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**LAKHEAD REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY ENCOURAGED BY
SECOND READING OF BILL 43, THE *CLEAN WATER ACT***

THUNDER BAY – The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority is pleased with the government’s continued support of Bill 43, the *Clean Water Act* and looks forward to the anticipated Legislative Committee review of the legislation.

“The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority looks forward to the discussions that will take place on this important legislation,” said Bill Bartley, Chairman. “The Clean Water Act provides the framework essential for ensuring successful drinking water source protection. I am confident the hearings will ensure that the final legislation will allow the province to move forward to successfully protect our drinking water.”

Source water protection builds on past science and studies and links directly to the water management programs Conservation Authorities and their Municipal partners have been doing for years.

Since the tragedy at Walkerton in May 2000, The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority has worked with the province, Conservation Ontario (the association of Ontario Conservation Authorities) and other stakeholders, including municipalities, to provide expertise in developing the best approach to source water protection.

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority is a community-based environmental agency. We are responsible for the wise management of renewable natural resources in our watershed. Conservation Authorities undertake a broad range of programs, including: flood control; floodplain management; wetland protection; erosion control; reforestation; conservation lands; and conservation education.

For more information on source water protection, please see the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority’s Website: www.lakeheadca.com.

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