

**MINUTES OF THE  
EIGHTIETH MEETING OF THE  
NORTH BAY-MATTAWA SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE (SPC)**

**9:30 am, Tuesday, December 10, 2024  
Held at NBMCA Boardroom and via WEB MEETING SOFTWARE**

**1. Administration**

**a) Meeting called to order at 9:34 am**

**b) Attendance Record and Quorum (minimum number for quorum is 6 SPC Members)**  
Quorum present when the meeting was called to order

<b>Chair and SPC Members</b>	<b>Staff and Liaisons</b>
Wayne Belter, Chair	Kevin Taylor, Senior Manager, Planning & Water Resources (DWSP Program Manager)
Lucy Emmott	Angela Mills, Water Resources Specialist
Beverley Hillier	Rebecca Morrow, HR Coordinator/Executive Assistant/Deputy CAO
John MacLachlan	Robin Allen, Interim CAO/Secretary-Treasurer
Randy McLaren	Michelle Lahaye, Chair, NBMSPA
Peter Murray	Laura Collings, MECP Liaison (online)
Maurice Schlosser	
Andrea Labelle (online)	
Tim McKenna (online)	
George Stivrins (online)	

**c) Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands**

Wayne Belter read a statement of acknowledgement of traditional, ancestral and treaty lands.

**d) Explanation of Online Procedures**

The Project Manager reviewed procedures for those participating online for requesting to speak and voting.

**e) Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – none**

**f) Approval of Agenda**

**Motion: That the Agenda for the meeting be approved.**

Moved by John, seconded by Randy (**Resolution 80-01**)

**Carried**

**g) Approval of Minutes**

**Motion: That the Minutes of the June 21, 2024 meeting be approved.**

Moved by Randy, seconded by Lucy (**Resolution 80-02**)

**Carried**

**h) Business Arising from the meeting Minutes of June 21, 2024:**

Full minutes not available. John, who chaired that meeting, has some notes that can be used to help fill gaps. Minutes to be presented for next meeting and noted full minutes not available.

Clarification on membership renewal requested. The NBSPA is the governing body of the NBMSPC. Past notes from David Ellingwood indicate memberships would need to be renewed in 2024. Past practices discussed where positions are posted for applications, including municipal representation. There is an extensive onboarding process, it was suggested to bring all new members on together. Bev brought to light a past document indicating members were renewed in 2018, 2019, and 2020 for 5-year terms, and that one third of the membership should be replaced at a time. The whole committee is due for renewal. New members can bring fresh perspectives. Staff to review membership status and renewal processes.

**i) Correspondence**

None at this time.

**2. Chair's Remarks & Introductions**

Wayne Belter welcomed all participants to the meeting. Noted that there have been DWSP challenges in southern Ontario and that everything seems to be under control here. MECP has multi-year funding window.

**3. Delegations**

None.

**4. Project Manager Update Source Protection Plan**

Kevin was unable to attend most recent Project Managers' meeting on Dec 4 due to illness.

Laura was in attendance and provided overview of discussions:

- Four annual meetings, two online and two in-person. Dec 4 meeting was in-person and hybrid (due to weather), hosted by CVC.
- Issues relating to prescribed instruments (not used in NBMSPArea)
- New guidance materials for S.34 updates (most recent was dated 2016 or 2018); new guidance materials for s.36 updates pending.

- Laura has been working with Kevin through the ongoing s.36 updates, especially with regards to consultation requirements and data submissions to MECP (by end of 2024)

## 5. MECP S.36 submissions: AR and SPP

The report listed second in the agenda package was presented first for context, followed by the report listed first which details the policy changes. Motions were presented once both reports had been discussed.

Kevin presented S.36 Updates to the AR & SPP Report. Updates from MECP comments have been completed and based on current 2021 Director's Technical Rules.

There was extensive review of the percent impervious are in the Callander IPZ, which is just below the threshold for significant drinking water threat for the application of road salt. The previous policies addressed only the storage of road salt, and did not include the application of road salt. There was confusion as to why the application of road salt was included after many years of being told to have policy only for significant drinking water threats. Laura indicated all policies should be written on an existing or future threat basis.

Quantity threats are not included in the current updates as updated water budgets would be required. This is deferred to a future meeting. Additionally, quantity is not threatened locally.

Policies SAL 1, SMF 3, and LAU1 have been amended to address most of the concerns. These are detailed in the next report to be presented.

This report also provided the extensive checklist for submission to the MECP. Targeting to have submission completed by end of December 2024. GIS is working to update some of the mapping.

The second report presented, Policy Changes to the SPP report, provides detailed information regarding the threat of handling and storage of road salt and application of road salt, and highlighted side-by-side changes to SAL 1, suggesting also that the Code of Practiced for the Environmental Management of Road Salts be used as a reference. Lucy mentioned that a two-year period for implementation may be difficult if a municipality were to require new equipment. Tim indicated that creating a Salt Management Plan would not be too onerous to be done internally within the proposed time frame for Callander.

This report also provided side-by-side comparison of SMF3, updating the policy to include Management of Agricultural Source Material (ASM) to the existing policy for Application. Clarifications included whether this would be covered by Nutrient Management Plans, and if there were thresholds for this. Technical Rules specify <40% managed land with >1 nutrient unit. The change is meant to encompass the whole process between storage and application of ASM.

LAU1, the policy specific to Laurier Township (unorganized township) was modified to include policies where cross referencing referenced areas were covered under LAU1 but did not appear under LAU1.

**Motion: That the Source Protection Committee supports the policy changes to the Source Protection Plan: and further that the Source Protection Committee Concurs with the revisions made to the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority's Source Protection Plan.**

Moved by Peter, seconded by John (**Resolution 80-03**)

**Carried**

**Motion: That the Source Protection Committee supports the Section 36 updates to the Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan: and further that the Source Protection Committee concurs with the revisions proposed to the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority's Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan.**

Moved by Tim, seconded by Maurice (**Resolution 80-04**)

**Carried**

## **7. New Business and Wrap-up**

Tim brought up the significant issue of Blue-green Algae (BGA) in Callander, especially this year, and that residents and the municipality were concerned about the application of herbicides (Diquot) in the water, specifically within the IPZ1 with MECP approval but no municipal nor NBMCA consultation (to vegetation in marinas, etc.). This particular herbicide is designed for use in the water and binds to foliage rather than remaining suspended in the water column. If there were a policy to request consultation by the implementing body (i.e. applicator) it could be difficult to enforce. Studies are not yet available for the long-term impacts to flora, fauna, bio-accumulation, etc. The MECP pesticide specialist is to advise municipality and NBMCA prior to next year's application and will forward the sampling report to NBMCA.

Kevin will follow up on March 2024 meeting minutes, membership renewal procedures, water budget and quantity threats and how to address them.

The next SPC meeting will be early to mid-February, 2025; poll to follow.

## **8. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 on motion by Bev.

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Wayne Belter, SPC Chair

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Kevin Taylor, Project Manager