

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-THIRD REGULAR LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Twenty-Third Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on Wednesday, October 7, 2009, 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
Bernie Kamphof
Guy Jarvis
Hartley Multamaki
Paul McAlister
Robert Stewart
Ross Chuchman

LIAISON MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Mervi Henttonen, LRCA General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Tu Van Duong, Ministry of Environment Liaison

ABSENT:

Chris Beveridge, Thunder Bay District Health Unit

ALSO PRESENT:

Melanie Mathieson, Source Protection Project Manager
Jamie Saunders, Source Protection Water Resources Engineer
Roman Augustyn, Source Protection GIS Specialist
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 Twenty-Second Regular Meeting held Wednesday, September 2, 2009 were adopted by consensus.

4. SOURCE PROTECTION PLANNING

For information purposes, a listing of the Terms of Reference approval dates of all of the Source Protection Areas/Regions was provided.

For information purposes, correspondence from the Chair of the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority regarding required amendments to the Grey Sauble Terms of Reference was provided.

It was noted that the development of the Proposed Draft Assessment Report is moving forward with work completed reviewed at the Meeting.

It was noted that the Committee agreed by consensus that text related to Species at Risk and invasive species will not be included in the Draft Proposed Assessment Report as the information has no impact on the source water of the two identified Municipal residential drinking water systems in the Lakehead Source Protection Area at this time. Species at Risk and invasive species will be referenced to the Watershed Characterization Report with text to be added to the Assessment Report to support the decision of the Source Protection Committee.

It was noted that Dr. Robert Stewart and Dr. Adam Cornwall provided a draft of the “Assessment Report Chapter 5 - Climate Change” to Committee Members for review and comment for the November 4, 2009 Meeting.

For information purposes, a fact sheet and poster was provided with the amended regulated timelines associated with the development and legislative requirements of the Lakehead Source Protection Area Assessment Report.

It was noted that comments from the Lakehead Source Protection Committee related to the review of the “Source Protection Plan Discussion Paper” were submitted to the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry (EBR).

For information purposes, Committee Members were provided with copies of the comments that were submitted to the EBR from the Lakehead Source Protection Authority and the City of Thunder Bay related to the review of the “Source Protection Plan Discussion Paper”.

For information purposes, EBR comment submissions related to the review of the “Source Protection Plan Discussion Paper” from the following: Conservation Ontario, Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee and the CTC (Central Lake, Toronto Region and Credit Valley) Source Protection Committee were circulated.

For information purposes, correspondence from the MOE was provided related to progress updates on the development of the Risk Management Measures Catalogue/Database.

It was noted that the Lakehead Source Protection Committee Members did not submit comments for posting to the EBR related to the proposed changes to the Director's Technical Rules but points of interest were noted for information purposes.

For information purposes, an update on the Source Protection Committee Chairs Meeting held in Kingston on September 21 and 22, 2009 was provided, including information from a Meeting with the Minister of Environment, John Gerretsen.

5. SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

It was noted that Tu Van Duong has been assigned as the MOE Liaison for the Lakehead Source Protection Area. For information purposes, the August 2009 MOE Liaison Newsletter was provided.

For information purposes, a copy of the correspondence related to the Medical Officer of Health Liaison roles and responsibilities as outlined by the Director of the Source Protection Branch was provided.

For information purposes, a copy of the document created by Conservation Ontario entitled "*Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*" Best Practices Document Related to Drinking Water Source Protection was provided.

It was noted that Source Protection Staff participated in the Children's Water Festival September 22-24, 2009. It was also noted that Source Protection Staff have offered to make a presentation at the Canadian Institute of Forestry field trip on October 23, 2009.

6. SOURCE PROTECTION PROJECT UPDATES

For information purposes, Committee Members were updated and provided with flyers on the second phase of the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program (ODWSP) being carried out by the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority related to tire recycling.

For information purposes, correspondence was provided from the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Committee, to MOE, stating their disappointment in the rejection of the proposal for a Drinking Water Stewardship Program project related to the control of goose fecal matter entering their source water.

7. WATER RELATED ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

For information purposes, Committee Members were provided with links to two websites that track monthly water levels of the Great Lakes.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

For information purposes, a paper written by Paul Peterson entitled "Development Rights and Land Use Regulation in Canada" was provided.

For information purposes, the Conservation Ontario Great Lakes 2009 E-bulletin was provided.

For information purposes, an article entitled "Of the First Water - The Rights and Roles of First Nations in Source Protection and Water Quality" in the July/August 2009 issue of Canadian Water Treatment was provided.

For information purposes, two articles related to Source Protection in the Cataraqui Source Protection Area were provided.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN

It was noted that Committee Members provided input to potential issues or circumstances that may contribute to the delineation of an Intake Protection Zone (IPZ) 3.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None.

11. OPEN DISCUSSION

It was noted that Committee Members are satisfied with the progress of completing chapters for the Draft Proposed Assessment Report with a review of a complete document expected in early 2010.

12. NEXT MEETING

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

13. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS

Adjourned by consensus at 5:31 p.m.