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Head Appointed for Local Water Committee

A local lawyer with a wide range of experience in environmental matters has been appointed as Chair of a multistakeholder committee that will develop plans to protect local sources of municipal drinking water.

Jim Hunt was appointed by Laurel Broten, Minister of the Environment, on August 20, 2007 as Chair of the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Committee. The Committee will develop Source Protection Plans focused on the protection of municipal sources of drinking water within the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Region. This area extends across the Trent/Ganaraska River watersheds, covering a 14,500 square kilometre area stretching from Algonquin Park to Lake Ontario and the Bay of Quinte.

The committee will be established under the Clean Water Act which was passed by the Ontario legislature last year to implement recommendations of the Walkerton Inquiry. Hunt will work with the Source Protection Committee over the next several years, consulting with the general public and stakeholder groups on how significant drinking water threats can be reduced, eliminated or prevented, who is responsible for taking action, and how progress will be measured.

Hunt's background in geography and with various environmental issues, combined with his Walkerton Inquiry, municipal council and legal experience positions him as an ideal candidate to Chair the Source Protection Committee for Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Region.

"I have a passion about water and look forward to working with the committee members as well as the public to address any issues or concerns that exist around municipal drinking water supplies within the region," explains Hunt. "It is an honour to be selected as Chair for this committee."

Under the umbrella of the Trent Conservation Coalition, Crowe Valley, Ganaraska Region, Kawartha, Lower Trent and Otonabee Conservation Authorities have been working over the past two years to develop an understanding of the sources of municipal drinking water. Conservation Authorities will provide facilitation, coordination and technical support to the local Source Protection Committee.

"To date, we have not received applications from individuals wishing to represent the aggregate/mining or large, non-municipal water user," says Glenda Rodgers, Project Manager for the Source Protection Program. "We would like to have a Committee that represents all sectors across the region and encourage interested people to submit their application."

Information on how to apply for a seat on the committee is available at www.trentsourceprotection.on.ca or by calling 613-394-3915 ext. 245. The deadline for applications is October 3, 2007.

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