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## **CHAIR OF LOCAL SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE (SPC) NAMED**

Thunder Bay, ON - The Lakehead Source Protection Authority announces that the Minister of the Environment Laurel Broten has named Bob Hartley as the Chair of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee for the Lakehead Source Protection Area.

“I’m looking forward to this challenge and to contributing to the environmental protection of the sources of Municipal drinking water in our planning area,” Hartley said.

The new Chair was chosen by the Minister from a local list of qualified candidates. His appointment is a highly anticipated benchmark for the on-going process of establishing the Lakehead Source Protection Committee (SPC) that will oversee the local planning process to establish programs and policies to protect Municipal drinking water sources, under the recently enacted “Clean Water Act, 2006”.

Hartley’s past involvement in Municipal politics and watershed management with the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority will be invaluable as he guides the Lakehead Source Protection Committee in its important responsibilities under the “Clean Water Act”. A retired high school science teacher, Hartley served as Reeve and Councillor for the Municipality of Shuniah from 1974 until 1988. He also represented Shuniah on the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority from 1975 to 1989, serving 10 years as Chair.

A respected community leader, Hartley has experience delivering results in a Committee structure. He guided the successful implementation of the community-driven action plan in his role as Chair of the Committee for the Thunder Bay Remedial Action Plan from 1989 to present. The plan resulted in the successful environmental cleanup of the Northern Wood Preservers site in Thunder Bay Harbour with the area of concern extended to address the water quality of Lake Superior along the Thunder Bay waterfront.

The Lakehead Source Protection Authority is accepting applications for Members to represent the “Public & Other Interests” Sector on the Lakehead Source Protection Committee. Agricultural organizations or associations are also invited to put forward nominations for the “Economic/Industry” Sector of the Committee. Application deadline is November 5, 2007.

More information on the appointment of Bob Hartley or the local Source Protection Committee is available on the website: [www.sourceprotection.net](http://www.sourceprotection.net).