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LAKEHEAD Source Protection AREA

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Fifty-Sixth Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on Wednesday, November 7, 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:

Bill Bartley, LRCA Chairman
Mervi Henttonen, LRCA General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

ALSO PRESENT:

Vince Ponka, Source Water Protection Administrative Assistant

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-Fifth Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, September 5, 2012, were adopted by consensus.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS AGENDA

MTO Sign Initiative

Discussion of MTO sign initiative took place. It was noted that this initiative does not apply to the Lakehead Region.

At a previous meeting, the Committee had agreed that signs would be fabricated and provided by the Township of Oliver Paipoonge staff who will install them on Township roads in the WHPA-A area.

Signs were given to Oliver Paipoonge representatives who are also on the SPC Board.

It was noted that while these signs were supplied by the LRCA, if they become damaged, replacing or repairing them is the responsibility of the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge.

4. SOURCE PROTECTION PLANNING

Discussion took place regarding correspondence from other Source Protection Committees about comments received from the Ministry of Environment (MOE) after the public consultation process was completed.

It was noted that the Source Protection Plan is currently being reviewed by MOE. Members were advised of the MOE's inquiry regarding the Municipal groundwater system in Oliver Paipoonge.

By consensus, the Committee moved into in-camera to discuss the item as it related to third party/property issues.

Upon conclusion of the in-camera session, it was noted in the open part of the meeting that the issue is in the capable hands of the Oliver Paipoonge Council and that they fully understand the situation as it relates to the Source Protection Plan.

Members were advised of the MOE's comments regarding septic inspections in the WHPA-A.

The Committee also agreed that if changes to the Source Protection Plan (SPP) were required to meet legal requirements, changes would be made, but not if they were of a minor nature as the Plan has already been submitted. . For example, MOE pointed out that an acknowledgement of Government of Ontario funding was required on the cover page as well as on the Acknowledgement page, and this change was made.

For information purposes, the Committee was advised that Conservation Ontario is developing an implementation guide geared to municipal audiences, which Conservation Authorities can use to communicate with their local implementing bodies.

Discussion of Source Water funding for 2013 took place. Members were provided with correspondence from Conservation Ontario and the Assistant Deputy Minister on this issue.

Bill Bartley, Chair of the LRCA, discussed the status of the current funding agreement and noted that the agreement expires on December 31, 2012, and that after that the Authority does not have the right to spend any Source Water funds unless there is a new written agreement in place.

Everyone agreed that funding is of the utmost importance and that MOE should act expeditiously in this matter.

It was also noted that according to MOE regulations, 1/3 of the SPC Board will need to be replaced in 2013 once the SPP is approved. The Committee suggested that this does not serve any purpose and will cause unnecessary costs due to advertising the positions, and the new members will not have the same experience with the Plan and the issues that surround it that the existing members have.

6. SOURCE PROTECTION PROJECT UPDATES

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program (ODWSP)

It was noted that a cheque has been issued by the LRCA to a homeowner upon completion of their reimbursement materials. There are two homeowners who have yet to submit their paperwork, though the work on their septic systems has been completed. Staff have spoken to both of the homeowners and encouraged them to submit their paperwork as soon as possible as funding expires on December 31, 2012.

Modelling Survey

For information purposes, it was noted that Staff completed a survey on the use and management of numerical models for drinking water Source Protection and submitted it to Conservation Ontario.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) File: Aggregate Pits

Members were advised that Rhonda Bateman, DWSP Coordinator with the Sault Ste. Marie CA, requested information from each northern CA on this topic.

From the LSPA perspective, Staff replied that there are no aggregate licensed pits near WHPA-A; therefore, implementation of the Plan will have no effect on the aggregate industry in our area.

(b) File: Conservation Ontario E-News

For information purposes, a news update from Conservation Ontario was provided.

(c) File: Call From Farmer's Forum

Discussion of an email from Farmer's Forum took place. The Chairman advised that he returned their call, left a message, and did not hear back from them.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. OPEN DISCUSSION

None.

10. NEXT MEETING

Unknown at this time; subject to adequate funding being provided.

11. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS

Meeting adjourned by consensus.