



## **MISSISSIPPI-RIDEAU SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday, November 15, 2010**

**1 pm**

**Rideau Valley Conservation Authority  
3889 Rideau Valley Drive, Manotick**

### **DISPOSITION**

**Note:** Underlining indicates a new or amended recommendation approved by Committee

#### **1.0 Welcome and Introductions**

##### **Motion 1-10/10**

Moved by: Carol Dillon  
Seconded by: Eleanor Renaud

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee suspend the Governing Rules of Procedure, Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest as outlined in Section 2.2.3 and in accordance with Section 2.2.5 in order that the Committee may receive and consider the agenda and accompanying materials for November 15, 2010.

**Carried**

#### **1.0 c) Adoption of the Agenda**

##### **Motion 2-10/10**

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

**Carried**

#### **1.0 e) Approval of Minutes**

##### **Motion 3-10/10**

That the minutes of the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee meeting of September 2, 2010 be approved.

**Carried**

## 1.0 f) Status of Action Items

### Motion 4-10/10

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee receive the Status of Action Items Report for information.

Carried

## 1.0 g) Correspondence

### Motion 5-10/10

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee receive the Correspondence for information.

Carried

## 2.0 Assessment Report Development

### Motion 6-10/10

Moved by: George Braithwaite  
Seconded by: Eleanor Renaud

Whereas the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee strongly believes a consolidated Assessment Report should be produced for the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Region for the following reasons:

- **Ottawa River Basin** - Both the Rideau and Mississippi watersheds drain into the Ottawa River and each watershed includes a number of small subwatersheds that drain directly into the Ottawa River (not into the Rideau or Mississippi Rivers). This situation results in our largest municipal drinking water system (City of Ottawa intakes which serve over 700,000 municipal residents) being located in the Rideau watershed, along with its IPZ-2, while its IPZ-3 is the extent of the Mississippi watershed. It therefore makes more sense to speak about the whole system in one document rather than talking about parts of this surface water study in two separate reports.
- **Legacy of Regional Information** - As highlighted in our "value for money" discussion at our September site visit, we utilized a lot of information from a 2003 groundwater study that covered both Mississippi and Rideau. It would have been a tremendous effort to try to separate this groundwater information into separate watersheds. We also found that there was some data that we simply couldn't separate into two watersheds due to the nature of the data sets.
- **End User** - We anticipate that municipal staff will be the group that uses Assessment Reports the most as they will be significantly involved in SPP implementation. With this in mind we acknowledged that we have 7

municipalities who are in both the Mississippi and Rideau watersheds. A single document is easiest for them to use and reference as it gives them a complete picture of their municipality. This obstacle was first raised when we developed two distinct ToR and all our municipalities (including those who are wholly within one watershed) lobbied for the creation of one AR and one SPP. They were surprised that the province had created regions only to require separate reports.

- **Lessons learned from Terms of Reference** - We created two distinct ToR as per the regulation and this proved to be cumbersome. We found it a challenge splitting information that had been collected for a region and it was then time consuming updating and amending two separate physical documents that were nearly identical. When we undertook public consultation, municipalities and the public complained that it was onerous to review two documents, especially for municipal staff and residents of the 7 cross-watershed municipalities. Since the majority of the content was identical we actually had to create a section at the beginning of the ToR highlighting which sections of the ToR were unique between the Mississippi and Rideau versions.
- **Responsible use of Public Money** - It was noted by many at our ToR open houses that producing two nearly identical documents was wasteful. In reality, the relatively short length of the ToR and the fact that we printed it in house meant the actual monetary cost was not very high, however the amount of wasted paper was. The AR on the other hand has a tremendous print cost associated with it, approximately \$240 / hard copy. For this reason we cannot justify creating two distinct reports given the tremendous amount of repetition that would be in the two documents. Our print budget for the draft proposed AR was nearly \$16,000 for the combined document, we will incur an additional \$16,000 to print the approved version.

Whereas the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee and our SPA partners firmly believe that our efforts as outlined above meet the spirit of the regulation while allowing us to house our two Assessment Reports in a single document.

Whereas MOE has confirmed that we must submit two separate Assessment Reports;

Therefore, be it resolved that despite our strong reservations, the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee direct staff to create two *Proposed* Assessment Reports in accordance with comment 2 received from MOE to be in compliance with the *Clean Water Act* and its Regulations.

**Carried**

#### **Motion 7-10/10**

Whereas the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee has strongly advocated for long-term provincial funding to fund the implementation of Source Protection Plans:

- Provincial funding for municipalities to implement Source Protection Plans; and
- Provincial funding through the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program for property owners impacted by Source Protection Plan policies.

Be it resolved that the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee direct staff to revise the "Provincial Funding" section on page 1-9 of the Assessment Report in accordance with comment 12 received from MOE to be in regulatory compliance.

**Carried**

#### **Motion 8-10/10**

Whereas the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee feels strongly that Assessment Report readers should be aware of how difficult it was to develop a local methodology to assign vulnerability scores in Intake Protection Zones because the Provincial Technical Rules do not prescribe a methodology;

Whereas the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee feels strongly that the Ontario Ministry of the Environment should develop Technical Guidance on how to assign vulnerability scores in Intake Protection Zones;

Be it resolved that the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee direct staff to revise Section 6.2 of the Assessment Report in accordance with comment 15 received from MOE to be in regulatory compliance.

**Carried**

#### **Motion 9-10/10**

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee approve the *Summary of Comments Received on the Draft Assessment Report and How They Were Addressed* (dated November 8, 2010) and direct staff to prepare *Proposed Assessment Reports* that reflect the approved changes.

**Carried**

#### **Motion 10-10/10**

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee direct staff to post the *Proposed* Assessment Reports for public consultation and submit them to the Mississippi Valley Source Protection Authority and Rideau Valley Source Protection Authority for submission to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment.

**Carried**

#### **4.0 2011 Meeting Schedule**

#### **Motion 11-10/10**

Moved by: George Braithwaite  
Seconded by: Richard Fraser

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee approve the following meeting schedule for 2011 as amended:

- **Thursday, January 6** 1pm, RVCA
- **Thursday, February 3** 1pm, RVCA
- **Thursday, March 3** 1pm, RVCA
- **Thursday, April 7** 1pm, RVCA
- **Thursday, May 5** 4pm, location TBD
- **Thursday, June 2** 4pm, location TBD
- **Thursday, July 7** 4pm, location TBD
- **Thursday, September 1** 4pm, location TBD
- **Thursday, October 6** 1pm, RVCA
- **Thursday, November 3** 1pm, RVCA
- **Thursday, December 1** 1pm, RVCA

**Carried**

#### **5.0 Community Outreach**

#### **Motion 12-08/10**

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee receive the Community Outreach staff report for information

**Carried**