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LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTEENTH REGULAR LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on Wednesday, April 1, 2009, at the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority. The Chairman called the Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Bob Hartley, Chairman
Ken McWhirter, Vice Chair
Jim Vukmanich
Bernie Kamphof
Hartley Multamaki
Robert Stewart
Paul McAlister
Ross Chuchman

ABSENT:

Guy Jarvis
Veikko Long

LIAISON MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Mervi Henttonen, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer - LRCA
Chris Beveridge, Thunder Bay District Health Unit

ABSENT:

Kate Turner, Ministry of Environment

ALSO PRESENT:

Melanie Mathieson, Source Protection Project Manager
Tammy Cook, Watershed Manager - LRCA
John Cameron, Source Protection Communications Officer

SOURCE PROTECTION AUTHORITY MEMBERS:

Grant Arnold, Vice Chair; Iain Angus; Linda Rydholm; Beverley Dale; Donna Blunt;
Lucy Kloosterhuis; and Rick Kieri

GUEST PRESENTERS:

John Langan, Consultant - Stantec
Michelle McChristie, Great Lakes Advisor - Ministry of Environment
Pat Inch, Project Engineer - Ministry of Environment
Riley Burton, Program Manager - Confederation College

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA BY CONSENSUS

Agenda adopted by consensus.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Sixteenth Regular Meeting held Wednesday, March 4, 2009, were adopted by consensus.

4. WATER RELATED ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

Presentations were provided for information purposes to update the Committee on the North Shore of Lake Superior Remedial Action Plans and the North Harbour Project. Patricia Inch, Ministry of Environment and Riley Burton, Confederation College made the respective presentations. Michelle McChristie, the Great Lakes Advisor for the Ministry of Environment, Northern Region was in attendance to answer questions.

5. SOURCE PROTECTION PROJECT UPDATES

For information purposes, John Langan of Stantec provided the Committee with a presentation on the Final Report of the Phase 2 – Surface Water Intake Protection Zone Study for Bare Point.

It was noted that the Ministry of Environment (MOE) approved the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority's funding proposal for Special Projects under the Drinking Water Stewardship Program. The project entitled "Protecting Source Water – Take Pride in your Property" will focus on educating property owners in the Lakehead Source Protection Area on the proper handling and disposal of scrap metal and household hazardous waste.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS AGENDA

It was noted that the Committee received correspondence from the Ministry of Environment on its submission of comments in review of the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program.

7. CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE WATERSHED

Committee Members were provided with copies of the slide presentation on climate change made by Dr. Adam Cornwell from Lakehead University at the March 2009 Meeting.

8. SOURCE PROTECTION PLANNING

It was noted that the Ministry of Environment informed the Committee Chair, LRCA General Manager and the Source Protection Project Manager on March 20, 2009 that the Minister of Environment has reviewed the Lakehead Source Protection Area Proposed Terms of Reference (TOR) and correspondence will follow.

It was noted that Committee Members have completed the first chapter of the Assessment Report, Watershed Characterization of Lakehead Source Protection Area. The Committee is now reviewing Chapter 2 – Part 1 – Conceptual Water Budget.

9. SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

It was noted that the MOE Liaison is assisting Source Protection Staff in seeking clarification on some of the technical requirements required under the Assessment Report Regulation and Director's Technical Rules.

For information purposes, the Committee was provided with a communications update on the World Water Day Film Festival held on March 21, 2009 and the development of a new publication entitled "A Guide for Drinking Water Source Protection".

It was noted that the Agriculture Committee Member will make a presentation at a regional agriculture conference on April 2, 2009. It was noted that a poster promoting Source Protection is planned for display at the Chippewa Park pavilion to provide exposure for visitors and tourists.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

For information purposes, a copy of the article entitled "The Business of Saving the Earth" from October/November edition of the Walrus magazine was provided.

11. ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN

It was noted that the Chair of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee and the Chair of the Sault Ste. Marie Source Protection Area will participate in a Meeting pertaining to Great Lakes targets for Lake Superior later in April 2009.

It was noted that the Registered Professional Foresters Conference is scheduled to be held in Sudbury later in April with the event being an opportunity to promote Source Protection to the forest industry sector. It was suggested that distribution of Source Protection brochures and pamphlets for the conference could be coordinated through the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Area.

12. NEW BUSINESS

None.

13. OPEN DISCUSSION

It was noted that the Committee will draft a letter to thank the presenters at this Meeting.

14. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority.

15. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS

Adjourned by consensus, at 5:55 p.m.