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CTC SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

CTC Source Protection Committee Meeting #08/09 November 24, 2009, Black Creek Pioneer Village

Stage 1 Public Consultation

The CTC SPC endorsed the recommendation of the CTC SPC Communications Outreach Working Group (COWG) to conduct advance outreach to landowners in Wellhead Protection Areas around municipal wells. The proposed Stage 1 outreach will consist of mailing a package to landowners which includes:

- a letter to the landowner explaining what source water protection is and how their location within a vulnerable area makes it important for them to be aware of the source protection planning process;
- a map showing the specific vulnerable area and vulnerability score relevant to the property and surrounding areas;
- a pamphlet which provides an overview description of vulnerable areas and scoring; and
- an enclosure letter from the municipality responsible for the drinking water well.

Although this outreach is not regulated under the *Clean Water Act, 2006* the CTC Source Protection Committee feels that early communication to the individuals who may be affected by source protection policies will create a better understanding of the program and ultimately a better participation in the consultation process. A second, regulated, stage of consultation will take place at the end of April and start of May. This Stage 2 consultation will include public meetings and a formal 35 day public comment period on the CTC Assessment Reports.

Acceptance in principle of the delineation of IPZ 1 & 2

The committee received a presentation from Rodney Bouchard, Project Manager of the Lake Ontario Collaborative, outlining the progress of the collaborative. The report accompanying this presentation proposed that the CTC Source Protection Region's Intake Protection Zones 1 & 2 be approved as identified in the Phase 1 & 2 studies. The committee accepted this delineation with necessary updates required to meet the amended Technical Rules which were released on November 16, 2009. Once finalized to the amended Technical Rules these reports will be made available to the public as background/supporting documents for the Assessment Reports and posted online at <http://www.ctcswp.ca/ctc-work/assessment-report>.

CTC SPC Chair's Quarterly Report

Chair Susan Self presented the CTC SPC Chair's Quarterly Report to the committee. Following approval of the Terms of Reference the *Clean Water Act, 2006* requires each Chair of a Source Protection Committee to provide a quarterly report to each of the Source Protection Authorities within their region. This report provides a summary of the work underway in the CTC region. The key updates in the report are:

- **Terms of Reference** – approval for the CTC Terms of References were posted to the Environmental Bill of Rights on August 17, 2009 setting the deadline for the CTC Assessment Reports at August 17, 2010.
- **Assessment Report** – technical work is proceeding in the CTC to meet the August 17, 2010 deadline. Staff is working closely with municipalities and the Ministry of the Environment to receive and peer review technical studies for committee approval in January/February. The Assessment Reports are anticipated for public consultation in April 2010.
- **Source Protection Planning** – staff is planning a municipal planning workshop in February 2010 to re-engage partners and to begin developing a workplan for the source protection planning stage.

The Chair's Quarterly Report is agenda Item #6.3 at http://www.ctcswp.ca/files/SPC_Meeting_Agenda_08_2009.pdf.

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Explanatory Wording for Water Budgets/Significant Groundwater Recharge Areas Delineation

At the October SPC Meeting staff were directed by Res#A135/09 to develop explanatory wording to accompany Water Budget reports and SGRA maps (http://www.ctcswp.ca/files/SPCminutes_October20_09.pdf). This wording is intended to provide readers with an understanding of the purpose and limitations of the work completed for source water protection. The explanatory wording as approved by the committee is:

Maps

DATE - This map has been prepared to meet provincial requirements under the Clean Water Act, 2006 and should not be used for other purposes without consultation with the responsible conservation authority. The analysis used to produce this map relies on best available information. Priority should be given to site specific information collected in accordance with accepted scientific protocols when being used for other purposes.

Reports

This report has been prepared to meet provincial requirements under the Clean Water Act, 2006 and should not be used for other purposes without consultation with the responsible conservation authority. The water budget process follows a tiered process to screen the areas to identify where there is potential water quantity stress. These potentially stressed areas that are associated with mandated drinking water supplies are then studied in more detail. The process is designed so that each successive tier in the analysis (up to and including Tier 3), becomes more complex, requiring increased sophisticated analysis and data. As a result, with each successive tier the certainty in the findings of the analysis is increased.

The analysis used to produce this report was based on best information available at the time. Priority should be given to site specific information collected in accordance with accepted scientific protocols when being used for other decision-making purposes, such as determining the impact of a specific water taking.

In addition to providing explanatory wording the report also provides a complete summary of how each of the CTC Source Protection Areas reached their recommendation for Significant Groundwater Recharge Area delineation. Agenda Item #6.4 can be found at http://www.ctcswp.ca/files/SPC_Meeting_Agenda_08_2009.pdf.

SPP Municipal Planners Meeting

A February meeting of planning and operations staff from the municipalities wholly or partially within the CTC Source Protection Region has been proposed by CTC planning staff. This meeting is being planned to:

- Provide an update on the current status of Source Protection Assessment Reports and plans for public consultation;
- Confirm leadership, roles and responsibilities for the policy formulation component of Source Protection Plans by municipalities that have passed council resolutions to lead or co-lead this work;
- Confirm interest in participating in the policy formulation work by planners of other municipalities;
- Discuss a collaborative, facilitated process and work plan to develop model source protection plan policies for future incorporation into municipal official plans.

Communications

Agenda Item #7.2 provides the committee with an update of ongoing communications activities being conducted by CTC staff throughout the region. Included in this update is a speaker's series meeting being held by the TRCA on December 3, 2009 at the Gladstone Hotel in Toronto. This meeting will include an update on the work of the Lake Ontario Collaborative as well as from the Remedial Action Plan, Toronto Waterfront and the updated Don Fisheries Management Plan.

Next Meeting: Meeting #1/10 10 am to 3 pm

Monday, January 18, 2010
Black Creek Pioneer Village
1000 Murray Ross Parkway