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**Property owners encouraged to “take pride in their property”.**

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority is undertaking a project that encourages property owners throughout the Lake Superior watershed to “Take Pride in Their Property”.

A flyer entitled “Scrap Is Where It’s At” will be delivered to homes throughout the Thunder Bay area. It provides information on how property owners can voluntarily dispose of old cars, machinery and other large metal objects in a responsible manner.

Residents in the eight Member Municipalities of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority can expect to receive the flyer including those in the City of Thunder Bay, Municipalities of Oliver Paipoonge, Shuniah and Neebing and Townships of Gillies, O’Connor, Conmee and Dorion.

The project is funded through the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship program and is aimed at promoting “Best Management Practices” to property owners as a way to further protect the sources of drinking water in the Lakehead Source Protection Area. The Lakehead Source Protection Area extends from Dorion in the east to Kashabowie in the west, south to the Pigeon River border and north to Dog Lake.

“The responsible cleanup of properties in our watershed will go a long way towards protecting our drinking water sources,” said Bill Bartley, who is the Chair of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority and Lakehead Source Protection Authority.

Three local scrap dealers are participating in the program including Lakehead Scrap Metals, Harbour Metals and Dutchak Recycle and Scrap Metal. Property owners can contact one of these three local scrap dealers for a potential cash incentive for bringing in their scrap metal along with the flyer. Scrap dealers will be keeping track of the amount of scrap metal collected to gauge the participation of property owners.

To learn more about Drinking Water Source Protection 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.