



**LAKEHEAD Source Protection AREA**

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### **“Open Houses” to engage public in Source Protection Planning**

The public will have the opportunity to learn more about the process to develop a Source Protection Plan when the Lakehead Source Protection Committee hosts Open Houses this coming Wednesday and Thursday. The Source Protection Committee and Staff will be on hand to answer questions about the plan to protect the sources of Municipal drinking water for the City of Thunder Bay and Rosslyn Village as regulated under the “Clean Water Act, 2006”.

The first open house is Wednesday, February 25 from noon to 8 p.m. at the Rosslyn Village Community Centre, with the second information session on Thursday, February 26 from noon to 8 p.m. at the Oliver Road Community Centre. There will be special presentations at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. each day about the technical studies completed to guide the assessment of potential threats and risks to the sources of water for the two Municipal drinking water systems in the Lakehead Source Protection Area.

“Ontario is taking real steps to protect the sources of Municipal drinking water now and for future generations,” said Bob Hartley, Chair of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee.

“We recognize the government’s ongoing commitment to fund source protection planning in communities across Ontario. Our Committee is working with local stakeholders and the public to ensure safe, clean drinking for the two Municipal drinking water systems in our local communities,” said Hartley, who heads up the nine-Member local Committee.

For more information on the Open Houses and Source Protection Planning, visit [www.sourceprotection.net](http://www.sourceprotection.net).

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