



**LAKEHEAD Source Protection AREA**

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## **WORLD WATER DAY EVENT PLANNED**

Family and friends are invited to celebrate World Water Day at a free Film Festival put on by the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) this Saturday, March 21, 2009. This is an opportunity to learn more about how we can all work together to ensure that we have safe, clean drinking water here in our community and in communities around the world.

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority is hosting the Film Festival in conjunction with the Thunder Bay Public Library at the Waverley Branch of Thunder Bay Public Library from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The feature film for the World Water Day Film Festival is the movie “*FLOW – For Love of Water*” by Irena Salina. This award winning documentary toured the international film festival circuit in 2008. The film investigates the rapidly growing crisis to privatize “fresh water supplies” around the world, and asks the question, “Can anyone really own water?”

Josephine Mandamin will be a guest speaker talking about her experience promoting water conservation on the Great Lakes. Mandamin, who is part of an Aboriginal group that walked around each of the Great Lakes from 2003- 2008, will provide a First Nation perspective about living in harmony with our water. The Mother Earth Water Walk is scheduled to continue with a walk along the St. Lawrence River in April 2009.

The National Film Board film, the “*The Water Detectives*” by David Springbett is an engaging short documentary on the agenda that focuses on the efforts of children in Mexico to promote water conservation in their community. An additional three videos will provide information on the process to develop a local Source Protection Plan in our area. One of the videos is a local production on the sources of water in the Lake Superior watershed and why it is everyone’s responsibility to protect our water supply for drinking and other uses.

The World Water Day Film Festival is free to the public with tickets available at the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority and branches of the Thunder Bay Public Library. To learn more about this event and the process to protect Municipal residential drinking water under the “Clean Water Act”, visit [www.sourceprotection.net](http://www.sourceprotection.net) or call the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority office at 344-5857.