



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

Minutes of the Forty-Eighth Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on Wednesday, October 5, 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
Bernie Kamphof
Jim Vukmanich
Paul McAlister
Veikko Long
Ross Chuchman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Hartley Multamaki
Robert Stewart
Guy Jarvis

LIAISON MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mervi Henttonen, LRCA General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Katie Fairman, Ministry of Environment (MOE) Liaison Officer (via conference phone)
Chris Beveridge, Thunder Bay District Health Unit Liaison

ALSO PRESENT:

Julie Beach, Source Water Protection Manager
Neal Zago, Source Protection Communications Officer
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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-Seventh Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, September 7, 2011, were adopted by consensus.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS AGENDA

It was noted that the City of Thunder Bay Planning Department had expressed an interest in having Land Use Planning Policies included in the Source Protection Plan. The Committee decided to maintain its original objective of only writing significant threat policies. Staff note that the Thunder Bay Intake Protection Zone 1 does not have any significant or moderate threats. There are no significant, moderate or low threats within Intake Protection Zone 2. Land Use changes can be made through the Planning Act by the City of Thunder Bay.

It was noted that Strategic Action Policies can be used for all transport pathway policies, including shipping lanes. It was decided that a strategic action policy would be created for ship anchorage in IPZ.

It was noted that there is already an organization and plan in place for spills under the REET program. This can be noted in the Source Protection Plan.

Staff will be inquiring about any valid permits to take water within IPZ-1. This can be found out at the local MOE office.

5. SOURCE PROTECTION PLANNING

Oliver Paipoonge Significant Threat Policies

It was noted that the Oliver Paipoonge Significant Threat Policies have now been sent to the various elected officials and stakeholder groups for pre-consultation.

It was noted that it will take 60 days to receive comments regarding pre-consultation from Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH).

It was announced that the SPC Chair and Staff will make a presentation to Municipal Council in Oliver Paipoonge on Wednesday, October 12, 2011. All SPC Members were invited to attend.

Strategic Action Policy for the City of Thunder Bay

A discussion regarding the issue of Ship Anchorage in IPZ-1 took place at the Meeting. The Committee concluded that putting the buoy back up would be a good way to deal with the concerns expressed at past meetings and presentations.

Draft Source Protection Plan

For informational purposes, the Committee was provided with a section of the Source Protection Plan for review. It was noted that the Committee thought it was very well done but would appreciate an acronym page.

It was noted that a Special Meeting will take place on November 23, 2011.

Source Protection Plan Advisory Committee (SPPAC)

It was noted that the Source Protection Manager attended an SPPAC Meeting in Toronto on September 19, 2011. An update was given by the Project Manager on the status of other

SPA/SPRs. Information from the breakout groups will be provided by Conservation Ontario at a later date.

Northern Ontario Source Protection Committees

For information purposes, the Committee was provided with the website to view the July 20, 2011 and September 15, 2011 Minutes from the Matagami Source Protection Committee.

6. SOURCE PROTECTION PROJECT UPDATES

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program (ODWSP)

It was noted that five septic systems have now been installed within WHPA-A.

A questionnaire prepared by Staff was provided to the Committee for review and discussion. This questionnaire will be delivered to the homeowners that participated in the ODWSP.

Ministry of Transportation (MTO) Signage Presentation

It was noted that a presentation was made by Quinte SPC Chair Max Christie, to MTO regarding the inclusion of signs marking vulnerable areas on provincial highways.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) File: Policy Database Launch

For informational purposes, the Committee was provided with a letter from Heather Malcomson announcing the Source Protection Plan Policy Database release.

It was noted that the Chair and Staff took part in a training session regarding the Policy Database and all of the Policies have been uploaded to the site. The Committee members can contact the Source Protection Manager about receiving login information in order to comment on the policies if they wish.

(b) File: Climate Change Council Report

For information purposes, the Committee was provided with the 2011 Climate Change Workshop E-Bulletin and Conservation Ontario's Report to Council on workshop findings.

(c) File: Email from Katie Fairman regarding new land owners and SPP policies

For information purposes, the Committee was provided with an email from Katie Fairman regarding the question of informing new land owners of relevant Source Protection Plan Policies.

It was noted that the Committee agrees not to include anything in the Source Protection Plan regarding informing new land owners of relevant Source Protection Plan Policies. The Committee believes word of mouth will spread policy information sufficiently.

(d) File: Summary of Consultation Timelines

For information purposes, the Committee was provided with a summary of various timelines that the SPAs/SPRs are following.

It was noted that the Lakehead Source Protection Area is on track with the timeline.

8. NEW BUSINESS

It was noted that the LRCA held the Children's Water Festival from September 20-22, 2011. Over 900 students were in attendance and it received very positive feedback.

9. OPEN DISCUSSION

It was noted that the BiNational Forum has a proposed Meeting in January, 2012.

10. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, November 2, 2011.

11. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 4:48 p.m.