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LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH REGULAR LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Fourth Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on Wednesday, March 5, 2008, in the Boardroom of Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Boardroom. The Chairman called the Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Bob Hartley, Chairman
Veikko Long
Jim Vukmanich
Hartley Multamaki
Bernie Kamphof
Robert Stewart
Paul McAlister
Ross Chuchman

ABSENT:

Ken McWhirter – Vice Chair
Guy Jarvis

LIAISON MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Mervi Henttonen, LRCA General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

ABSENT:

Jake Noordhof, Ministry of Environment
Chris Beveridge, Thunder Bay District Health Unit

ALSO PRESENT:

Melanie Mathieson – Source Protection Project Manager
John Cameron – Source Protection Communications

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA BY CONSENSUS

Agenda adopted by consensus.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Third Regular Meeting held Wednesday, February 6, 2008 adopted, as published, by consensus.

4. SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

The Chair provided a verbal update of the salient points from the SPC Chair/Project Manager Meeting with the Ministry of Environment (MOE) held in Toronto March 3 and 4, 2008.

The “Meet and Greet” Event was confirmed for Wednesday, April 9, 2008. It will be held at the Oliver Road Community Centre from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. this event will provide an opportunity for the Source Protection Committee Members to liaise with the public, discuss the contents of the Watershed Characterization Report and view Source Protection presentations provided by Staff.

5. SOURCE PROTECTION PLANNING

The Terms of Reference guidance document was provided with additional reference material prepared by Staff.

A presentation on the “Safe Drinking Water Act” was provided by LRCA Source Protection Staff.

Overview presentations of the Water Characterization Report and Water Budget are scheduled for the April 2, 2008 Source Protection Committee Meeting.

Committee Members were informed of potential training opportunities that may be offered by the MOE relating to Source Protection Planning. Staff will provide updates when available.

Committee Members were informed that display materials developed by Source Protection Staff for Education and Outreach are available to Municipal and stakeholder groups upon request.

6. WATER RELATED PROJECTS WITHIN THE SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

A written update on the Thunder Bay North Harbour Project was provided in the Agenda.

The Regional Meeting of the Ontario Ground Water Association will be held in Thunder Bay on April 14, 2008. The Project Manager will attend and provide a presentation.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) File: Sault Ste. Marie Region Source Protection Committee Minutes

For information purposes, the Minutes from the January 16, 2008 Meeting of Sault Ste. Marie Region Source Protection Committee were circulated.

(b) File: Ministry of Environment (MOE) Stakeholder Guide

For information purposes, a copy of the Ministry of Environment guide titled “Stakeholder Engagement: Reference Material for Drinking Water Source Protection” was circulated. Hard copies will be provided to Members when available.

(c) File: Ontario Federation of Agriculture

For information purposes, copies of the complete set of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture “Best Management Practices” Guides were circulated.

(d) File: Well Wise Resource Centre

For information purposes, correspondence from the Well Wise Resource Centre was circulated.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A tour of the protection zones/areas for the two Municipal drinking water systems (Bare Point and Rosslyn Village) was proposed for Source Protection Committee Members.

A suggestion was made to investigate the feasibility of a display at the Ontario Visitors Centre at Pigeon River to illustrate to tourists that the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority is taking measures to ensure safe, clean drinking water.

For information purposes, the Committee Members were informed of a Meeting in Nipigon in May 2008 that will promote the new National Marine Conservation Area.

9. SOURCE PROTECTION PROJECT UPDATE

Project updates were provided by Source Protection Staff on the Water Characterization Report, Water Budget, Rosslyn Village Wellhead Protection Area Study and Bare Point Intake Protection Zone.

10. OPEN DISCUSSION

Committee Members discussed the upcoming “Meet and Greet” Open House planned for April 9, 2008 at the Oliver Road Community Centre. Members will confirm times for attendance.

11. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 2, 2008.

12. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS

Adjourned by consensus, at 5:54 p.m.