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SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE HOSTS OPEN HOUSE

The Lakehead Source Protection Committee will host an Open House at the Oliver Road Community Centre on Wednesday April 9, 2008 from 12 noon to 8 p.m.

The Open House is an opportunity for the public to learn more about the watershed of the Lakehead Source Protection Area and its connection to the Source Protection process to develop a plan that will protect the sources of Municipal residential drinking water. The Lakehead Source Protection Committee, as mandated under the "Clean Water Act" has begun work on developing a Source Protection Plan for the two identified Municipal residential drinking water systems in our area that service the City of Thunder Bay and Rosslyn Village.

The Open House will feature presentations scheduled at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. to explain the Water Characterization Report, an overview of the watershed and to provide an update on the process for developing a local Source Protection Plan. The Watershed Characterization Report is one of a number of technical documents that the local Source Protection Committee will reference to produce an Assessment Report as part of the Source Protection Planning process.

Maps of the watershed outlining the geology, topography, hydrology, soils, forests, population, land uses and drinking water systems will be on display at the Open House. Committee Members and Source Protection Staff will also be on hand to answer questions about the planning process for Municipal Drinking Water Source Protection.

The Lakehead Source Protection Committee is one of 19 Committees established across the province on a watershed basis to prepare local Source Protection Plans as mandated under the "Clean Water Act". The process to develop the science-based plan is expected to take three-to-five years to complete.

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