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## **Water Policy in Canada National Workshop Series**

*Workshop #5*  
**Developing a Vision and Strategy for  
Sustainable Water Policy in Canada**

**Delta Beausejour  
750 Main Street, Moncton, New Brunswick**

**October 4–5, 2006**

**Presented By: Pollution Probe**

# Water Policy in Canada

## Objective

Pollution Probe, in cooperation with its sponsors, is convening a series of five progressive workshops in 2006 to examine the state of water policy in Canada. A wide range of decision-makers and stakeholders are being invited to exchange knowledge and perspectives and ultimately suggest shared priorities and new strategies for achieving the long-term sustainability of the natural capital represented in our nation's water resources. The workshop series focuses on the policy outcomes needed to assure that our sustainability goal is met, and considers both the global and North American context for domestic water policy.

This is the fifth workshop in the series. The first three workshops focused on securing a broad range of information and perspectives on current and future challenges to provide a common database for participants in the series. Workshop four started the dialogue on innovative solutions by enabling watershed management. At this fifth and final workshop, we take a more analytical approach to that information and the agenda will include fewer speakers and more time for interaction and discussion.

Balanced participation is being sought by inviting representatives from federal, provincial, municipal and First Nations governments, as well as scientists, academics, policy experts, and professionals from the private sector, and non-governmental organizations. Regional perspectives on key workshop themes are considered to be of high importance.

## Workshop Sponsors

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# *Workshop #5*

## Developing a Vision and Strategy for Sustainable Water Policy in Canada

*Delta Beausejour*

*Start time: 09:00 October 4, 2006*

*End time: 15:00 October 5, 2006*

This workshop will synthesize the materials from the previous workshops and focus on the policies needed to ensure long term water sustainability in Canada. Is a coordinated national approach possible? What are the priorities? What isn't working? What policy and operational solutions hold the most promise? What new institutions are required or what modifications are needed to existing ones? How can we get from here to there?

The agenda for the workshop will include a synopsis of findings from the first four workshops, a discussion on the key elements of a national response and some presentations of current practice or findings from delegates. This information will follow at a later date.

Workshop materials will be translated and interpreter services will be available so we can have a fully bilingual workshop. Over the summer we will be forwarding a background document, as well as a synopsis of the previous workshops and an agenda.

We hope you will be able to attend this very important workshop.

# Workshop Themes and Locations

## **Workshop #1 — What Do We Want to Achieve and What Needs to be Done?**

*Delta Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Manitoba  
February 6–7, 2006*

The workshop series began with an overview of major water issues in Canada to frame the entire workshop series. The first session assessed how governments and other key players currently address water issues through an examination of Canada's domestic and international water policies. What needs to be done to spur greater action? Participants contributed to the development of the workshop series by prioritising issues and opportunities for more detailed examination in subsequent workshops.

## **Workshop #2 — Future Challenges: What's Coming Down the Pipe?**

*University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, Alberta  
March 15–16, 2006*

Scientists have described a number of challenges to water security in Canada through reports such as the National Water Research Institute's, *Threats to Water Availability in Canada*. Additionally increasing population pressure and a growing demand for water, scarcity of water for industrial and agricultural use, and calls for interbasin transfers and bulk exports will all impact the vision we have for sustainable water policy. Will we have the quantity and quality of water required to meet Canada's needs in fifty years?

## **Workshop #3 — What are the Policy Gaps and Barriers to Action?**

*Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia  
April 26–27, 2006*

What is the state of our water assets in Canada and how can we make better use of them? This includes both "hard" infrastructure, such as pipes and systems, and "soft" approaches, including protecting source water itself. What do we do well and what don't we do well? What factors are impeding our progress? What are we "missing" when addressing issues that will command our attention in the future?

#### **Workshop #4 — Enabling Watershed Management**

*University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario*

*June 8–9, 2006*

Watershed management, source protection and the roles of communities are becoming increasingly prominent in discussions of water policy in Canada, confirmed through the deliberations at the first three workshops in Water Policy in Canada: National Workshop Series. What new or innovative strategies and solutions are being implemented across Canada in these areas both to shift decision-making to the watershed level, as well as to provide the resources and support to enable communities and stakeholders to participate effectively in decision-making and management?

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*Delta Beausejour, Moncton, New Brunswick*

*October 4–5, 2006*

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#### **Public Launch of A New Vision for Water in Canada**

*Montreal, Quebec*

*November 20–23, 2006*

This wrap-up workshop will present the results of the series and refine a vision for sustainable water policy in Canada.



## Registration Form

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Please **Fax Back** Registration Form to **613-237-6111**

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**Note:** This form is to register for workshop participation only. You will need to make your own accomodation reservations as required. A small block of rooms has been reserved for the workshop participants, so book early to reserve your accomodations.

Please call the Delta Beausejour Reservations Department at **1-888-351-7666**. Callers must identify themselves as attending the ***Water Policy in Canada National Workshop*** and call prior to **September 8, 2006** in order to qualify for the group rate. Please refer to the following link for more information on the Delta Beausejour:  
**[www.deltahotels.com/hotels/hotels.php?hotelId=27](http://www.deltahotels.com/hotels/hotels.php?hotelId=27)**.