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DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION AUTHORITY FORMED IN GREATER SUDBURY

Sudbury, On~ The Provincial *Clean Water Act* came into force on Tuesday July 3rd, 2007 and only eight days later the Source Protection Authority had their first official meeting. Under the Provincial regulations of the *Clean Water Act, 2006* the Nickel District Conservation Authority Board is mandated to act as the Source Protection Authority (SPA), which gives them important responsibilities under the *Clean Water Act*.

In his opening remarks to the board members of the Source Protection Authority, Chairman Bob Rogers stated that, "this meeting is an important milestone for the Drinking Water Source Protection Program." The Source Protection Authority Board members are Councillors Jacques Barbeau, Joe Cimino, Evelyn Dutrisac, Joscelyn Landry-Altmann, Mr. John Dennis, Mr. Bob Rogers and Dr. Liette Vasseur.

At their inaugural meeting, the priority task was to create a short list of candidates to recommend as Chair of the Source Protection Committee to the Minister of the Environment. The Chair for the Source Protection Committee is appointed by the Minister Laurel Broten. Once the Chair has been appointed we will be hosting an official media event to introduce members of the Source Protection Authority and to provide more detail.

The purpose of the Source Protection Authority is to oversee, review and recommend work that will be done by the Source Protection Committee including: the Terms of Reference (ToR), the Assessment Report (AR) and the Source Protection Plan (SPP). It is the Source Protection Authority's responsibility to ensure that information is made available to the public.

The Source Protection Authority's next task will be to determine the composition of the Source Protection Committee (SPC). This committee, under Provincial regulation will be comprised of 10 members including the Chair for the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Area. The SPC will consist of a variety of stakeholders including: 1/3 Municipal sector representation, 1/3 Economic (Industrial and Commercial) and 1/3 Other Interests (Environmental, Academic, or other) as well as First Nations representation. The composition of the SPC will be determined by local needs within our watershed. The SPC will be the core group to develop a Source Protection Plan, as mandated by the *Clean Water Act* in order to help protect current and future sources of Municipal Drinking Water. For more information about the *Clean Water Act* visit: www.ontario.ca/drinkingwater or the local Drinking Water Source Protection Program visit: www.nickeldistrict.ca

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