

AGENDA

Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee (MRSPC)

May 1, 2008 at 7:00 pm*
Almonte Old Town Hall
14 Bridge Street, Almonte, Ontario

*The public is invited to drop-in between 6pm and 7pm for an
informal social hour with MRSPC members

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7:00 p.m.	1.0 Welcome a. Agenda Review b. Notice of Proxies c. Adoption of the Agenda (D) d. Declarations of Interest e. Approval of Minutes – April 3, 2008 (D) f. Status of Action Items (I)	 1 11	 Chair Stavinga
	2.0 Community Events and Presentations (I) a. Members & staff report on events attended in the past month b. Notice of upcoming events	 14	 Chair Stavinga
	3.0 Preliminary Draft (version 2) Terms of Reference (D) a. Revised preliminary draft version of Terms of Reference for review and consideration	 15	 Brian Stratton
	4.0 Draft Technical Reports (I) a. Overview of preliminary draft <i>Watershed Characterization Report</i> , Chapter 3: Vulnerable Areas	 18	 Brad Carew
	5.0 Other Business		Chair Stavinga
	6.0 Member Inquiries		Chair Stavinga
	7.0 Next Meeting – June 5, 2008, 1pm, Merrickville Community Centre (106 Read Street, Merrickville)		Chair Stavinga
	8.0 Adjournment		Chair Stavinga

(I) = Information (D) = Decision

Delegations wishing to speak to an item on the Agenda are asked to please contact Karyn Cornfield at 613-692-3571 ext 1149 or karyn.cornfield@mrsourcewater.ca before the meeting.

1.0 e) STATUS OF ACTION ITEMS

Date: April 18, 2008
To: Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee
From: Sommer Casgrain-Robertson, Communications Specialist
Mississippi – Rideau Source Protection Region

Staff & Chair Action Items:

	Issue	Action	Lead	Status
1	Precautionary Principle	Staff and MOE to examine Precautionary Principle and provide feedback	Sommer Casgrain-Robertson & MOE	In-progress
2	Compensation	Staff to circulate draft compensation model presented to the Raisin-South Nation SPC to MRSPC members	Sommer Casgrain-Robertson	Complete emailed to members April 4, 2008
		Staff to collect other compensation models (e.g. Ottawa wetland policy, Alternate Land Use Services).	Sommer Casgrain-Robertson	In-progress
3	We need to identify broad regional threats in HVAs* and SGRAs* that threaten private wells and be able to address them in Source Protection Plans	This issue will continue to be raised with MOE as needed. Staff will watch for opportunities to raise this issue (e.g. EBR comments on draft regulations).	Chair Stavinga	In-progress Project Managers received further guidance on evaluating threats, especially in HVAs & SGRAs, at their meeting on April 16, 2008
4	Source Protection Program “Stewardship Fund”	Staff are critiquing the current program and preparing a list of recommendations for consideration by the MRSPC	Sommer Casgrain-Robertson	In-progress
		Staff will ask MOE to produce a report showing what percentage of the funding was successfully granted to landowners.	Sommer Casgrain-Robertson	In-progress

* HVAs (Highly Vulnerable Aquifers)

* SGRAs (Significant Groundwater Recharge Areas)

5	MRSPC email addresses	Each SPC member will receive a “ <i>firstname.lastname@mrsourcewater.ca</i> ” email address	Chair Stavinga	Complete
		Staff to circulate email protocol to members	Karyn Cornfield	In-progress
6	Uranium mining	Circulate staff report and motions to Citizen Inquiry and companies/ individuals with active exploration claims	Karyn Cornfield	In-progress Sent to Citizen Inquiry contact Mar 17/08, Frontenac Ventures Corporation Mar 20/08 and RJK Explorations Ltd. Mar 25/08. Addresses for all other individuals/ companies are being collected.
		Formal request sent to MOE asking them to further examine the uranium issue in conjunction with other Ministries and report back to the MRSPC	Brian Stratton	In-progress MOE received the letter March 5, 2008. They are currently looking into the issue in conjunction with other relevant Ministries.
		Develop public awareness campaign with local Health Units about naturally occurring uranium in drinking water – request funding from MOE for this initiative	Paul Lehman	In-progress Letter sent to MOE March 5, 2008 requesting funding.
7	What is the primacy of the <i>Clean Water Act</i> versus other legislation	Staff to seek legal opinion from MOE	Sommer Casgrain-Robertson	Complete Response received from MOE & circulated to members. Katie Fairman (MOE) provided further clarity during her presentation at the April 3 MRSPC meeting.

8	Can the SPC post draft documents on the EBR for public review & comment	Staff to ask MOE	Sommer Casgrain-Robertson	Complete MOE has confirmed that notices about draft versions of documents are not eligible for posting on the EBR. They are looking into using Conservation Ontario's website for centralized posting.
9	Outreach & Education program	Get a copy of stewardship landowner survey done by University of Guelph	Sommer Casgrain-Robertson	In-progress
10	Partnerships with Academia	Approach post-secondary institutions about possible partnerships	Chair Stavinga	In-progress Chair Stavinga sent introductory emails to local institutions Mar 18/08

MRSPC Member Action Items:

	Issue	Action	Lead	Status
1	MRSPC May to October meetings will be held throughout the region	Members to provide Sommer with potential locations for summer meetings	Sommer Casgrain-Robertson	Complete 2008 meeting schedule set
2	There are many events that source protection staff should attend or present at.	Members to notify Sommer of potential events and speaking opportunities	Sommer Casgrain-Robertson	ongoing

2.0 Community Events and Presentations

Date: April 18, 2008
To: Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee
From: Sommer Casgrain-Robertson, Communications Specialist
Mississippi – Rideau Source Protection Region

Background

Staff attend many different meetings and events throughout the year often setting-up display booths and/or giving presentations about source protection. Now that the MRSPC has been formed committee members will be attending various events as well. It is important that staff and members keep each other informed about their attendance at upcoming events so that we can coordinate our participation and prepare appropriate materials in advance. This includes coordinating with our neighbouring regions for meetings and events that cover Eastern Ontario.

Update from Staff & Members

Past Events

- *Provincial SPC Chairs Teleconference*, April 3 (CA staff participated)
- *Ottawa Rural Summit II*, April 5 (Richard Fraser attended)
- *Eastern Ontario SPC Chairs Teleconference*, April 9 (CA staff participated)
- *The Cottage Show* (Ottawa), April 11-13 (various CA staff attended)
- *Ottawa Eco-Stewardship Fair*, April 19 (Sommer attended)
- *Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel Association – Eastern Ontario Meeting*, May 1 (Sommer & Domenic Idone attending)

Members & staff are asked to give a verbal update on any other events they attended in the past month related to source protection.

Upcoming Events

- *Friends of the Tay Watershed- Implementation Meeting*, May 6 (Sommer & Carol Dillon attending)

Members & staff are asked to give a verbal update about any other events they are planning to attend in the coming months related to source protection.

3.0 Preliminary Draft (version 2) Terms of Reference

Date: April 18, 2008
To: Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee
From: Brian Stratton, Project Manager
Mississippi – Rideau Source Protection Region

Recommendation:

1. That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee approve the *Preliminary Draft (Version 2)* Terms of Reference as *Draft* for public consultation.

Background

Each source protection committee is required to produce Terms of Reference (ToR) for the preparation of assessment reports and source protection plans. The MRSPC must produce two ToR, one for the Mississippi watershed and one for the Rideau watershed.

Committee's must submit proposed Terms of Reference to Source Protection Authorities by August 20, 2008 who in turn must submit them to the Ministry of the Environment by October 20, 2008 for approval.

April MRSPC Meeting:

- Staff presented *first version preliminary drafts* of:
 - Mississippi Valley Source Protection Area Terms of Reference; and
 - Rideau Valley Source Protection Area Terms of Reference.
- MRSPC reviewed and commented on the documents.

May MRSPC Meeting:

- MRSPC will review *second version preliminary drafts* of ToR for Mississippi & Rideau (*second versions* reflect feedback received at April 3 meeting).
- **MRSPC consider approving ToR as *draft* for public consultation.**

NOTE: In order to complete our Terms of Reference by the legislative deadline we need to adhere to the proposed schedule outlined below. This requires public consultation on draft ToR to start in May.

Schedule

Month	Task	Timeline
January	SPC send notice to municipal clerks when ToR preparation begins	Complete – sent Jan 9
	SPC invite municipalities to discuss development of workplan in ToR (used a questionnaire to solicit preliminary input from municipalities)	Complete – sent Jan 9

March	Staff compile municipal responses and share with SPC	Complete – Mar 6
	Staff prepare <i>preliminary draft</i> ToR, in consultation with neighbouring regions, for SPC review and comment	Complete – Mar 25
April	SPC review <i>preliminary draft</i> ToR	Complete – Apr 3
	Staff revise <i>preliminary draft</i> ToR if necessary	Complete – Apr 18
May	SPC review <i>revised preliminary draft</i> ToR	May 1
	SPC consider publishing <i>revised preliminary draft</i> ToR for public consultation (now <i>draft</i> ToR)	
	SPC publish <i>draft</i> ToR on website and make available at other locations*	May 8
	SPC send copy of <i>draft</i> ToR to each municipal clerk for comment	May 8
	SPC send copy of <i>draft</i> ToR to each neighbouring SPC for comment	May 8
	SPC notify public via website & newspaper advertisement of opportunities to comment on <i>draft</i> ToR**	May 8
June	SPC receive written public comments on draft ToR	From May 12 to June 16
	SPC host public meetings to consult on draft ToR	Between June 2 and June 13
	Staff compile public comments	By June 23
July	SPC review <i>draft</i> ToR in light of comments received from municipalities and the public	July 3
	Staff prepare <i>final draft</i> ToR and a summary of concerns raised by municipalities during consultation that were not resolved to the satisfaction of the municipalities	By July 28
August	SPC review <i>final draft</i> ToR	August 7
	Consider submitting <i>final draft</i> ToR to SPAs (now <i>proposed</i> ToR)	
	SPC publish <i>proposed</i> ToR on website and make available at other locations	August 14
	SPC send copy of <i>proposed</i> ToR to each municipal clerk for comment	August 14
	SPC send copy of <i>proposed</i> ToR to neighbouring SPCs for comment	August 14
	SPC notify public (website & newspaper advertisement) of opportunity to submit written comments on <i>proposed</i> ToR to SPAs	August 14
	SPC submit <i>proposed</i> ToR and summary of unresolved municipal concerns to SPAs	By August 20
September	SPAs receive written public comments on <i>proposed</i> ToR	From August 18 to September 15
	Staff compile written public comments	By September 17
	SPAs review <i>proposed</i> ToR, list of unresolved municipal concerns and comments received from the public.	Possible joint SPA meeting September 24 or 25

October	Staff prepare draft SPA comments on <i>proposed</i> ToR	By October 6
	SPAs review draft SPA comments on <i>proposed</i> ToR. Consider submitting the <i>proposed</i> ToR, SPA comments, summary of unresolved municipal concerns and written comments from the public to Minister.	Week of October 13
	SPAs submit <i>proposed</i> ToR, SPA comments, summary of unresolved municipal concerns and comments received from the public to the Minister	By October 20
After October	Minister will approve <i>proposed</i> ToR <u>or</u> require SPAs to amend them and resubmit	?
	Once approved the Minister will publish a notice on the EBR registry	Soon after approval
	SPAs publish <i>approved</i> ToR on internet and make available at other locations	Soon after approval

* Hard copies of draft ToR will be available at the Mississippi and Rideau Valley Conservation Authority offices

** Newspaper advertisement and information on website will specify deadline for public comments, how to submit comments, locations of public meetings talking about the ToR and locations where the ToR can be viewed (electronically and in hard copy).

The ToR are being prepared in accordance with:

- *Clean Water Act, 2007*;
- Ontario Regulation 285/07 “Time Limits”; and
- Ontario Regulation 287/07 “Terms of Reference”.

4.0 Draft Technical Reports

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Mississippi – Rideau Source Protection Region

Background

Over the past three years staff have been working on background technical work that will feed into the Assessment Report which is due in 2009. Currently staff have completed *preliminary draft* versions of the first two reports: Watershed Characterization Report and Conceptual Water Budget. A four month schedule was developed to share these preliminary draft reports with the MRSPC starting in March (see below).

Copies of these two *preliminary draft* reports are available to the public on our website or on CD.

Watershed Characterization Report – *preliminary draft*

This report is a compilation of existing knowledge about the Mississippi-Rideau region. It includes information on natural characteristics, population distribution, land use, water quality conditions and trends, water use, vulnerable areas, issues and threats. Maps have been produced to illustrate many of these regional characteristics and features. The watershed characterization report is the foundation on which the rest of the technical reports build on.

Conceptual Water Budget – *preliminary draft*

This report provides an overview of how surface water and ground water interact and move through the hydrologic cycle within the Mississippi-Rideau region. It identifies where water is stored, how it travels through the region, what and where there are stresses on quantity and what trends exist. The goal of this report is to protect the quantity of drinking water sources in our region.

The Conceptual Water Budget was subject to a peer review process. Our *preliminary draft* version has been reviewed and approved by both the peer review team and the Province.

Schedule

March 6 Meeting - Watershed Characterization Report, Chapter 1

- Staff provided an overview of Chapter 1 (watershed description) of the *preliminary draft* Watershed Characterization Report. Presentation slides and meeting minutes are available on our website.
- Members received a hard copy of the *preliminary draft* Conceptual Water Budget at this meeting.

March 27

- Members received a newly revised copy of the *preliminary draft* Watershed Characterization Report with their April agenda package.

April 3 Meeting – Conceptual Water Budget

- Staff provided an overview of the *preliminary draft* Conceptual Water Budget. Presentation slides and meeting minutes will be available on our website after May 1.

May 1 Meeting – Watershed Characterization Report, Chapter 3

- **Staff will provide an overview of Chapter 3 (Vulnerable Areas) of the *preliminary draft* Watershed Characterization Report.**

June 5 Meeting – Watershed Characterization Report, Chapter 2 and 4

- Staff will provide an overview of Chapters 2 (Water Quality) and 4 (Threats & Issues) of the *preliminary draft* Watershed Characterization Report.