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City's Source Water Protection Plan Approved

The City of Greater Sudbury is pleased to announce its Source Water Protection Plan has been approved by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change.

The province has amended the Clean Water Act (Ontario Regulation 287/07) to include requirements involving preparation and implementation of source water protection plans.

The Greater Sudbury's Source Water Protection Plan is designed to protect existing and future sources of municipal drinking water. Along with the Clean Water Act and regulations, the plan also enables new authorities to address threats to drinking water sources.

"Now that the Plan has been approved at the provincial level, we can move forward presenting City Council with the necessary by-laws needed to enforce the plan," said Nick Benkovich, City of Greater Sudbury Director of Water/Wastewater Services.

"We will continue to work with community partners to ensure a smooth transition as changes take effect over the coming months and years."

The implementation plan will be presented at an upcoming meeting of City Council.

More information on Source Water Protection Plans and the Clean Water Act can be found on the Ministry's website at <u>www.ene.gov.on.ca</u>.

To view the Greater Sudbury's Source Water Protection Plan, please visit the website at <u>www.greatersudbury.ca/sourcewater</u>.

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