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*Draft Proposed Terms of Reference for Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Region Available for Public Comment*

The Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Committee (SPC) has completed the first drafts of its Terms of Reference. The documents are now available for public review during a 35-day comment period which ends June 25, 2008.

The *terms of reference* is a work plan that outlines what will be studied and examined over the next several years in the preparation of plans aimed at protecting local drinking water sources. The source protection plans will mainly focus on municipal drinking water sources. Copies of the documents are available at Conservation Authority offices and are also posted online at [www.trentsourceprotection.on.ca](http://www.trentsourceprotection.on.ca).

Six public meetings have been scheduled in June to give everyone an opportunity to review the documents and provide feedback. All public meetings will include a formal presentation followed by an open house. Source Protection Committee members and Conservation Authority staff will be on hand to provide the public with information about drinking water source protection. The meetings are scheduled for:

**Wednesday, June 11**

- Marmora, Crowe Valley Conservation Authority Office – 2 to 4 PM.
- Trenton, Lower Trent Conservation Office – 6:30 to 8:30 PM

**Thursday, June 12**

- Port Hope, Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority Office – 2 to 4PM
- Peterborough, Otonabee Conservation Office – 6:30 to 8:30 PM

**Monday, June 16**

- Haliburton Legion – 2 to 4 PM.
- Lindsay, Ops Community Centre – 6:30 to 8:30 PM

The Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Committee was established last year under Ontario's Clean Water Act. The SPC represents municipal, business, interest group sectors and First Nations across the region. The Committee is charged with guiding the source protection planning process over the next four years. This will include research, technical studies, public consultation and development of policies and recommendations to protect sources of drinking water. The planning region 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. Further information can be found at [www.trentsourceprotection.on.ca](http://www.trentsourceprotection.on.ca).

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