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LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTEENTH REGULAR LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Eighteenth Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on Wednesday, May 6, 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
Hartley Multamaki
Robert Stewart
Paul McAlister
Guy Jarvis

ABSENT:

Ross Chuchman

LIAISON MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Mervi Henttonen, LRCA General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Maeva McHugh, Ministry of Environment

ABSENT:

Chris Beveridge, Thunder Bay District Health Unit

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 Seventeenth Regular Meeting held Wednesday, April 1, 2009 were adopted by consensus.

4. SOURCE PROTECTION PLANNING

It was noted that the Minister of the Environment will review minor amendments to the Lakehead Source Protection Area Terms of Reference with approval expected soon for posting to the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR).

It was noted that Committee Members reviewed a number of chapters in the development of the Assessment Report. The chapters include Chapter 1 - Watershed Characterization of the Assessment Report, Chapter 2 (Part 1) - Water Budget and Chapter 2 (Part 2) - Tier 1 Water Quantity Stress Assessment. It was noted that Chapter 3 – Delineation of Protection Zones was given to Committee Members for review with comments to be provided at the June Meeting.

It was noted that Committee Members had a chance to review and comment on six Assessment Report Maps which were on display at the Meeting.

It was noted that Source Protection Staff are seeking further guidance on the need to conduct a study to determine the delineation on an Intake Protection Zone 3 (IPZ-3).

5. SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

It was noted by the Ministry of Environment (MOE) Liaison that training materials are being developed to provide guidance for technical work to be completed as required by the Assessment Report Regulation and the Director's Rules. Training is expected in May 2009.

It was noted that the next Source Protection Committee Chairs Meeting is scheduled for June 1 - 2, 2009 with Committee Members to be given an update at the June 3, 2009 Meeting.

Committee Members were provided with the salient points from the Source Protection Project Managers Meeting held on April 28 relative to impact on the development of the Lakehead Source Protection Area Assessment Report.

Committee Members were provided with copies of the new publication – “A Guide for Drinking Water Source Protection” and copies of the brochure produced by Conservation Ontario in partnership with MOE entitled “How is Ontario's Drinking Water Protected”. It was noted that Source Protection displays and materials would be available at the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce Trade Show May 7 - 9, 2009 as part of the booth for the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority.

6. SOURCE PROTECTION PROJECT UPDATES

It was noted that Engineering Northwest Limited have gathered information pertaining to the potential location of the Third Municipal Well in Rosslyn Village. Details will be verified with findings to be presented to Members at the June 2009 Meeting.

7. WATER RELATED ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

For information purposes, a copy of the slide presentation on the North Shore of Lake Superior Remedial Action Plan made at the April 1, 2009 Source Protection Committee Meeting was provided.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

a) File: Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario (CFFO)

For information purposes, the April 3, 2009 Commentary from the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario referring to water shortages in California and how it affects agriculture activities was provided.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN

It was noted by the SPC Agriculture Member that the Source Protection presentation given at a regional Agricultural Meeting April 2, 2009 was well received with 15 – 20 people from the agricultural community in attendance.

It was noted that the Chair for the Lakehead Source Protection Committee would be attending a Meeting of the Lake Superior Bi-National Forum May 7 - 8, 2009 in Terrace Bay.

It was noted that the Thunder Bay District Health Unit will provide a list of non-municipal drinking water systems in the Lakehead Source Protection Area to be included the Assessment Report for the Lakehead Source Protection Area.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None.

11. OPEN DISCUSSION

It was noted that the deadline for reappointing the Source Protection Committee Chairs is approaching with the 2-year term to expire August 20, 2009. The Ministry of Environment is expected to provide an update at the Chairs Meeting scheduled for June 1 and 2 in Grand Bend.

12. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, June 6, 2009 at the Hazelwood Nature Centre.

13. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS

Adjourned by consensus, at 5:11 p.m.