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LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

MINUTES OF THE TWELFTH REGULAR LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on Wednesday, November 5, 2008, at the Slovak Legion Branch #129. 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
Hartley Multamaki
Bernie Kamphof
Robert Stewart
Ross Chuchman
Paul McAlister

ABSENT:

Guy Jarvis

LIAISON MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Mervi Henttonen, LRCA General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Kate Turner, Ministry of Environment
Chris Beveridge, Thunder Bay District Health Unit

ALSO PRESENT:

Melanie Mathieson, Source Protection Project Manager
John Cameron, Source Protection Communications Officer
Iain Angus, Lakehead Source Protection Authority

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA BY CONSENSUS

Agenda adopted by consensus.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Eleventh Regular Meeting held Wednesday, October 1, 2008 were adopted by consensus.

4. SOURCE PROTECTION PLANNING

It was noted that the Proposed Terms of Reference for the Lakehead Source Protection Area was received by the Ministry of Environment (MOE) on Friday, October 17, 2008. It was noted that the Lakehead Source Protection Authority sent a letter to the Ministry of Environment concerning the process to remove Loch Lomond as a source of Municipal residential drinking water.

5. SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

It was noted the next Source Protection Committee Chairs Meeting is scheduled for December 8 and 9, 2008. An update will be provided at the January 2009 Meeting.

It was noted that the Assessment Report Regulation was filed for Cabinet Approval on November 4, 2008 and scheduled to be posted to the Ontario government's E-Law website on November 6, 2008. The release of the Director's Rules will be delayed until further notice. It was noted the target date for the Source Protection Plan Regulation Discussion Paper (White Paper) now has a January 2009 timeline, while an update on Great Lakes Targets is not expected until the approval of the Assessment Reports.

A one-day training session for Source Protection Committee Members on the Assessment Report Regulation and Technical Rules is tentatively scheduled for the week of December 15-19, 2008 in Thunder Bay.

It was noted the distribution of the 2009 Source Protection Calendar will be completed in November. It was noted that the calendar along with Source Protection pens and bookmarks were distributed at the Source Protection Communications Meeting held in Toronto October 21, 2008, and outreach materials were sent to a not-for-profit organization at West Virginia University.

6. WATER RELATED ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

It was noted the Project Manager made a presentation at the Northwestern Ontario Water and Waste Water Conference on October 23, 2008 and a display was on site to distribute calendars and outreach materials.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) File: Municipal Council Resolutions

For information purposes, a copy of the Ontario Ministry of Environment, "Annual Report on Drinking Water" was provided.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN

It was noted the SPC Chair and a number of Committee Members will be attending the Lake Superior Bi-National Forum Meeting at Lakehead University on November 7, 2008.

9. NEW BUSINESS

It was noted the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario has released its Annual Report. For information purposes, a copy of the report was provided.

It was noted that Source Protection Committee Members were invited to attend a Species at Risk Seminar to be held at the LRCA Boardroom on Monday, November 10, 2008 and the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority's Christmas Social on December 10, 2008.

10. SOURCE PROTECTION PROJECT UPDATES

It was noted the Water Budget Report has been posted to the website (www.sourceprotection.net). The first phase of the Bare Point Intake Protection Zone Study was received from Stantec for review by LRCA and City Staff, while AMEC is working on updates to a final draft for the Rosslyn Village Wellhead Protection Area Technical Study.

It was noted that MOE Staff has confirmed that hiring a Consultant to locate the third and potentially fourth well in Rosslyn Village is a project that can be covered under Technical Funding with Staff to develop a Request for Proposal and Terms of Reference for this project. It was noted Staff is working on proposals for potential projects under the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Funding Program, while the digital photography project for mapping is expected to be completed in November.

It was noted that Power of Entry Training was completed by a number of representatives from the Lakehead Source Protection Area including Staff from the LRCA, City of Thunder Bay, Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge, Municipality of Shuniah and Engineering Northwest.

11. OPEN DISCUSSION

It was noted a Water Risk Assessment Committee involving the Thunder Bay District Health Unit and the City of Thunder Bay has been re-established with a scope to also handle regional concerns.

It was noted that access to community programs on the Shaw Community Channel and a rotation of displays at branches of the Thunder Bay Library be explored as potential outreach initiatives.

12. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority.

13. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS

Adjourned by consensus, at 4:55 p.m.