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LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

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

Minutes of the Thirty-seventh Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on Wednesday, November 3, 2010, at the Travelodge Hotel Airline. 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

LIAISON MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kate Turner, Ministry of Environment (MOE) Liaison – present through teleconference
Chris Beveridge, Thunder Bay District Health Unit

ALSO PRESENT:

Jamie Saunders, Source Protection Project Manager
Tammy Cook, LRCA Watershed Manager
Roman Augustyn, Source Protection GIS Specialist
Neal Zago, Source Protection Communications Officer
Graham Saunders
Dr. Adam Cornwell, Lakehead University Geography
Dr. Janet DeMille, TBDHM

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-Sixth Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, October 6, 2010, were adopted by consensus.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS AGENDA

Graham Saunders, local weather personality and climate change researcher made a presentation on Climate Change in Northwestern Ontario.

5. SOURCE PROTECTION PLANNING

Source Protection Plan Regulation

Source Protection Plan Regulation training will take place on November 9th, 2010 for Source Protection Committee (SPC) Members, Source Protection Authority (SPA) Members, Source Protection Staff and Municipal representatives. Training will take place in the Ontario Room at the Victoria Inn between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

For information purposes, a copy of Section 8.4 – General Questions and Answers on the Source Protection Planning Process taken from the MOE Liaison project update was provided.

For information purposes, email correspondence between Heather Gardiner, Land Use Planner, Source Protection Programs Branch and Shannon Smith, Manager of Community Planning and Development, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing was provided.

It was noted by Kate Turner, areas that are delineated under the Clean Water Act specifically to enable the use of the water policies in the Provincial Policy Statement, 2005, include highly vulnerable aquifers and significant groundwater recharge areas. It is the responsibility of the municipality to decide if planning policies protecting private drinking water and sewage systems are necessary in these areas. It was noted that new Official Plans can include mapping of vulnerable areas, and some general land use prohibitions/restrictions, or require studies to be completed prior to establishing certain uses. Municipalities can use these strategies to put in place whatever policies are under their authority within their Official Plan. The Source Protection Plan policies are limited in highly vulnerable aquifers and significant groundwater recharge areas, but Official Plans can go beyond if necessary.

Source Protection Chairs Meeting

The January SPC Chairs meeting will be held January 17th and 18th, 2011, at a location to be determined.

Climate Science Workshop

The Source Protection Manager will be attending the Lake Simcoe Source Protection Climate Change Science Workshop being held on Wednesday November 24th, 2010.

Source Protection Plan Advisory Committee (SPPAC)

For information purposes, information provided for the SPPAC Meeting which took place on October 14, 2010, was provided.

6. WATER RELATED ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

Northwestern Ontario Water and Wastewater Conference

Staff and SPC Members attended the NWOWWC on October 28th and 29th, 2010 at the Valhalla Inn. It was noted that the booth did a great job of representing the Source Protection Plan.

Thunder Bay Remedial Action Plan Public Advisory Committee (RAP-PAC)

For informational purposes, the following materials pertaining to the Thunder Bay RAP-PAC were provided:

- Meeting Minutes for Wednesday September 15th, 2010 PAC Meeting.
- Meeting agenda for Wednesday October 13th, 2010 PAC Meeting.
- Meeting schedule and topics for October 2010 – May 2011

7. SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

No update was provided.

8. SOURCE PROTECTION PROJECT UPDATES

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program (ODWSP)

The Source Protection Manager received correspondence from the MOE confirming receipt of the ODWSP – Early Response Application. A request was made to the Source Protection Manager for clarification on several items included in the application. It was noted that clarification on the items was submitted to the MOE as requested.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

10. ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN

It was noted that Dr. Rob Stewart attended a conference hosted by Matawa First Nation at Fort William Historical Park. First Nations communities were very interested in protecting source water and want to get a greater understanding on watersheds and drinking water.

It was noted that Dr. Rob Stewart attended a BiNational Forum Meeting. The Meeting stressed the connections between the BiNational Forum, Areas Of Concern and Source Water Protection. The Minutes from the Meeting and other information are available on the BiNational Forum website.

11. NEW BUSINESS

None.

12. OPEN DISCUSSION

None.

13. NEXT MEETING

December 1, 2010 – 4:00 p.m. Da Vinci Centre, Caboto Room.

14. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS

Meeting adjourned by consensus 5:28 p.m.