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**Local Drinking Water Source Protection Plan Seeks Final Comments from Public**

Both the Raisin Region and South Nation Source Protection Authorities are providing an opportunity for one last round of public commentary on a local Drinking Water Source Protection Plan which is to be submitted for provincial approval on August 20, 2012.

Before submission to the province, the latest version of the Source Protection Plan is being posted on the web for public review and commentary at [www.yourdrinkingwater.ca](http://www.yourdrinkingwater.ca) from June 22<sup>nd</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Hard copies of the proposed Plan will also be available for viewing at the Raisin Region Conservation Authority office in Cornwall and the South Nation Conservation office in Finch. All written comments received during this 40 day review period will be submitted to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment along with the submission of the proposed Plan.

Prepared under Ontario's Clean Water Act, the Plan contains locally driven policies that address drinking water threats for 26 municipal drinking water systems in the Raisin-South Nation Source Protection Region. The public comment period and series of open houses in March 2012 drew well over one hundred participants and garnered as many valuable comments.

The current public comment period has been extended to 40 days to provide an opportunity for input to those taking summer vacation. Claude Cousineau, chair of the Raisin-South Nation Source Protection Committee says, "Providing opportunity for public and municipal feedback on this local Source Protection Plan continues to be a priority for the Committee." He added, "Carrying out the policies that we are proposing should ensure clean and plentiful local sources of municipal drinking water. At the same time, we do not want to put additional loads on our municipalities or property owners. I believe that this proposed Plan has managed to strike the right balance between practical strategies and results."

The Proposed Source Protection Plan is available on the program's website at [www.yourdrinkingwater.ca](http://www.yourdrinkingwater.ca) and written comments are welcome until August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

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