



LAKEHEAD Source Protection AREA

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Source Protection Committee Releases Proposed Terms of Reference

The Lakehead Source Protection Committee (SPC) has released the Proposed Terms of Reference for public review and comment. As part of the second round for required public consultation, the Proposed Terms of Reference is posted on the Internet at www.sourceprotection.net and is available in print at a number of public locations in the Lakehead Source Protection Area.

The Terms of Reference is an outline of the tasks to be undertaken to complete the Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan as regulated under the “Clean Water Act”. It identifies which Municipal drinking water systems will be included in the plan along with the assignment of tasks, associated budgets and timelines to complete the plan. The Terms of Reference will be submitted to Ministry of Environment for approval by October 20, 2008.

“The public is encouraged to comment on the work plan to produce a local, science-based plan to protect the sources of water for the two Municipal residential drinking water systems in our area” said Bob Hartley, Chair of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee, noting the 30-day comment period runs from August 20, 2008 - September 18, 2008.

The two Municipal systems named in the Terms of Reference are the City of Thunder Bay’s Bare Point Water Treatment Plant and the Rosslyn Village Municipal System in the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge. Lake Superior is the source water for the City of Thunder Bay while two drilled wells from a groundwater aquifer supply Rosslyn Village.

The public can pick up printed copies of the Proposed Terms of Reference for review and comment at the following public venues: Lakehead Region Conservation Authority, City of Thunder Bay Municipal offices (Office of the Clerk, Environment, Engineering and Planning) and the offices for the Municipalities of Oliver Paipoonge and Shuniah. In addition, copies of the documents are available at the Thunder Bay District Health Unit, the four branches of the Thunder Bay Public Library and Kakabeka Falls Community Credit Union – Slate River Branch in Rosslyn Village.

The public is encouraged to submit written comments to: Lakehead Source Protection Authority Chair, c/o Lakehead Region Conservation Authority, P.O. Box 10427, 130 Conservation Road, Thunder Bay, ON P7B 6T8. Comments can also be sent by fax – 807-345-5857, email – comments@lakeheadca.com or delivered in person.