

North Stormont Information Session to Provide Property Owners with Information on Protecting Their Drinking Water

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The Municipality of North Stormont in partnership with the **Raisin-South Nation Source Protection Region** and the **Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program** is hosting a **Water Well Information Session** on **Tuesday, May 18th, 2010 at 8 pm** at 38 Victoria St., South Nation Conservation in Finch.

The township of North Stormont is inviting property owners in their communities to come out and learn more about the source of their drinking water and the roles that both residents and the municipality play in keeping it safe. **Early Action Grant information and applications** for eligible landowners will also be available.

Even residents who receive their drinking water from the municipality need to be aware that in Ontario there are hundreds of thousands of abandoned wells dotting the landscape. Recent concerns about drinking water in rural parts of Ottawa bear witness to the importance of good water well maintenance. This session is being implemented by the municipality to focus on the needs of property owners in North Stormont. The session will be a one stop opportunity to get answers to questions about unused wells as well as find out about the grants being made available to safeguard source water.

The special guest speaker for the evening will be Ontario Ministry of the Environment **Water Well Specialist, Kim Yee**. Mr. Yee has spent decades working in the field of drinking water safety throughout North America. His presentations are known to be informative and humorous. Practical information provided will include why it is so important to locate and make old and unused wells safe and just how it can be done.

Mr. Yee, representatives, conservation staff as well as local water professionals will be on hand for a one on one session after the presentation where the public is invited to ask questions, discuss specific situations and acquire grant information. Refreshments will be provided.

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