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Province Names New Chair of Lakehead Source Protection Committee

The Lakehead Source Protection Authority (SPA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Lucy Kloosterhuis as the new Chair of the Source Protection Committee (SPC) for the Lakehead Source Protection Area, effective September 24, 2019, replacing former Chair Bob Hartley who has retired from the role. The SPA would like to thank Bob Hartley for his commitment to the Source Water Protection program over the last 12 years, since the inception of the program.

The new Chair was chosen by the Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. The Source Protection Committee oversees the planning process to establish programs and policies to protect municipal drinking water sources in the Lakehead region, as called for under the *Clean Water Act, 2006*, and its regulations. The Lakehead Source Protection Plan was approved and became effective in October of 2013.

"I am very much looking forward to my new role as Chair of the Source Protection Committee and working with the Committee members, with whom I have built strong working relationships," Ms. Kloosterhuis said. "Our Committee has shown a strong desire to protect our water supply and I look forward to working with all of our members to continue this commitment," said Kloosterhuis.

As a respected community leader, Lucy's past involvement with the SPC will be invaluable as she guides the Committee in its important responsibilities under the *Clean Water Act*. Lucy Kloosterhuis is Mayor of the Municipality of Oliver Paipooonge and had previously served a five-year term ending November 2018 on the Lakehead Source Protection Committee (SPC) as a Municipality representative member.

More information on the drinking water source protection program is available on the local Drinking Water Source Protection website: www.sourceprotection.net.

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