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OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE INPUT ON SOURCE WATER STUDIES AT UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS

Six public meetings have been scheduled so people living within the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Region can review the recently completed draft reports that assess the local sources of municipal drinking water. The findings will be of particular interest to people living close to municipal drinking water systems and those that rely on municipal water.

The reports include an assessment of the 54 municipal drinking water systems within the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Region. This includes 35 municipal wells that draw water from underground aquifers and 19 surface water intakes that draw water from inland lakes and rivers or Lake Ontario. The planning region extends across the Trent/Ganaraska River watersheds, covering a 14,500 square kilometres area stretching from Algonquin Park to Lake Ontario and the Bay of Quinte.

The meetings, listed below, will be open house format, running from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Brief presentations will be made at 3:30 and 6:30 p.m.

- June 23 – Baltimore Recreation Centre, 23 Community Centre Road, Baltimore
- June 24 – Norland Recreation Centre, 7675 Hwy 35 (Ward Park), Norland
- June 28 – Stone Hall, 6713 Hwy 7, Havelock
- June 29 – Camp Kawartha Environment Centre, 2505 Pioneer Road, Peterborough
- July 5 – Cartwright Town Hall, 13940 Old Scugog Road, Blackstock
- July 6 – Rotary Hall, Stirling Grand Trunk Railway Station, 122 North Street, Stirling

Those attending the meetings can find out:

- Where their municipal water comes from and where the sources are most vulnerable to contamination
- What types of land uses could pose a risk of contamination if located in these areas
- How this information will be used to protect sources of drinking water

In addition to being available at the public meetings, the Draft Proposed Trent Assessment Report and Ganaraska Assessment Report can be viewed at www.trentsourceprotection.on.ca, at local municipal offices, and the following Conservation Authority offices:

- Crowe Valley Conservation Authority
- Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority
- Kawartha Conservation
- Lower Trent Conservation
- Otonabee Conservation

Digital copies (DVDs) are also available at conservation authority and municipal offices.

The public is welcome to submit written comments regarding the Draft Proposed Assessment Reports during a 37-day comment period which ends July 9, 2010:

www.trentsourceprotection.on.ca

- at the public meetings
- by e-mail: info@trentsourceprotection.on.ca
- by mail: **Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Committee**
c/o Lower Trent Conservation, 714 Murray Street, Trenton, Ontario K8V 5P4

The assessment reports will be used by the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Committee to draft policies to address potential threats to municipal drinking water sources. This local, multi-stakeholder committee was established under Ontario's *Clean Water Act* and includes municipal, special interest group, agriculture, other business, and First Nations representatives. The Source Protection Plans must be complete by 2012. This initiative is directed and funded by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and managed by the local conservation authorities.

Further information can be found at www.trentsourceprotection.on.ca.

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