



Lakehead Region
Conservation Authority
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LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

**THIRTY-FIRST REGULAR LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION
COMMITTEE MEETING**
Formed under the “Clean Water Act, 2006”

DATE: **Thursday, April 29, 2010**

AGENDA

PLACE: **Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Boardroom**

TIME: **10:30 a.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ross Chuchman

LIAISON MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mervi Henttonen, LRCA General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Tu Van Duong, Ministry of Environment (MOE) Liaison
Chris Beveridge, Thunder Bay District Health Unit

ALSO PRESENT:

Melanie Mathieson, Source Protection Project Manager
Tammy Cook, LRCA Watershed Manager
Jamie Saunders, Source Protection Water Resources Engineer
Roman Augustyn, Source Protection GIS Specialist

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA BY CONSENSUS

Agenda adopted by consensus.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Thirtieth Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 were adopted as published, by consensus.

4. SOURCE PROTECTION PLANNING

Development of the Assessment Report

An overview of the changes made to the Assessment Report to address Ministry of Environment comments was provided at the meeting.

Correspondence sent to the Director requesting an extension for the completion/submission of the “Assessment Report for the Lakehead Source Protection Area” was provided for review.

Correspondence between the Director and the Source Protection Committee granting an extension until July 13, 2010 for the completion/submission of the “Assessment Report for the Lakehead Source Protection Area” was provided for SPC review.

Revisions to “Assessment Report for the Lakehead Source Protection Area” were accepted by consensus.

The proposed June 2nd Source Protection Committee Meeting was changed to May 25th, 2010 at 4 P.M. by consensus.

A Source Protection Authority meeting was proposed for May 26th, 2010 at 4:30 P.M.

The Source Protection Authority meeting scheduled for June 30th, 2010 was cancelled.

The “Assessment Report for the Lakehead Source Protection Area” will be posted for public viewing on www.sourceprotection.net after approval at the Source Protection Authority meeting on May 26th, 2010.

Public consultation for areas with significant drinking water threats will consist of providing a CD copy of the “Proposed Assessment Report for the Lakehead Source Protection Area” to property owners within these areas. Printed copies of the report will be made available at 4 locations within the Source Protection Area. The chair suggested that follow-up letters be mailed to insure all property owners are contacted, particularly in the case of rental properties.

Source Protection Plan

A copy of the formal correspondence for the Ministry of Environment (MOE) Environmental Bill of Rights Registry (EBR) comment submission from the City of Thunder Bay Planning Division related to the Draft Source Protection Plan Regulation was provided for review.

Risk Management Measures Catalogue

MOE has advised that they plan to provide the Draft Risk Management Measures Catalogue to Conservation Ontario by the end of April 2010 for their review and comment. When this step is completed, MOE intends to provide the draft document to all Conservation Authority and Source Protection Staff for their review and comment. The final draft is expected to be completed by June 2010, at which time it will be distributed to Source Protection Staff and Committees. No further action taken at this time.

Source Protection Committee Chairs Meeting

The Minutes from the January 24-25, 2010 Source Protection Committee Chairs Meeting were provided for information purposes. The Agenda and Project Manager notes from the Source Protection Committee Chairs Teleconference Meeting held on Monday April 12, 2010 were provided for review. The next in-person, Source Protection Committee Chairs Meeting will be held May 2-5, 2010 in Windsor, Ontario. There will be an in-camera session with all the Source Protection Committee Chairs at this meeting. An update from this Meeting will be provided at the May 25th, 2010 Meeting.

Project Managers Meeting – Pages 24 to 25

Project Manager Meeting notes from the April 14, 2010 Project Manager Teleconference were provided to the Source Protection Committee for review. The Project Manager attended the Project Managers Meeting in Toronto on April 27, 2010 via teleconference and provided a verbal update to the Source Protection Committee.

5. SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Update from Ministry of Environment (MOE) Liaison

The MOE Liaison provided an update of Ministry of Environment (MOE) Source Protection activities at the Meeting.

The Project Manager thanked the MOE Liaison for her assistance and the good turn-around times for information and guidance provided by the Ministry of Environment on the changes made to the “Draft Proposed assessment Report for the Lakehead Source Protection Area”.

6. SOURCE PROTECTION PROJECT UPDATES

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Project

The Interim Progress Report (2007-2010) and Executive Summary (2007-2010) for the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program (ODWSP) were provided for Source Protection Committee

review. This information included maps indicating the project count and distribution of Early Actions initiatives around the province (includes completed and in progress) up to February of 2010. In addition, the Interim Progress Report provided a list of all the projects funded to the end of the 2009-10 fiscal year (March 31, 2010) and the names of funding recipients.

It was suggested by the LRCA General Manager/Secretary that links to a program synopsis/fact sheet be provided on both the LRCA and Course Protection websites.

7. WATER RELATED ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

North Harbour Project

A presentation on an update on the North Harbour Project will be provided at a later date. A member suggested that additional project representatives be present at the meeting to further explain the technical work being undertaken and how it may related to Source Protection vulnerable areas.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

a) File: Ministry of Environment

Provided in the Circulation Binder is a copy of the 2009-2010 Rosslyn Village Subdivision Well Supply Drinking Water Inspection Report for Source Protection Committee review.

Provided to Source Protection Committee members was a copy of the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry posting #010-9557 - to amend the Building Code (O.Reg. 350/06) to establish requirements for mandatory and discretionary on-site sewage system maintenance inspections programs.

b) File: Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Region

A report entitled “Source Protection – An overview of approaches and processes followed by other jurisdictions in protecting their sources of water” that was provided by the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Region was provided for Lakehead Source Protection Committee information.

c) File: Ministry of Environment

A copy of the MOE report entitled “Summary of the Survey of the Occurrence of Pharmaceuticals and Other Emerging Contaminants in Untreated Source and Finished Drinking Water in Ontario (January 2010)” and Q&As related to this report was provided for Source Protection Committee information. A copy of the full report entitled “Survey of the Occurrence of Pharmaceuticals and Other Emerging Contaminants in Untreated Source and Finished Drinking Water in Ontario” has been provided in the Circulation Binder.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN

Ontario Low Water Response

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) administers the Ontario Low Water Response Program within its Area of Jurisdiction. The program is intended to provide provincial preparedness, to assist in co-ordination and to support local response in the event of a drought. Due to the lack of precipitation during the fall and winter of 2010, a Water Response Team Meeting was held on April 19, 2010. It was concluded by the Water Response Team that the LRCA Area of Jurisdiction was in a Level I Low Water Condition due to received precipitation being below 80% of average for the period of January to March 2010, when received precipitation was calculated to be 53% of average. An area is considered to be in a Level I Low Water condition when received precipitation is below 80% of average for a three month period or when spring flows are below 100% of the lowest average summer flows. During a Level I Low Water condition a voluntary 10% reduction of water consumption is encouraged. A Level I Low Water condition is considered to indicate potential water supply problems.

Source Protection Staff will continue to monitor the situation and provide feedback as it relate to the Source Protection Planning process.

The General Manager noted that the Source Protection Authority would like to insure that First Nations impacted by the Source Protection Planning Process have been appropriately contacted by all means possible.

The General Manager noted that new legislation is in effect regarding Customer Service and Accessibility. Source Protection Staff will be taking training related to this new legislation in the near future.

10. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

11. OPEN DISCUSSION

No further discussion points at this point.

12. NEXT MEETING

May 25th, 2010 - 4 P.M. LRCA Boardroom

July 7, 2010 - Other Topics?

August 4, 2010 - Other Topics?

September 1, 2010 - Other Topics?

October 6, 2010 - Other Topics?

November 3, 2010 - Other Topics?

December 1, 2010 - Other Topics?

13. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS

Meeting adjourned by consensus 11:50 A.M.

Critical Dates/Timelines

March 2010 to August 2010

- Lakehead Source Protection Committee reviews comments and revises “Draft Proposed Assessment Report” as required.
- Lakehead Source Protection Committee undertakes additional public consultation with “Revised Draft Proposed Assessment Report”. (To be determined)
- Lakehead Source Protection Authority reviews and accepts “Proposed Assessment Report”.
- Public consultation required on the “Proposed Assessment Report” with a 30-day comment period with comments directed to the Lakehead Source Protection Authority. “Proposed Assessment Report” posted to the Internet and at public viewing stations. (To be determined).
- The Lakehead Source Protection Authority will meet to complete the submission of “Proposed Assessment Report” including all comments submitted.
- The Lakehead Source Protection Authority will submit the “Proposed Assessment Report” to the Ministry of Environment, Source Protection Branch, Director for approval.

August 20, 2012

- This is the absolute deadline that the Lakehead Source Protection Area Source Protection Plan can be submitted to the Minister of Environment.