

News Release

VACANCY ON THE MISSISSIPPI-RIDEAU SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

RIDEAU VALLEY, January 20, 2010 — Would you like to be a voice for local industries and commercial interests on the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee? There is currently a vacancy on the Committee for an industrial/commercial representative. Application deadline is Friday, February 19, 2010. If you're applying to represent a particular economic sector, a letter of endorsement from that sector is strongly encouraged.

The Source Protection Committee, chaired by Janet Stavinga, has been hard at work for the past two years completing technical studies. These studies show us where our drinking water comes from (lakes, rivers, underground aquifers) and where we may need to protect these sources from potential contamination or overuse.

Later this year, the Committee will begin drafting policies to protect drinking water sources. These policies will focus on protecting water sources supplying municipal drinking water systems. Source Protection Plans are due August 2012 and all work is being completed under Ontario's *Clean Water Act*.

An application form and eligibility criteria are available on our web site at www.mrsourcewater.ca. Members are expected to act as a liaison for their sector, help resolve issues by working with other members, attend meetings and public information sessions and make decisions to develop Source Protection Plans. A list of suggested qualifications and roles/responsibilities is posted on our web site. Members receive a per diem and mileage for their committee work.

The Committee is made up of fifteen people as follows:

- 5 municipal reps
- 2 agricultural reps
- 1 small business rep
- 1 aggregates rep
- 2 environmental reps
- 1 First Nations rep
- 1 rural resident rep
- 1 non-governmental organization rep
- 1 industry / commercial rep - vacant

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