried. Report attached.

6. Source Protection Plan- Amendment to LUP-3

Moved by: Barb Coutanche

Seconded by: Jack Contin

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Staff Report No. 01-15-SPA be received; and FURTHER THAT the Severn Sound Environmental Association Source Protection Authority (SSSPA) endorses the proposed amendment to the Source Protection Plan (SPP), that all necessary consultation required for this change be undertaken, and if the intent of the amendment does not change as a result of the public consultation, that the amended SPP be resubmitted to the Province for approval.

Carried.

7. Technical Report- Keith Sherman-Verbal

Moved by: Steffen Walma

Seconded by: Perry Ritchie

Motion:

That the verbal report by Keith Sherman be received for information.

Keith's verbal update included;

- Funding approval through LSRCA from MOECC for the Township of Tiny Issues Contributing Areas (ICA) integrated groundwater/surface water modeling.
- The 8 Municipalities in the Severn Sound Source Protection Area and the District of Muskoka that have designated the SSEA as their official RMO office are in the process of having the Source Protection Plan Part IV Enforcement Transfer Agreements between the SSEA and each municipality signed before July 1st start date.
- Next steps; Official Plans/Amendments, Open Houses, SWP municipal workshops, By-law amendments and continuing to set-up the RMO office.
Moved by: Steffen Walma
Seconded by: Mike Lauder
Motion:
That the verbal technical report by Keith Sherman be received for information.
Carried.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 10:35 AM

Moved by: Perry Ritchie
Seconded by: Paul Wiancko
Carried

Next Meeting

July 16, 2015 at the Town of Midland Council Chambers 10 AM.

Keith Sherman, Executive Director/ SSEA Chair Ron Stevens



South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region

To: Ron Stevens, Chair, Severn Sound Source Protection Authority
From: Lynn Dollin, Chair, South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee
CC: Ben Longstaff, General Manager, Integrated Watershed Management
Date: July 16, 2015
Re: Source Protection Committee Update

Chair Stevens and Members,

I am sending you this memo in order to update you and the members of the Severn Sound Source Protection Authority (SPA) on the activities of the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe (SGBLS) Source Protection Committee.

The Source Protection Plan is Now in Effect!

I am pleased to report that the Source Protection Plan is now being implemented! The Plan went into effect on July 1, 2015. The majority of Plans throughout the province are now in effect, with only a few outstanding (CTC, Halton/Hamilton, Grand River, Long Point, Saugeen Grey Sauble, and Thames Sydenham).

When our Plan took effect on July 1, we undertook an outreach and media campaign to ensure as broad a reach in notification as possible, with a media release, website updates and email updates to our key municipal contacts.

Implementing the Plan

I am further pleased to report that all of the municipalities within our Source Protection Region have a Risk Management Official or Risk Management Inspector in place and were ready for the July 1 implementation date.

We expect the early days of implementation will bring about new questions and issues, particularly around process. We will continue to work closely with municipalities to respond to questions that come up.

We have also created an online forum for municipalities to use to ask questions, share resources, generate ideas and collaborate on issues. It requires registration, with a username and password, to prevent public access. We already have 26 members that have signed up and many different discussions taking place. The forum can be found online at: www.ourwatershed.ca/forum.

Annual Reporting

As reported in my last update, staff and SPC members started an Annual Reporting Working Group that held its first meeting in April 2015. The project was put on hold temporarily while we made the final push to make sure

everyone was ready for implementation on July 1, 2015. Staff and SPC members will be shifting their focus back to this task now that the Plan is in effect. Stay tuned for updates.

SPC Re-appointments

MOECC posted proposed amendments to Ontario Regulation 288/07 – “Source Protection Committees” on the EBR (Environmental Registry) in early June 2015. They are seeking comments by the deadline of July 27, 2015. Staff are working to gather the comments from the SPC members to put forward one submission from our Region before the deadline.

SPA members are also welcome to review the changes and provide comments. The website address for the Registry is: www.ebr.gov.on.ca and the EBR Registry # is 012-4243.

Education & Outreach

A strategy for implementation of the Education and Outreach Policies is still under development; the next step of which is to obtain input and resources from technical staff before finalizing a strategy. A draft of the Strategy should be available in the fall 2015.

Source Protection Municipal Implementation Funding (SPMIF)

MOECC staff are in discussions with senior management about the possibility of extending the funding for SPMIF grants. However, the message for now is to continue with the assumption that the timeline will not be extended. If the timelines are changed, we will ensure we communicate this out to our municipal contacts.

Looking Ahead

The next few months will continue to be a busy time as we assess and respond to questions that arise as a result of the Plan being now in effect.

Thank you for your time.



Lynn Dollin



South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region

Proposed changes to Ontario Regulation 288/07 "Source Protection Committees" under the Clean Water Act

EBR registry number # 012-4243

Proposed submission by the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe (SGBLS) Source Protection Committee

July 8, 2015

1. Expiry of terms of appointment - *Sectoral composition and terms of appointment*

Current

Currently 1/3 of each sector (municipal, economic and public) of the Source Protection Committee (SPC) is to expire upon approval of the Source Protection Plan (SPP). Another third of sectoral members are to expire one year after the Plan approval date and on the second anniversary of the Plan approval date, the final third are to expire.

Proposed

The proposed amendment would defer expiry of the terms of appointment for 1/3 SPC membership until no later than January 1st of the year the first annual progress report on the implementation of the SPP. For the SGBLS region this would be January 1st, 2018. When expiries for the terms of appointment begin to be applied, they will continue to be proportional across the three sectors and be complete after 24 months, consistent with the current regulation.

Since 1/3 of the SGBLS members should have expired in January 2015 it is proposed that existing members who want to remain on the committee be readily reappointed without requiring the source protection authority to complete the recruitment process currently in the regulation.

SGBLS SPC Comment

The SGBLS Source Protection Committee is in support of delaying expiration of 1/3 of the committee members until close to January 1st, 2018. This change would ensure current knowledge and experience remains within the committee during this important period of policy implementation. The knowledge and experience of committee members gained over the last eight years should not be underestimated or forced to expire at this stage. It should also be acknowledge that significant effort and time would be needed to educate new members.

Bringing new members into the committee soon before January 1st, 2018 ensures that new members can learn from the first annual report process, giving them the background needed to assist in the SPP review process. It is proposed that all decisions for exactly when SPC membership would expire be recommended by the SPC and approved by each local Source Protection Authority.

The committee does not support continued 1/3 expiration of members for the 2 years following the first 2018 expiration. The initial 1/3 expiration by 2018 should provide sufficient opportunity to bring new perspective

and experience to the committee. The committee also feels their long-term mandate and workload would not justify the resources required to implement the continued membership turnover. It is also likely that natural attrition will lead to continued member renewal negating the need to legislate a required continued turnover.

For the interim period leading up to January 1, 2018, the committee is in support of the proposal to readily reappoint existing members of the committee without the current recruitment processes requirements.

2. Expiry of terms of appointment - *First Nation composition and terms of appointment*

Current

The term of appointment for all First Nation members expires upon approval of the Source Protection Plan.

Proposed

That the expiry of the terms of their appointment be removed from the regulation. Instead, the proposed amendments would allow the term to be decided by the band councils of the First Nations with reserves in the source protection area or region.

SGBLS SPC Comment

The SGBLS Source Committee is in support of this proposed amendment as it ensures the decision lies with the band council.

3. Smaller committee size

Current

The size of each committee is set out in regulation for every source protection area and region in the province. The size for the SGBLS region is 23, including the chair of the committee. The sizes allow for an equal proportion of representation across the three sectors identified in the regulation (municipal; economic; environment/ health/ general public).

Proposed

It is proposed that the regulation be amended to provide flexibility to reduce committee size to a minimum of 10 in the SGBLS region. New proposed minimum size is either 7 or 10 for the other Regions.

It is proposed that the source protection authority and/or committee decide locally the committee size that suits their needs, provided it is within the current and proposed minimum size and that proportionality in the number of representatives across the three sectors is maintained. The size selected must be divisible by three plus have one committee chair. For example, a source protection committee of 22 members may reduce in size to 19, 16, 13 or 10 members. The proposed amendments would allow a reduction in size any time after the source protection plans for the area have been approved.

It is also proposed that opting locally to have a smaller source protection committee not eliminate the expiry of a portion of memberships by January 1st of the year their first progress report on plan implementation is due to the ministry. This would ensure there is an opportunity for new members to join the committee and benefit from a transfer of knowledge of experienced members, while offering a fresh perspective.

SGBLS SPC Comment

SGBLS SPC members are in support of providing greater flexibility to the size of the committee and that any change in numbers would not be at the expense of an opportunity for new members to join. Providing greater flexibility would help ensure that in the future, and if necessary, the size of the committee can be reduced to better match the associated workload and decisions required. With reduced workload and responsibility it may become increasingly difficult to reach quorum, at which stage the option to reduce committee size may be advantageous.

It is proposed that any decisions in regards changing the size of the SPC membership would be recommended by the SPC and approved by each local Source Protection Authority.

At this stage the current SPC does not foresee a need or desire to reduce the committee size. However, the SPC request that the Province provide clear direction as to the future roles and responsibilities of the committee beyond those identified in the legislation.

4. Appointment process notification requirements – Internet posting

Current

The current recruitment process for economic and public sector SPC members requires posting notices in local newspapers throughout the source protection Region.

The current notification requirements and process for securing municipal members on a committee remains unchanged.

Proposed

It is proposed that the notification requirements for recruiting committee members in the economic and public sectors be streamlined to require a minimum of an Internet posting and allow source protection authorities the discretion to post in local newspapers if they determine that is appropriate for the local community.

SGBLS SPC Comment

The committee is in support of the proposed change. The decision whether to post SPC membership notification in the local newspaper should be made by the local Source Protection Authority.