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**LAKEHEAD Source Protection AREA**

## **MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-FIFTH REGULAR LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING**

Minutes of the Fifty-Fifth Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on Wednesday, September 5, 2012, 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  
Bernie Kamphof  
Jim Vukmanich  
Paul McAlister  
Guy Jarvis  
Ross Chuchman  
Hartley Multamaki  
Eric Collingwood

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Robert Stewart

### **LIAISON MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Julie Beach, Source Water Protection Manager

### **1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA BY CONSENSUS**

Agenda adopted by consensus.

### **2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

None

### **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the Fifty-Fourth Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, June 6, 2012, were adopted by consensus.

### **4. SOURCE PROTECTION PLANNING**

#### Source Protection Plans

It was noted that the Lakehead Source Protection Area was the first in the Province to submit a Proposed Source Protection Plan to the Minister of the Environment. As of the August 20, 2012, deadline, 15 of the 19 Areas and Regions had submitted Plans. The remaining 4 have set fall 2012 deadlines.

MOE has said that there would most likely be back and forth discussion regarding the submitted Plans, but at this time Staff had not been contacted.

It was also noted that after the Lakehead Source Protection Plan was submitted, discussion arose among Project Managers and the MOE regarding acknowledging Provincial support of Source Protection Planning. Once the Plan has been approved, the required statements will be added to the acknowledgement page and on the front cover of the Lakehead Source Protection Plan. Discussion took place and it was requested by the Committee that the acknowledgements state that this process was “fully funded” by the Ministry of the Environment.

For information purposes, the Committee was advised that Mary Anne Covelli has left her position as Director of the Source Protection Programs Branch and John Stager will be retiring from the position of Chief Drinking Water Inspector and Deputy Minister. The Ministry of the Environment has begun the recruitment process for both of these positions.

#### Source Protection Planning Advisory Committee (SPPAC)

Documents from the June and July SPPAC Meetings were provided for information purposes. The Committee was also advised that Conservation Ontario is looking at dissolving the SPPAC as their purpose was to assist in policy development. More information is expected on this at a later date.

### **5. SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

#### Great Lakes Protection Act

On June 6, 2012, the Minister of the Environment announced the first reading of Bill 100, “An Act to protect and Restore the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin”. It is to be noted that while Lake Superior is in good health when compared to Lake Ontario, Erie and Huron, it is important to maintain this status for the general well-being of the Great Lakes system.

Along with the Act, the Great Lakes Strategy was also introduced by the Ministry of the Environment, which will set the scope of work on the Great Lakes. It describes how the Province will achieve its goals. Located in the Circulation File is a copy of the Act and the Strategy.

It was noted that Conservation Ontario states within the comments that the inclusion of Source Protection Authorities (SPA) and Source Protection Committees (SPC) in the definition of “Public Bodies” should be deleted. These groups have specific mandates through the *Clean Water Act*,

2006 for the purpose of protecting Municipal drinking water sources. They are not considered a legal entity, and therefore cannot be considered a Public Body. It is also to be noted that all SPC and SPA support costs are covered 100% by the *Clean Water Act*. At this time there has been no discussion surrounding funding attached to this new legislation.

Discussion has taken place among Source Protection Committee Chairs and the Ministry of Environment during the August 10, 2012, Chair's Teleconference. At this time the role of Source Protection Committees in regards to the Great Lakes Protection Act has not been determined.

During the Meeting Members and Liaisons discussed the difficulty in making the Great Lakes Protection Act successful as there is no bi-national participation. It was also noted that Ontarians do not want more meetings but rather action, which is difficult to accomplish as to date there has been no announcement regarding funding being attached to this Act.

## **6. SOURCE PROTECTION PROJECT UPDATES**

### Source Protection Policy Database

Staff continue to update the Source Protection Policy Database as per changes requested by the Ministry of the Environment.

### Water Quantity Database

Staff have submitted the Water Quantity Geodatabase, Phase one, review two, to the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR). The data is now entering into the Phase two review phase.

### Project Managers Meeting

It was noted that a Project Manager's Meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2012, at Black Creek Pioneer Village.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

### File: Bare Point Road Drinking Water System 2012/2012 Inspection Report

For information purposes, the Bare Point Road Drinking Water System 2012/2012 Inspection Report was provided.

### File: Northern Ontario Source Protection Committee Meeting Minutes

The following Minutes from Northern Ontario Source Protection Committee Meetings were provided at the Meeting:

- Sault Ste. Marie Region Source Protection Committee Minutes
  - Tuesday, April 10, 2012
  - Tuesday, May 1, 2012
  - Thursday, May 24, 2012
- Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee Minutes
  - Tuesday, May 8, 2012
- North Bay-Mattawa Source Protection Committee Minutes
  - Tuesday June 5, 2012

## Generic Letter and Technical Guidance from Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)

For information purposes, a Generic Letter and Technical Guidance from Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) that is part of their ongoing commitment to Source Water Protection was provided. These guidelines are for mitigating risks associated with agricultural land use activities.

### **8. NEW BUSINESS**

#### Staffing Changes at the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority

It was announced by the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority that the Project Manager has tendered her resignation from the position.

#### Shuniah Senior Citizen Award to SPC Chair

It was also announced that the SPC Chair received an award from the Municipality of Shuniah for the dedication that he has put into the Municipality over the years. This was a surprise event that was set up by the Reeve, Council and Staff.

#### Septic Inspection Program

The Liaison from the Thunder Bay District Health Unit noted that they have not received any direction from MOE or the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on the Septic Inspections within WHPA-A. As noted in the Building Code, the first inspection needs to take place within 5 years of the Assessment Report being approved.

It was also noted that the Lakehead Source Protection Plan will not be onerous to implement and that the Plan should be a living document.

### **9. OPEN DISCUSSION**

None.

### **10. NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday September 5, 2012, in the LRCA Boardroom at 4:00 p.m.

### **11. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS**

Meeting adjourned by consensus.