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First Meeting for Regional Water Committee

The first official meeting of the newly-formed Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Committee (SPC) will be held today. The 23-members of the Committee and Chair Jim Hunt will meet at the Rock Haven Motel and Convention Centre at 1875 Landowne Street West in Peterborough from 1 to 4 PM. The meeting is open to the public.

The SPC will work with Conservation Authority and municipal partners to guide drinking water source protection planning work in the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Region over the next five years. 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.

Municipal representatives on the Committee are Dave Golem (Reeve, Township of Limerick), Bruce Craig (President, Lakefront Utilities), Dave Burton (Reeve, Municipality of Highlands East), Gerald McGregor (Councillor, City of Kawartha Lakes), Rosemary Kelleher-MacLennan (Councillor, Municipality of Trent Hills), Mary Smith (Deputy-Reeve, Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield), and Richard Straka (Planner, City of Peterborough).

Representing economic sectors are Beverly Spencer (agriculture), Edgar Cornish (agriculture), Glen Milne (agriculture), Kerry Doughty (aggregates/mining) and Monica Berdin (recreation/tourism), Rick Johnson (large non-municipal water user), and Robert Lake (economic development).

Other members include Mary Jane Conboy (environmental non-government organization), Terry Rees (waterfront landowner), Wayne Stiver, (drinking water expert, William Cornfield (drinking water expert), Alanna Boulton (Trent-Severn Waterway), Roberta Drew (rural general public), and Matt Taft (urban general public).

Two First Nations will be represented on the Committee by Tracey Taylor (Rights & Resource Committee, Curve Lake) and Pamela Crowe (Councillor, Alderville).

The formation of the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Committee is a result of the Clean Water Act (CWA) which was passed by the Ontario Legislature in December, 2006. The CWA is part of Ontario's response to the Walkerton tragedy of 2001. The CWA prescribes a process of watershed-based research, analysis and actions rooted in good science, public participation and sustained effort for keeping Ontario's municipal drinking water safe. The province is divided into 19 Source Protection Regions for purposes of drinking water source protection. Each of these 19 regions has a Source Protection Committee directing the production of Source Protection Plans to protect municipal drinking water sources in their area. The Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Region is one of those 19 regions. Further information can be found at www.trentsourceprotection.on.ca.

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