



MINUTES OF THE NINETEENTH REGULAR LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Nineteenth Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on Wednesday, June 3, 2009, at the Hazelwood Lake Nature Centre. 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
Robert Stewart
Paul McAlister
Guy Jarvis

ABSENT:

Hartley Multamaki

LIAISON MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Mervi Henttonen, LRCA General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

ABSENT:

Chris Beveridge, Thunder Bay District Health Unit
MOE Liaison

MEMBERS – LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION AUTHORITY

PRESENT:

Bill Bartley (Chair), Grant Arnold, Ed Chambers, Bev Dale and Linda Rydholm

ALSO PRESENT:

Melanie Mathieson, Source Protection Project Manager
Tammy Cook, LRCA Watershed Manager
John Cameron, Source Protection Communications Officer

PRESENTERS:

Gerry Buckrell, Engineering Northwest Limited (ENL)
Melissa Price, Engineering Northwest Limited (ENL)

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA BY CONSENSUS

Agenda adopted by consensus.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Eighteenth Regular Meeting held Wednesday, May 6, 2009 were adopted by consensus.

4. SOURCE PROTECTION PROJECT UPDATES

It was noted that the location and status of the third Municipal well in Rosslyn Village has been determined in a technical study completed by Engineering Northwest Limited (ENL). A presentation on the project was provided by ENL Staff.

It was noted that the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) will initiate the first phase of an ad-mail campaign later in June under Special Projects funding from the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program. The first phase of the project, "Protecting Source Water – Take Pride in Your Property" will focus on the collection of scrap metal in the Lakehead Source Protection Area. Over 50,000 flyers entitled "Scrap is Where It's At" will be printed and distributed.

5. SOURCE PROTECTION PLANNING

It was noted that the Terms of Reference for the Lakehead Source Protection Area has been approved by the Minister of Environment and was posted to the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) on May 25, 2009. As a result, the Lakehead Source Protection Area Assessment Report will be due to the Director of the Source Protection Branch on the 12-month anniversary of this date, May 25, 2010.

It was noted that the Lakehead Source Protection Committee is in the process of reviewing and completing three components and some maps of the Assessment Report.

For information purposes, a presentation was provided on the requirements of the Technical Rules and how it will affect the work plan and the development of the Lakehead Source Protection Area Assessment Report. It was noted that Source Protection Staff received training on the Technical Rules relating to threats and issues in a webinar held May 29, 2009.

For information purposes, Committee Members were provided with a copy of the MOE Technical Bulletin – "Addressing Transportation Threats", April 2009.

6. SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

For information purposes, the Committee Chair provided an update on the salient points of the Source Protection Committee Chairs Meeting held June 1-2, 2009. It was noted that French language translation is not required for the Lakehead Source Protection Area. It was noted that it is not known at this time if MOE will assign a new MOE Liaison for the Lakehead Source Protection Committee.

It was noted that Kate Turner, MOE Liaison for the Lakehead Source Protection Committee was the recipient of the Crystal Award through her work at the Ministry of Environment.

It was noted that the next Project Manager's Meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2009.

It was noted that "A Guide to Drinking Water Source Protection" has been provided to the City of Thunder Bay tourism centres, Thunder Bay Public Library branches and the environmental program at Churchill High School. It was noted that a poster and a display promoting Source Protection has been set up in the pavilion at Chippewa Park and Source Protection materials were made available at the Dorion Birding Festival held on May 16 and 17, 2009.

7. WATER RELATED ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

For information purposes, a note was provided on the "International Great Lakes Study" pertaining to water flows through the St. Clair River at a Public Meeting held at Lakehead University on Wednesday, May 20, 2009.

It was noted that Committee Members were invited to participate in the International Lake Superior Board of Control Meeting/Teleconference with the public on Thursday, June 4, 2009 at the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority.

It was noted that Committee Members will be invited to events planned for celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway. A family picnic is scheduled for Lake Superior Day (July 19, 2009) to be held on the LRCA Floodway Property off Fort William Road.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN

It was noted that Lakehead University had received Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Special Project funding for two projects to work with First Nation communities on issues relating to drinking water.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None.

11. OPEN DISCUSSION

It was noted that work on the Assessment Report is moving ahead in a timely manner. Committee Members were requested to think about ideas on how to present highly technical materials at Open Houses later in the fall.

12. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, July 8, 2009, at the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority.

13. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS

Adjourned by consensus at 5:55 p.m.