



Lakehead Region
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LAKEHEAD Source Protection AREA

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A presentation on Walkerton, “The Cost of Getting it Wrong”

The Lakehead Source Protection Authority will host a special presentation on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 that will explain why protecting the sources of drinking water is an important first step in a multi-barrier approach to ensure safe, clean drinking water in our community.

The presentation entitled “Walkerton – The Cost of Getting it Wrong” by Mr. Bruce Davidson will be held 7:00 p.m. at the Port Arthur Ukrainian Prosvita Society, 540 High Street South. The event is being hosted in honour of World Water Day (March 22, 2010).

It has been 10 years since the drinking water tragedy in Walkerton. As a result, the Ontario government passed the “Clean Water Act” mandating Drinking Water Source Protection for Municipal residential drinking water.

Mr. Davidson, a co-founder and spokesperson for “The Concerned Walkerton Citizens” was personally impacted by the Walkerton tragedy. His story is sure to impact the way that we look at protecting the sources of our local drinking water, whether we get our drinking water from a Municipal system or a private well. As Mr. Davidson is a member of the Saugeen Grey Sauble North Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee, his presentation will also provide insight as to why we are developing a local Source Protection Plan under the “Clean Water Act” and the consequences we could face if we fail to protect our drinking water from source to tap.

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority has been involved in the Source Protection process since 2005. The Lakehead Source Protection Committee is currently working on completing the “Assessment Report for the Lakehead Source Protection Area” which will identify potential threats to the sources of Municipal residential drinking water.

The World Water Day presentation is open to the public. Admission is by donation with proceeds going to the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority’s Private Landowners Tree Seedling Assistance Program. The public is asked to R.S.V.P. for the event as there is limited seating for 300. Contact the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority office at (807) 344-5857 or info@lakeheadca.com to reserve your seats. Visit www.sourceprotection.net for more information.

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