

**THE CATARAQUI SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF MEETING
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Thursday, March 25, 2021

Teleconference

Participants: John Williamson, Chair; Steve Allen; Christine Brennan; John Conley; Michael Farrell; Richard Lindgren; Chris Mangan-Greene; Nona Mariotti; Jeff Peters; and Kim Sytsma;

Non-Participants: Gordon Ohlke;

Regrets Richard Bresee; Andrea Gummo; Adora Kwong; Terry Shea; and Mary Wooding

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

Guests: Heather Dzurko, Cambium Inc. RMO for Kingston, Brockville, Elizabethtown-Kitley, and South Frontenac and Tea Pesheva, MECP, representing Mary Wooding

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 6:35 p.m.

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

There were nine (9) voting members participated in the teleconference and no proxies.

2) **Adoption of Agenda**

Tom would like to add a staffing announcement.

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

3) **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were none.

4) **Acknowledgement of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Prior to meeting, Mary communicated concerns that under the Provincial update that a comment was provided by John Williamson seemed oddly placed and not part of her update. Angela clarified that it seems to have been in response to the working group mentioned in the paragraph above.

The minutes of January 21, 2021 were accepted on a motion by Nona Mariotti and seconded by Rick Lindgren.

Prior to the meeting, Mary clarified that her comments regarding looking into Spills Action Centre reporting on spills within IPZ and WHPA should read: Mary will check with existing annual reporting to see if the current Spills Action Centre reporting includes WHPA/IPZ spill events, and whether it is effective.

The minutes of February 25, 2021 were accepted with amendments on a motion by Kim Systema and seconded by John Conley.

5) **Business Arising**

- a) Four SPC members' term end in May 2021:
 - a. Rick Bresee (Municipal – Western)
 - b. Andrea Gummo (Municipal – Central)
 - c. Michael Farrell (Economic – Industry)
 - d. Christine Brennan (Community – Public at Large)

6) **Delegations**

There were none.

7) **Correspondence**

There was none.

8) **Updates from the Source Protection Committee**

a) **Roundtable Updates from the Source Protection Committee**

John Williamson, Chair	Has not yet heard from the Director from the MECP for the promised one-on-one meeting.
Steve Allen	None.
John Conley	None.
Richard Lindgren	Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA) hosting web series “Water Conversations”. The first was about non-Clean Water Act (CWA) systems (outside Source Protection Area, within Source Protection but excluded from Source Protection Plan – i.e. private systems. There were about 50 participants from across Ontario. The next meeting will be sometime April-June and will forward if it seems relevant.
Chris Mangan-Greene	None.
Nona Mariotti	None.
Kim Sytsma	None.
Mary Wooding	Tea Pesheva (attending in Mary’s place) had nothing to report on her behalf.
Christine Brennan	None.
Gordon Ohlke	There has been turmoil between Killenbeck Lake residents with regards to a cottage that has been converted to a rental. Concerns for septic overuse and police calls. It has been forwarded to Cataraqui Conservation staff, including Source Protection, but it is not an SWP issue. Needs to be forwarded to Health Unit.
Jeff Peters	None.

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

Related to the January report about the proposed amendments to the Technical Rules, Keith Taylor shared a response from the MECP regarding the percent impervious surfaces calculations that were to be calculated separately for each WHPA/IPZ and vulnerability score boundary, in that the calculations can also be divided along the urban/rural boundary – particularly of note for large IPZ areas where urban vs. rural could skew the calculations for risk.

Angela and John Williamson attended the Canadian Environmental Law Association’s Water Conversations on March 24. The topic of discussion was drinking water systems that are not covered by the Source Protection Program (because they are outside SPA, within SPA but

excluded (i.e., private), and indigenous communities). It was highlighted that the other systems have not been included to date, and that the word “discouraged” was used in reference to trying to get these systems included through municipal resolutions. CELA is working on a project related to this effort but is not sharing the key take-aways at this time. There was inquiry also about the pending guidance document for these non-CWA sources. There was also concern of some private expansions (e.g., trailer campground within Rideau Lakes doubling to 300 units) using old septic facilities and less regulations than residences would have.

Also received communication from Albert Paschkowiak (Risk Management Official for the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands) regarding threshold/opportunities to include private well clusters.

Chris Managan-Greene added that small drinking water system operators have a required course (through Walkerton Water Group), duties, and responsibilities.

Additionally, there are 4 policies that are yet to be fully implemented by the Source Protection Authority.

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

No foments forwarded from Mary.

9) Business/Reports

- a) Cataraqui Source Protection Plan – Transport Corridor Local Threats Policy Concepts (Report IR-013-21-CSPC) forwarded from February 25, 2021 meeting (no quorum)

No further feedback received.

Resolution: CSPC-002-21
Moved by: Nona Mariotti
Seconded by: Kim Systema

THAT Report IR-013-21-CSPC, Local Threat: Transportation of Specified Substances along Corridors – Policy Concepts, **BE RECEIVED.**

Carried

b) Annual Source Protection Implementation Report (Report IR-025-21-CSPC)

During the presentation, Angela emphasized that there was little progress made towards policy implementation in 2020; however, there are changes to the policy implementation status (total count and percent complete) for the following reasons:

- 1) Ministry guidance indicates that Monitoring (i.e., report back) type policies should not be included as they are not bona fide threat policies. These have now been removed from policy counts.
- 2) Some mathematical errors and internal database counting formulas were not capturing the appropriate data.
- 3) Ministry reporting asks for reporting of the following threat categories:
 - a) Significant Threat, Binding Policy
 - b) Significant Threat, Non-binding Policy
 - c) Moderate/Low Threat Policies
 - d) Policies addressing Non-specified Threats

A few Significant threat, non-binding policies as well as all the Low threat policies were reported within the policies on non-specified threats. This largely impacted the count and total percent implemented for Moderate/Low threat policies.

Additionally, none of the required septic re-inspections (2nd round) have occurred to date (Front of Yonge), and the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands has much outstanding work for Risk Management Plan establishment. COVID-19 may have had a role in slowing this progress for 2020.

Resolution: CSPC-003-21
Moved by: John Conley
Seconded by: Nona Mariotti

THAT Report IR-025-21-CSPC Annual Source Protection Implementation Report, **BE RECEIVED**;

THAT the Committee **CONSIDER** an overall scoring of **S: Satisfactory** for policy implementation progress in the Cataraqui Source Protection Area; and

THAT Cataraqui Conservation staff **BE DIRECTED** to present the Annual Progress Summary Report to the Cataraqui Source Protection Authority, pending any changes discussed at the March 25, 2021 meeting, for approval and submission to the Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks

Carried

10) Announcements or Inquiries

- a) Tom Beaubiah announced that there will be further staffing turnover. Angela Mills will be leaving Cataraqui Conservation at the end of next week. The posting for Coordinator, Source Protection closes tomorrow (March 26).

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

To be held at the call of the Chair

15) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m. on a motion by Chris Managan-Greene, seconded by Nona Mariotti.

John Williamson, Chair

Angela Mills,
Analyst, Source Protection