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# Thames – Sydenham and Region Source Protection Committee

# Meeting Notice

Please be advised that a meeting of the Thames-Sydenham and Region source Protection Committee has been called for the following time. If you are unable to attend please contact Deb Kirk at 519-245-3710 ext 46.

**Meeting Date:** July 10, 2009

**Meeting Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

**Meeting Location:** Business Meeting at the First Nations Secretariat  
Tour to follow at 10:30 a.m.

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## Proposed Agenda

Item	Time
1. Chair's Welcome	8:30
2. Adoption of the Agenda	
3. Delegations	
4. Minutes From the Previous Meeting	
5. Declaration of Conflict of Interest	
6. Business arising from the minutes	
a. Geothermal Issue-Draft letter	
b. AR Consultation update	
c. MOE Update-Newsletter	
d. MOE tech bulletin Addressing Transportation Threats	
7. Business	9:00
a. SPP Discussion Paper	
b. SPP dry run workshop	
c. Tier 1 Water Budget (verbal)	
8. Information	9:40
a. Vulnerability Assessment Peer Review update (verbal)	
b. ODWSP zones (IPZ1, WHPA-B) approvals update (verbal)	
c. Communications update (verbal)	
d. First Nations update (verbal)	
e. ERCA SPC Meeting Wheatley Update	
9. In Camera Session	
10. Other business	
a. Cedar Springs Defense letter	
11. MOE Liaison report	
12. Members reports	
13. Adjournment	10:00

## Meeting Materials

	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Description</b>
Discussion Papers	2009.07.10a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cedar Springs Rifle range discussion paper</li> </ul>
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Other Materials	Previous Meeting Minutes	
	MOE Discussion Paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Source Protection Plans under the Clean Water Act</li> </ul>
	Map to the First Nations Secretariat	
	Letter to the Ministry - Geothermal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be distributed later</li> </ul>
	MOE tech bulletin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addressing Transportation Threats</li> </ul>

SPC MEETING MINUTES  
FRIDAY JULY 10, 2009  
Meeting #15

Bob Bedggood, Chair of the Source Protection Committee called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, July 10, 2009 at the First Nations Secretariat office. The following members and staff were in attendance:

**Members:**

Bob Bedggood	Valerie M'Garry
Dean Edwardson	Patrick Feryn
Paul Hymus	Don McCabe
Carl Kennes	Darrell Randell
Joe Kerr	Joe VanOverberghe
Doug McGee	Pat Sobeski
Charles Sharina	Jim Maudsley
John Van Dorp	Jim Reffle
Brent Clutterbuck	Teresa McLellan

**Regrets:**

Murray Blackie	Richard Philp
Brent Clutterbuck	Joe Salter
Patrick Donnelly	Marg Misk-Evans
Sheldon Parsons	Earl Morwood

**Others in attendance:**

Robert Olivier  
Sarah Parry, MOE

**Staff:**

Bonnie Carey  
Chris Tasker  
Deb Kirk  
Linda Nicks

1) Chair's Welcome

Initially, Bob relayed to the committee this would be an information session and not a business meeting, due to not having a quorum. However, at 9:00 the meeting proceeded once a quorum was reached.

2) Adoption of the Agenda

3) Delegations

None

4) Minutes from the Previous Meeting

moved by Dean Edwardson-seconded by Paul Hymus

*“Resolved that the minutes be approved as circulated.”*

*CARRIED.*

5) Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflict of interest was identified.

6) Business arising from the minutes

a) Geothermal Issue- Draft Letter

moved by Darrell Randell–seconded by Jim Maudsley

*“Resolved that the letter outlining the committee’s concerns relating to the geothermal issue was approved by the committee and is to be submitted in response to the EBR posting.”*

*CARRIED.*

The committee discussed the draft letter circulated. With the exception of a few typos and the committee wanting it clearly outlining what Act has primacy regarding conflicts with the Clean Water Act. The letter will be forwarded to the various Ministries as addressed.

b) AR Consultation Update

An update was given on the upcoming consultations meetings. A report will be given to the committee when the dates and venues are finalized. The first meeting is scheduled August 4 for the West Elgin intake.

c) MOE Update-Newsletter

The Ministry of Environment newsletter was distributed to the committee.

d) MOE tech bulletin Addressing Transportation Threats

A concern was raised of whether pipelines, existing or abandoned, could be addressed and what information would be utilized to investigate the risks. Joe Van Overberge

reported there is information available of pipelines across Ontario and connected to Ontario. There is only information available prior to 911. Chris Tasker will request this information so the committee can consider the possible risks. It was discussed that this is the best and only information currently available at this time.

## 7) Business

### a) SPP Discussion Paper

MOE has circulated a consultation paper to provide the basis for discussion on Source Protection Plans made under the Clean Water Act, their content and how they will be developed. The Source Protection Committees, municipal and stakeholders groups and the public will be consulted and comments submitted will result in the development of the regulations that will govern the content and preparation of the source protection plans.

### b) SPP Dry Run workshop

A SPC training session has been scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2009 at Ridgetown College. The training will involve applying policy to mock threats to run through possible scenarios the committee will be dealing with in the future. Comments from these sessions will then be submitted to the Ministry. Bob acknowledged there is an AMO meeting being held in Ottawa that same week and apologized to the municipal reps for the training session being held within that same week.

### c) Tier 1 Water Budget

Chris Tasker reported the Tier 1 Water Budget has not been through the peer review process yet. The plan is to have a report submitted to the SPC for the August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. The main area where potential for stress to drinking water is identified is in the Upper Thames River, in sub-watersheds of the north and south branch. There are some challenges in terms of the consultants' time, trying to complete similar work across the province. Theresa McLellan reported the Ministry of Environment is aware of this issue and close communications with the project managers and the staff is occurring.

## 8) Information

### a) Vulnerability Assessment Peer Review update

The first Vulnerability Assessment Peer Review update meeting was held concerning the southern part of Lake Huron and West Elgin. The peer review did not result in any changes to the zones or vulnerability scores. A challenge noted during this process is differing views from the consultants in the interpretation the level of uncertainty. Upon completion of the peer review of all of the areas, having a compilation of the peer

reviewers thoughts on uncertainty may assist in being able to represent it consistently in the Assessment Report.

b) ODWSP zones (IPZ1, WHPA-B) approvals update

This item was not discussed.

C) Communications Update

Bonnie Carey gave a brief update on the work the communications staff have been doing. The Assessment Report consultation meetings are being scheduled and planned.

d) First Nations Update

A written report was given to the committee outlining the recent events. Derekica Snake was absent today due to being involved in a First Nations Golf Tournament. The new display panels were available today for the committee to view and will be utilized for upcoming community events.

e) ERCA SPC Meeting Wheatley Update

Chris Tasker gave a brief overview of the recent SPC Essex Region Conservation Authority meeting attended by Chitra Gowda. More detailed information can be provided at the August SPC meeting.

9) In Camera Session

None

10) Other Business

a) Cedar Springs Defense Letter

A letter was distributed to the committee that was sent to the Lower Thames Valley Conservation from James D. Wickett regarding the intensification of use of Cedar Springs Rifle Range and a concern over the lead levels in the area contributing to lead in the drinking water source. A response letter was also attached from the Minister of National Defense.

After a discussion the committee agreed it is important for the Conservation Authority to respond with a letter to the above mentioned party to indicate the concerns have been noted at this meeting and they will be assessed further as the Assessment Report process continues. Chris Tasker and Chitra Gowda will formulate this letter and it will be distributed to the committee via email for comment and then sent out.

## 11) MOE Liaison Report

An update by the MOE Liaison was not provided in an effort to allow the committee to depart on their tour.

## 12) Members Reports

***Pat Sobeski***- reported a recent event held in Oxford County where a farmer was presented an award for positive environmental activities he has participated in on his farm including creating grassed waterways and berms. Pat reported the media was very interested in reporting on the stewardship programs. The event was reported on in the Sentinel newspaper, Rogers and on the radio.

## 13) Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m. The committee proceeded to board the bus for a tour of the Chatham and Lake Erie intake areas.