

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

**9:00 am, Friday, June 21, 2024
Held at NBMCA Boardroom and via WEB MEETING SOFTWARE**

1. Administration

a) Meeting called to order at 9:06 am

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

Chair and SPC Members	Staff and Liaisons
Wayne Belter, Chair	Kevin Taylor, Senior Manager, Planning & Water Resources (DWSP Program Manager)
Beverley Hillier	Rebecca Morrow, HR Coordinator/Executive Assistant/Deputy CAO
Randy McLaren	Angela Mills, Water Resources Specialist (online)
John MacLachlan	Brent Allan, Health Unit Liaison (online)
Maurice Schlosser	Laura Collings, MECP Liaison (online)
George Stivrins (online)	
Lucy Emmott	
Andrea Labelle (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 Randy, seconded by John (**Resolution 79-01**)

Carried

g) Approval of Minutes

Not available – detailed notes are not currently available they could not be located due to staff turnover.

h) Business Arising from the meeting Minutes of March 18, 2024:

Deferred to the next meeting (incomplete minutes)

Clarification on membership renewal requested. At the last meeting it had been said that someone would send out notices – it's not something the committee would be responsible for. Would be coming from SPA/NBMCA. There are Source Protection Committee members who plan to retire from the committee and would like to ensure that the same type of public representation are put into place. Staff will follow up.

i) Correspondence

None at this time.

2. Chair's Remarks & Introductions

Wayne Belter welcomed all participants to the meeting. Acknowledgement of staffing changes, including DWSP Project Manager and CAO.

Kevin Taylor introduced himself with academic and work background and expressed excitement getting up to speed with DWSP program.

Laura Collings is representing MECP. Mary retired in January and Liaison Officer positions ended about a year ago. Laura is Program Analyst and is able to attend SPC meetings as relevant (she is the one reviewing S.36 updates). Other MECP staff may attend, depending on the meeting topics.

Round-table of introductions of SPC Members and Health Unit Liaison

3. Delegations

None.

4. Past and Upcoming Meetings of Interest

Project Manager provided verbal update on Project Managers Meeting.

19 project managers met together over 1.5 days to discuss S.36 updates for technical changes, impacts on SPP, policies, etc.

Laura added additional discussion points

- *ECA changes*
- 3-yr TPA agreements, more funding, and new durations

- MECP guidance for s.34 and s.36 submissions. May not impact our current submission (depending on timeline). S.34 updates are being worked out first. Standard processes and requirements will change.
- Policy gaps between 2021 and 2017 Technical Rules – some have had challenges meeting standards for 2021 Technical rules

PM extending gratitude to MECP for support in the program, especially as new to role.

5. Project Manager Update

PM update became Public Consultation report (below)

6. Public Consultation

Project Manager provided background on ongoing S.36 update and report on Public Consultation process.

- Two public open houses were held after notices sent to public and media.
- Much of public concern is the expansion of MMI in Callander ICA.
- Federation of Agriculture representative attended open house and provided written comments.

Lucy added that there have been >1000 cattle brought into Chisholm recently just for grazing. Public outreach is important. Randy added that there have been changes in Omish/Mennonite population and their agriculture activities. The Mennonite population is likely more traditional than the past residents, with commercial fertilizers unlikely to be used. With a new and more traditional community, our outreach methods may need to be adjusted.

Bev highlighted that while RMPs (per Agricultural Federation comments) may be an option, it could be a burden on municipalities to have and RMO/RMI for the limited risks on the ground so the direction the SPC took was to focus on Education and Outreach.

The request for information re: Trout Lake Drinking water can be forwarded to the Health Unit for best practices, since it will inevitably go towards PFAS.

Angela clarified comments related to mapping – there were technological issues when the maps were produced against a tight deadline, resulting in poorer quality maps than desired. There was an addendum map for % impervious area for the Callander IPZ. There's a chance

that a small part of the Callander IPZ-1 may have significant threat for road salt and details need to be reviewed.

Project Manager is working to address the MECP and public comments.

Lucy would like to have clarity and transparency with where staffing changes, etc. impact the process and timelines.

Question regarding Environment Compliance Approvals – Laura (MECP) answered question. It's a Prescribed Instrument where municipalities or others require permits to do work (e.g., sewer infrastructure). OMAFRA (or other ministries) may have additional Prescribed Instruments for agricultural (or other industries e.g., mining) areas. In an attempt to cut the red tape, there are now 'pre-authorized' projects, so our policies can't prohibit it.
CLI – Consolidated Linear Infrastructure (e.g. sewer lines)

Bev concerned that our mapping has had so many issues and that needs to be a priority. She also expressed that the SPC can be a sounding board, especially for historic context of DWSP.

Motion: The SPC acknowledges the ongoing workings by the PM to update the s.36 revisions, and when draft revisions are complete to schedule a follow up SPC meeting
Moved by Randy, seconded by John (**Resolution 79-02**)

Carried

7. New Business and Wrap-up

PFAS concern – Lucy concern. CA should refer people to the Heath Unit, CNB, attend public meetings, otherwise public will lose faith in the CA for drinking water concern. – was mentioned also at previous meeting.

Bev – CNB, DND, Health Unit, MECP are managing PFAS. PFAS is not a prescribed threat at this time so we need to keep it on our radar, but we are not in a position to make a statement on the matter at this time. Include Karin Pratte, DND, and MECP for a future meeting.

The next SPC meeting will be To Be Determined, upon call of the Chair.

8. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 on motion by Maurice.

Wayne Belter, SPC Chair

Kevin Taylor, Project Manager