

LAKEHEAD REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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SEEKING MEMBERS FOR LOCAL SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Thunder Bay -- The deadline for applications to become a "Public and Other Interests" representative on the Lakehead Source Protection Committee is fast approaching. Individuals interested in becoming a Member on this multi-stakeholder Committee need to submit their application by Monday, November 5 at 4:30 p.m.

"This is an opportunity for people to share their experience, knowledge and interest to ensure the supply of safe, clean drinking water from our local Municipal systems" said Bill Bartley, the Chair of the Lakehead Source Protection Authority. The Authority, charged with establishing the Source Protection Committee under the "Clean Water Act", is made up of the same Municipal representatives as the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority.

The creation of a local Source Protection Committee is part of a province-wide initiative to develop local, science-based plans aim at protecting sources of water for Municipal residential drinking water systems. A three-to-five year commitment will be required to complete the plans to address existing and potential threats. The two Municipal systems in the Lakehead Source Protection Area include the City of Thunder Bay's Bare Point Water Treatment Plant which gets its water from Lake Superior and the Rosslyn Village system in the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge supplied by two ground water wells.

The Lakehead Source Protection Committee will consist of three Municipal Members, three representatives from the "Economic and Industry Sector" and three from the "Public and Other Interests" Sector. In addition, First Nations may appoint a Member, with one seat for the Committee Chair. In August 2007, the Minister of the Environment appointed Bob Hartley to the Chair position. The Committee will be determined November 20, 2007.

Applications for the "Public and Other Interests Sector" that includes education and tourism representatives are being accepted at the office of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority during office hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Note, the office is closed from 12 noon to 1 p.m.). Absolute deadline is 4:30 p.m. November 5, 2007.

Information on the Committee and how to apply to become a Member is available by visiting www.sourceprotection.net or by calling 807-344-5857.

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Contact: Bill Bartley, Chairman
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