



MEDIA ADVISORY

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DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO BE ANNOUNCED

EVENT: A media briefing to meet the new 10 member, multi-stakeholder Source Protection Committee formed under the *Clean Water Act* which came into force on July 3, 2007.

DATE: **Tuesday, February 12, 2008**

TIME: **12:30 p.m.**

LOCATION: **Willet Green Miller Centre, Main Floor Boardroom B 2052,
933 Ramsey Lake Road, Sudbury**

Members of the news media are invited to attend a media briefing to formally meet the 10 member Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee that will be working towards protecting our local sources of municipal drinking water for the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Area. The Committee was appointed by the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Authority in October 2007, after receiving nominations from the community.

Under the *Clean Water Act*, the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee will develop a Terms of Reference work plan, an Assessment Report and a Source Protection Plan to reduce significant threats to current and future municipal drinking water sources. In Greater Sudbury, there are three surface water sources (Ramsey Lake, Wanapitei River, Vermilion River) and 22 municipal groundwater wells.

This is the Committee's third meeting, whereby they will be immersed in a virtual understanding of Ramsey Lake through MIRARCO's Virtual Reality Lab. Members will see multi-dimensional images of Ramsey Lake & groundwater simulations on a 22-foot spherical screen with 3-D glasses.

The Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee has *three* municipal representatives from the City of Greater Sudbury, *three* representatives from the Economic Sector including a Mining Representative, a Land Development Representative and a Small Business Representative, *one* Environmental Non-Governmental Representative, and *two* Public Members at Large. In addition, there is a First Nations Representative and *three* non-voting liaison members from the Ministry of the Environment, Sudbury & District Health Unit and the Source Protection Authority.

Brief remarks will be made by Mr. Paul Sajatovic, Director of Corporate & Watershed Management Services with the Nickel District Conservation Authority, Judy Sewell, Project Manager for the Drinking Water Source Protection Program, and Mr. Nels Conroy, Chair of the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee who will introduce his fellow committee members.

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