



MINUTES OF THE TWENTIETH REGULAR LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Twentieth Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on Wednesday, July 8, 2009, 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
Bernie Kamphof
Ross Chuchman
Paul McAlister
Hartley Multamaki

ABSENT:

Guy Jarvis
Robert Stewart

LIAISON MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Mervi Henttonen, LRCA General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Chris Beveridge, Thunder Bay District Health Unit
Katie Fairman, Ministry of Environment Liaison

ALSO PRESENT:

Melanie Mathieson, Source Protection Project Manager
Tammy Cook, LRCA Watershed 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. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Nineteenth Regular Meeting held Wednesday, June 3, 2009 were adopted by consensus.

4. SOURCE PROTECTION PLANNING

It was noted that the Lakehead Source Protection Committee is continuing with the review of chapters and maps associated with the development of the Assessment Report.

It was noted that the Ministry of Environment (MOE) would like to have some aspects of the Proposed Assessment Report delivered in electronic format, with Conservation Ontario working on facilitation on behalf of the Conservation Authorities.

It was noted that the MOE has now posted to the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry (EBR) the document "*Source Protection Plans under the Clean Water Act, 2006: A Discussion Paper on Requirements for the Content and Preparation*". The Minister of Environment has asked Source Protection Committee Chairs to have their Committee Members review the discussion paper, conduct a "dry run" policy making session and provide comments within the 90-day comment period.

It was noted the Lakehead Source Protection Committee will conduct a workshop in August 2009 on the "Discussion Paper" to provide an opportunity for the Source Protection Committee, Source Protection Authority and Member Municipalities to gain a deeper understanding of what policies may be needed for an effective Source Protection Plan.

For information purposes, the MOE Liaison provided a presentation to the Committee on the "*Source Protection Plan Discussion Paper*".

For information purposes, Committee Members were provided with a new list of definitions and acronyms that are being used in recent materials pertaining to the Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan.

5. SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

It was noted that the Ministry of Environment is working on a checklist for the development of the Assessment Report that will be provided to Source Protection Committees.

It was noted in a Communications Update that new fact sheets and posters are being developed for the Bare Point Intake Protection Zone and Rosslyn Village Wellhead Protection Area. The new materials will be available at Lake Superior Day on July 19, 2009 and future public consultations for the Assessment Report.

For information purposes, Committee Members were provided with the "*Plain Language Guide for Assessment Reports*" prepared by Conservation Ontario and the brochure "*Septic Smart! – Understanding your Home's Septic System*".

6. SOURCE PROTECTION PROJECT UPDATES

For information purposes, a copy of the Executive Summary of the final report of the "*Search for the Third Well Project*" was provided.

It was noted that the "*Scrap is Where It's At*" flyer developed under the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program has been delivered to over 53,000 households in the Lakehead Source Protection Area. Posters and additional flyers will be distributed to Member Municipalities and scrap dealers involved in the program.

7. WATER RELATED ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

It was noted that Committee Members are invited to attend the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority's Lake Superior Day event to be held July 19, 2009 on the LRCA Floodway Property off Fort William Road. The event is part of 25th anniversary celebrations to commemorate the construction of the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

For information purposes, a copy of the quarterly newsletter, "*Drinking Water Source Protection News*", produced by the Nickel District Conservation Authority was provided.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN

It was noted that Dr. Adam Cornwell and Dr. Robert Stewart of Lakehead University will be developing a report on "Climate Change" in the Lakehead Source Protection Area for use in the development of this chapter in the Assessment Report. It was also noted that the Nickel District Conservation Authority is working with Laurentian University on a project to inventory a document library on "climate change" in the Sudbury area and on a broader scope Northern Ontario.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None.

11. OPEN DISCUSSION

It was noted that although the Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan will contain detailed analysis of the threats and risks within the vulnerable zones delineated for the two Municipal residential drinking water systems, the scope of the watershed is taken into consideration for the watershed characterization, water budget and other technical work performed.

12. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, August 5, 2009, at the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority.

13. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS

Adjourned by consensus at 5:54 p.m.