

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

Minutes of the Twenty-First Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on Wednesday, August 5, 2009, at the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority. The Chairman called the Meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Bob Hartley, Chairman

Ken McWhirter, Vice Chair

Veikko Long Jim Vukmanich Bernie Kamphof Ross Chuchman Guy Jarvis

Hartley Multamaki

ABSENT: Paul McAlister

Robert Stewart

LIAISON MEMBERS

PRESENT: Mervi Henttonen, LRCA General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

ABSENT: Chris Beveridge, Thunder Bay District Health Unit

Katie Fairman, Ministry of Environment Liaison

ALSO PRESENT: Melanie Mathieson, Source Protection Project Manager

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. <u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</u>

The Minutes of the Twentieth Regular Meeting held Wednesday, July 8, 2009 were adopted by consensus.

4. SOURCE PROTECTION PLANNING

It was noted that the development of the Assessment Report is moving forward as Committee Members completed their review of chapters and maps provided to date, including Watershed Characterization and Water Budget.

It was noted that updates as a result of the Director's Technical Rules are needed to complete the chapter on the Delineation of Intake Protection Zones.

It was noted that the workshop hosted by the Lakehead Source Protection Committee to review and work through mock policy exercises using the "Source Protection Plan Discussion Paper" will now be held at the Prince Arthur Hotel on Wednesday August 19, 2009. Source Protection Committee Members, Source Protection Authority Members were invited along with representatives and Staff from Member Municipalities.

For information purposes, Committee Members were provided with the salient points from the Project Manager's Meeting held in Toronto.

For information purposes, Committee Members were provided with the list of potential threats and risks for the Rosslyn Wellhead Protection Area and Bare Point Intake Protection Zone identified in a brainstorming session at the July Meeting.

5. SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

It was noted that the Ministry of Environment (MOE) Liaison had no updates for the Meeting.

It was noted in a Communications Update that new fact sheets for the Bare Point Intake Protection Zone and the Rosslyn Village Wellhead Protection Area are now available for public outreach and were provided to Committee Members. It was noted that Source Protection displays and materials were setup at two events hosted by the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority with good attendance at both the Lake Superior Day Picnic (July 19) and Family Fishing Day (July 12).

6. SOURCE PROTECTION PROJECT UPDATES

It was noted that a second flyer promoting "Scrap is Where It's At" is scheduled for printing and distribution to 53,300 households in mid-August. It was noted that the second phase of the project will focus on tire recycling with flyer delivery planned for September.

7. WATER RELATED ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

None.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

For information purposes, a copy of "Northern Currents", a newsletter produced by the Mattagami Region Source Protection Authority, was provided.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN

It was noted that the impacts of cemeteries on source water has been discussed in correspondence among agricultural representatives in the province. It was noted that there are no cemeteries within or near the vulnerable zones for the sources of water for the two Municipal systems in the Lakehead Source Protection Area.

It was noted it is not known at this time if the Minister of Environment will set Great Lakes targets for Lake Superior; therefore it was recommended that the Committee, as part of the planning process, consult with groups working to protect the environmental health of Lake Superior like the Lake Superior Bi-National Forum and the North Shore of Lake Superior Remedial Act Plan.

In response to a question about the dredging and construction associated with the marina development project having a potential impact on the source water of Lake Superior, it was noted that this project does not impact Source Protection Planning.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None.

11. OPEN DISCUSSION

It was noted that the Source Protection Chairs have raised concerns about meeting the Assessment Report deadline due to delays from the Ministry of Environment in producing Regulations and Guidance Documents related to the Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan.

It was noted an update on the North Harbour project be requested.

12. <u>NEXT MEETING</u>

Wednesday, September 2, 2009, at the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority.

13. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS

Adjourned by consensus at 5:03 p.m.