

CTC Source Protection Committee Meeting (#3/24)

Meeting Details

Date: Thursday, May 30, 2024

Chair: Gary Mountain (Acting Chair on behalf of Nathan Hyde)

Location: Credit Valley Conservation Administration Office, Boardroom; 1255 Old Derry Road, Mississauga, ON (in-person)¹

Approved Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

B. Doulatyari called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Certification of Quorum - 14 Members Constitute a Quorum (2/3 of Members including proxies)

Members present:

In-person: Julie Abouchar, Liza Ballantyne, Cody Brown, Ken Dion, William Fernandes, Chris Gerrits, Lee Gould, Mark Heaton, Alex Hilson, Rosemary Keenan, Geoff Maltby, Gary Mountain, Peter Miasek, Elvis Oliveira, Ryan Wheeler

Regrets: Chair Nathan Hyde, Colin Evans (proxy to Ryan Wheeler), Louise Foster (proxy to Peter Miasek), Jeff Light, Scott Lister (proxy to Liza Ballantyne), John Presta

Quorum was achieved.

Source Protection Authority Liaisons: Quentin Hanchard (CVSPA-lead SPA)

MECP representative: Nigel Holgate

The following CTC SPA staff were in attendance: Kristina Anderson, Hailey Ashworth, Shanice Badior, Dorothy DiBerto, Behnam Doulatyari, Don Ford, Parastoo Hosseini, Craig Jacques, Sheila McKinley, Kerry Mulchansingh, Lorna Murison, Laurie Nelson, Rod Wilmot

¹ CTC Source Protection Committee meetings are video recorded for the purpose of minute taking

Others in attendance: Jon Clarke, Kyle Davis, Michael Dehn, Therese Estephan, Kim Funk, Jennifer McKay, Patty Meyer, Tavis Nimmo, Hayley Pankhurst, David Rudolph, Keisha Segne

1.1. Election of Acting Chair

G. Maltby nominated G. Mountain as Acting Chair. No other Members were nominated.

G. Mountain was acclaimed as Acting Chair for the meeting and assumed the Chair.

2. Review of Agenda

The Chair noted Item 8.1c “Importation of excess soil into a Well Head Protection Area” will be presented ahead of Item 8.1b “CTC Program Update.

Moved by: L. Gould

Seconded by: C. Brown

RESOLUTION #20/24

THAT the agenda for May 30, 2024 be approved as amended

CARRIED

3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

There were no disclosures of conflicts of interest.

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Moved by: A. Hilson

Seconded by: C. Gerrits

RESOLUTION #21/24

THAT the minutes of the March 20, 2024 meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Chair’s Remarks

There were no remarks.

6. Updates

6.1. Update from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Program Analyst (Nigel Holgate)

Updates provided regarding MECP receipt of CTC Annual Progress Report, status of Transfer of Payment Agreement applications, MECP Conservation and Source Protection Branch staff updates, and forthcoming MECP guidance on Technical Rules and Source Protection Plan amendments. The Committee discussed the 2021 Technical Rules, road salt-related threats and best management practices.

6.2. Source Protection Authority Liaison (Quentin Hanchard, CAO of Credit Valley Conservation)

The committee discussed public awareness of source water protection, and other stewardship programs and services that conservation authorities and municipalities provide.

7. Presentations

7.1. Urban salt reduction studies: David Rudolph, University of Waterloo.

7.2. Case Study: Evaluating the performance of different winter maintenance products on permeable and conventional asphalt. Lorna Murison, CVC.

Moved by: L. Gould

Seconded by: P. Miasek

Resolution #22/24:

THAT the presentations be received.

CARRIED

8. Committee Business

8.1. Reports to Committee

a. Town of Erin – New Municipal Supply Well

Patty Meyer, Senior Hydrogeologist with Aqua Insight Inc., provided an overview of the source protection technical work completed for the Town of Erin's new well E9. CTC staff followed with an overview of the amendment process to incorporate this technical work into the CTC Source Protection Plan and consultation timelines. P. Meyer, CTC and Wellington Source Water Protection staff and the Town of Erin Mayor addressed Committee questions about the technical work, drinking water threats, need to bring the new well online by 2025, impacts and support for affected landowners, scope of amendment, and upcoming consultation. C. Gerrits expressed interest in further discussion on whether both closed and open-loop geothermal systems should be considered a transport pathway.

M. Heaton departed the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

Moved by: J. Abouchar

Seconded by: A. Hilson

RESOLUTION #23/24

THAT the Committee is of the opinion that the proposed amendments to the Approved Credit Valley Assessment Report, and the CTC Source Protection Plan, are advisable;

AND THAT staff be directed to incorporate the proposed amendments, to the Approved Credit Valley Assessment Report, and the CTC Source Protection Plan;

AND THAT staff be directed to take the necessary actions to acquire municipal endorsements of the proposed amendments to the Approved Credit Valley Assessment Report, and the CTC Source Protection Plan prior to commencing public consultation;

AND THAT staff be directed to take the necessary actions to proceed with the mandated preconsultation with impacted stakeholders and public consultation on the Proposed Credit Valley Assessment Report and Proposed CTC Source Protection Plan, in accordance with requirements of the Clean Water Act, 2006;

AND THAT staff be directed to re-engage the Committee should any feedback received during the mandated pre-consultation or public consultation periods necessitate significant changes to the proposed amendments;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to take the necessary actions to prepare the final amendments package for the Proposed Credit Valley Assessment Report and Proposed CTC Source Protection Plan, for submission by the Credit Valley Source Protection Authority, to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks.

CARRIED

c. Importation of excess soil into a Well Head Protection Area

CTC staff provided an overview of municipal concerns to drinking water sources in the Town of Orangeville in relation to the rehabilitation of an inactive aggregate pit through the importation of excess soil. The Committee discussed the current regulatory regime and whether the Committee has a role in addressing the concern about importation of excess soil in well-head protection areas. The importation of excess soil as a local threat was discussed as an avenue to address this perceived threat via policy within the CTC Source Protection Plan. An amendment to consider a local threat was added to the resolution.

L. Gould departed the meeting at 3:27 p.m.

W. Fernandes departed the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

Moved by: K. Dion

Seconded by: C. Brown

RESOLUTION #24/24

THAT the CTC Source Protection Committee direct CVSPA staff to send a letter to the Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, and the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, requesting both ministries to take steps to address the concerns raised by Amaranth and Orangeville on the application for significant amendment to the Aggregate Resource Act Licence No. 3573 (ERO# 019-8143), and to review the existing regulatory framework for governing excess soil in wellhead protection areas, and address gaps in the Clean Water Act, Excess Soil Regulations, and Aggregate Resources Act to ensure the protection of municipal drinking water sources;

AND FURTHER THAT the CTC Source Protection Committee direct CTC staff to develop appropriate policies directed at the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry for updating all existing aggregate licences across the CTC Source Protection Region to include the latest approved mapping of applicable Wellhead Protection Areas;

AND THAT CTC staff be directed to report back to the CTC Source Protection Committee with a recommendation on whether to pursue importation of excess soil in well-head protection areas as a local threat.

b. CTC Program Update

Moved by: A. Hilson

Seconded by: C. Gerrits

RESOLUTION #25/24

THAT the CTC Source Protection Committee receive the staff report CTC Program Update for information.

CARRIED

8.2. Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Correspondence

- 9.1. Letter advising of Conservation Ontario's comments on the "New regulation to focus municipal environmental assessment requirements" (ERO#019-7891). March 18, 2024. To Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks from Nicholas Fischer, Policy and Planning Liaison, Conservation Ontario**
- 9.2. Letter requesting provincial action on road salt pollution of aquatic bodies. March 21, 2024. To Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks from Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition.**
- 9.3. Letter requesting continuation of free private drinking water testing. April 12, 2024. To Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and Minister of Health from Robert Edmondson, Chair, Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee.**
- 9.4. Letter requesting continuation of free private drinking water testing. April 19, 2024. To Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs from Alan Dale, Chair, Lake Erie Source Protection Committee.**
- 9.5. Letter requesting continuation of free private drinking water testing and potential closure of Kingston Public Health Laboratory. April 24, 2024. To Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and Minister of Health from John Williamson, Chair, Cataraqui Source Protection Committee.**

9.6. Letter advising of Conservation Ontario’s comments on ERO proposals (ERO# 019-8366, #019-8369 and #019-8370) associated with Bill 185. May 10, 2024. To Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing from Brandi Walter, Policy and Planning Liaison, Conservation Ontario and Leslie Rich, Source Water Protection Manager, Conservation Ontario.

9.7. Letter advising of Conservation Ontario’s comments on the “Review of proposed policies for a new provincial planning policy instrument” (ERO# 019-8462). May 10, 2024. To Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing from Brandi Walter, Policy and Planning Liaison, Conservation Ontario and Leslie Rich, Source Water Protection Manager, Conservation Ontario.

Moved by: G. Maltby

Seconded by: C. Brown

RESOLUTION #26/24

THAT the correspondence items be received.

CARRIED

10. Member Recognition

Members whose five year terms expire on June 20, 2024 were recognized: Julie Abouchar, Louise Foster, Scott Lister, Peter Miasek, Gary Mountain, and John Presta.

11. Next Meeting

June 27, 2024 1-4 p.m. (Online only: TEAMS).

12. Adjourn

Moved by: K. Dion

Seconded by: P. Miasek

RESOLUTION #27/24

THAT the CTC Source Protection Committee meeting of May 30, 2024 be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.