

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

SOURCE PROTECTION AUTHORITY MEETING

Mill of Kintail Gatehouse

**MINUTES**

April 21, 2010

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

M. Burnham, Chair;  
P. Sweetnam, Vice-Chair;  
L. Antonakos;  
J. Beam;  
E. El-Chantiry;  
R. Fletcher;  
S. Hardaker;  
R. Harvey;  
H. Hogg;  
R. Kidd;  
G. McConnell;  
J. Torrance;  
V. Wilkinson.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

O. MacAngus;  
G. McEvoy.

**INVITED MEMBER PRESENT:**

E. Preston.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

P. Lehman, P. Eng., General Manager;  
J. Sargeant, Secretary-Treasurer;  
C. Craig, Project Manager;  
R. Fergusson, Operations Supervisor;  
A. Symon, Watershed Planner;  
G. Mountenay, Water Management Supervisor;  
S. McFarlane, Community Relations Coordinator;  
E. Levi, Administrative Assistant;  
S. Casgrain-Robertson, Co-Project Manager,  
Mississippi-Rideau Source Water  
Protection.

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

J. Stavinga, Chair, Mississippi-Rideau Source  
Protection Committee;  
E. Fytche, Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists.

**BUSINESS:**

1. Minutes – Source Protection Authority – March 24, 2010

**SPA04/21/10-1**

**MOVED BY: J. Torrance**

**SECONDED BY: S. Hardaker**

**Resolved, That the Minutes of the March 24, 2010 Mississippi Valley Source Protection Authority meeting be received and approved as printed.**

**“CARRIED”**

2. Assessment Report Development -Carleton Place Surface Water Study

Mrs. Casgrain-Robertson commented on Staff Report #SPA22/10. It was noted that Source Protection Committees must produce Assessment Reports that map local sources of drinking water, determine how vulnerable they are to contamination and overuse, and identify what land use activities pose a risk. Committees then use the science to develop Source Protection Plans by knowing where source protection policies are needed and what potential threats the policies need to address.

Staff and consultants have been working on background technical studies for the past few years. The studies are now being reviewed by the Source Protection Committee (SPC), then the Source Protection Authorities (SPA), municipalities and the public. Mrs. Casgrain-Robertson commented on the Carleton Place Surface Water Study Draft Summary as attached to the staff report. She commented on the various steps as follows:

- Step 1 – Delineate Intake Protection Zones – Maps 1, 2 and 3 were presented and the Carleton Place Intake Protection Zones were explained;
- Step 2 – Assess Vulnerability – the provincial Technical Rules under the *Clean Water Act* for assessing the vulnerability for each intake protection zone were explained;
- Step 3 – Identify Threats and Issues for Water Quality – means of identifying threats and issues in Carleton Place were explained.

Mrs. Casgrain-Robertson advised that the findings of the Draft Study Summary will be presented at a Carleton Place Open House to be held on April 29, 2010 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. with a presentation at 6:30 p.m. at the Carleton Place Arena.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the intake protection zones and methodology and results of assigning the area vulnerability factors. Mrs. Casgrain-Robertson and Mrs. Stavinga commented on the debates which have been held at Source Protection Committee meetings regarding the methodology used by the consultants.

In response to a question, Mrs. Casgrain-Robertson advised that, once policies are written, the municipalities will have to update official plans and municipal zoning by-laws to address significant threats.

**SPA04/21/10-2**

**MOVED BY: G. McConnell**

**SECONDED BY: R. Harvey**

**Resolved, That the Mississippi Valley Source Protection Authority receive the Carleton Place Surface Water Study - Draft Study Summary.**

**“CARRIED”**

3. EBR Comments on Draft Source Protection Plan Regulation

Mrs. Casgrain-Robertson explained that once technical assessment reports are completed next spring, the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee (MRSPC) must develop source protection plans by August 2012. The plans will contain policies (e.g. incentives, land use restrictions, monitoring) to address drinking water threats and protect source water.

To enable source protection committees to develop source protection plans, a regulation must be issued under the *Clean Water Act*. The MOE posted a Discussion Paper for public comment last summer outlining proposed requirements for the content and preparation of source protection plans. Many local municipalities along with the MRSPC and the Rideau Valley and Mississippi Valley Source Protection Authorities submitted comments. MOE considered the feedback they received on the discussion paper when developing a draft regulation that was posted in January for a 60 day comment period ending March 26, 2010.

Staff and some MRSPC members participated in a MOE consultation session on the draft regulation on February 19, 2010. Staff used feedback from the session, plus comments developed by other regions, to prepare draft comments. The comments, outlined in the staff report, were approved by the MRSPC at their meeting on April 1, 2010.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding comment #10 as follows:

*Long-Term Provincial Funding – The province has generously funded the source protection planning initiative through its first three phases (terms of reference, assessment reports and source protection plans). There also needs to be stable long-term provincial funding through the final three phases (implementation of the Plan, monitoring of Plan policies and review and updating of the Plan) as these final phases will determine the overall success or failure of source protection planning in Ontario.*

It was the general consensus that comment #10 should be highlighted in a cover letter accompanying the complete comments.

**SPA04/21/10-3**

**MOVED BY: R. Fletcher**

**SECONDED BY: L. Antonakos**

**Resolved, That the Mississippi Valley Source Protection Authority approve the following comments for submission to the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry, Registry Number 010-8766 (Regulatory Components to Support the Development and Implementation of Source Protection Plans under the *Clean Water Act 2006*).**

**“CARRIED”**

4. Consideration of Source Protection Committee Applicants

**SPA04/21/10-4**

**MOVED BY: J. Beam**

**SECONDED BY: E. El-Chantiry**

**Resolved, That the Mississippi Valley Source Protection Authority move “in camera” to address a matter pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual and that staff and the invited member remain in the room.**

**“CARRIED”**

**SPA04/21/10-5**

**MOVED BY: R. Fletcher**  
**SECONDED BY: V. Wilkinson**

**Resolved, That the Mississippi Valley Source Protection Authority move out of “in-camera” discussion.**

**“CARRIED”**

**SPA04/21/10-6**

**MOVED BY: R. Harvey**  
**SECONDED BY: G. McConnell**

**Whereas, the Source Water Protection Executive Committee (comprised of the Chairs, Vice-Chairs and General Managers of the Mississippi and Rideau Valley Conservation Authorities) held interviews for the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee membership, and has further considerations to make prior to a decision being made; Be it Resolved, That the Mississippi Valley Source Protection Authority delegates the selection of Source Protection Committee members to the Executive Committee.**

**“CARRIED”**

10. 2010 Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee Meeting Schedule

The Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee 2010 Meeting Schedule was reviewed.

11. Upcoming Meetings:

Upcoming meetings were outlined as follows:

- a. Carleton Place Open House – April 29, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (presentation at 6:30 p.m.) Carleton Place Arena, 75 Neelin Street, Carleton Place
- b. Source Protection Committee – May 6, 7:00 p.m. (“meet and greet” at 6:00 p.m.) Carp Agricultural Hall, 3790 Carp Road, Carp.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**SPA04/21/10- 7**

**MOVED BY: R. Fletcher**  
**SECONDED BY: L. Antonakos**

**Resolved, That the Mississippi Valley Source Protection Authority meeting be adjourned.**

**“CARRIED”**