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**LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION AREA**

## **MINUTES OF THE NINTH REGULAR LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING**

Minutes of the Ninth Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on Wednesday, August 6, 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  
Guy Jarvis  
Bernie Kamphof  
Robert Stewart  
Paul McAlister  
Ross Chuchman

#### **ABSENT:**

Hartley Multamaki

### **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

### **1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA BY CONSENSUS**

Agenda adopted by consensus.

### **2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

None.

### **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the Eighth Regular Meeting held Wednesday, July 9, 2008 were adopted by consensus.

#### **4. SOURCE PROTECTION PLANNING**

The Lakehead Source Protection Committee adopted by consensus, the “Proposed Terms of Reference” to be presented to the Lakehead Source Protection Authority on August 13, 2008.

It was noted only one comment was received during the 35-day public comment period for the Draft Proposed Terms of Reference.

The Lakehead Source Protection Committee agreed by consensus to add a “precautionary principle” in the Proposed Terms of Reference for the Lakehead Source Protection Area.

The statement is read as follows:

*The overall objective of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee, in partnership with local Municipalities and the Ontario government, is to protect the quality and quantity of present and future sources of municipal residential drinking water in the Lakehead Source Protection Area. The Lakehead Source Protection Committee will continue to work and consult with stakeholders and participants to gather technical knowledge on which well-informed, consensus-based decisions can be made in an open and consultative manner. The Lakehead Source Protection Committee will aim to propose policies in the Lakehead Source Protection Plan that are appropriate, effective, economical and fair for local Municipalities and will make use of the available science to assess municipal residential drinking water threats and issues. Where there is uncertainty, the Lakehead Source Protection Committee will be mindful of the precautionary approach.*

It was noted that the Ministry of Environment had advised there was no regulatory obligation to address the “precautionary principle” in the Terms of Reference.

“Open Houses” for the Draft Proposed Terms of Reference held in July 2008 were deemed successful. It was noted there were 8 attendees at the “Open House” at the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority and that none of these attendees lived in the Bare Point Intake Protection Zone area, while the Rosslyn Village “Open House” resulted in 16 residents attending with interest to engage the Source Protection Planning process. It was noted Source Protection Committee Members and Staff were able to gather useful information pertaining to the Municipal system from attendees in Rosslyn Village.

It was noted that Source Protection Staff attended Lake Superior Day at Silver Harbour on Sunday, July 20, 2008. Pictures of the Committee Tour from the July Meeting and recent aerial photographs were circulated to Members. Promotional banner pens were provided to Committee Members.

#### **5. SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

Committee Members agreed by consensus to hold the September 3, 2008 Meeting.

It was noted that comments on the Draft Assessment Report Regulation and Technical Rules to the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry (EBR) were submitted by LRCA Source Protection Staff. The MOE Liaison noted that a summary of the comments from the EBR posting are being compiled. The Committee agreed by consensus to make a request to Conservation Ontario to obtain a summary of the comments from the Ministry of Environment.

**6. “CLEAN WATER ACT”**

A copy of the amended Miscellaneous Regulation (Ontario Regulation 286/07) was provided to Members for their Committee Binder.

**7. WATER RELATED ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE SOURCE PROTECTION AREA**

No updates.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) File: Sault Ste. Marie Region Source Protection Committee Meeting Minutes

For information purposes, the Minutes from the Sault Ste. Marie Region Source Protection Committee May 6, 2008 Meeting were provided in the Circulation File.

- (b) File: Source Protection Committee Chairs Meeting Minutes

For information purposes, the Minutes from the June 2 and 3, 2008 Source Protection Committee Chairs Meeting were provided in the Circulation File.

- (c) File: MOE/Project Manager First Nations Information Teleconference

For information purposes, the Minutes from the June 23, 2008 MOE/Project Manager First Nations information teleconference were provided in the Circulation File.

**9. ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN**

No new updates.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

**11. SOURCE PROTECTION PROJECT UPDATES**

It was noted Source Protection Staff are preparing the contents of the Watershed Characterization Report for posting to the website. The Water Budget has been approved with a few small conditions/revisions by the Lakehead Peer Reviewers with the Report sent back to the Consultant, Gartner Lee to finalize before providing copies to the LRCA.

The consultant, AMEC, for Rosslyn Village Wellhead Protection Study will be asked to update the Report with new information learned about the Rosslyn Village Wellhead along with official comments from the final review. There are no updates from the City of Thunder Bay on the Bare Point Intake Protection Zone Study since the last meeting.

It was noted the Regulation for the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program has passed with significant changes to the process for obtaining grants. Source Protection Staff will review the guidance materials from MOE and assess the project qualifications for the Bare Point Intake Protection Zone and the Rosslyn Village Wellhead Area.

## **12. OPEN DISCUSSION**

It was noted that a letter titled “Imminent Drinking Water Health Hazard Notification (Medical Officer of Health Liaisons)” was received by the Health Unit Liaison. The letter will be tabled for discussion at the September 3, 2008 Meeting.

It was also noted a letter was received from Environment Canada noting their continued involvement in the Source Protection Planning process through their association with Great Lakes Agreements. The letter will be made available at the next Meeting.

The Committee requested an overview of steps in the Source Protection process to review what has been completed and what has to be done, along with an environmental scan of concerns by industry to be discussed.

## **13. NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, September 3, 2008.

## **14. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS**

Adjourned by consensus, at 6:50 p.m.