



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

Minutes of the Forty-Second Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Boardroom. The Chairman called the Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Hartley, Chairman
Ken McWhirter, Vice Chairman
Veikko Long
Robert Stewart
Bernie Kamphof
Guy Jarvis
Paul McAlister
Hartley Multamaki
Ross Chuchman
Guy Jarvis

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jim Vukmanich

LIAISON MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mervi Henttonen, LRCA General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Katie Fairman, Ministry of Environment (MOE) Liaison Officer

LIAISON MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chris Beveridge, Thunder Bay District Health Unit Liaison

ALSO PRESENT:

Roman Augustyn, Source Protection GIS Specialist
Neal Zago, Source Protection Communications Officer
Tammy Cook, LRCA Watershed Manager

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA BY CONSENSUS

Agenda adopted by consensus.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Forty-First Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, March 2, 2011, were adopted as amended by consensus.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS AGENDA

(a) File: Proposed Assessment Report

The Amended Proposed Assessment Report was available for review at the Meeting. The Members reviewed the Report and determined that no changes were required. The Amended Proposed Assessment Report will be provided to the Source Protection Authority on April 13, 2011.

(b) File: Septic System Policy Discussion

The preliminary draft of the Lakehead Source Protection Area Septic System Policy Discussion was provided. A binder was available at the Meeting that contained sample approaches of policy building from other Source Protection Areas/Regions.

It was noted that gathering policy framework and ideas from other Source Protection Areas/Regions that suit our threats is a great way to minimize the complexity of creating policies.

It was noted that the Source Protection Plan Development binder Table of Contents should be updated so that the Threats Activities section matches the list of threats in the Source Presentation given to Oliver Paipoonge. Tabs will also be made and handed out to Members so that the Threats Backgrounders can be separated in the binder for easy reference.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) File: Ministry of Government Services

For information purposes, correspondence from the Ministry of Government Services was provided.

(b) File: Electronic Source Protection Newsletter

For information purposes, the March 2, 2011 Electronic Source Protection Newsletter was provided.

(c) File: City of Thunder Bay Annual Drinking Water Report 2010

For information purposes, a copy of the City of Thunder Bay Annual Drinking Water Report 2010 was provided.

(d) File: Great Lakes Climate Change

For information purposes, the Executive Summary of the Great Lakes Climate Change Adaption Needs was provided.

It was noted that the Source Protection Plan must incorporate climate change. A policy is not needed, but strategic actions can consider climate change impacts.

6. SOURCE PROTECTION PLANNING

Source Protection Committee Chairs Meeting

For information purposes, a presentation titled “Source Protection Plans: Review Strategy and Provincial Support for Policy Development” was provided.

Source Protection Plan Advisory Committee

For information purposes, the materials from the SPPAC Meeting held on March 8, 2011 were provided.

Source Protection Planning Technical Bulletins

For information purposes, four new technical bulletins from the Ministry of the Environment were provided as Appendix “B”. The bulletins are intended to assist Source Protection Committees in preparing Source Protection Plans and Policies.

It was noted that policies for existing significant threats and where future threats can be significant is required.

Clean Water Act

For information purposes, material related to interpretation of legislation from the Clean Water Act was provided. This refers to constructing a building where a significant threat is, or can be located.

Working Group on Proposed Funding Framework for Source Protection Plan Implementation

For information purposes, minutes from the February 22, 2011 Meeting of the group and a draft of scoping of mandatory activities were provided.

Northern Ontario Conservation Authorities

For information purposes, Minutes from the Mattagami and Sault Ste Marie Source Protection Committees (SPC) were provided.

The Mattagami SPC has developed a tool for proposed planning. The program creates a way to approach a checklist on comments from the Committee Members. We will look into this program and see if it will be beneficial to implement.

7. SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Update from Ministry of Environment (MOE) Liaison Officer

It was noted that the Ministry has provided everything regarding early support. All of the bulletins have been provided. The Ministry will now take a more customized approach for each Source Protection Area.

It was noted that the Quinte and St. Clair Source Protection Staff have a great policy framework process that they are implementing.

It was noted that the Source Protection Plan will include policies relating to all significant threats and all “would be” significant threats that can occur.

8. SOURCE PROTECTION PROJECT UPDATES

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program

Staff are currently working on putting together a communications package for affected homeowners.

For information purposes, Questions and Answers on septic system re-inspection and how it can impact the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program were provided.

9. WATER RELATED ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

The World Water Day Film Festival was held at the Waverley Resource Library on Wednesday, March 23, 2011.

10. NEW BUSINESS

It was noted that there has been no noticeable changes in water levels this spring.

11. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 6, 2011.

12. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 5:03 p.m.