



MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SECOND REGULAR LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Twenty-Second Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on Wednesday, September 2, 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
Guy Jarvis
Hartley Multamaki
Paul McAlister
Robert Stewart
Ross Chuchman

LIAISON MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Mervi Henttonen, LRCA General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Chris Beveridge, Thunder Bay District Health Unit

ABSENT:

Ministry of Environment Liaison (appointment pending)

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 Twenty-First Regular Meeting held Wednesday, August 5, 2009 were adopted by consensus as revised.

4. SOURCE PROTECTION PLANNING

It was noted that the proposed amendments to the Director's Technical Rules by MOE may delay the Source Protection Committee as they work to complete certain sections/chapters of the Draft Proposed Assessment Report for the Lakehead Source Protection Area at this time. It was noted that the Source Protection Committee is continuing to work forward and will update sections upon receiving the appropriate guidance from the MOE. It was noted that Committee Members were provided with the following Technical Bulletins released by MOE relating to the Assessment Report – *Delineation of Intake Protection Zone 3 Using the Event Based Approach*, *Surface Water Road Map*, *Groundwater Road Map*, and *Climate Change and the Director's Technical Rules*.

It was noted that the workshop to review the Source Protection "Discussion Paper" was considered a success. Comments were compiled from the workshop, as participants completed dry run exercises for policy application based on scenarios presented. It was noted that comments compiled by the Source Protection Committee will be sent as correspondence as agreed to by consensus to MOE for posting to the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry.

It was noted that Committee Members can expect updates from two upcoming meetings, the Source Protection Committee Chairs Meeting scheduled for Kingston September 21-22, 2009, and the Project Managers Meeting to be held in Toronto October 27, 2009.

5. SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

It was noted that the Ministry of Environment (MOE) has assigned Neil Gervais as the new MOE Liaison to work with the Lakehead Source Protection Committee. It was noted that while Gervais is bilingual and has been assigned to work with other Source Protection Areas requiring French Language services, the Lakehead Source Protection Area is not required to provide French Language services as previously indicated by the MOE.

It was noted that Committee Members were encouraged to attend the presentation on "Climate Change in the Lakehead Region" by David Phillips, Senior Climatologist for Environment Canada.

It was noted that Source Protection Staff will be participating in the Children's Water Festival, September 22-24, 2009 at the Canadian Lakehead Exhibition.

For information purposes, Committee Members were provided with copies of the illustrations related to "Understanding Aquifers and Wells" and "Septic Systems: Impact on Source Water".

6. SOURCE PROTECTION PROJECT UPDATES

It was noted that the second phase of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority's "Take Pride in Your Property" project under the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program (ODWSP) will be launched in September with a focus on tire recycling.

It was noted that Source Protection Staff have reviewed a listing of projects funded by ODWSP over the past two years to research the potential of developing a project under the program for wellhead security.

7. WATER RELATED ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

For information purposes, a summary of water levels in Lake Superior for July 2009 and an update on the North Harbour Sediment Project was provided.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN

It was noted that the Remedial Action Plan (RAP) Committee has been re-established to work through a process with a goal to delist Thunder Bay as an Area of Concern as part of the North Shore of Lake Superior Remedial Action Plan. It was noted that the Watershed Manager for the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) will be the representative on the RAP Team, and the Source Protection Project Manager will be the LRCA representative on the Public Advisory Committee (PAC). The Source Protection Water Resources Engineer will be the LRCA alternate for both groups.

It was noted that Lakehead University is involved with a federal government Source Protection project involving five remote First Nation Communities in Northwestern Ontario.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None.

11. OPEN DISCUSSION

It was noted that Members of the Source Protection Committee are looking at early 2010 for public consultation on the Draft Assessment Report unless there are further delays from the Ministry of Environment in producing Regulations and Guidance Documents related to the Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan.

12. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, October 7, 2009, at the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority.

13. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS

Adjourned by consensus at 5:18 p.m.