



**THE CATARAQUI SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF MEETING
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Thursday, January 21, 2021

Teleconference

Participants: John Williamson, Chair; Steve Allen; Christine Brennan; Richard Bresee; John Conley; Michael Farrell; Adora Kwong; Richard Lindgren; Chris Mangan-Greene; Nona Mariotti; Gordon Ohlke; Terry Shea; Kim Sytsma; Mary Wooding

Non-Participants: Andrea Gummo; Jeff Peters

Participating Staff: Tom Beaubiah, Manager, Conservation Lands; Angela Mills, Analyst, Source Water Protection

In response to recommendations by the Province of Ontario and public health officials for mitigating and responding to the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) meetings are not held in-person, therefore, this Cataraqui Source Protection Committee meeting was convened via teleconference.

Chair John Williamson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

1) **Roll Call and Notice of Proxies**

There were eleven (11) voting members participated in the teleconference and no proxies.

2) **Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda was adopted on a motion by Gord Ohlke and seconded by Kim Sytsma.

3) **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were none.

4) **Acknowledgement of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Rick Lindgren indicated he was erroneously quoted as saying that wastewater treatment would “revive” the COVID-19 virus. It has been requested that the sentence end after “topic”.

There was discussion that the March 30, 2020 minutes had been previously discussed by telephone.

Nona Mariotti followed up on Rick’s comments and indicated that CBC had highlighted a New Brunswick study of wastewater and COVID-19 detection.

The minutes of March 30, 2020 were accepted as amended on a motion by Rick Lindgren and seconded by Nona Mariotti.

5) **Business Arising**

- a) Introductions of new participants with Source Protection Committee
 - a. Tom Beaubiah – Manager, Conservation Lands with Cataraqi Conservation has been with the Conservation Authority for a while but has now stepped in to help with Source Water until a new Supervisor, Water Resources is hired.
 - b. Adora Kwong – KFL&A Public Health is replacing Leanne Addicott. She moved from the West coast this summer to join KFL&A Public Health. She and a colleague will share the responsibility of being the small drinking water lead position.
 - c. Angela Mills – Analyst, Source Protection joined the team in the fall to bring stability and continuity to the Source Protection program.

6) **Delegations**

There were none.

7) **Correspondence**

- a) **Committee and Authority feedback on Non-CWA DWS Guidance submitted to MECP**

Angela Mills indicated that the Ministry acknowledged receipt of the feedback the SPC provided and that the Ministry followed up recently with three (3) Source Protection Areas inquiring whether First Nations SPC members had provided comments towards the feedback. None had. (The Cataraqi SPC does not have any First Nations representation).

Rick (Lindgren?) followed up asking Mary Wooding when this Guidance may be posted on the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) for public feedback. It was unknown at this time if

or when it may be posted, but she can follow up. Rick commented that the EBR is purposed with sharing policies, regulations, and guidance, so it should get posted.

b) Minister’s update

Angela Mills shared highlights of the Minister’s updates, including:

- Through the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of Ontario has taken action to protect drinking water including: extending operator’s licenses by 6 months if expiring during state of emergency; matching qualified operators with water and wastewater systems; and providing guidance to building owners on how to properly flush their water systems after being vacant and before any consumption occurs.
- The Government is moving forward with public consultations on adopting Health Canada guidelines for lead of 5 micrograms per litre (reduced from current of 10 micrograms per litre). For background: Ontario currently has the most stringent regime for lead testing and is the only one to require all schools and childcare centres to test for it.
- The Year-at-a-glance reports continued for non-municipal year-round residential drinking water systems and now included designated facilities (e.g., childcare and senior’s facilities).
- It highlighted Quinte Conservation’s animated Source Water Protection video that was posted on Facebook received more than 20 000 views.
- There was a review on water quantity sustainability, and Municipalities must now support any new or increased bottled water takings within their jurisdiction as well as establishing priorities for water use and cumulatively assessing water taking impacts.
- Administrative Monetary Penalties are used to return an offender to compliance and deter from non-compliance. They have now been approved to be issued under the Safe Drinking Water Act and Ontario Water Resources Act. Any funds collected support community restoration projects.

8) Updates from the Source Protection Committee

a) Roundtable Updates from the Source Protection Committee

John Williamson, Chair	<p>Chair’s meeting in September, but it was mostly ministerial presentations and not an opportunity for the chairs to communicate. Another meeting is upcoming.</p> <p>Quinte is encouraging municipalities to voluntarily apply WHPA equivalents around schools and other designated facilities. Wonders if we should be following suit.</p> <p>He’s attended some county planning committee meetings and is concerned with a proposed subdivision that could add 31 private wells clustered in close proximity. (The location is also adjacent to</p>
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	<p>2 farms (1 dairy) and a gas station. He’s tried to encourage it to be treated like a municipal well in the planning stages, for the developer to have to undertake the same technical work, but was informed that’s not his role as Chair, and should be left to the CA.</p> <p>Expressed some concern with not having Hydrogeologist on staff to review consultant assessments. Seems to be consultants reviewing consultants and may not be as independent as one may hope.</p>
Steve Allen	Been a challenging year – just getting by
Richard Bresee	Municipalities have been trying to keep things moving, separating work crews to prevent cross-infection potential. Loyalist has been collecting wastewater samples from Corrections facility to test for COVID-19.
Chris Mangan-Greene	<p>Tourism and recreation has had its ups and downs this year.</p> <p>There’s a water quality posting on the EBR with comments due Mar 31.</p>
Nona Mariotti	Watershed Canada has been active with Lake Associations already this year with surveys to promote shoreline naturalization
Kim Sytsma	Has been working on grassland preservation projects
Gordon Ohlke	Noted the good feelings from the CA boat launches having remained open this summer (when many others were closed).
Terry Shea	<p>He commented to the Mayor of Kingston regarding how fortunate locals were about being so close to CA parkland, with the parking lots so full this year, particularly at Lemoine Point.</p> <p>Steve Allen added that this was mirrored at Mac Johnston</p> <p>Richard Bresee added this was also true at Parrot’s Bay</p> <p>Chris Managan-Greene added that the trails in Gananoque were also well used this year.</p>

b) Local Drinking Water Source Protection Program and Risk Management Update – Angela Mills, Analyst, Source Water Protection

Angela Mills reiterated that there had been a transition in the staffing.

Communications with Albert Paschkowiak, RMO for Leeds and the Thousand Islands, indicated that COVID-19 caused further delays in establishing Risk Management Plans, but that some were established in 2020, and that other are no longer required as some transitioned to propane use.

2020 was the 20th anniversary of the Walkerton Tragedy, and there was a campaign called Trust the Tap.

As part of the follow up to the response to Bill 229, Tom Beaubiah indicated that an advisory committee has been formed with many CA representatives, but that Cataraqi Conservation is not included (but neighbouring Rideau Valley Conservation Authority is). He anticipates there would be a follow up report to the SPC once the regulations have been finalized.

c) Provincial Drinking Water Source Protection Program, Mary Wooding Source Protection Liaison

The Ministry's branch name has changed to Conservation and Source Protection Branch.

As Tom mentioned in 8b), [with relation to Bill 229] there has been a working group formed with the CAO from the Halton Region Conservation Authority, other CAs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Conservation Ontario, and subject matter experts. They are holding bi-weekly meetings for about 6 months to look at programs, services, funding, and permitting processes to be used/implemented by CAs.

John Williamson mentioned that in conversations with Frontenac County, it was mentioned that they would go bankrupt if it weren't for the planning services that they receive from the Conservation Authorities.

More than 350 comments were received from the EBR posting of the Director's Technical Rule proposed amendments, so timelines for release of final version have not been confirmed yet.

9) Business/Reports

a) Director's Technical Rules Proposed Amendments (Report IR-009-21-CSPC)

Presented by Angela Mills.

Gord Ohlke asked if sharing slides as a "head's up" to staff would be OK. Angela deferred question to Mary Wooding/Tom Beaubiah. Sharing was deemed OK as long as it was clear that this is purely informative on anticipated amendments, acknowledging that changes (likely relatively minor in nature) are to be expected.

Steve Allen asked about SGRA mapping impacts with relation to (funding?) application. It was clarified that SGRAs would still be mapped, but not as part of percent managed lands.

[someone] asked about the activities covered in other provincial and federal Acts can't be considered for local threat activity, and clarification on how this might apply. Angela

answered that this is likely one of the instances where we should be awaiting final wording and the Guidance documents.

Resolution: CSPC-001-21
Moved by: John Conley
Seconded by: Gord Ohlke

That Report IR-009-21-CSPC, Cataraqui Source Protection Plan – Amendments to Director’s Technical Rules, Be Received.

Carried

10) Announcements or Inquiries

There were none.

11) Motions/Notice of Motion

There were none.

12) Opportunity for Questions from the Media

There were no questions.

13) IN CAMERA Session

This was not required.

14) Next Meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled for February 25th, 2021.

Rick Lindgren noted that he will be in court all that week, but to have the meeting without him. The meeting is tentatively scheduled but may be moved up or pushed back by a week.

15) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. on a motion by Kim Sytsma, seconded by Nona Mariotti.

John Williamson, Chair

Angela Mills,
Analyst, Source Water Protection