

**TOWN OF DIGBY
SOURCE WATER PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JANUARY 23, 2014**

Present: Sherri Lewis, Town Citizen Rep., Chair
Brian Manzer, Town of Digby, Councillor& PAC member
Ron Smith, DWC Member (6:08 p.m.)
Bill Leblanc, Municipality of Digby Citizen Rep.

Staff: Tom Ossinger, CAO Town of Digby
Bruce Murley, Director of Public Works, Town
Susan Rice, Executive Assistant, Town of Digby
Linda Fraser, CAO Municipality of Digby

Others Present: Dawn MacNeill, NS Environment, Watershed Planner

Regrets: Maritza Adams, Municipality of Digby, Councillor & PAC
Member

A. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. Agenda

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Manzer and seconded by Bill Leblanc that the agenda of January 23, 2014, be approved.

Motion Carried.

C. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion:

Moved by Ron Smith and seconded by Councillor Manzer that the minutes of September 26, 2013, be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

D. Business Arising from the Minutes

D.1 Best Management Practices for Forestry and Road Construction I and II

The Superintendent informed the Committee that the Executive Assistant and he worked on who owns the properties in the Well field Protection Area. A map was done up for that and a copy will be sent to the Building Department at the Municipal Office when done and suggestion was to integrate it with the GIS mapping.

The Best Management Practices for forestry and road construction I and II was presented and looked at. A lengthy discussion was had p this BMP. There were some changes to be made. A committee member stated that if we can't control it and enforce it why should we have them. The main objective is to identify property owners in the well field area and send them an information package so they know they are in a well filed area. The Town owns the majority of the property in the watershed area and this Best Management Practices would make anyone going to cut aware that there is an application process has to be done and BMP followed. BMP is a proactive solution and encourages responsible owners to be aware of it. BMP are guidelines not regulations. Dawn McNeil mentioned that you could tell the owners for your protection of your wells this is what you should do.

The PWA (Protected Water Act) would be regulated by the Waterworks Operator and you need authority to have a PWA. The Committee asked how do you get a PWA and Dawn McNeil outlined the steps to get a PWA. It was decided that the BMP be used and if not used properly and we see a need for a PWA then we will look at it at that time.

After the list of all property owners in the well field area has been done up, a letter and information be sent to the large land owners in regards to the BMP for forestry and road Construction

I and II. Also it should be on our website, with one link for two municipal websites.

The Best Management Practices will be in Appendix I in the Source Water Protection Plan.

E. New Business

E.1 Review of Source Water Protection Plan

The Committee went through the plan and the initiative schedule was changed. The changes have to be submitted to Department of Environment by March 31, 2014 in an annual report. The commission will be decommissioning two wells this year and require permission from the Department of Environment.

Initiative #1 MPS/LUB for the Municipality of Digby states June 2014 as a deadline. The Deputy CAO Jeff Sunderland of the Municipality will check into this for the next meeting.

F. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Thursday, March 27, 2014, at 6 p.m.

G. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

CHAIR

CLERK