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WE ALL PLAY A ROLE – NDCA ENCOURAGES COMMUNITY TO COMMENT ON PROPOSED CLEAN WATER ACT

SUDBURY – When it comes to keeping our sources of drinking water clean and plentiful everyone plays a role. We all have an impact on water quality and quantity and by reviewing and commenting on the proposed Clean Water Act, everyone can play a part in protecting sources of drinking water.

The Source Water Protection proposed Clean Water Act provides an opportunity for everyone in the City of Greater Sudbury and across Ontario to work together to ensure sources of drinking water (streams, rivers, lakes and groundwater) are protected from contamination and overuse.

“Water is not something which can be taken for granted and we as individuals all play a role”, said Jennifer Salo, Source Water Protection Communications Specialist with Nickel District Conservation Authority (NDCA).

“The onus is now upon us to take action and protect our sources of drinking water,” said Salo.

The source water protection proposed Clean Water Act was introduced by Environment Minister Laurel Broten, and is designed to protect existing and future sources of drinking water from activities that are deemed to be a threat. It provides municipalities with the tools and authority needed to protect our sources of water. Once passed, the Clean Water Act will require that the NDCA establish a multi-stakeholder source water protection committee. The committee will assess threats to local sources of drinking water, and along with the municipality develop a source water protection plan which includes strategies to reduce or eliminate threats.

The entire process will be locally-driven and requires that the community be fully consulted throughout the planning and implementation process. According to Jennifer Salo, “Water is critical to our future and everyone needs to get on board starting with the review of the proposed Clean Water Act.” To review and comment on the act visit the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) registry at: <http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envregistry/026807ea.htm> and instructions on how to make comments will be provided. Comments are due by February 03.

The Nickel District Conservation Authority has been making presentations and meeting with the municipality, stakeholders and the community. **To learn more about source water protection and the Clean Water Act contact: Jennifer Salo, NDCA Source water Protection Communications Specialist, 705.674.5249, Jennifer.salo@city.greatersudbury.on.ca or visit www.nickeldistrict.ca.**

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For more information on the Clean Water Act visit the Ministry of the Environment website www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/water/cwa.htm.