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LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

MINUTES OF THE TENTH REGULAR LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Tenth Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on Wednesday, September 3, 2008, 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
Hartley Multamaki
Guy Jarvis
Bernie Kamphof
Robert Stewart
Paul McAlister
Ross Chuchman

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
Nicole Barbato, Conservation Ontario Source Protection Liaison
Scott Lister, Conservation Ontario Source Protection Technical Liaison

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA BY CONSENSUS

Agenda adopted by consensus.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Ninth Regular Meeting held Wednesday, August 6, 2008 were adopted by consensus.

4. CONSERVATION ONTARIO

Conservation Ontario Staff were in attendance at the Meeting with Nicole Barbato, the Source Protection Liaison for Conservation Ontario providing a presentation on the role of Conservation Ontario to facilitate the Source Protection process. Scott Lister, the Source Protection Technical Liaison for Conservation Ontario was also present.

5. SOURCE PROTECTION PLANNING

It was noted the Lakehead Source Protection Authority accepted and reviewed the “Proposed Terms of Reference” on August 13, 2008. The Source Protection Authority adopted a Resolution to accept comment on the “Proposed Terms of Reference” for the 30-day public consultation period beginning on August 20, 2008 and closing September 18, 2008.

Documents for public consultation of Proposed Terms of Reference were published to the Internet and at public viewing stations as of August 20, 2008.

6. SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

It was noted that the next Source Protection Committee Chairs Meeting is scheduled for September 29 and 30, 2008 in Niagara on the Lake. A summary of the key points of the Meeting will be provided to Committee Members at the October 3, 2008 Source Protection Committee Meeting.

A teleconference with MOE Staff and Source Protection Committee Chairs is scheduled for September 5, 2008 to discuss the proposed Assessment Report Regulation and Director’s Technical Rules. Salient points from this teleconference will be provided at the October Meeting.

It was noted that Conservation Ontario will be providing a written summary of the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry (EBR) posting for the Proposed Assessment Report and Technical Rules, with a request sent to Conservation Ontario on behalf of the Committee. Copies of comment submissions from the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee, Stantec and Conservation Ontario were circulated.

A Memo from MOE sent to the Medical Officer of Health Liaisons concerning the reporting of imminent drinking water health hazards was provided.

7. WATER RELATED ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

The Project Manager presented a summary of the June 6, 2008 Local Rain Fall Event. The information will be considered for an appendix to the Assessment Report.

It was noted that the geotechnical work on the Thunder Bay North Harbour project had been postponed until this fall due to recent staffing changes at the local MOE office.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) File: Medical Officers of Health Liaisons to the Source Protection Committee

For information purposes, correspondence appointing Mr. Chris Beveridge as the Medical Officer of Health Liaison to the Lakehead Source Protection Committee was provided.

- (b) File: National Farmers Union of Ontario

For information purposes, correspondence addressed to the Honourable Dalton McGuinty from the National Farmers Union raising the issue of compensation for farm losses was provided.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN

Committee Members provided updates on projects or concerns relating to Source Protection from the sector groups they represent.

10. NEW BUSINESS

It was noted Source Protection Staff are working on a 2009 Calendar as part of Education and Outreach for Source Protection Planning. The calendar is expected for distribution in October 2008.

The Committee discussed a number of ideas to be put forward for consideration as potential projects under the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Fund.

11. SOURCE PROTECTION PROJECT UPDATES

It was noted Source Protection Staff posted the Watershed Characterization Report including a number of maps to the website. The Water Budget has been finalized and will be made available in the Source Protection Committee library.

The consultant for the Rosslyn Village Wellhead Protection Area Technical Study has been provided with the final review of the Report and a summary of new information concerning the Wellhead Protection Area to complete a Final Draft. There were no updates on the Technical Study for the Bare Point Intake Protection Zone.

Source Protection Staff will review the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program Funding to identify potential project opportunities. It was noted that the orthophoto mapping project will proceed in October 2008.

12. OPEN DISCUSSION

It was noted the Chair of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee is in the final year of a two-year appointment from the Ministry of Environment.

The three levels of funding under the Drinking Water Stewardship Fund were explained with Staff to identify potential funding opportunities under program.

13. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, October 1, 2008.

14. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS

Adjourned by consensus, at 5:43 p.m.