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HEALTH STUDY

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Lambton County Residents:

The Lambton Community Health Study Board meets to study environmental effects on the health of Lambton County residents. The goal is to develop a process to determine health outcomes from environmental exposures.

Scott Grant from Ontario Ministry of the Environment Standard Development Branch, Ontario Regulation 419 – Air Quality presented the MOE’s proposed consistent sector wide approach for emission reduction measures, technologies, and documentation. This will be a 3-4 year proposed new approach for better control of direct emissions. More information can be found on the MOE’s website. Look for public comment under the Environmental Registry.

The sub-committee of Anne Marie Gillis, Alison Mahon, Garry McDonald and Kevin Churchill will be investigating possible design firms in the Lambton area in order to develop a logo for the study. It is felt that a logo will help residents better identify the Lambton Community Health Study . The partnership between the Ontario Health Study and the Lambton Health Study continues. To date, 2,700 Sarnia/Lambton residents have participated in the online OHS survey. In order to have a large enough study group, the sub-committee will be looking at recruitment and community engagement to increase numbers.

The Health Committee was unsuccessful in obtaining funding through the Ontario Community Environment Fund. The proposed research project would have used monitoring data and GIS technologies to identify possible associations between exposure and health outcomes at the local level.

The Technical Working Group received approval to invite a representative from Aamjiwnaang First Nations to attend their meetings. Sara Plain will be the delegate.

Discussion followed on a revisit to the original goals and objectives of the Health Committee. Since funding has not been forthcoming for Phase III, it may be time to review the direction of the Committee.

The Ontario Health Study is a large, long term health research initiative studying residents of Ontario. Participants fill out an online health questionnaire asking questions about their general health, their medical history and that of their families. Check it out at www.ontariohealthstudy.ca

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