

News Release

VACANCY ON THE MISSISSIPPI-RIDEAU SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

RIDEAU VALLEY, July 22, 2010 — Would you like to be a voice for lake associations, a community group interested in drinking water or perhaps the general public? There is a vacancy on the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee for someone to represent a public interest or the general public. Application deadline is Friday, September 24, 2010.

Since 2008, the Source Protection Committee, chaired by Janet Stavinga, has been hard at work completing technical studies. These studies show us where our drinking water comes from (lakes, rivers, underground aquifers) and where we need to protect it from potential contamination or overuse.

This fall the Committee will begin drafting policies to protect drinking water sources. These policies will focus on protecting sources of municipal drinking water and they are due August 2012. 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. Committee members are expected to work as a group to resolve issues, attend meetings and public information sessions and make policy decisions to protect source water. A list of suggested qualifications and roles and responsibilities is also 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
- 5 economic sector reps (agriculture, industry, commercial)
- 5 public interest reps (environmental, First Nations, general public) – 1 vacancy

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