



LAKEHEAD Source Protection AREA

LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE (SPC) SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Member of Source Protection Committee

The following requirements for Source Protection Committee (SPC) Members are set out in Ontario Regulation 288/07:

- Member must reside in, own or rent property in Lakehead Source Protection Area.
- Or**
- Be employed in or operate a business in the Lakehead Source Protection Area.
- Or**
- Be employed by a Municipality located in the Lakehead Source Protection Area.

- A Member **cannot** be a current Board Member or Staff of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority.
- A Member, once appointed, must regularly attend Source Protection Committee Meetings and comply with the Committee's code of conduct.

Members of the Source Protection Committee (SPC) should be willing and able to:

- Contribute positively to the production of a Terms of Reference, Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan.
- Attend Meetings of the Source Protection Committee (minimum monthly with increased frequency as required).
- Make a 3-5 year time commitment to participate as a Source Protection Committee Member until the completion of the Source Protection Plan.
- Review and understand scientific and technical reports.
- Prepare for Meetings by reviewing Agendas and Reports in advance of the Meeting.
- Attend training sessions including Legislative Responsibilities of the Source Protection Committee, procedures developed by the Province of Ontario for Drinking Water Source Protection Planning, technical training, etc.
- Attend and participate at public Meetings, information sessions and forums.
- Act as a liaison for the sector being represented. Bring forward knowledge and experience to the Source Protection Committee and communicate information back to their sector from the Source Protection Committee.
- Work collaboratively to solve problems and make decisions at the table for Source Protection Committee.
- Respect confidential information and abide by the process in place to safeguard confidential information (Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)). Training will be provided.
- Other roles and responsibilities to be determined by the Source Protection Committee.

The Lakehead Source Protection Authority also considered the following credentials when making appointments to the Source Protection Committee (SPC):

- Excellent problem-solving, analytical, communication and organizational skills.
- Knowledge of local watersheds, communities and local land issues.
- Understanding of the Municipal and Conservation Authority function for water management under the “Clean Water Act, 2006”.
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively with groups and teams.
- Willingness to work with representatives from other sectors and interests.
- Willingness and ability to travel to Meetings and sessions in the Lakehead Source Protection Area including possible out of town travel (e.g. Toronto).

Deliverables for Source Protection Committee

Terms of Reference

The Source Protection Committee will prepare a Terms of Reference outlining all the steps to be taken to develop and implement a Source Protection Plan to protect sources of Municipal residential drinking water systems in the Lakehead Source Protection Area. The Terms of Reference will set out who is responsible for carrying out different activities and will include strategies to consult with potentially affected property owners, to involve the public and to resolve disputes. It will be approved by the Minister of the Environment. The Terms of Reference must be submitted to the Minister of the Environment for approval by October 20, 2008 (no later than 14 months after the appointment of the Source Protection Committee Chair).

Assessment Report

The Source Protection Committee will be responsible for overseeing the preparation of the Assessment Report to identify and assess threats (i.e. level of risk) to the quality and quantity of Municipal drinking water sources in consultation with all Municipalities in the Lakehead Source Protection Area. This report will provide the scientific and technical foundation to the entire source protection process. The results of the Assessment Report will serve as the rationale for policies to be established in the Source Protection Plan. The Ministry of the Environment is providing technical guidance on the work required to complete the Assessment Report as well as directing what subject areas must be assessed. The Assessment Report must be submitted to the Director at the Ministry of the Environment for approval within one year of the approval date for the Terms of Reference.

Source Protection Plan

The Source Protection Committee will determine the actions required to address threats to Municipal drinking water sources. This process will include broad consultation with Municipalities, the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority, property owners, farmers, industry, businesses, community groups, public health officials and the public to come up with workable effective solutions.

Significant threats to the Intake Protection Zones and Wellhead Protection Areas for the supply of water for Municipal drinking water systems will require action. The Source Protection Plan for the Lakehead Source Protection Area will address the Municipal drinking water systems at Bare Point in the City of Thunder and Rosslyn Village in the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge.

The Source Protection Plan will set out policies on how significant drinking water threats will be reduced or eliminated, who is responsible for taking action, timelines and how progress will be measured. The Source Protection Plan must be submitted to the Minister of Environment by August 20, 2012 (no later than five years after the appointment of the Source Protection Committee Chair).