



What have we learned about phosphorus and erosion on our agricultural lands?

Where do we go from here?

Please join the North Bay-Mattawa Drinking Water Source Protection for:

Community Consultation – Agricultural Stakeholders

Thursday, March 8, 2018 – 7 to 8:30 pm

Glendale Heights/South Himsworth Community Centre (LIONS DEN)
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In 2006, Ontario approved the Clean Water Act, requiring communities to work cooperatively to develop and implement a local plan to protect the sources of their municipal drinking water supplies.

Callander residents were concerned about toxic blue green algae in Callander Bay. Phosphorus is thought to be a major factor. But where is it coming from?

Between 2011 and 2014, conversations were held with the agricultural community and others in the Callander-Wasi watershed to share our thoughts and get ideas of ways to reduce phosphorus. Farmers felt the phosphorus was not coming from their operations.

We chose a policy approach that relies on BMPs and education & outreach. Other policies require us to continue research to understand the problem.

Since then, we've learned more about agricultural activities, erosion and phosphorus in the Callander-Wasi watershed.

What do we know?

Agricultural activities (as prescribed by Clean Water Act regulations) are not major contributors to phosphorus in the Issue Contributing Area. Erosion, however, is a significant factor. We'd like to share with you what we've learned.



What can you tell us now?

Large landowners could play a part in reducing downstream erosion.

We need to hear your thoughts and perspectives. It is particularly important now as the Source Protection Committee begins a review of the existing policies within the Drinking Water Source Protection Plan and we consider whether we stick with the existing policies or change our approach.



Please join us March 8th at 7 pm

For more information about Drinking Water Source Protection visit www.actforcleanwater.ca, email dws.comments@nbmca.on.ca or call Sue Miller, Program Manager 705 474-5420.