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**LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION AREA**

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

Minutes of the Seventh Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on Wednesday, June 4, 2008, in the Boardroom of 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 Chair  
Veikko Long  
Jim Vukmanich  
Guy Jarvis  
Hartley Multamaki  
Bernie Kamphof  
Robert Stewart  
Paul McAlister  
Ross Chuchman

### **LIAISON MEMBERS**

#### **PRESENT:**

Mervi Henttonen, LRCA General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer  
Katie Fairman, Ministry of Environment  
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 Sixth Regular Meeting held Wednesday, May 7, 2008 were adopted by consensus.

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

The Committee reviewed and discussed the process for posting the Draft Proposed Terms of Reference for public consultation. It was agreed by consensus to publish two documents for the Draft Terms of Reference with public release on Friday, June 20, 2008.

The Draft Proposed Terms of Reference and Public Guidance Document will be posted to the Internet at [www.sourceprotection.net](http://www.sourceprotection.net) on June 20, 2007, with the published documents to be made available at public venues including the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority office, Municipal offices of the City of Thunder Bay (Office of the Clerk, Environment Division, Engineering Division, Planning Division), Municipal offices of Oliver Paipoonge and Shuniah and the four branches of the Thunder Bay Public Library.

The notice of the posting of the Draft Proposed Terms of Reference will be published in the Chronicle Journal and The Source on June 20, 2008. The notice begins the 35-day public comment period ending July 25, 2008 as required by Regulation of the Terms of Reference under the “Clean Water Act”.

“Open Houses” are scheduled for Tuesday, July 15, 2008 (10 a.m. – 7 p.m.) at the office of Lakehead Region Conservation Authority and Thursday, July 17, 2008 (11 a.m. – 7 p.m.) at the Rosslyn Village Community Centre.

A listing of Source Protection Areas/Regions and website addresses indicating the posting of Draft Proposed Terms of Reference to date was provided to Committee Members.

It was noted that the brochure – “A Guide for Source Protection of Drinking Water” had been sent to the two Tourism Thunder Bay Information Centres and the Ontario Information Centre at Pigeon River. Tourism Thunder Bay was given “Watershed Connections” posters, while the Committee agreed with providing a poster for the Ontario Tourism Pigeon River Tourist Information Centre for the advertising fee requested by Ontario Tourism.

#### **5. SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

The Committee Chair provided Members with the salient points from the Source Protection Chairs Meeting with the Ministry of Environment (MOE) held in Toronto June 2 and 3, 2008. Topics discussed at the Meeting included technical guidance for the pending Assessment Report Regulation, elevating drinking water systems for the Source Protection process, the Septic Re-Inspection Program specific to Wellhead Protection Areas and Intake Protection Zones, the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program and the impact of climate change.

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

It was noted a request was sent to Patrick Morash, Great Lakes Advisor at MOE, for a list of contacts related to Great Lakes Agreements, Lakewide Area Management Plans and

Remedial Action Plans in order to distribute the Draft Proposed Terms of Reference on June 20, 2008. There has been no response to date. Committee Members provided the contacts known to them.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **(a) File: Superior Bi-national Program**

For information purposes, a copy of the Lake Superior Zero Discharge Demonstration Program and Critical Chemical Reduction Milestones was provided.

### **(b) File: Media Releases Conservation Ontario**

For information purposes, recent Media Releases from across the province were provided announcing Source Protection funding in regards to the future Technical Studies Grants sent to each Source Protection Area and Region.

### **(c) File: MOE Source Protection Jurisdictional Scan**

For information purposes, a summary of the Drinking Water Source Protection programs in seven provinces and five states within North America and their websites were provided.

### **(d) File: Conservation Ontario EBR Submission**

For information purposes, a copy of the Conservation Ontario comments on the recent Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) posting of the proposed Regulations for the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Fund and Training – Powers of Entry that were submitted by MOE were provided.

## **8. ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN**

Correspondence from other Source Protection Committee Chairs and Source Protection Project Managers concerning problems encountered in their specific regions of the Province were circulated. It was noted these issues do not directly affect Source Protection Planning in the Lakehead Source Protection Area at the present.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

Committee Members were informed that the Ministry of Environment is targeting June 16, 2008 as the date that the Assessment Report Regulation and Director's Rules will be posted to the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) for public comment. If posted on June 16, the MOE will be holding a Round Table Consultation Session in Thunder Bay on Friday, June 20, 2008. Committee Members will be asked to attend.

The Committee Chair and Source Protection Staff will make a Source Protection Planning update to the Municipal Council of Oliver Paipoonge on Monday, June 23, 2008.

## **10. SOURCE PROTECTION PROJECT UPDATES**

The Watershed Characterization Report is complete and was distributed to Committee Members at the Meeting. Copies are 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 with both Reports expected to be completed in July 2008.

## **11. OPEN DISCUSSION**

Committee Members discussed how the process for the developing the local Source Protection Plan was progressing and agreed by consensus they were on track in the first step of preparing the Terms of Reference.

It was noted that Source Protection Staff of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) met with senior Municipal Staff of the City of Thunder Bay and the Municipality of Oliver Paipooonge to discuss tasks and responsibilities in the Draft Proposed Terms of Reference and to provide an update on Source Protection Planning. LRCA Source Protection Staff are scheduled to meet with Staff of the Municipality of Shuniah on June 12, 2008.

When the EBR posting for the Assessment Report Regulation and Director's Rules occurs (either June 16, 2008 or June 23, 2008), Committee Members will be provided with email links to the EBR Posting and hard copies of the EBR Posting to facilitate review and comment.

## **12. NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, July 9, 2008.

A tour of the Bare Point Water Treatment Plant and the Wellhead Protection Area in Rosslyn Village will take place prior to the Meeting. The Meeting will follow.

## **13. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS**

Adjourned by consensus, at 6:20 p.m.