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LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-NINTH REGULAR LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Thirty-Ninth Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on Wednesday, January 5, 2011, at the LRCA Boardroom. The Chairman called the Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

LIAISON MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mervi Henttonen, LRCA General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Kate Turner, Ministry of Environment (MOE) Liaison, via teleconference

LIAISON MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chris Beveridge, Thunder Bay District Health Unit Liaison

ALSO PRESENT:

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

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA BY CONSENSUS

Agenda adopted by consensus.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Thirty-Eighth Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, December 1, 2010, were adopted by consensus.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS AGENDA

Presentation on the Municipal Planning Process

Syl Menic of Menic Planning Services was unable to attend the meeting to provide his presentation. The presentation will be conducted at a later date.

Port of Thunder Bay Spill Models

For information purposes, the results for modelling work that was performed for a risk assessment study that the Canada Coast Guard is conducting for an oil spill in Thunder Bay was provided.

It was noted that the study did not incorporate enough information that would be helpful to the SPC. The Source Protection Manager will contact the authors of the study to request more variables be included in the analysis including water currents, the breakwall and a different location of oil spill.

5. SOURCE PROTECTION PLANNING

Notice of Commencement of Source Protection Plan Preparation

The Notices of Commencement of Source Protection Plan Preparation have been sent to the affected parties as required by the *Clean Water Act, 2006 – Ontario Regulation 287/07*. The SPC Chair and Source Protection Manager have scheduled meeting dates to attend Municipal Council Meetings to provide a presentation on the current status of Source Protection Plan Development.

Hiring of Source Protection Planning Consultant

Menic Planning Services has been retained as the Source Protection Planning Consultant. The Source Protection Planning Consultant will review and provide input on policies during the Source Protection Plan Policy Development Process.

Source Protection Committee Meeting Dates

The proposed Source Protection Committee Meeting dates and proposed topics for 2011 were provided. Review material will be provided before every meeting to get formally prepared. Topics may be combined in some meetings to save time and raise efficiency.

It was noted that the Working Group will be updated frequently to keep them informed of SPC Policy Development Activities.

Source Protection Plan Table of Contents

For discussion purposes, the proposed Table of Contents for the Lakehead Source Protection Plan was provided. There will be more ideas for the Table of Contents as other Source Protection Regions move forward with Plan development.

Source Protection Plan Policy Webforum

Read-only access to the Source Protection Plan Policy Webforum is now available to Source Protection Committee Members. For information purposes, a copy of the user manual for the website was provided.

Source Protection Plan Advisory Committee (SPPAC)

For information purposes, notes from the December 9, 2010 teleconference were provided.

For information purposes, notes from the November 26th and December 15th, 2010 Waste Working Group teleconferences were provided.

For information purposes, notes from the December 3, 2010 Policy Working Group teleconference were provided.

Source Protection Chairs Meeting

For information purposes, the Draft Agenda for the SPC Chairs Meeting to be held on January 17-18, 2011 was provided.

Outreach and Education – Drinking Water Source Protection

For information purposes, a copy of the reference material produced by the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Region was provided. This document will be helpful as a reference for information and stewardship ideas for the Lakehead Source Protection Area.

Electronic Source Protection Newsletter

For information purposes, a copy of the most recent electronic newsletter circulated by Conservation Ontario was provided.

6. WATER RELATED ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

Climate Change Adaptation Workshop

Graham Saunders will be in attendance at a preliminary meeting held on January 11, 2011 at the LRCA office.

7. SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Update from Ministry of Environment (MOE) Liaison

It was noted that most Committees will not look into shipping threats except for the few located on the St. Lawrence River and Great Lakes, including Essex Region SPA.

It was noted that the Assessment Report will be returned from the Ministry of the Environment for adjustments. The comments are minor, dealing mainly with adjusting wording and terms. The deadline for the re-submission of the Assessment Report is mid April, 2011.

8. SOURCE PROTECTION PROJECT UPDATES

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program

Conformation has been received for the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Funding – Early Response Application. It was noted that the amount of money received is enough for approximately 11 new septic systems. The money must be spent by September, 2012.

A discussion took place on the criteria for choosing which applicants will receive funding for their septic system upgrades/replacement.

It was noted that next month's Agenda will include a conceptual outline on how the Program works.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

a) File: Rosslyn Village Subdivision Drinking Water System Inspection Report

For information purposes, a copy of the Rosslyn Village Drinking Water System Inspection Report was provided. It was noted that the report fully complied with regulatory requirements.

10. ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN

It was noted that a draft copy is completed of the Study Lakehead University, Eco Superior and LRCA worked on regarding storm water research in the Neebing River, McVicar Creek and Lyons drainage ditch. The final Report can be expected sometime in March.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Jim Vukmanich and Ken McWhirter are going to continue as the City of Thunder Bay Representatives on the SPC for another 4 year term.

12. OPEN DISCUSSION

None.

13. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 2, 2011.

14. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 5:02 p.m.