



MINUTES OF THE FORTY-FOURTH REGULAR LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Forty-Fourth Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on Wednesday, June 1, 2011, at the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Boardroom. The Chairman called the Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Hartley, Chairman
Ken McWhirter, Vice Chairman
Veikko Long
Robert Stewart
Bernie Kamphof
Guy Jarvis
Hartley Multamaki
Ross Chuchman
Jim Vukmanich
Paul McAlister

LIAISON MEMBERS PRESENT:

Katie Fairman, Ministry of Environment (MOE) Liaison Officer, via teleconference

LIAISON MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mervi Henttonen, LRCA General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Chris Beveridge, Thunder Bay District Health Unit Liaison

ALSO PRESENT:

Julie Beach, Source Water Protection Manager
Roman Augustyn, Source Water Protection GIS Specialist
Neal Zago, Source Water Protection Communications Officer
Tammy Cook, LRCA Watershed Manager
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1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA BY CONSENSUS

Agenda adopted by consensus.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Forty-Third Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, May 4, 2011, were adopted by consensus.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS AGENDA

The Committee was provided with an update on the policy development tool that George Hughes, Chair of the Mattagami Region SPC, is currently adapting for the Lakehead SPA.

Audrey Anderson from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing was in attendance. Ms. Anderson stated she is willing to discuss and review policies throughout our policy development process.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

a) File: Berendson v. Ontario Case

For information purposes, the Committee was provided with a letter sent to Conservation Ontario concerning a legal case between a landowner and the Province of Ontario.

b) File: Mandatory On-Site Sewage System Inspection Program

For information purposes, the Committee was provided with a letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to Conservation Ontario related to an Ontario Building Code amendment concerning the mandatory on-site sewage system inspection program.

6. SOURCE PROTECTION PLANNING

Assessment Report Update

The Committee was provided with an update on the Amended Proposed Source Protection Plan.

Source Protection Plan Table of Contents

Review and discussion of the updated Table of Contents for the Draft Source Protection Plan took place.

For the review and input of the Committee, four draft policies were presented at the Meeting. The first policy reviewed was regarding existing septic systems in WHPA-A. The Committee Members are satisfied with the policy and no comments were added.

The second policy reviewed was regarding future septic systems in WHPA-A. They noted that the most suitable policy would involve the management of future septic systems. It was noted that since the septic systems already in WHPA-A have never caused a problem to the drinking water, there should be no reason to prohibit any future systems. The Committee stated that a good management program will be sufficient for future septic systems within WHPA-A.

The third policy reviewed was regarding the future significant threat of the handling and storage of road salt. The Committee was satisfied with the policy and thought that the prohibition of the storage of road salt within WHPA-A is very appropriate.

The fourth policy reviewed was regarding the future significant threat of the management of runoff that contains chemicals used in the de-icing of aircraft. The Members were satisfied with the policy and thought that the prohibition of airports of any size within WHPA-A is very appropriate.

Source Protection Project Managers Meeting

For information purposes, the Minutes and presentations from the April 19, 2011 Project Managers Meeting were provided.

Source Protection Plan Advisory Committee

For information purposes, the Committee was provided with a document titled “Using Education, Outreach, Incentives and O.Reg. 287/07 Section 26 Policy Tools to Manage Drinking Water Threats”.

Policy Development Meetings

It was noted that the local Municipal Planning Working Group Meeting will be held tentatively during July, 2011.

Source Protection Planning Technical Bulletins

For information purposes, the Committee was provided with three new Technical Bulletins issued by the MOE. The bulletins are intended to assist Source Protection Committees in preparing Source Protection Plans and Policies.

Northern Ontario Conservation Authorities

For information purposes, the Committee was provided with the Minutes from the April 20, 2011 Meeting of the Mattagami Source Protection Committee.

GIS Training Updates

The GIS Data Specialist and Technician/Planner attended the 2011 ESRI Canada User Conference at the Valhalla Inn on April 19, 2011 and the Conservation Authorities Collaborative Information Session (CACIS) on May 9 to 11, 2011.

7. SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Update from Ministry of Environment (MOE) Liaison Officer

No update was provided.

8. SOURCE PROTECTION PROJECT UPDATES

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program (ODWSP)

It was noted that eight one-on-one Meetings with homeowners within WHPA-A regarding the ODWSP took place in May. An application for the funding was handed out at each Meeting.

Three applications for funding have been received and two of those have been looked over by Staff and contain all the needed information. Summaries of these Meetings circulated.

A discussion regarding the amount of property owners within WHPA-A occurred. It was noted that there are 26 septic systems within the WHPA-A boundary.

9. **WATER RELATED ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE SOURCE PROTECTION AREA**

Congratulations to Dr. Rob Stewart for helping to remove Jackfish Bay in Terrace Bay as an Area of Concern.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

11. **NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, July 6, 2011.

12. **ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS**

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 5:15 p.m.