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LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH REGULAR LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Eleventh Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on Wednesday, October 1, 2008, at the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority. 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
Guy Jarvis
Bernie Kamphof
Robert Stewart
Ross Chuchman

ABSENT:

Paul McAlister

LIAISON MEMBERS

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Chris Beveridge, Thunder Bay District Health Unit

ALSO PRESENT:

Melanie Mathieson, Source Protection Project Manager
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 Tenth Regular Meeting held Wednesday, September 3, 2008 were adopted by consensus.

4. SOURCE PROTECTION PLANNING

An overview of the next phase of Source Protection Planning was provided by the Project Manager. The core of this presentation will be delivered by the Project Manager at the Northwestern Ontario Water and Waste Water Conference to be held at the Valhalla Inn, October 23 and 24, 2008.

It was noted the Terms of Reference will be presented to the Lakehead Source Protection Authority on October 15, 2008, then submitted to the Minister of Environment for approval by Monday, October 20, 2008. No comments were received by the Source Protection Authority on the Proposed Terms of Reference during the 30-day comment period that ended on September 18, 2008.

It was noted that the Ministry of Environment (MOE) has not approved a timeframe for when information concerning Great Lakes Targets set by the Minister of Environment for the purposes of Source Protection Planning will be made available.

5. SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

An update was provided by the Chair on the key points from the Source Protection Committee Chairs Meeting held in Niagara-on-the-Lake on September 29 and 30, 2008.

It was noted the MOE will hold a one-day training session relating to the Assessment Report Regulation and Technical Rules in Thunder Bay. The session is tentatively set for third week in December, with a date to be confirmed. Source Protection Committee Members and Technical Staff from Municipalities in the Lakehead Source Protection Area, Consultants and the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority will be sent invitations for the workshop.

It was noted that the amendment to the Building Code concerning onsite septic systems within vulnerable areas will not be finalized until after the Assessment Report is enacted.

It was noted the November 5, 2008 Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee will be held at the Slovak Legion.

It was noted that 2500 copies of the 2009 Drinking Water Source Protection Calendar will be available for distribution in mid-October as part of education and outreach for Source Protection Planning.

6. WATER RELATED ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

It was noted Michelle McChristie is the new MOE Great Lakes Advisor.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) File: Municipal Council Resolutions

For information purposes, a copy of a Municipal Council Resolution for the Nation Municipality and the Township of Gillies was provided.

(b) File: Reply to Dr. Robert Stewart

For information purposes, correspondence to Dr. Robert Stewart in response to the review of his Draft Grant Proposal to MOE was provided.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN

A copy of the “Annual Report on Drinking Water” produced by MOE was provided to each Member. It was also noted that the Lake Superior Bi-National Forum will be holding their annual Meeting in Thunder Bay November 8 and 9, 2008.

9. NEW BUSINESS

The Committee discussed that a potential project under the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Fund could relate to education and outreach concerning the proper disposal of unused pharmaceuticals and medicines.

10. SOURCE PROTECTION PROJECT UPDATES

It was noted the Water Budget Report has been completed. The Final Draft of the Report on the Rosslyn Village Wellhead Protection Area Technical Study is expected by the end of October. The Report on the first phase of the Bare Point Intake Protection Zone Study from Stantec is expected by mid-October.

A copy of a letter from MOE announcing the launch of the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Funding was provided. It was noted that the orthophoto mapping project will proceed as planned in October 2008.

11. OPEN DISCUSSION

It was noted that MOE is in the process of establishing guidelines for the process to address the renewal and appointment of Source Protection Committee Chairs.

12. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, November 5, 2008 (to be held at the Slovak Legion).

13. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS

Adjourned by consensus, at 5:41 p.m.