

**MISSISSIPPI-RIDEAU SOURCE PROTECTION REGION**  
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**MINUTES**

**Mississippi-Rideau  
Source Protection Committee** **July 3, 2008** **#8/08**

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**Present:**

George Braithwaite	Scott Bryce
Alex Cullen	Carol Dillon
Richard Fraser	Domenic Idone
Paul Knowles	Patricia Larkin
Randy Malcolm	Peter McLaren
Beverly Millar	Eleanor Renaud
Jim Riopelle	Janet Stavinga (Chair)
Mary Trudeau	

Ken Graham (Source Protection Authority Liaison)  
Katie Fairman (Ministry of the Environment Liaison)

**Regrets:** Christine Leadman

**Staff:** Sommer Casgrain-Robertson      Karyn Cornfield  
Brian Stratton

**1. Welcome**

Chair Stavinga welcomed everyone to Rideau Vista School in Westport.

**a) Agenda Review**

Chair Stavinga went over the purpose of the meeting and the agenda.

**b) Notice of Proxies**

None

**c) Adoption of the Agenda**

**Motion 1-07/08**

That the Agenda of the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee meeting of July 3, 2008 be adopted.

**Carried**

**d) Declarations of Interest**

None

**e) Approval of Minutes**

**Motion 2-07/08**

That the minutes of the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee meeting of June 5, 2008 be approved as amended.

**Carried**

**f) Status of Action Items**

The status of each action item was provided in the agenda package.

**g) Correspondence**

The following piece of correspondence was included in the agenda:

i. Letter from the Township of Montague re: Compensation

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson reported that the above letter had an email attached to it from the Clerk of The Nation Municipality and a resolution from The Nation Municipality to petition the Province to amend the *Clean Water Act* to incorporate a provision for compensation. In the letter, the Township of Montague asked the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee (MRSPC) for their position on this matter. Staff are attending Montague's council meeting on July 8, 2008 in response to the letter.

Ms. Casgrain-Robertson will forward the above mentioned email and resolution to MRSPC members. She apologized for forgetting to include it in the agenda package.

**2. Community Outreach**

Updates of past and upcoming events and activities were provided in the agenda package. MRSPC members and staff gave reports at the meeting.

Ms. Casgrain-Robertson deferred reporting on the open houses to Agenda Item #3.

Chair Stavinga and Brian Stratton attended a joint meeting on June 20, 2008 with staff from Mississippi Valley Conservation (MVC), Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA), University of Ottawa - Institute of the Environment (Scott Findlay), and H2O Chelsea (Patrick Henry). They discussed potential partnerships and exchanging information. Chair Stavinga was impressed with H2O Chelsea's work with the municipality. Scott Findlay will ask the CA's for student project ideas in August. Chair Stavinga thanked Mary Trudeau for "planting the seed".

Ms. Casgrain-Robertson reported that she and Chair Stavinga are attending the Township of Montague Council meeting on July 8, 2008 to discuss powers of entry and compensation.

Chair Stavinga and Mr. Stratton are meeting with members of the Northwest Goulbourn Community Association on July 14, 2008 to

discuss that group's groundwater monitoring work.

Beverly Millar reported on a wetland designations meeting in the City of Ottawa. The meeting was attended by many rural landowners, farmers, and media. The meeting was held on July 2, 2008 in Richmond.

Mary Trudeau reported on the Ottawa Riverkeeper Annual General Meeting held June 17, 2008. Meredith Brown introduced the topic of source protection planning and Mary Trudeau as their MRSPC representative. Approximately 60 or 70 persons attended the meeting.

Carol Dillon reported that she met with a University of Guelph student who is doing research on homeowners' private wells. She also noted that the "Art of Being Green Festival" will be held in Lanark on July 11-13, 2008.

Randy Malcolm reported on his recent site meeting with Frontenac Ventures Ltd. in his capacity as Chief of the Snimikobi Algonquin First Nation. The meeting was about proposed uranium exploration in North Frontenac and he explained that no exploration drilling had taken place yet. A sampling history was presented. Mr. Malcolm reported that a representative (Rob Ferguson) from the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines recommended to Frontenac Ventures Ltd. that water samples be done in the area during exploration.

Chair Stavinga will ask Paul Lehman (MVC) to contact Randy Malcolm (and George Braithwaite, as he expressed an interest in participating) about the uranium discussions with Frontenac Ventures and the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines.

Richard Fraser reported that the Ontario Farm Environmental Coalition had a conference call in June to discuss issues that they would like addressed in Terms of Reference, including an economic impact analysis for any source protection planning recommendations. Mr. Fraser stated that he was satisfied with how staff addressed these issues in their list of recommendations for the proposed Terms of Reference.

### **3. Proposed Terms of Reference**

Ms. Casgrain-Robertson reported on the open houses and the comments that were received on the *draft* Terms of Reference. A summary of the comments (written and verbal) and recommendations about if/how they can be addressed in the *proposed* Terms of Reference was provided in the agenda package. Fourteen written submissions were received from the public. Four written submissions were received from municipalities. Approximately 90 people attended the ten open houses held June 3 - 19, 2008.

Ms. Casgrain-Robertson went through each staff recommendation and members asked questions to clarify meaning.

Following Ms. Casgrain Robertson's report on the Terms of Reference, two public delegates provided the following comments:

- Jack MacLaren, President of the Ontario Landowners Association (OLA) commented that the OLA wants the Terms of Reference to include full, fair and timely compensation for any loss of property associated with recommendations stemming from the *Clean Water Act*. If compensation is not included, the OLA will not allow entry onto their lands. Staff will be considered common trespassers and will be confronted. If compensation is included, the OLA will fully endorse the *Clean Water Act*.
- Hal MacGregor, Director of the Lanark Landowner's Association, read aloud the email containing the resolution from The Nation Municipality supporting compensation.

A member noted that the Province provides compensation to business owners for collecting retail sales tax on behalf of the province.

A member clarified that expropriation applies when land is taken away from a property owner like what happened for the Transitway expansion. Changes in land use policy that result in decreased property values do not constitute expropriation and the Province has never provided compensation in such circumstances.

Following the staff report and delegations, members reviewed the summary of public comments and staff recommendations and directed staff to revise the *draft* Terms of Reference to address some of the comments received.

Attached to these minutes as Appendix A, is a summary of public comments received, staff recommendations to address them and MRSPC amendments to the staff recommendations. The *proposed* Terms of Reference (with changes highlighted) are also attached to these minutes as Appendix B.

**Motion 3-07/08**

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee approve the staff recommendations outlined in the attached report as amended.

**Carried**

**Motion 4-07/08**

That the *draft* Terms of Reference be revised in accordance with the approved staff recommendations to prepare the *proposed* Terms of Reference.

**Carried**

**Motion 5-07/08**

That the *proposed* Terms of Reference be posted for public review and submitted to the Mississippi Valley and Rideau Valley Source Protection Authorities.

4. **Other Business**

**Upcoming MOE Consultation Sessions on the *Draft* Assessment Report Regulation and Director's Rules (July 7 & 8, Kingston)**

Invitations have been sent to those MRSPC members and staff who expressed interest in attending.

5. **Member Inquiries**

None

6. **Next Meeting**

Date: Thursday, August 7, 2008

Time: 1 pm

Location: Clar-Mill Hall (6598 Buckshot Lake Road, Plevna, Ont.)

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 pm.

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**Janet Stavinga**  
**Chair**

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**Karyn Cornfield**  
**Recording Secretary**

**Appendix A: Summary of Changes to *Draft* Terms of Reference**

**Appendix B: *Proposed* Terms of Reference, July 18, 2008 (changes from *draft* version highlighted in yellow)**