

MISSISSIPPI-RIDEAU SOURCE PROTECTION REGION

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MINUTES

**Mississippi-Rideau
Source Protection Committee**

March 1, 2012

#3/12

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

Present:

George Braithwaite	Scott Bryce
Carol Dillon	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)
Ken Graham	(Source Protection Authority Liaison)

Staff:

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson	Allison Gibbons
Tiffany Onesi	Michelle Paton
Brian Stratton	

Regrets:

Scott Berquist	Patricia Larkin
Paul Knowles	Tammy Rose
Sherry Beadle	(Medical Officer of Health Liaison)

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

a) Agenda Review

Chair Stavinga reviewed the Agenda and the purpose of the meeting.

b) Notice of Proxies None

c) Adoption of the Agenda

Motion 1-3/12

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

d) Declarations of Interest None

e) Approval of Minutes

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson confirmed that the typographical error in the

January 12, 2012 had been corrected.

Motion 2-3/12

That the minutes of the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee meeting of January 12, 2012 be approved as amended.

Carried

Motion 3-3/12

That the notes of the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee meeting of February 9, 2012 be approved as presented.

Carried

f) Status of Action Items

Chair Stavinga reviewed the Status of Action Items.

Motion 4-3/12

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

Carried

g) Correspondence None

2.0 Source Protection Plan Development

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson reviewed the development of the Source Protection Plan noting that a number of details and decisions needed to be addressed prior to the distribution of the Draft Source Protection Plan for public consultation.

a. Existing and Future Definitions

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson reviewed the definitions of “existing” and “future” activities.

Members had a number of concerns regarding the third bullet of the existing activities definition.

- A complete application might not be a compliant application.
- Should existing applications be approved for new activities that would be prohibited under the futures definition
- There should be an expiry date on approvals that are issued under the existing activities definition

Staff were asked to amend the third bullet of the definition relating to an existing activity or land use to read:

“Is not yet underway but associated with an approved development or a development for which a complete and compliant application for regulatory and planning approvals has been submitted and approved within ... (time frame to be determined by staff in consultation with municipal planning departments).”

Motion 5-3/12

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee approve the definitions for existing and future activities as amended.

Carried

b. Exemption to Stormwater Pond Prohibition

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson reviewed the proposed exemption to the stormwater pond prohibition policy. Staff were directed to re-examine the wording in the second bullet which currently reads “it can be demonstrated that there is little hydrogeological connection”. It should clarify little and what the connect is between.

Motion 6-3/12

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee approve the exemption to the stormwater prohibition policy as amended.

Carried

c. Adding Complementary Land Use Planning Policies

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson reviewed the proposed addition of complementary Land Use Planning policies.

Motion 7-3/12

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee approve the inclusion of complementary land use planning policies.

Carried

d. Revised Roles for Road and Waterway Signs

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson reviewed the proposed changes to the Road and

Waterway Signs policies.

Motion 8-3/12

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee approve the revised implementer for waterway signs.

Carried

e. Revised Roles for Education Policies

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson reviewed the proposed changes to education and outreach roles.

Motion 9-3/12

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee approve the revised education and outreach roles.

Carried

f. Deletion of Quarry Policy Addressing Transport Pathways

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson reported that staff are continuing discussions with the Ministry of the Environment regarding this draft policy and are examining alternate ways to include the policy

Motion 10-3/12

Moved by: Carol Dillon
Seconded by: Drew Lampman

That the deletion of the Quarry Policy addressing Transport Pathways be deferred for further consideration until March 22, 2012.

Carried

3.0 Preliminary Draft Explanatory Document

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson reported that all comments received to date have been incorporated into the Preliminary Draft Explanatory Document. As the Draft Explanatory Document will be brought forward on March 22, 2012 for approval, Ms. Casgrain-Robertson asked that any Committee comments be submitted to staff as soon as possible.

Ms. Casgrain-Robertson explained that the bulk of the background information was included in the Source Protection Plan so people could understand the general rationale for each policy. The Explanatory Document was designed as a resource tool for those seeking greater detail about the reasons behind a particular policy.

While reviewing each section of the Preliminary Draft Explanatory Document, Committee Members noted the following:

- 1.0 No comments
- 2.0 Include the Open House process in “Next Steps”
- 3.0 Increase indents/spacing for the italicized and underlined sub-headings
 - 3.5 Expand on the fact that water quantity in subwatersheds supplying non-municipal drinking water systems was found to be moderately stressed.
- 4.0 4.2.3 First paragraph: “The design capacity does not matter because the pathogen threat exists for any size system.” The design size matters but is not relevant in determining whether the threat circumstances apply because the pathogen circumstances override the others.

Third paragraph: Change: “... to ensure the integrity of the sewers and related pipes where they pose a significant drinking water threat” to read “... to ensure the integrity of the sewers and related pipes where *their location* poses a significant drinking water threat.”

4.4 Financial Considerations, Second Paragraph: Change to identify both options and/or a combination of both options. If appropriate, change this wording in all sections dealing with Financial Consideration.

4.5 Financial Considerations, Third Paragraph: Change to read: Existing significant threat estimates indicate that there are very few properties ...

4.6 Commercial Fertilizer: remove the word synthetic from the explanation of commercial fertilizer as potassium is a natural substance.

4.16 Monitoring Policies: Expand the narrative to clarify that Implementers will submit monitoring results to the Source Protection Authorities who will then prepare annual progress reports for the Ministry of the Environment.

4.0 Summary of Comments Received on Draft Policies

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson reviewed the comments received on Draft Policies

Ms. Casgrain-Robertson asked that Committee Members submit any additional comments on this document to staff as soon as possible.

Motion 11-3/12

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee receive the Summary

of Comments Received on Draft Policies and direct staff to include it in the Draft Explanatory Document.

Carried

5.0 Community Outreach

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson reviewed the past and upcoming activities.

Chair Stavinga noted that Ken Graham had been appointed Chair of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority at its Annual General Meeting in February 2012.

Past Activities

1. Municipal Working Group

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson reported that participating municipalities seem pleased with progress to date and advised that no further meetings are required. Scott Bryce noted that the City of Ottawa had strong representation. Ms. Casgrain-Robertson added that the City of Ottawa had just provided thorough comments on the Draft Source Protection Plan Policies and they were currently being reviewed by staff.

Upcoming Activities

1. Carol Dillon noted that the City of Ottawa Info Exchange Meeting would be held in Ottawa on March 6.
2. Sommer Casgrain-Robertson confirmed that the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority would be hosting a Rideau Lakes Open House March 29 at the request of council. Ms. Casgrain-Robertson reported that the Mississippi-Rideau would be co-hosting it with them and it would be advertised to residents in Westport.

Ontario Mining Association

Drew Lampman advised that the Ontario Mining Association Environmental Committee would be hosting a provincial meeting in Perth on March 20. A representative from Sudbury would be giving an update on source water protection.

Ontario Woodlot Association Annual General Meeting

Pieter Leenhouts announced that the 2012 Annual General Meeting of the Lower Ottawa Valley Chapter of the Ontario Woodlot Association would be held on March 3 in North Gower.

Joint Source Protection Authority Meeting

Chair Stavinga advised that a Joint Source Protection Authority meeting is being planned for July 26, 2012. The Mississippi Valley Source Protection Authority and Rideau Valley Source Protection Authority will invite municipal Council members, municipal staff and the Source Protection Committee to join them in celebrating the submission of the proposed Source Protection

Plan.

Motion 12-3/12

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

Carried

6.0 Other Business

Beverly Millar raised the need to include a statement about compensation for property owners in the Source Protection Plan. Staff explained that a new section had been added to Section 6 that talks about the need for provincial implementation funding for both municipalities and for property owners through the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program. Additional concerns and comments can be discussed by the Committee and included in the cover letter that is submitted to the MOE with the Plan.

Brian Stratton reported that the Ministry of the Environment has extended the current budget and work plan period by one year ending March 30, 2014.

Revised 2012 Meeting Schedule

Ms. Casgrain-Robertson referred to the Revised 2012 Meeting Schedule circulated to members. Ms. Casgrain advised that while the meetings in italics were likely to be cancelled, Committee Members should still “bookmark” these dates. It was noted that the Revised 2012 Meeting Schedule should include the open houses scheduled for the week of April 23, 2012.

Ms. Casgrain-Robertson reminded members of the proposed July 26 Joint Source Protection Authority meeting. She confirmed that the meeting would begin at 1 pm but a location had yet to be determined.

Motion 12-3/12

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee approve the Revised 2012 Meeting Schedule as amended.

Carried

7.0 Member Inquiries None

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8.0 Next Meeting March 22, 2012, 10 a.m. Rideau Valley Conservation Centre

3889 Rideau Valley Drive, Manotick

9.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.

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Janet Stavinga
Chair

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Michelle Paton
Recording Secretary