



Kawartha-Haliburton Source Protection Authority Minutes of Meeting SPA # 2/08

Meeting #2 /08 was held on Wednesday, September 17th, 2008 at the Kawartha Conservation office. Chair O'Connor called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Larry O'Connor
Donna Villemaire
Lynn Philip Hodgson
Lloyd Robertson
Peter Franzen
Dave Marsh
Barbara Reid
Ron Hooper (6:40)
Alex Ruth (6:35)
Jim McMillen (6:50)

Regrets: Murray Fearey
Eleanor Harrison
Jim Mackie

Staff: Wanda Stephen, Acting CAO
Mark Majchrowski, Director, Watershed Management
Kristie Virgoe, Manager, Environmental Protection & Restoration
Dave Pridham, Manager, Environmental Technical Services
Steve Gormley, Resources Planner
Catherine Hennings, Corporate Services Assistant

Adoption of Agenda

Resolution #8/08 Moved by: Lloyd Robertson
Seconded by: Dave Marsh

Resolved, That, the agenda for Meeting #2/08 be adopted as received.

CARRIED

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

- None declared.

Minutes of Meeting # K-H SPA 1/08

Resolution #9/08 Moved by: Donna Villemaire
Seconded by: Dave Marsh

Resolved, That, the minutes of Meeting #1/08 be adopted as received.

CARRIED

Presentation and update/Terms of Reference

Mr. Majchrowski delivered a presentation regarding Source Water activities and a handout was provided.

Ms. Reid asked why there may be a lack of interest in the Early Actions program and it was explained that it was mainly focused on urban areas that may not benefit from the program. An explanation was given, that Groundwater and Surface Water Studies relate back to intakes and municipal systems.

Consultants are in various stages and that Durham Region is well ahead. Lutterworth is not complete and City of Kawartha Lakes wells are currently being evaluated. A survey of threats has been done in these areas and consultants need to know how to interpret these threats.

Further explanation was provided about the Surface Water Studies and how the use of water sails measures water current and wind trajectories, which influence wells. Red dye was also used in rivers as another technique. Both studies have an issues evaluation and threats inventory.

A description of each of the items in the Assessment Report was presented.

Comments on the Terms of Reference have been received and Mr. Majchrowski addressed some of the highlights, including one of the major concerns being that MNR is narrowing their focus to treated parameters of drinking water plants and as a result the Source Protection process would not cover it. There are many concerns with this, as post-treatment is not an effective way of dealing with Source Water.

The legislated guidelines were reviewed and the process was explained.

Mr. Robertson inquired as to the number of private septic systems in his area and whether or not there is legislation to deal with any impacts. The committee was informed that the impacts would probably not be dealt with through the Source Water process. Further discussion took place about the many communal wells with cottages and residences on them, in this area.

Mr. Marsh expressed concern about the lack of comments received on the draft as well as the Ministry's refusal to respond regarding funding.

The group was informed that the mandate of TCC SPC is municipal well source water yet findings are that 45% of the population of the area is on municipal wells, therefore 55% of the population is not covered and yet we are going to spend large amounts of money. There is a concern about this 55% of the population, and how this will be funded. Letters have been written to the Ministry of the Environment from the SPC on our behalf because of this concern. The response from MOE was that if municipalities choose to cluster wells then they may be included in the Source Protection Plan.

Bob Creek, a small tributary west of Minden was discussed, and based on population with no intake, it is not a concern, however it is a stressed creek.

The question was raised whether Lutterworth Pines is not operational because they are awaiting certification, and whether or not the Board has approval to write to the government regarding this issue and if so, Ms. Reid asked the Board to consider this. The committee was informed that a letter could be written, if that was the Board's desire.

Concern was raised that the education and outreach addressed mostly urban people, and the Board was asked if they wished to comment regarding how the study did not talk to the right people. The majority of people

concerned with Source Water Protection were not included in the study. Mr. Marsh advised that SPC Chair Hunt and the municipalities have stated these issues, and have received no response.

Resolution #10/08

Moved by: Lloyd Robertson
Seconded by: Donna Villemaire

Resolved, That, the staff report on source water protection be received for information.

CARRIED

Resolution #11/08

Moved by: Dave Marsh
Seconded by: Lynn Philip Hodgson

Resolved, That, given the fact that the majority of the population is on a communal and/or private well systems and are not being considered in the Terms of Reference,

And, That, given this fact, there is no prioritization to municipal vs communal vs private water systems,

And, That, funding has not been considered for the above,

Therefore, the Terms of Reference be referred back to the SPC to address the concerns of the Kawartha-Haliburton Source Protection Authority.

CARRIED

Correspondence

Resolution #12/08

Moved by: Ron Hooper
Seconded by: Lloyd Robertson

Resolved, That, correspondence be received.

CARRIED

New Business

No new business.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Larry O'Connor
Chair

Wanda Stephen
Acting CAO