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LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

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

Minutes of the Forty-First Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on Wednesday, March 2, 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
Jim Vukmanich
Veikko Long
Robert Stewart
Bernie Kamphof
Guy Jarvis
Paul McAlister
Hartley Multamaki
Ross Chuchman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Guy Jarvis

LIAISON MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mervi Henttonen, LRCA General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Kate Turner, Ministry of Environment (MOE) Liaison Officer, via teleconference
Chris Beveridge, Thunder Bay District Health Unit Liaison

ALSO PRESENT:

Jamie Saunders, Source Protection Manager
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 Fortieth Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, February 2, 2011, were adopted as amended by consensus.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS AGENDA

Septic System Policy Discussion

Chris Beveridge provided a presentation regarding on-site waste water treatment. For information purposes, the slides of the presentation were provided.

It was noted that property owners who facilitate an inspection and receive negative results are eligible for funding intended for the inspection. If the inspection is negative and the property owner doesn't comply to upgrade/repair their septic system they will not be able to obtain the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program funding.

Septic system policy development began. A chart was used to flesh out the policy.

The first policy discussed was ID 170 – On-Site Sewage System Operation and Maintenance. A brief discussion took place and it was decided that a good draft policy for this would be a yearly educational seminar held by the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority, Thunder Bay District Health Unit and Oliver Paipoonge. When property changes owners or new construction occurs on the house or property, an education package can be given to the property owner. The rationale for this draft policy is that it reduces conflict and increases homeowner awareness. The more education, the better the system is operated. This policy will carry a must comply legal effect with a one year of Source Protection Plan approval compliance date.

ID 165 – Re-Inspection Programs was discussed and it was determined that it will go into the same policy as 170. Several septic inspection techniques were discussed. The program can include inspecting both septic caps and the effluent filter as well. A dye test can be incorporated in the inspection of older septic tanks with only one cap. Assessment can be carried out on both the septic tank and septic bed.

The second policy discussed was ID 2402 – Land Use Planning. A brief discussion took place and the draft policy text was decided upon. The draft policy text states to recommend that people on WHPA-A be on the Municipal Drinking Water System, and that the Municipality have a bylaw to be on the Municipal system. There would be no new wells drilled and old unused wells would be decommissioned. This draft policy would carry a must comply legal effect and a compliance date of three years. It was noted that the draft policies will be vetted through to the Planning Working Group also.

5. SOURCE PROTECTION PLANNING

Assessment Report Update

Assessment Report comments have been received and the Source Protection Staff has been working to address these items before the deadline date. A chart was provided to show the progress made to date on the action items identified in the letter. The chart was reviewed and the progress was reported on each action item. The updated Assessment Report deadline to the

Ministry of Environment is by April 15, 2011. Therefore the Source Protection Authority will need to hold a Special Meeting on April

It was noted that the Assessment Report will mention IPZ-3 to improve the accuracy and completeness of the Assessment Report.

Nutrient Management Act Motions from Saugeen, Grey Sable, Northern Bruce Peninsula

For information purposes, two motions passed at the Meeting of the Saugeen, Green Sable, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee were noted.

Source Protection Committee (SPC) Chairs Meeting

For information purposes, the materials provided at the SPC Chairs Meeting held on January 17-18, 2011 and the agenda for the March 7, 2011 SPC Chairs Meeting were provided.

Source Protection Project Managers Meeting

For information purposes, the Minutes from the Source Protection Project Managers Meeting which took place on January 11, 2011, were provided.

Source Protection Plan Advisory Committee (SPACC)

It was noted that the SPC Chair, LRCA General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer and the Source Protection Planning Consultant will be attending the March 8, 2011 SPPAC Meeting.

Drinking Water Source Protection 2011-2012 Business Plan Submission

The 2011-2012 Business Plan was submitted prior to the March, 1, 2011 deadline.

Conservation Ontario 2011-2012 Business Plan Submission

For information purposes, the Proposed 2011-2012 Conservation Ontario Business Plan was included in the Circulation Binder.

GIS/ARDB Update

For information purposes, information with respect to the Assessment Report Database at CAMaps was provided.

It was noted that the development of the Assessment Report Database has been ongoing with design work done by various Staff from the Water Resources Information Program (WRIP), Conservation Ontario and several Conservation Authorities.

It was noted that training via webinars has been very helpful with managing local data.

Although the deadline for submitting all final data is four months following the Director's approval of the Assessment Report, data has been delivered in stages, well ahead of dates set by the Ministry of Environment.

The next stage of data will include location of Significant Groundwater Recharge Areas (SGRAs) and Highly Vulnerable Aquifers (HVAs) with vulnerability scoring, significant threats and managed lands.

It was noted that Water Budget training will start in March 2011.

Conservation Authority Collaborative Information Sessions (CACIS) 2011

For information purposes, the preliminary agenda and registration package for the CACIS 2011 conference was provided. The conference will be attended by the Source Protection GIS Specialist and the GIS Technician/Planner.

6. WATER RELATED ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

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

Materials pertaining to the Thunder Bay RAP-PAC were provided.

7. SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Update from Ministry of Environment (MOE) Liaison Officer

No update was given.

8. SOURCE PROTECTION PROJECT UPDATES

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program

The Source Protection Manager sent the Amended Report to the Ministry of Environment. An amount of the funding was switched from Staff to overhead but the total sum of funding stayed the same. We are waiting to receive the amendment back from the Ministry of Environment.

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. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) File: Conservation Ontario comments on MOE EBR posting Renewable Energy Approval Technical Guidance for Water Assessment and Water Body Reports

For information purposes, the document containing Renewable Energy Approval Technical Guidance for Water Assessment and Water Body Reports and the proposed Conservation Ontario comments on the Environmental Registry posting was provided.

- b) File: Electronic Source Protection Newsletter

For information purposes, the February issue of the Electronic Source Protection Newsletter was provided.

10. ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN

It was noted that throughout January and February the Source Protection Project Manager and Chairman provided presentations on the Source Protection Plan process at Council Meetings. Presentations were provided at the Oliver-Paipouge, Shuniah and Thunder Bay Council Meetings. At the Thunder Bay Council Meeting questions relating ships and the intake at Bare Point took place.

11. NEW BUSINESS

None.

12. OPEN DISCUSSION

None.

13. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 6, 2011.

14. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 6:00 p.m.