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## Public open houses scheduled for Cataraqui Source Protection Plan

The Cataraqui Source Protection Committee is hosting a series of open houses to learn more about its draft source protection plan.

“The open houses will also provide an opportunity for the public to learn about what they can do to keep their drinking water clean,” said Karla Maki-Esdon, Communications Coordinator.

“We have three experts coming to talk about three different subjects that were identified as concerns during the plan preparation – water softeners and treatment systems, home heating oil tanks, and pesticide and herbicide use at home.”

The speakers include Ed Lawrence, gardening expert from CBC Radio; William VanderWilp from McLellan Water Technologies; and Jim Wood from McKeown and Wood Fuels.

The open houses will be held at:

- **Bath on Tuesday, March 20** at St. John’s Memorial Hall (*new location*) – Speaker William VanderWilp on water softeners and water treatment systems
- **Lansdowne on Wednesday, March 21** at the Community Hall – Speaker Jim Wood on home heating oil
- **Kingston on Thursday, March 22** at the Invista Centre – Speaker Ed Lawrence on best practices in the yard and garden.

All three open houses are from **6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**, with a presentations taking place at **7:00 p.m.**

In addition, a joint open house with the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee is being held in Rideau Lakes Township. The open house runs from **5:00 to 8:00 p.m.**, with a presentation at **7:00 p.m.** on:

- **Thursday, March 29** at North Crosby Community Centre just south of Westport.

The draft plan, additional information about source water protection, and details about the open houses are all posted at [www.cleanwatercataraqui.ca](http://www.cleanwatercataraqui.ca).

Printed copies of the draft plan are also available for review at the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) administration office.

The deadline for submitting written comments on the source protection plan is **Thursday, April 12, 2012**.

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