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LAKEHEAD Source Protection AREA

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

Minutes of the Fifty-Third Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on Wednesday, April 4, 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

LIAISON MEMBERS ABSENT:

Katie Fairman, Ministry of the Environment Liaison

ALSO PRESENT:

Julie Beach, Source Water Protection Manager
Neal Zago, Source Protection Communications Officer
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Roman Augustyn, Source Protection GIS Specialist

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-Second Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, March 7, 2012, were adopted by consensus.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS AGENDA

Thunder Bay District Health Unit Draft Proposed Source Protection Plan Comments

For information purposes, the Committee was provided with the comments on the Draft Proposed Source Protection Plan that were provided by the Thunder Bay District Health Unit. It was noted that the public may criticize the lengthy SPP process, but the Committee and Staff had no control over this.

Salt Institute Draft Proposed Source Protection Plan Comments

For information purposes, the Committee was provided with a letter from Morton Satin, Vice President of the Salt Institute, containing comments on the Draft Proposed Source Protection Plan. It was noted that they are not one of the implementing bodies for Source Protection Plan Policies.

Legal Effects of Source Protection Plan Policies

It was noted that updated explanations of the Legal Effects of the Source Protection Plan policies have been added to the Proposed Source Protection Plan.

Municipal Act Policy

It was noted that Staff were in contact with MOE Planners regarding the drafting of the Municipal Act policy for future agricultural issues. MOE is recommending that the SPC use the original Land Use Planning Policy. This has been reflected in the Proposed Source Protection Plan.

Ministry of the Environment Liaison Officer

It was noted that, for personal reasons, Mary Wooding will not be our Liaison Officer for the upcoming months. Her vacancy will be filled by Katie Fairman, who is a previous Liaison Officer to the Lakehead SPC.

Rossllyn Village Signage

The signs for Rossllyn Village Wellhead Protection Area have been delivered and were available for viewing at the Meeting. The Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge will be installing them.

5. SOURCE PROTECTION PLANNING

Proposed Source Protection Plan

Staff presented the Proposed Source Protection Plan for final review by the Committee before it is delivered to the Source Protection Authority, who will then hold a 30 day consultation period.

It was noted that the Proposed Source Protection Plan contains new headers and footers, changes to maps as discussed in prior Meetings and changes to some of the title pages

The following comments were made and noted by Staff:

- In Chapter One, a paragraph was added on pg. 4 and new section on pages 7 and 8.
- In Chapter Three, new sections were added on pages 40, 41 and 42. It was noted that section 3.9.3 should mention the Ministry of Municipal Housing and Affairs.
- In Chapter Four, a sentence was added on pg. 48. It was noted to add a reference to the website where the “Table of Drinking Water Threats” can be found. A new chart was added on pg. 51.
- In Chapter Five, there were some minor word edits.
- In Chapter Six, a table was added on pg. 74. It was noted to add the website address.
- In Chapter Seven, two new paragraphs were added to pg. 80. Minor word edits were noted on pg. 81.
- In the Explanatory Document, a new section was added on pg. 12. Some minor word edits were noted. A definition of transition policies was also requested.

It was noted that Staff will put table numbers on the top of all tables and charts in the Source Protection Plan.

City of Thunder Bay 2011 Water Quality Annual Report

For information purposes, the Committee was provided with an excerpt from the City of Thunder Bay 2011 Water Quality Annual Report. It was noted that much of the information from the Source Water Protection section came from the Assessment Report.

Source Protection Planning Advisory Committee (SPPAC)

It was noted that the SPC Chair, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Planning Consultant, Source Protection Manager and Communications Officer participated in a SPACC teleconference on March 22, 2012. The PowerPoint slide deck was provided to the Committee. It was noted that the transition policies that were discussed are not applicable to the Lakehead Source Protection Plan.

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program (ODWSP)

It was noted that Staff sent a request to the MOE regarding the shifting of delivery funds into program funds. This would allow for more money to be spent on septic installations rather than being returned to the province. Staff is awaiting a reply.

Septic Smart DVDs

It was noted that each Committee Member received a copy of the Septic Smart DVD that was created by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA). Copies will be distributed to residents in WHPA-A.

6. SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

New Source Protection Committee Meeting Dates

It was noted that MOE has made budget cuts to the 2012 Amended Agreement. Parts of these changes include cuts to the number of SPC Meetings that can be held in 2012. MOE has provided funding for four Meetings between April and December. The SPC will be Meeting on the following dates:

- April 7, 2012
- June 6, 2012
- August 1, 2012
- November 7, 2012

Source Protection Committee Membership

It was noted that as per the existing *Clean Water Act*, the SPC membership will start changing once the Source Protection Plan is approved. Upon approval, one third of the Committee must be replaced and on the first and second anniversary of the approval date, the remaining two thirds will be changed. It was noted that the membership changes are the responsibility of the SPA.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

File: 2011-2012 Municipal Water Works Inspection Report for Rosslyn

For information purposes, the Committee was provided with the cover letter addressed to the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge on the Rosslyn Village Subdivision Well Supply Annual Report. It was noted that no adverse results in the water samples were reported.

File: 2012 RBC Water Attitudes Survey

For information purposes, the Committee was provided with the most recent RBC Water Attitudes Survey from March 22, 2012. It was noted that many people still believe that water should be provided free of cost and that there is an abundance of drinkable water.

File: Salt – Great for Roads, Not So Good for Water Publication

For information purposes, the Committee was provided with an article produced by the Ontario Good Roads Association about the work that has been done to protect Ontario's drinking water.

File: Q & A From Provincial Legislation Regarding Source Water

For information purposes, the Committee was provided with an email from Source Protection Programs Director Mary Anne Covelli regarding a recent question and answer period in the Ontario Legislature. It was noted that the conversation takes place between Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) Teresa Piruzza and James Bradley, Minister of the Environment. It pertains to Source Water Protection work that is ongoing.

File: Conservation Ontario E-News

For information purposes, the Committee was provided with a news update from Conservation Ontario. It was noted that a list of Source Protection Areas and Regions that have released their Draft Source Protection Plan for consultation is included on page 2.

File: Northern Ontario Source Protection Committee Minutes

For information purposes, the Committee was provided with the Minutes from the January 30, 2012, Sault Ste. Marie Region Source Protection Committee.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. OPEN DISCUSSION

The Committee Members all gave their thoughts on the Source Protection Plan Process and the final document. It was noted that all the Members were positive about the goals that were achieved in coming up with a very balanced Source Protection Plan. The Committee was very appreciative of the Staff. It was noted that the Committee felt they used a great approach by using regular monthly Meetings, scheduled in advance.

10. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, June 6, 2012.

11. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS

Meeting adjourned by consensus.