

News Release

TWO VACANCIES ON THE MISSISSIPPI-RIDEAU SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

RIDEAU VALLEY, May 14, 2009 — There are two empty seats to fill on the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee (MRSPC) both representing industry/commercial interests in the watersheds. Eligible candidates interested in representing an industrial or commercial sector in this region are asked to send in their applications with all necessary attachments by 4 pm, Monday June 15, 2009. A letter of endorsement, from the industrial or commercial sector that the applicant is hoping to represent, is strongly encouraged.

The Source Protection Committee chaired by Janet Stavinga is hard at work overseeing the development of science-based Source Protection Plans to protect the 13 municipal drinking water sources in the Mississippi and Rideau Valley watersheds. This work is being done under the auspices of Ontario's Clean Water Act. The Source Protection Plans are due in 2012.

Eligibility criteria, application forms and procedures are available on the MRSPC website at www.mrsourcewater.ca. Representatives on the 15-member MRSPC receive a per diem and mileage for their work on the Committee. They act as a liaison for their sector, help resolve issues by working together with other members, attend meetings and public information sessions and make decisions regarding the development of Source Protection Plans for our area. A list of suggested qualifications and roles/responsibilities is found on the website.

The full MRSPC is composed of fifteen people as follows:

- Five municipal reps
- Two agricultural reps
- Two industry/commercial reps (currently vacant)
- Two environmental reps
- One First Nations rep
- One non-governmental organization rep
- One small business rep, and
- One rural property owner rep.

We look forward to receiving applications from interested, qualified members of the industrial/commercial community in the watersheds.

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