



LAKEHEAD Source Protection AREA

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Source Protection Committee releases Draft Proposed Assessment Report

The Lakehead Source Protection Committee (SPC) announces the “Draft Proposed Assessment Report for the Lakehead Source Protection Area” was made available for public review and comment on February 11, 2010. The Draft Proposed Assessment Report, as required by the “Clean Water Act, 2006” is posted on the Internet at www.sourceprotection.net and will be available to the public for review and inspection through a number of other opportunities during a 35-day comment period.

The public is invited to submit written comments until Thursday, March 18, 2010 to: Lakehead Source Protection Committee Chair, c/o Lakehead Region Conservation Authority, P.O. Box 10427, 130 Conservation Road, Thunder Bay, ON P7B 6T8. Comments can also be sent by fax – 807-345-5857, email – comments@lakeheadca.com or delivered in person.

“It is an opportunity for people to provide their input on this science based report produced by our local Committee that identifies potential threats and risks to the sources of Municipal residential drinking water in our area”, said Bob Hartley, Chair of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee that is made up of nine Members representing a cross-section of Municipal, industrial and community stakeholders.

“The perception is that we have an unlimited supply of safe, clean drinking water living here near one of the largest fresh water lakes in the world, but we all have a responsibility to ensure it stays that way”, added Hartley noting that the importance of public input to review and comment on the “Draft Proposed Assessment Report” as part of the process to develop a local Source Protection Plan.

The “Assessment Report for the Lakehead Source Protection Area” will provide the information necessary for the development of a local Source Protection Plan by the local Source Protection Committee. The report describes the local watershed characteristics and the available water supply for drinking water and other purposes. The report references technical studies completed to identify vulnerable areas where Municipal residential drinking water sources might face a risk of contamination or overuse, and assesses the potential threats to these drinking water sources within the defined vulnerable areas.

There are number of ways for the public to review and comment on the “Draft Proposed Assessment Report for the Lakehead Source Protection Area”. The Report is posted on the Internet at www.sourceprotection.net. Copies of the complete report including maps are available on CDs for picked up at the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority office at 130 Conservation Road. In addition, printed copies of the “Draft Proposed Assessment



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Report” will be available for review and inspection at the following public venues: Lakehead Region Conservation Authority, City of Thunder Bay Municipal offices (Office of the Clerk, Environment, Engineering and Planning) and the offices for the Municipalities of Oliver Paipouge, Shuniah and Neebing and Townships of O’Connor, Conmee, Gillies and Dorion. In addition, the draft documents can be reviewed at Thunder Bay District Health Unit, the four branches of the Thunder Bay Public Library and the Provincial Alliance Credit Union (Hwy 130).

The Lakehead Source Protection Committee will host three public information sessions with maps, fact sheets, brochures and posters display at each of the Open Houses.

February 18, 2010 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Rosslyn Village Community Centre
3405 Rosslyn Road

February 25, 2010 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Current River Community Centre
450 Dewe Avenue
Presentations - 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

March 10, 2010 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority
130 Conservation Road
Presentation - 2 p.m.

The Lakehead Source Protection Committee is one of 19 Committees established across the province on a watershed basis to prepare local Source Protection Plans. The science-based plan will develop policies with the intention of protecting the source water of the two Municipal residential drinking water systems in the Lakehead Source Protection Area that service the City of Thunder Bay and Rosslyn Village. A completed “Source Protection Plan for the Lakehead Source Protection Area” is expected by August 2012.

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