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NOTICE OF FORMATION

Source Protection Committee

for the

Lakehead Source Protection Area

Overview:

In accordance with the provisions of Ontario Regulation 288/07, “Clean Water Act, 2006”, the Lakehead Source Protection Authority will structure the Lakehead Source Protection Committee.

Summary of Functions of the Source Protection Committee (SPC)

As outlined in the “Clean Water Act, 2006”, the Source Protection Committee for the Lakehead Source Protection Area will be created according to the Provincial Regulation and facilitated by the Lakehead Source Protection Authority with input from affected stakeholder sectors.

The Source Protection Committee will oversee a science-based planning process to develop a Source Protection Plan (SPP) to protect sources of Municipal drinking water systems in the Lakehead Source Protection Area. The proposed plan (SPP) will cover the two Municipal drinking water systems at Bare Point, City of Thunder Bay and Rosslyn Village, Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge within the Lakehead Source Protection Area.

The Source Protection Committee will be charged with developing three key documents: Terms of Reference, Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan over a proposed five-year term.

Composition of the Source Protection Committee (SPC)

The Source Protection Committee, by Regulation, will consist of 10 Members including the Chair, plus a seat for a First Nation Member for a total of 11. The Source Protection Committee Chair, Mr. Bob Hartley, has been appointed by the Minister of Environment. The First Nations will select their representative.

The Lakehead Source Protection Authority will appoint nine (9) Members to the Source Protection Committee. Members will represent three different sectors with each sector having three seats. Local organizations and associations are encouraged to nominate potential candidates in a self-selection process for their proposed sector.

The composition of the Source Protection Committee is as follows:

Municipal Sector – (3 Members)

- 2 – City of Thunder Bay
- 1 – Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge

Economic/Industry Sector – (3 Members)

- 1 – Thunder Bay Port Authority

- 1 – Forest Industry
- 1 – Agriculture

Public & Other Interests Sector (3 Members)

- 1 – Education (academia, college, university)
- 1 – Tourism
- 1 – General Public

Rationale for the Proposed Composition of the Source Protection Committee SPC)

The division of the Source Protection Committee seats by sector and the number of seats is set in the Regulation. The assignment of seats within each sector as determined by the Lakehead Source Protection Authority is based on land use characteristics, water use and potential influences on Municipal drinking water sources.

Municipal Sector

The Regulation states that the “Municipal Sector” will have one-third of the seats on the Source Protection Committee and therefore, will nominate three representatives.

The Lakehead Source Protection Authority has determined that the (3) Municipal representatives will be appointed from the two Municipalities with Municipal drinking water systems – City of Thunder Bay and Municipality of Oliver-Paipoonge.

City of Thunder Bay (2)

The City of Thunder Bay will appoint two Members based on the population served by its Municipal Drinking Water System at Bare Point.

Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge (1)

The Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge will be granted one Member, as it is the only other Municipality with a Municipal Drinking Water System in the watershed.

Municipal Members will have technical knowledge relevant to their Municipal drinking water systems.

Economic/Industry Sector

The “Economic/Industry Sector”, according to Regulation, will have one-third of the seats on the Source Protection Committee.

The Lakehead Source Protection Authority will appoint three (3) Members from the following stakeholder groups – Thunder Bay Port Authority, Forest Industry and Agriculture with one Member from each sector. The division of seats is based on the percentage of land use, water usage and potential impacts on water quality and quantity.

Thunder Bay Port Authority

The Thunder Bay Port Authority has knowledge of the industries located on the Lake Superior waterfront which could impact water quality for the Intake Protection Zone (IPZ) for the City of Thunder Bay’s water treatment plant at Bare Point. The Thunder Bay Port Authority representative will have an understanding of the grain industry, railways, power generation and

cargo transport and their impacts on water supply within the operation of the Port of Thunder Bay.

Forest Industry

The forest industry remains a significant sector with mills and operations within the watershed utilizing water resources for manufacturing and transportation that has the potential to impact water quantity and quality.

Agriculture

Agriculture utilizes a percentage of the land base within the Lakehead Source Protection Area, with the large operations in Slate River Valley. Agriculture operations can impact water from both a quantity and quality perspective. Local organizations and associations are being encouraged to engage in a self selection process to put forward candidates for their sector.

Public & Other Interests Sector

The Regulation provides for one-third of the Members to represent the “Public and Other Interests Sector.”

The Lakehead Source Protection Authority will select Members from each of the following sector groups: Education, Tourism and General Public. Local organizations and associations are being encouraged to engage in a self selection process to put forward candidates for their sector.

Education (academia, college, university)

The Education sector can provide an educational and academic perspective to the Source Protection Committee when it comes to looking at drinking water source protection, possibly offering insight to local research on water quality and/or quantity issues.

Tourism

There are a significant number of tourism businesses and operations that are dependant upon water for their activities. The tourism sector also represents small business which can include golf courses, ski hills, marinas, boat launches, tour boat operators, campgrounds, cottages and resorts. The tourism sector can have a considerable impact on water due to their locations and the nature of their operations within the watershed.

General Public

A representative of the general public provides for transparency and public access to the Source Protection Committee.

Location for Public Review:

The public is invited to view a hard copy on the Composition of the Source Protection Committee for the Lakehead Source Protection Area at the following public office:

Lakehead Region Conservation Authority
130 Conservation Road
Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Monday to Friday)