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LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

MINUTES OF THE THIRD REGULAR MEETING SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Third Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on Wednesday, February 6, 2008, in the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Boardroom. The Chairman called the Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Bob Hartley, Chairman
Ken McWhirter
Jim Vukmanich
Veikko Long
Guy Jarvis
Hartley Multamaki
Bernie Kamphof
Robert Stewart
Paul McAlister
Ross Chuchman

LIAISON MEMBERS

PRESENT: Mervi Henttonen, LRCA General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Jake Noordhof, Ministry of Environment
Bill Pottruff, Thunder Bay District Health Unit
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 Second Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on January 9, 2007, were approved by consensus.

4. SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Ken McWhirter was appointed the Vice Chair of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee by consensus.

It was noted that the seat for the Fort William First Nation Member remains vacant.

Chris Beveridge, Manager of Environmental Services, was appointed the new Committee Liaison Member for the Thunder Bay District Health Unit.

The Lakehead Source Protection Committee will be hosting a “Meet & Greet” in April. Date and venue to be confirmed.

5. WORK PLANNING

The Operations Manual for the Lakehead Source Protection Committee was approved by the Lakehead Source Protection Authority on January 16, 2008 and has been posted on the Internet at www.sourceprotection.net.

A notice of commencement of the Terms of Reference was sent to all Municipalities within the Lakehead Source Protection Area and Fort William First Nation.

The presentation on “Safe Drinking Water Act” by Ministry of Environment Staff was deferred to the next Meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) File: Centre for Watershed Protection

For information purposes, Manual 1, An Integrated Framework to Restore Small Urban Watersheds and Manual 2, Methods to Develop Restoration Plans for Small Urban Watersheds from the Centre for Watershed Protection was circulated.

(b) File: Ducks Unlimited

For information purposes, a letter from Ducks Unlimited offering assistance to the Lakehead Source Protection Committee in Source Protection Planning was provided. The letter was referred to the Board of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority.

(c) File: Ministry of Environment (MOE)

For information purposes, updates from Ian Smith, Director, Source Protection Programs Branch – Ministry of the Environment were provided.

(d) File: Water Guardians Network

For information purposes, a letter from the Water Guardians Network relating to provincial funding was provided

(e) File: Conservation Ontario

For information purposes, Outreach and Education materials developed by Conservation Ontario were distributed including an interactive CD-ROM entitled “Watershed Connections: Where everyone lives downstream”.

7. NEW BUSINESS

It was noted that the drinking water supply from Loch Lomond is officially off line and the Bare Point Water Treatment Plant is now a single source providing Municipal residential drinking water to the City of Thunder Bay and Fort William First Nation.

8. PROJECT UPDATE

Committee Members discussed and reviewed project updates provided by Source Protection Staff on the Water Budget Report, Water Characterization Report, Rosslyn Village Wellhead Protection Study and Bare Point IPZ Study. It was noted that website updates are ongoing to meet Regulatory requirements. It was requested that Staff prepare presentations on the two Reports and the two Technical Studies to provide Committee Members with a better understanding of the scientific scope to develop the Source Protection Plan.

Members were invited to attend an Education and Outreach “Open House” February 21 and 22, 2008 at the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority. It was noted that copies of “A Guide for Source Protection of Drinking Water” would be available at the Open House.

9. OPEN DISCUSSION

A framework for the Terms of Reference was discussed.

A request was made for an overview of the North Harbour Project from the local Ministry of Environment for a future Meeting. Staff will follow-up.

10. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

11. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS

Adjourned by consensus at 5:38 p.m.