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**LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION AREA**

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

Minutes of the Eighth Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on Wednesday, July 9, 2008, at Whitewater Golf Club in the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge. The Chairman called the Meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

### **MEMBERS**

#### **PRESENT:**

Bob Hartley, Chairman  
Ken McWhirter, Vice Chair  
Veikko Long  
Jim Vukmanich  
Hartley Multamaki  
Bernie Kamphof  
Robert Stewart  
Paul McAlister  
Ross Chuchman

#### **ABSENT:**

Guy Jarvis

### **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  
Ed Chambers, Lakehead Source Protection Authority  
Bev Dale, Lakehead Source Protection Authority  
Rick Kieri, Lakehead Source Protection Authority  
Lynda Rydholm, Lakehead Source Protection Authority

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

Agenda adopted by consensus.

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

None.

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

The Minutes of the Seventh Regular Meeting held Wednesday, June 4, 2008 were adopted by consensus.

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

It was noted the requirements for public consultation for the Draft Proposed Terms of Reference were met on Friday, June 20, 2008. The Draft Proposed Terms of Reference was posted on the Internet – [www.sourceprotection.net](http://www.sourceprotection.net), printed copies were made available at a number of public viewing stations and the notice of the Draft Proposed Terms of Reference was published in two newspapers – *Chronicle Journal* and *The Source*.

It was noted that comments from Source Protection Committee Members do not have to be received on the comment sheet but can be submitted to the Project Manager directly and (or) discussed at the August 6, 2008 Source Protection Committee Meeting.

It was noted the Terms of Reference Regulation does not require the Source Protection Authority/Committee Chairs or Members to provide a response to any public comments received during the consultation period for the Draft Proposed Terms of Reference. It was agreed by consensus that, if necessary, a letter can be sent to those providing comments with return address information noting the receipt of the comment and a statement that the comment will be considered by the Source Protection Committee and sent to the Minister of Environment in the Terms of Reference package.

Committee Members were updated on the two Open Houses for the Draft Proposed Terms of Reference scheduled for Tuesday, July 15, 2008 at the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority and Thursday, July 17, 2008 at the Rosslyn Village Community Centre.

It was noted the advertising plan to promote the Open Houses to the public includes newspaper ads, radio advertising and door-to-door delivery of invitations to targeted property owners located in the vulnerable areas of the two Municipal residential drinking water systems in the Lakehead Source Protection Area.

Committee Members were provided with a Communications Plan to meet all Legislative requirements as prescribed for public consultation by Regulation.

It was noted that as part of Communications and Outreach fifty (50) copies of “A Guide for Source Protection of Drinking Water” and Watershed Activities booklet were provided to the Surprise Lake Campers Association.

It was noted that bookmarks promoting Source Protection Planning have been widely distributed as part of the packages for the Draft Proposed Terms of Reference public viewing stations, local tourism locations, Member Municipalities and Source Protection Authority Members.

## **5. SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

The option of holding a September Meeting was deferred by consensus to the August 6, 2008 Meeting of the Source Protection Committee. Regulation requires the Source Protection Committee to meet a minimum of once a month until the Source Protection Authority is provided with the Proposed Terms of Reference. The Lakehead Source Protection Committee is expecting to submit the Proposed Terms of Reference to the Lakehead Source Protection Authority prior to the August 20, 2008 deadline.

Committee Members were provided with a copy of all the information related to the Draft Assessment Report and Technical Rules posted to the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR). It was agreed by consensus that the Committee would review the EBR posting and submit collective comments from the Committee back to the EBR.

Committee Members noted their attendance at a Stakeholder Roundtable in Thunder Bay on July 14, 2008 to review and discuss the Draft Assessment Report and Technical Rules.

## **6. WATER RELATED ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE SOURCE PROTECTION AREA**

No updates at this time.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **(a) File: Current Affairs Timmins**

For information purposes, Committee Members were provided with a copy of the letter providing comment to Draft Proposed Terms of Reference to the Mattagami Source Protection Committee from a Member of Current Affairs Timmins, a local chapter of the Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA). It was noted that CELA has sent similar letters to other Source Protection Committees and to the Minister of Environment.

### **(b) File: Ministry of Environment – Hazard Scoring for Technical Studies**

For information purposes, Committee Members were provided with a copy of the correspondence sent to the Recipients of the MOE Source Water Protection Technical Studies Funding, concerning the completion of these studies in the absence of the tools required to complete the Hazard Scores as required in the Technical Guidance Documents October 2006.

### **(c) File: South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee**

For information purposes, Committee Members were provided with a copy of the correspondence sent to the Minister of Environment by the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee in regards to classifying Amendments to the Terms of Reference once legislation is passed that may alter the contents of the Minister Approved Terms of Reference.

**8. ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN**

Committee Members were updated on the Public Meeting of the International Upper Great Lakes Study attended by the Project Manager at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium June 17, 2008.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

Committee Members discussed the location of a third Municipal well in Rosslyn Village that was used for testing of the water table. Committee Members will look into well records and seek local knowledge to find out the location of the well.

As the absence of the Committee Chair for the two upcoming Terms of Reference Open Houses on July 15 and July 17, 2008 was noted, Committee Members Jim Vukmanich and Russ Chuchman were appointed Media spokespersons for the respective Open Houses.

**10. SOURCE PROTECTION PROJECT UPDATES**

A CD version of the Watershed Characterization Report has been produced with copies available for public review at the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority.

The final drafts of the Lakehead Conceptual and Tier 1 Water Budget and the Rosslyn Village Wellhead Protection Area Study are under final review.

**11. OPEN DISCUSSION**

It was noted final review of the public comments on Draft Proposed Terms of Reference will take place at the August 6, 2008 Source Protection Committee Meeting to meet the August 20, 2008 deadline for submission to the Lakehead Source Protection Authority.

**12. NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, August 6, 2008.

**13. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS**

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