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HEALTH STUDY

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Lambton County Residents:

The Lambton Community Health Study Board meets to determine if the environment of Lambton County has a detrimental effect on the health of residents.

The Provincial Government was asked for \$75,000 in order to move Phase II ahead. The Health Study Committee received \$50,000 which will enable the literature review to begin. A contract has been finalized and this review is scheduled to begin the first part of April. The review will encompass all scientific studies including past local health studies that have been completed. A report will be received from Intrinsic Environmental Services Inc. compiling all pertinent information in order to guide the committee for up coming telephone surveys, town hall meetings, and community engagement. Public consultation should take place in the fall of 2010.

The Board is working with Pat Davidson, MP, in order to obtain funding from the Federal Government for Phase II which will be greatly needed to complete the public consultation phase. A package of information on the Health Study will be collected to be forwarded to any other funding bodies.

A revised Phase II work plan was presented to the Board because of the funding shortfall. The three main components will remain which are: (1) An extensive systematic literature review which will include studies that examine the health effects of environmental exposure to petrochemical pollutants. (2) Community engagement which will include town hall meetings, key informant sessions and a random sample telephone survey and (3) the identification of health related research questions suitable for future studies.

Nora Maher from Occupational Health Clinic for Ontario Workers (OHCOW) is now an official member of the Health Study Board. She will also attend the Partnership Technical Committee meetings organized by Cancer Care Ontario/Ministry of the Environment.

The website is live with updated information added regularly – www.lambtonhealthstudy.ca

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