



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

Minutes of the Twenty-Sixth Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on Wednesday, January 13, 2010, in the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Boardroom. The Chairman called the Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS

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

ABSENT: Bernie Kamphof

LIAISON MEMBERS

PRESENT: Mervi Henttonen, LRCA General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Katie Fairman, 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/Data 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-Fifth Regular Meeting held Wednesday, December 2, 2009 were adopted by consensus as published.

4. SOURCE PROTECTION PLANNING

Committee Members discussed and reviewed contents of the Draft Proposed Assessment Report and provided revisions for the final draft to be reviewed and approved by consensus at the February 3, 2010 Source Protection Committee Meeting.

Committee Members were provided updates on technical data related to the chapters on Vulnerability and Threats and a revised calendar of the timelines set out for public consultation to meet the May 25, 2010 deadline for submission of the Proposed Assessment Report to the Ministry of Environment.

Committee Members agreed by consensus to accept the updated vulnerability scores for the Bare Point Intake Protection Zones 1 and 2 as submitted by the consultant. The Committee also reviewed and provided comments on the preliminary work completed by the consultant on the delineation of an Intake Protection Zone 3 for the Bare Point Intake.

Committee Members were advised that training sessions related to the Source Protection Plan Regulation are forecasted for March/April 2010 pending the announcement of a potential date from the Ministry of Environment for posting the Source Protection Plan Regulation to the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry (EBR).

For information purposes, copies of the Ministry of Environment (MOE) Liaison Newsletter #5 were provided, and it was noted that the Source Protection Chairs Meeting is scheduled for January 25 and 26, 2010 in Toronto.

5. SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Committee Members agreed by consensus to host two Open Houses as part of public consultation on the Draft Proposed Assessment Report, with the first Open House set for the Rosslyn Village Community Centre on February 18, 2010 and the second Open House at the Current River Community Centre on February 25, 2010.

6. SOURCE PROTECTION PROJECT UPDATES

For information purposes, Committee Members were advised that the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority will begin the third phase of their Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program project, "Protecting Source Water, Take Pride in Your Property", with flyers entitled "Harness Household Hazardous Waste" to be sent out in February. It was noted that television commercials produced to support the project have aired on local television stations with more scheduled for February.

7. WATER RELATED ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

Members were advised that the Lakehead Source Protection Authority will host a public event on March 23, 2010 in honour of World Water Day, with Mr. Bruce Davidson to provide a presentation on how and why Walkerton and other Municipal water tragedies have occurred and the importance of Source Protection Planning. The presentation will be open to the public with Committee Members, Source Protection Authority Members and representatives of Member Municipalities invited to attend.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

For information purposes, Committee Members were provided with correspondence from the Ministry of Environment concerning planning preparation for Source Protection Plans and a copy of a report prepared by Pollution Watch entitled *Protecting the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence River Basin and Drinking Water Sources*.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN

The Committee was informed that the Lake Superior Binational Forum will hold a Meeting in Duluth, Minnesota on January 29, 2010 with Climate Change, a topic on the agenda.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None.

11. OPEN DISCUSSION

None.

12. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 3, 2010, at the Slovak Legion (Atlantic Avenue).

13. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS

Adjourned by consensus at 6:27 p.m.