

CTC SOURCE PROTECTION REGION



#### CTC SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

# CTC Source Protection Committee Meeting #01/09 January 12, 2009, Black Creek Pioneer Village

### Welcome to new SPC member and update on vacancies

The CTC Source Protection Committee is proud to announce the official appointment of Doug Brown to the Committee. Doug is an employee of Ontario Power Generation and replaces Bob Hester as the sectoral representative for energy.

Unfortunately Neil Garbe and Jessica Annis have resigned from the committee as a result of career changes. We wish Neil and Jessica success in their future endeavors and will be working to replace them on the committee as quickly as possible. Applications are currently being accepted from individuals with expertise in the building and land development sector to replace Jessica Annis.

## Submission of the Proposed Terms of Reference

The *Proposed* Terms of Reference for the Credit Valley, Toronto and Region and Central Lake Ontario Source Protection Areas were submitted to the Ministry of the Environment in electronic form on December 19, 2008 and in hardcopy on December 22, 2009. The submission packages contained a summary and copies of all comments made on the *Proposed* Terms of Reference between September 21, 2008 and November 19, 2008. The Source Protection Committee received copies of these comments for review and information at SPC Meeting #1/09.

### **Assessment Report Regulations/Technical Rules**

Source Protection Committee members and technical staff attended technical workshops on December 1, 2008 and December 2, 2008 hosted by the Ministry of the Environment. These workshops provided an overview of the process set out under the final Assessment Report and Technical Rules which were released on November 21, 2008. The Technical Rules and related documents can be found online at <a href="www.ctcswp.ca/ctc-work/assessment-report">www.ctcswp.ca/ctc-work/assessment-report</a> Ministry of the Environment staff provided information for the development of the technical studies to be included in the Assessment Report, these studies include: Watershed Characterization, Water Budgets and Water Quantity Threats Assessment, Groundwater Vulnerability, Surface Water Vulnerability and Threats and issues – Water Quality Threat Assessment

## **2009 Source Protection Committee Meetings**

The Source Protection Committee reviewed the proposed meeting schedule and discussed the best manner to ensure that technical work is given appropriate time for review. The committee requested the proposed schedule be revised to accommodate the large number of documents which are anticipated to be put before the committee in the next year. The committee also committed to visiting Well Head Protection Areas across the region in May and June to receive first hand knowledge of the areas.

#### **Revised Website and Web-Portal**

The committee received a report and presentation reviewing the region's revised website and web-portal. The website has been revised to provide the public with important and timely information. In addition to a new look users will find the site provides information in an easy to navigate manner. If you are interested in receiving notice when a 'News' item is posted on <a href="https://www.ctcswp.ca">www.ctcswp.ca</a> please subscribe to the RSS feed found on the home page of the website.

The web-portal is an internal tool designed to assist the technical staff and committee members with the sharing and distribution of data files too large for e-mail. This tool will allow the committee and staff to work more efficiently towards completing the technical work and the source protection plans.

#### **Communications Initiatives**

The committee received a report addressing a number of proposed communications initiatives. These initiatives included an ongoing project report (or 'report card') of the accomplishments of the committee. This document would be used to provide partners and stakeholders with information on the progress of work within the CTC region. Another initiative proposed is an effort to partner with local organizations for World Water Day 2009 to raise awareness of source water protection in the public. Conservation Authority staff will move these initiatives forward with assistance from the SPC and Chair.

# **Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program Update**

Susan Self, CTC SPC Chair and Joanne Jeffery, Toronto Region Conservation Authority, Manager Watershed Stewardship and Outreach Education provided the committee with information regarding the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program (ODWSP) and the committee's role in this program. The Ministry of the Environment is currently reviewing the program in cooperation with stakeholders across the province. As representatives of the region source protection committees across the province have been asked to assist with this review and provide feedback on how the ministry can ensure that the financial assistance provided through the ODWSP is put to the most effective use.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 17, 2009

Black Creek Pioneer Village 1000 Murray Ross Parkway