

**MINUTES OF THE SEVENTY-SECOND REGULAR LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Minutes of the Seventy-Second Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on March 16, 2023, at the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority and via Microsoft Teams (virtual). The Chair called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lucy Kloosterhuis, Chair
Chris Bowles
Walter Turek
Ashleigh Marchl (virtual)
Shanley Thompson (virtual)
Bernie Kamphof (virtual)
Mike Fabius (virtual)

LIAISON MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tammy Cook, CAO, LRCA
Beth Forrest, Liaison Officer, MECP (virtual)

LIAISON MEMBER ABSENT :

Lee Sieswerda, TBDHU

ALSO PRESENT:

Roman Augustyn, Information Systems Coordinator
Melanie O’Riley, Administrative Clerk, recorder of Minutes

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA BY CONSENSUS

Agenda adopted by consensus.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Seventy First Regular Meeting held on March 18, 2022 were adopted by consensus.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None.

5. MECP LIAISON'S UPDATE

Beth Forrest, Liaison Officer, provided an update from the MECP including: the MECP has released a best practices document for locations outside Source Water Protection Areas; some First Nations will pilot the best practices; the Ministry was continuing to review Section 34 and 36 updates; four Source Protection Committees did not have appointed Chairs; work was underway to identify private fuel outlets which may potentially pose a threat to source water; the Director, Kirsten Service, Conservation and Source Protection Branch was meeting with SPC Chairs.

6. SOURCE PROTECTION PROGRAM

Source Protection Funding

It was noted that multi-year funding agreements had been executed with MECP to fund the Source Water Program for the first time ever. The current funding Agreement provides funding for the period of April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2024. The funding, as in previous years, funds a staff complement of 0.50 Full Time Equivalent (FTE), which included 0.20 FTE Watershed Manager, 0.10 FTE Administrative Assistant and 0.20 FTE Information Systems Coordinator.

Chair's Meetings with Director

It was noted that the Director of the Conservation and Source Protection Branch, MECP, Kirsten Service, will be meeting with SPC Chairs to continue fostering discussions related to the Source Water Protection Program. Lakehead's Chair, Lucy Kloosterhuis, will be meeting with the Director on March 22.

7. SOURCE PROTECTION IMPLEMENTATION

Implementing Bodies Annual Reports

It was noted that the two Implementing Bodies of the Lakehead Source Protection Plan (SPP), the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge and the Thunder Bay District Health Unit, submitted their Annual Reports on January 27, 2023, and January 16, 2023, respectively. Staff had reviewed the reports and concluded that both Implementing Bodies had met the requirements of the Plan to date. It was noted that the next round of septic inspections will be undertaken in 2024.

Eighth Annual Lakehead Source Protection Plan Reporting

It was noted that the eighth annual progress report has been prepared for submission by the Lakehead SPA for the period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, utilizing the prepared templates from MECP. It was noted that the LRCA also completes a comprehensive summary of the program to date in a detailed report using a format developed by LRCA staff. Both reports will be posted on the LRCA website once approved by the SPA.

It is requested that any additional SPC comments in addition to the comments expressed at the

meeting regarding the annual reports be received at the LRCA by April 18, 2023 for inclusion in the Annual Report. Staff will be presenting the final Annual Report to the SPA for adoption at the April 26, 2023 Board Meeting. Final comments or edits will be incorporated into the report with submission to the MECP prior to May 1, 2023.

Section 36 Workplan

Tammy Cook, Chief Administrative Officer provided a presentation regarding the Lakehead Source Protection Authority Section 36 Order and required updated Workplan that is due from the SPA to the MECP by May 7, 2023. The Workplan is to outline any required updates to the Assessment Report or Lakehead Source Protection Plan that are considered necessary by the SPA in consultation with the SPC. A subsequent SPC meeting was scheduled for April 6, 2023, to finalize the Workplan prior to presenting to the SPA at their April 26, 2023, meeting.

It was noted that the Rosslyn Village Municipal Drinking Water System recently had water test results that exceeded that Ontario Drinking Water Standards for arsenic and a “drinking water advisory” had been issued by the Thunder Bay District Health Unit on March 9, 2023, advising resident to not consume the water. The municipality was in the process of dealing with the matter and were providing bottled water to the residents on the water system in the interim until the issue is addressed.

8. SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Committee Procedural Manual

It was noted that Staff will be updating the Drinking Water Source Protection SPC Procedural Manual in 2023. Updates will include the allowance of members to participate electronically in SPC meetings and administrative changes related to the source protection website, notice of meetings, and member term of appointment.

SPC Membership

It was noted that SPC Chair, Lucy Kloosterhuis was reappointed for the term of October 18, 2022 to August 20, 2025 by the Minister of the MECP.

It was noted that Mike Fabius was appointed to the SPC until November 30, 2026, replacing Erin Knight and that the two municipal sector members (Chris Bowles, Oliver Paipoonge and Walter Turek, City of Thunder Bay) were both reappointed for a four-year term until November 2026.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None.

11. OPEN DISCUSSION

None.

12. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for April 6, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 12:05 p.m.