



Lakehead Region
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LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

MINUTES OF THE FIFTEENTH REGULAR LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Fifteenth Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on Wednesday, February 4, 2009, at the Victoria Inn. The Chairman called the Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Bob Hartley, Chairman
Ken McWhirter, Vice Chair
Veikko Long
Jim Vukmanich
Guy Jarvis
Hartley Multamaki
Robert Stewart
Paul McAlister

ABSENT:

Bernie Kamphof
Ross Chuchman

LIAISON MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Mervi Henttonen, LRCA General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Kate Turner, Ministry of Environment

ALSO PRESENT:

Melanie Mathieson, Source Protection Project Manager
Tammy Cook, Watershed Manager - LRCA
John Cameron, Source Protection Communications Officer

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA BY CONSENSUS

Agenda adopted by consensus.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Fourteenth Regular Meeting held Wednesday, January 14, 2009 were adopted by consensus.

4. MINUTES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS AGENDA

A presentation was provided and Members provided comment on the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program.

5. SOURCE PROTECTION PLANNING

It was noted that the Ministry of Environment has not provided any notice to date on the approval of the Terms of Reference for the Lakehead Source Protection Area.

6. SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Information on the Building Code Amendment and the appeal process for the “Clean Water Act” was provided.

It was noted that the next Source Protection Chairs Meeting will be held in Toronto March 2 and 3, 2009 with the Chair of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee to provide a presentation on Source Protection Planning in the Lakehead Source Protection Area.

It was noted there are two events planned for communications and public outreach. Open Houses will be held to provide an overview of technical studies completed on February 25, 2009 at the Rosslyn Village Community Centre from 12 noon to 8 p.m. and on February 26 at the Oliver Road Community Centre from 12 noon to 8 p.m. Source Protection Staff are hosting a Film Festival to celebrate World Water Day on March 21, 2009 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Waverley Branch of the Thunder Bay Public Library.

7. WATER RELATED ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

None to report at this time.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

For information purposes, the Committee was provided with the January 23, 2009 Commentary from the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario referring to the “Clean Water Act’ and how it will affect agriculture activities.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN

It was noted that two Meetings pertaining to the RAP (Remedial Action Plan) program are scheduled for the area with the first in Nipigon on March 2, 2009 and the second in Thunder Bay on March 3, 2009.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None.

11. SOURCE PROTECTION PROJECT UPDATES

For information purposes, written updates were provided on the technical studies being completed for the Bare Point Intake Protection Zone and Rosslyn Village Wellhead Protection Area with final reports expected in February. A display of mapping products from the digital photography received from ATGIS Geomatics was provided at the Meeting.

12. OPEN DISCUSSION

It was noted that Lakehead University professor Dr. Adam Cornwell would be interested in making a presentation to the Committee on climate change and the potential impacts on the local water budget.

It was also noted that a presentation on climate change and its impact on the shipping industry was delivered at the Lake Superior Bi National Forum Meeting held in Duluth, Minnesota.

13. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority.

14. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS

Adjourned by consensus, at 5:50 p.m.