

MISSISSIPPI-RIDEAU SOURCE PROTECTION REGION

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DRAFT MINUTES (subject to approval)

Mississippi-Rideau
Source Protection Committee

June 7, 2012

#5/12

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

Present:

Scott Berquist	George Braithwaite
Scott Bryce	Carol Dillon
Richard Fraser	Paul Knowles
Drew Lampman	Patricia Larkin
Pieter Leenhouts	Randy Malcolm
Peter McLaren	Beverly Millar
Eleanor Renaud	Janet Stavinga (Chair)

Wendy Lavender (Ministry of the Environment Liaison)
Mark Burnham (Source Protection Authority Liaison)
Ken Graham (Source Protection Authority Liaison)
John Karau (Source Protection Authority Liaison)

Staff:

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

Regrets:

Randy Malcolm	Doug Thompson
Sherry Beadle	(Medical Officer of Health Liaison)

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

a) **Agenda Review**

Chair Stavinga asked participants to introduce themselves and welcomed Wendy Lavender. Ms. Lavender will be replacing Mary Wooding who is off on extended medical leave.

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

b) **Notice of Proxies** None

c) **Adoption of the Agenda**

Motion 1-5/12

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

d) **Declarations of Interest** None

e) **Approval of Minutes**

Patricia Larkin asked that Page 4 of the minutes of the March 22, 2012 be amended to reflect that "...the Mississippi Field Naturalists has received additional funding from the RBC Blue Water Project for their Environmental Education Program...."

Motion 2-5/12

That the minutes of the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee meeting of March 22, 2012 be approved as amended.

Carried

f) **Status of Action Items**

Chair Stavinga reviewed the Status of Action Items.

2. Uranium

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson will follow up with Doug Nuttall, Mississippi Valley Conservation's Water Resources Engineer, to ensure that the "Uranium and Drinking Water" fact sheet has been available to residents.

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson asked that members continue to forward any community items to staff for distribution to Committee Members.

Motion 3-5/12

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

Carried

g) **Correspondence** None

2.0 Proposed Source Protection Plan & Explanatory Document

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson reviewed progress on the Proposed Source Protection Plan and Explanatory Document since the last meeting and noted the following:

Ms. Casgrain-Robertson confirmed that comments on the Proposed Source Protection Plan received to date have been included in the document titled *Summary of Comments Received on the Draft Source Protection Plan and How They Were Addressed (March 2012 to May 2012)*. Ms. Casgrain-Robertson then reviewed the Summary of Comments Received during which the Committee noted the following:

36 TSSA Code Revisions
37 TSSA Supporting Role

The Committee discussed TSSA's limited role and their current approach to code revisions. While staff suggest that the Committee stand behind their TSSA policies, an alternative "Plan B" is included in the attachment. Chair Stavinga suggested that a letter to TSSA be drafted encouraging increased cooperation and engagement. Chair Stavinga recommended circulating this letter to the Ministry of the Environment and to the Chairs of the other Source Protection Committees. Eleanor Renaud offered to raise the issue at the next meeting of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. Chair Stavinga confirmed that the TSSA is a self-funded non-profit corporation responsible for the administration and enforcement of the *Technical Standards and Safety Act* and enforcement of its regulations on behalf of the Ministry of Consumer Services. Staff were directed to add the Ministry of Consumer Services as an implementer on those policies which identify TSSA as the implementer.

FUEL-#-NLB Liquid Fuel at Existing Facilities
FERT-X-LB-PI-MC (new policy)

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson explained that by adding the wording "... safely manage this activity so that it is not a significant threat to drinking water." to these policies, staff hoped to clarify that significant threat activities are already being managed by existing requirements.

Mon-2-LB (1st and 2nd bullets)

Amend to read "one time confirmation that new requirements have been implemented" (relating to lot grade and drainage plans, mandatory connection to municipal sewer services and sewer use).

Amend to read "one-time confirmation that required Official Plan and zoning by-law amendments have been completed and notice of any future changes".

MON-3-NLB (4th bullet)

Change "one-time confirmation that signs....have been installed" to include annual confirmation that signs are still in place.

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson confirmed that any comments received after the conclusion of this meeting will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment for consideration. Committee members were advised that they may have to reconvene to review any substantial changes requested by the Minister of the Environment. Chair Stavinga expressed concern that the Ministry might arbitrarily overrule the Committee's recommendations. Wendy Lavender indicated that a negotiation process would be implemented.

Motion 4-5/12

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee approves the recommended changes, as amended, to the Source Protection Plans and Explanatory Document and directs staff to make any other necessary editorial corrections or revisions before finalizing the proposed versions of the Source Protection Plan and Explanatory Document.

Carried

3.0 Submission to Source Protection Authorities

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson stated that an updated copy of the “Summary of Comments Received on the Draft Source Protection Plan and How They Were Addressed” would be presented to the Mississippi Valley Source Protection Authority on June 20 and to the Rideau Valley Source Protection Authority on June 21, 2012.

If approved by the Authorities, the Plans would then be posted, on June 22, for one final consultation period.

On July 26, 2012, staff will seek approval from both Source Protection Authorities to submit the Proposed Source Protection Plans to the Minister of the Environment.

Motion 5-5/12

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee approves the submission of the Proposed Source Protection Plans and Explanatory Document to the Mississippi Valley Source Protection Authority and the Rideau Valley Source Protection Authority.

Carried

4.0 Source Protection Plan Accompanying Document

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson explained that a cover letter, signed by both Chair Stavinga and the Chairs of both Source Protection Authorities, would be included in the submission package to the Ministry of the Environment.

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson reviewed the content of the Source Protection Plan Accompanying Document. Staff were directed to:

1. Further refine Section 1.c Program Support Needed from Provincial Ministries to reflect the importance of a multi-disciplinary approach and collaboration.
2. Expand Section 2.c Reconsideration of Transport Pathways to note legislative gaps around earth energy systems (geothermal heating systems).

3. Expand Section 2.c Reconsideration of Transport Pathways to reference private wells and Ontario Regulation 903.
4. Include, in Section 4.a Ottawa River Watershed, the response by the Minister of the Environment.

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee approve the attached document titled *A Summary of Concerns Outside the Scope of the Source Protection Plan*, as amended, and direct staff to make revisions consistent with the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee's deliberations and to submit it to the Source Protection Authorities for submission to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment with the proposed Source Protection Plan.

5.0 Community Outreach

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

6.0 Other Business **None**

8.0 Next Meeting Future meeting dates to be determined as needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Michelle Paton
Recording Secretary