

MISSISSIPPI-RIDEAU SOURCE PROTECTION REGION

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MINUTES

**Mississippi-Rideau
Source Protection Committee**

January 12, 2012

#1/12

Location: Rideau Valley Conservation Centre
3889 Rideau Valley Drive, Manotick

Present:

Scott Berquist	George Braithwaite
Scott Bryce	Richard Fraser
Drew Lampman	Pieter Leenhouts
Randy Malcolm	Peter McLaren
Beverly Millar	Eleanor Renaud
Janet Stavinga (Chair)	
Mary Wooding	(Ministry of the Environment Liaison)
Mark Burnham	(Source Protection Authority Liaison)

Staff:

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson	Tiffany Ones
Michelle Paton	Brian Stratton

Regrets:

Carol Dillon	Patricia Larkin
Paul Knowles	Tammy Rose
Sherry Beadle	(Medical Officer of Health Liaison)

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

a) Agenda Review

Chair Stavinga advised that Mary Wooding would be participating by conference call. Chair Stavinga then reviewed the Agenda and the purpose of the meeting.

b) Notice of Proxies None

c) Adoption of the Agenda

Motion 1-1/12

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

d) Declarations of Interest None

e) Approval of Minutes

A change in wording was requested to the second paragraph on Page 5 of the draft minutes of December 15, 2011.

Motion 2-1/12

That the minutes of the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee meeting of December 15, 2011 be approved as amended.

Carried

f) Status of Action Items

Chair Stavinga reviewed the Status of Action Items.

3. Ottawa River Watershed Inter-Jurisdictional Committee

Chair Stavinga will circulate correspondence received from the Province of Quebec regarding a draft source protection regulation posted by the Province.

Brian Stratton provided an update on the meeting held December 8, 2011. A new project is being developed that will look at source water protection for the Ville de Gatineau and the City of Ottawa. This Canadian Water Network project titled 'Source Water Protection In Surface Waters: Evaluating novel monitoring strategies for the prioritization of threats and the prevention of waterborne disease outbreaks' is being led by researchers from the École Polytechnique de Montréal.

Motion 3-1/12

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

Carried

g) Correspondence

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson provided an update on correspondence received from the Ministry of the Environment advising that the Rideau Valley Assessment Report has been approved. Mary Wooding spoke to the significance of the approval date for the Assessment Report in explaining that inspections under the province wide septic maintenance inspection program must be completed within five years of approved Assessment Reports.

2.0 Comments Received on Draft Policies:

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson reviewed the comment procedure for draft policies and confirmed that the revisions would be presented following the format that was used in December. Ms. Casgrain-Robertson stated that comments received from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) are reflected in the revisions

before the Committee whereas comments received from the Ministry of the Environment will be reflected in February.

a. Waste Disposal Sites

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson reviewed the revisions to the draft waste disposal site policies.

Ms. Casgrain-Robertson clarified that a policy comes into legal effect once the Source Protection Plan is approved even though a municipality may choose not to update its Official or Zoning Plan at that time.

Motion 4-1/12

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee approve the revised waste disposal site policies for inclusion in the Draft Source Protection Plans.

Carried

b. Sewage Works

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson reviewed the revisions to the draft sewage works policies. Ms. Casgrain-Robertson confirmed that the revisions address the concerns raised by Paul Knowles at previous meetings.

In response to a question from a member, Ms. Casgrain-Robertson confirmed that the current policy requires sewer inspections every five years and explained that “continuous liners” are an option for remediation if a need is detected during the inspection.

Ms. Casgrain-Robertson advised that staff will continue discussions with the Municipality of North Grenville regarding the prohibition of stormwater retention ponds within WHPA-A areas.

Motion 5-1/12

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee approve the revised sewage works policies for inclusion in the Draft Source Protection Plans.

Carried

c. Aquaculture

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson reviewed the revisions to the draft policies on aquaculture.

Motion 6-1/12

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee approve the revised aquaculture policies as amended for inclusion in the Draft Source Protection Plans.

Carried

d. ASM, NASM and Outdoor Livestock Areas

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson reviewed the revisions to the draft policies on ASM, NASM, and outdoor livestock areas.

Bev Millar recommended that the Staff Recommendation #10 on Page 27 be amended as follows:

“... However, the intention of the policy is to target farms not subject to mandatory policies, *but the intent of education and outreach is to be inclusive.*

Members discussed funding challenges for the agricultural section (e.g. Environmental Farm Plan being oversubscribed). Ms. Casgrain-Robertson reiterated that agricultural best management practices are currently funded through the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program so it is very important that people take advantage of this funding while it exists until December 2012. This message is heavily promoted in all source water fact sheets, mail-outs and at open houses.

Chair Stavinga applauded the depth of the pre-consultation comments received from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA). In particular, Chair Stavinga praised the efforts of Phyllis MacMaster, an OMAFRA Environmental Specialist, who provided staff, the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee, and open house participants, with technical expertise and support throughout the policy development process. Chair Stavinga reiterated the importance of the Ministry of Environment liaising with other provincial ministries.

Motion 7-1/12

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee approve the revised ASM, NASM and outdoor livestock areas draft policies for inclusion in the Draft Source Protection Plans.

Carried

e. Commercial Fertilizer

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson reviewed the revisions to the draft policies on commercial fertilizer.

Motion 8-1/12

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee approve the revised commercial fertilizer policies for inclusion in the Draft Source Protection Plans

Carried

f. Pesticide

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson reviewed the revisions to the draft policies on pesticides.

Members discussed Comment #5 on page 37 and the appropriate usage of farm pesticide applicator licenses versus commercial pesticide applicator licenses. Staff will seek clarification from OMAFRA.

Drew Lampman advised that industrial users would not meet the activity definition in Pesticide Policy #1 and therefore would not be subject to the risk management plan requirement. Staff will revisit the threats tables to ensure that all circumstances have been addressed.

Motion 9-1/12

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee approve the revised pesticide policies for inclusion in the Draft Source Protection Plans, subject to further review by staff on Comment #5 and Pesticide Policy #1.

Carried

g. Road Salt and Snow

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson reviewed the revisions to the draft policies on road salt and snow.

Members discussed the comments received from a couple of municipalities indicating that Smart About Salt training and certification should be a requirement for contractors and certain sites. Ms. Casgrain-Robertson explained that smart salt use is an emerging topic that has gained a lot of traction in the past 18 months. Since it is still relatively new in eastern Ontario it would be a big leap to make it a requirement. Staff suggest starting with encouraging certification and reassessing the level of uptake through the annual progress reports on the Source Protection Plan. In addition, salt is only considered a significant drinking water threat in a very small geographical area in the Mississippi-Rideau region so mandatory policies could not be applied everywhere. More stringent policies could be considered in future. In response to a member's suggestion, Ms. Casgrain-Robertson confirmed that municipalities can implement more stringent requirements now if they choose and many municipalities have made it a

requirement that contractors be certified to work on municipally owned properties.

A discussion about potential agencies that could deliver education and outreach policies on behalf of municipalities resulted in a member's suggestion to also consider the Ontario Good Roads Association.

With respect to Comment #15, Ms. Casgrain-Robertson suggested that it might be necessary to clarify that the draft policies suggesting a municipal role to offer the Smart About Salt training put on by the Salt Council. This task is meant to be administrative in nature (coordinating with the council to hold a training session locally) not an actual training role.

Motion 10-1/12

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee approve the revised snow storage and road salt application, handling or storage policies for inclusion in the Draft Source Protection Plans

Carried

h. Transportation Corridors

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson reviewed the revisions to the draft policies on transportation corridors.

Ms. Casgrain-Robertson again proposed that it might be necessary to clarify that the municipal role towards education and outreach in the draft policies is meant to be an administrative role and not one which would provide educational or technical expertise.

Ms. Casgrain-Robertson suggested that education and outreach policies could be delivered through partnership arrangements with Conservation Authorities, municipalities, and other agencies. It might be possible to add modules describing source protection to existing industry training programs. Chair Stavinga added that these training and outreach programs would be more consistent and less fragmented if delivered provincially and not municipally. Staff were considered revised policy wording that more clearly articulates the intended nature of the education and outreach policies.

Motion 11-1/12

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee approve the revised transportation corridors draft policies for inclusion in the Draft Source Protection Plans, subject to staff's further examination of education and outreach options.

Carried

3.0 Community Outreach

1. Chairs Meeting – January 9

- Chair Stavinga advised that Mary Anne Covelli, the new MOE Director for Source Protection Programs Branch, participated in the Chairs' Meeting on January 9. The meeting included discussions on the need for program funding in light of anticipated provincial fiscal restraints.
- Chair Stavinga commended staff for their efforts in relationship building with member municipalities. Chair Stavinga also thanked the Municipal Working Group for their work.
- Chair Stavinga advised that Debra Scanlon, Senior Drinking Water Program Advisor with the MOE, confirmed that the submission of one Source Protection Plan per region would be allowed. The August 2012 Source Protection Plan submission deadline remains the same.
- Chair Stavinga spoke to the work being done by Max Christie, Chair of the Quinte Source Protection Committee, and Wendy Lavendar, their MOE Liaison Officer. Together they are leading a working group to develop common provincial highway signage. Chair Stavinga confirmed the need for emergency response personnel to be aware of Times of Travel.
- Chair Stavinga advised that the Chairs raised issues associated with the implementation of the Source Protection Plans including budgeting, staffing, funding, and communications.

2. Eastern Regions Meeting

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson stated that staff would be attending a meeting of the Joint Services Committee of Leeds and Grenville at which the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority would be making a presentation.

3. Municipal Working Group Meeting

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson suggested that members wanting to participate in the Municipal Working Group Meeting express their interest to her.

Mark Burnham advised that the December 2011 issue of the Ontario Good Roads Association's *Milestones* magazine contained an article on salt which highlights the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection region. Sommer Casgrain-Robertson agreed to forward a link to the article to all members.

Motion 12-1/12

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

Carried

4.0 Other Business

Eleanor Renaud expressed appreciation for the support of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority and the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority. Chair Stavinga agreed and added that both organizations benefitted from good management at a staff and Board level.

5.0 Member Inquiries None

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6.0 Next Meeting

February 9, 2012, 1:00 p.m.
Rideau Valley Conservation Centre
3889 Rideau Valley Drive, Manotick

9.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

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Janet Stavinga
Chair

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Michelle Paton
Recording Secretary