#### **AGENDA**

# A meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands to be held on Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Presentation: Vision 2050

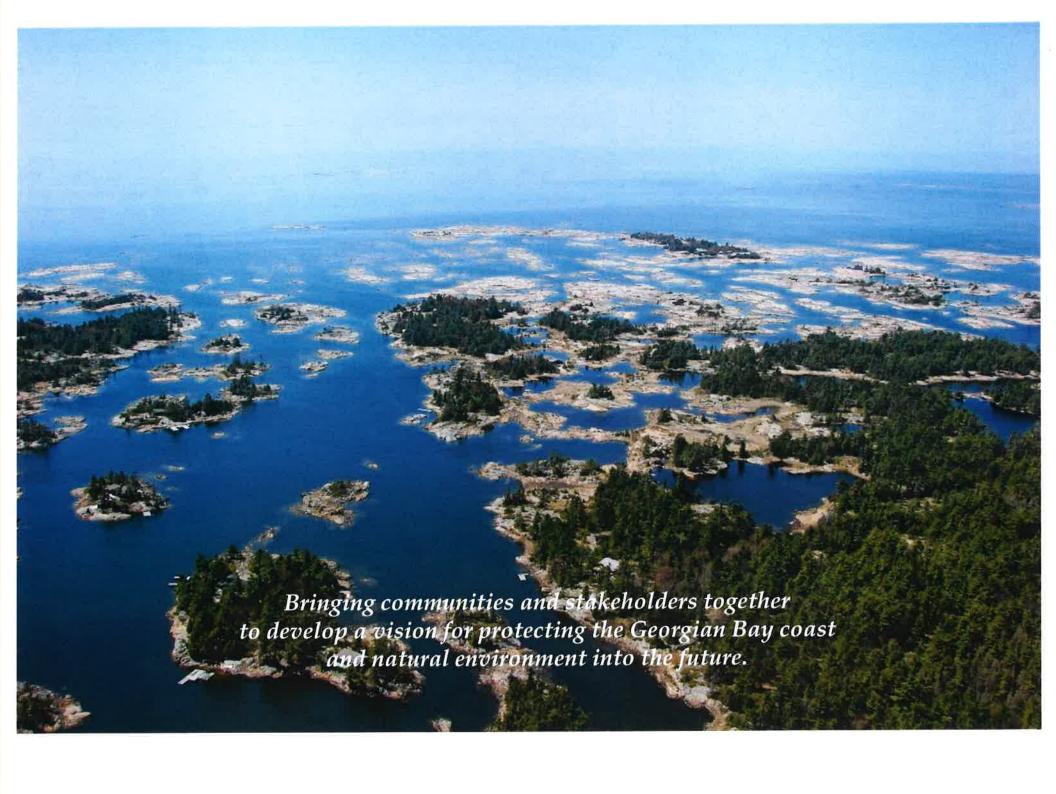
2. Approval of Agenda

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3. Manager Reports

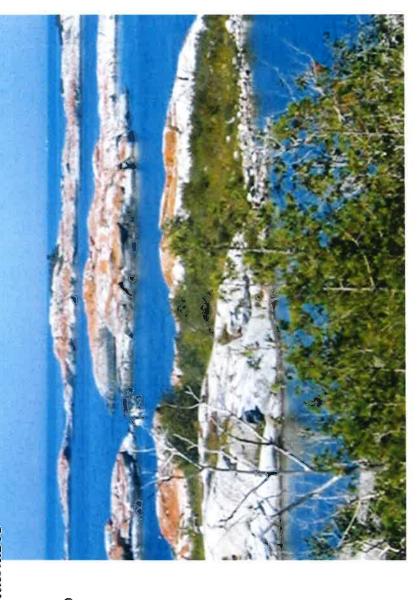
i. Administration and Finance reports, January, Sheryl Wilkin, Treasurer

- 4. New Business
  - i. Little Current Bridge dedication Cst. Marc Hovingh
  - ii. Dedication of Victim and Survivors of Crime Week
- 5. Minutes and Reports
  - i. 2024/25 Inspection Report Little Current Water System
- 6. Adjournment



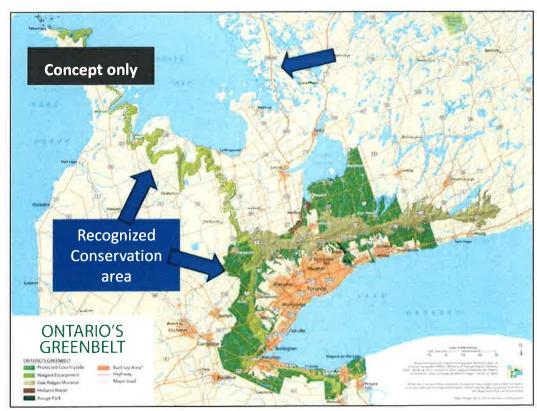
# Mission Statement

- To conserve and protect the unique natural environment, ecosystems and biodiversity of the eastern and northern coastlines of Georgian Bay in perpetuity while supporting sustainable communities.
- This aligns with the Towns's strategy to continue the protection of our natural environment (i.e. mapping wetlands, endangered species and green spaces.)

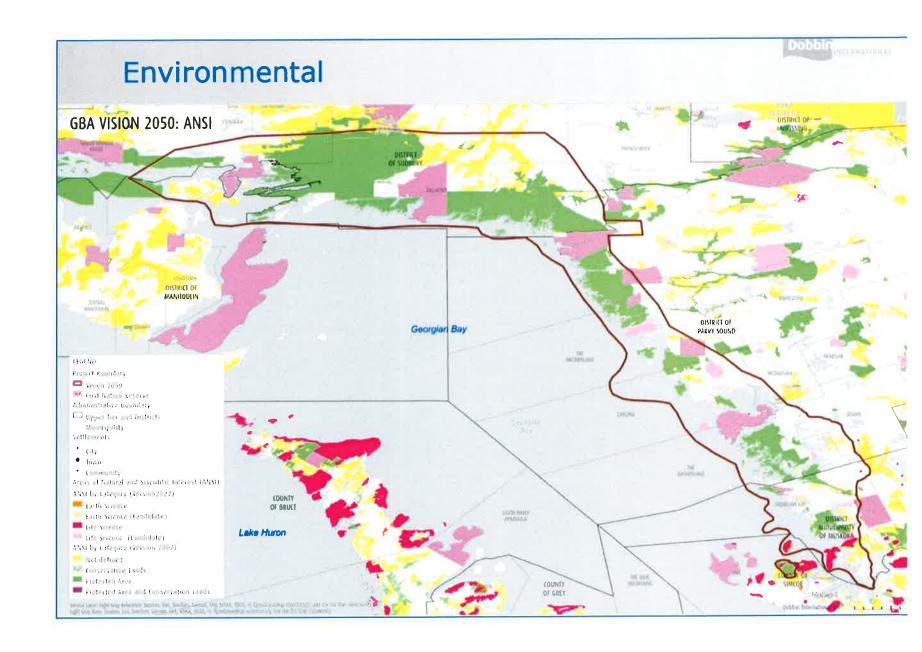


# Policy Framework Gap

- Georgian Bay lacks a regional policy framework that promotes conservation and environmental protection on a regional scale.
- Vision 2050 aims to develop a proposed regional coastal policy framework based on shared values and principles.
- Plan and framework should lead to recognition in Ontario's official conservation and planning legal and policy framework. *example*: Greenbelt
- It does not mean a new regional planning authority.



\* Georgian Bay & North Channel Inc. nature reserves





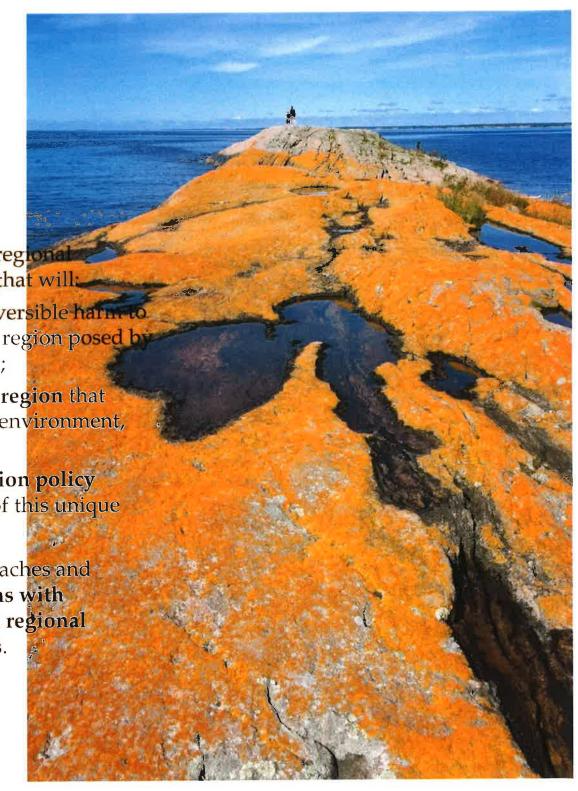
Retain reputable conservation and coastal regional planning experts to write a Position Paper that will.

the natural environment of the coastal region posed by expansive growth in Southern Ontario;

2) Propose a vision for the future of the region that prioritizes conservation of the natural environment, and;

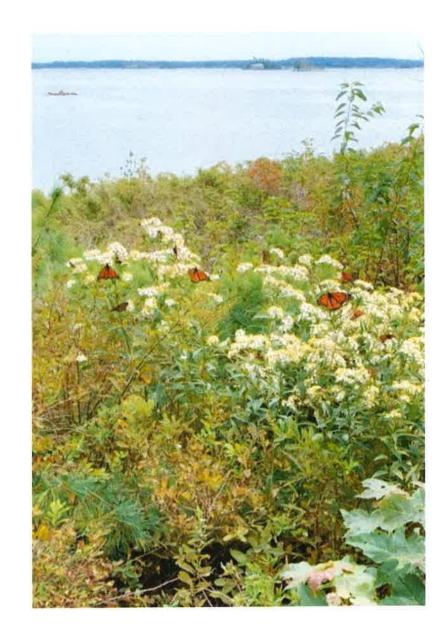
3) Identify proposed regional conservation policy frameworks to ensure the protection of this unique area for future generations.

Include proposals for specific policy approaches and actions based on broad-based consultations with stakeholders and research into recognized regional conservation principles and best practices.



# Key Objectives (proposed)

- Develop a policy framework for conservation planning and environmental protection for the region.
- Build a coalition of stakeholders to support this objective. Consult widely with stakeholders on proposed approaches.
- Share our findings with governments, regional municipalities, Indigenous communities and other NGOs.
- Expand the conservation of natural and environmentally valuable areas. Improve protection of these areas with stronger and more consistent policies.
- Preserve the natural and cultural heritage of the region.
- Support sustainable communities.



## **Project Progress**

- ✓ Developed a robust communications strategy to inform and educate the public /key stakeholders.
- ✓ Successful engagement with NGOs, experts, community associations and other key stakeholders.
- ✓ Successful delegation to Township of The Archipelago.
- ✓ Building a coalition of stakeholders to drive the Vision 2050 initiative forward.
- ✓ Collected a wide range of important information on the Georgian Bay region, the challenges, and potential strategies for enhancing conservation policies and protection.
- ✓ Initial mapping completed.
- ✓ Set up an Advisory Council comprised of key stakeholders and experts
  - Council members will include GBB, GBF, GBLT, municipalities, and independent experts
  - Working with partners to identify the best approach to garnering Indigenous communities' input.

# Collaboration, Consultations & Coalition

- ❖ Outreach has been extensive and continues.
- **Collaborating** with major stakeholders.
- Process includes broad-based consultations with stakeholders at two steps in phase 1:
  - 1) Input into the position paper
  - Discussion of the paper's content and proposals on completion
- Create a coalition for conservation of key stakeholders to speak with a more unified voice to governments on conservation of the Bay's environment and ecosystems.
- Set up project Advisory Council representing key stakeholders and experts.

#### Outreach so far

Georgian Bay Biosphere

Georgian Bay Forever

**Georgian Bay Land Trust** 

Georgian Bay Geopark (aspiring)

Georgian Bay Great Lakes Foundation

Severn Sound Environmental Association

Eastern Georgian Bay Preservation Society

**GBA** member associations

Township of Georgian Bay

Township of The Archipelago

**Moose Deer Point First Nation** 

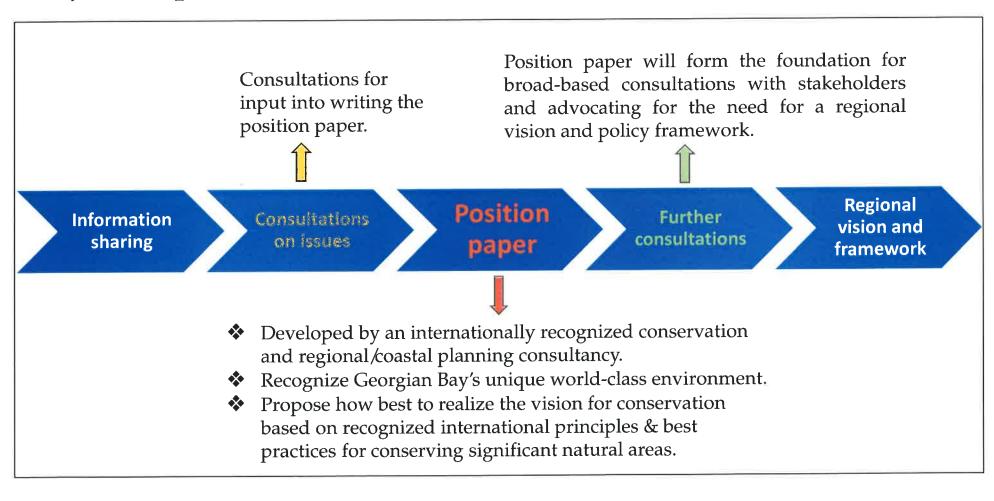
**Environment Canada** 

International Joint Commission

**Escarpment Corridor Alliance** 

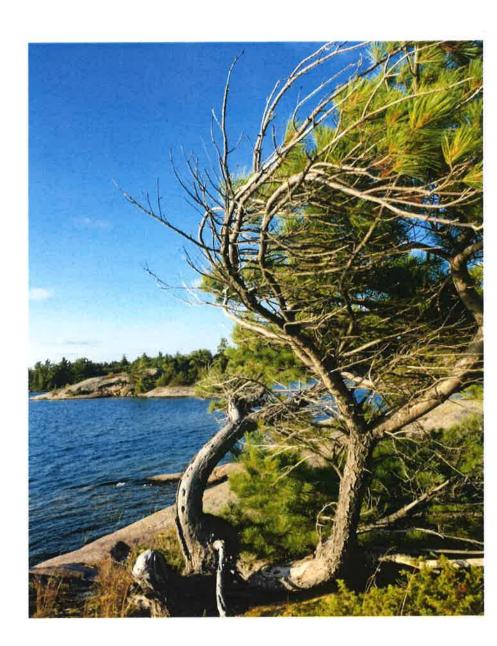
Planning & environment experts & consultants

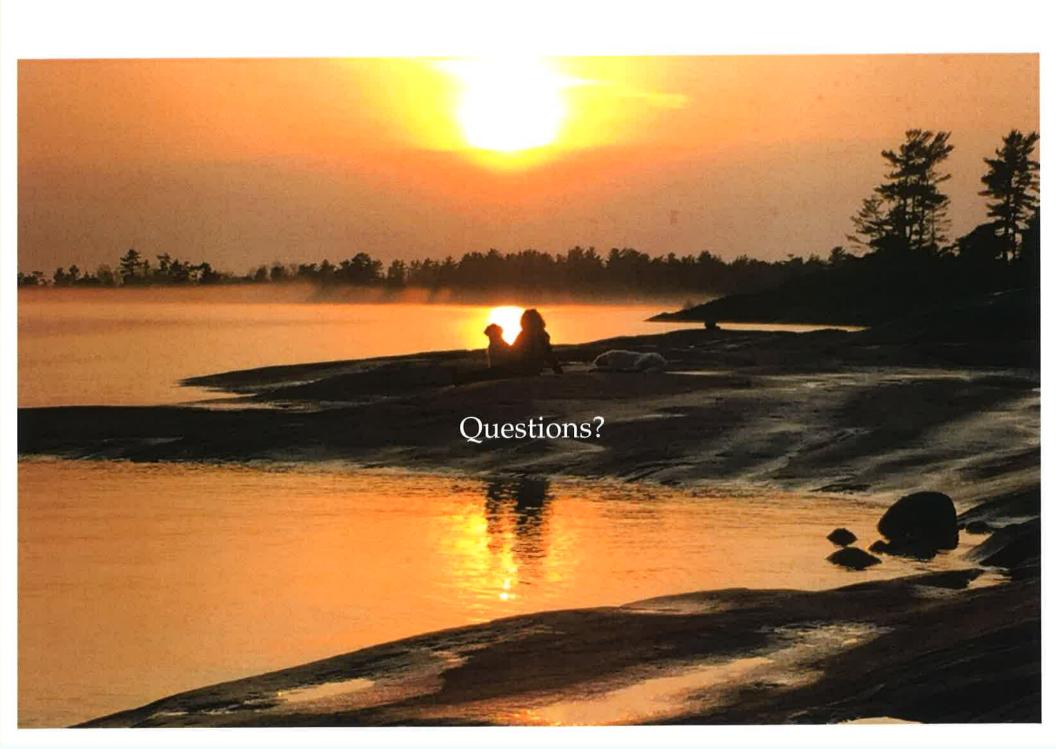
## Project steps



# Our requests of NEMI

- 1) Provide input on how this project can best support the Township's strategy to "protect and preserve our natural environment".
- 2) Appoint a Township representative to sit on the project's Advisory Council.
  - Proposed mandate included in materials.







#### What is the Vision 2050 Project?

Vision 2050 is an initiative dedicated to preserving and protecting the natural environment and ecosystems of Georgian Bay's eastern and northern coasts. This project addresses growing development pressures, progressing environmental degradation, and the lack of a regional conservation and planning framework. We aim to do this by developing a comprehensive roadmap for sustainable development and environmental protection.

Our plan involves collaboration with governments, Indigenous communities, conservation groups and other local stakeholders. We aim to establish a long-term, evidence based strategy to ensure the conservation of Georgian Bay's ecosystems.

#### What is Vision 2050's Purpose?

The purpose of our project is to retain a highly reputable conservation and coastal regional planning agency that will prepare a Position Paper to:

- a. Analyze the increasing threats of irreversible harm to the natural environment of the coastal region posed by expansive growth in Southern Ontario.
- b. Propose a vision for the future of the region that prioritizes conservation of the natural environment.
- c. Identify proposed regional conservation policy frameworks to ensure the protection of this unique area for future generations in perpetuity.
- d. To include proposals for specific policy approaches and actions based on broad-based consultations with stakeholders and research into recognized regional and international conservation principles and best practices.

#### Isn't Georgian Bay well protected now?

Georgian Bay has several conservation initiatives such as the Georgian Bay Biosphere, national and provincial parks, and Indigenous land stewardship programs; however, these efforts are fragmented. There is no single comprehensive plan or strategy to protect the Bay. Currently, Ontario has not adopted a conservation plan for Georgian Bay, but precedents exist. The Niagara Escarpment and the Greenbelt have protected status.. Georgian Bay does not, despite being home to a World Biosphere Region and both national and provincial parks recognize its unique natural features and environment. This policy gap leaves it vulnerable to development, climate threats and biodiversity.

#### What are some of the key threats to Georgian Bay?

- Population Growth and Urbanization
  - The GTA is projected to grow by 50% by 2050, increasing development pressures throughout Ontario, including the Bay

- Intensified Development Policies
  - Ontario's push for housing expansion, economic growth, and tourism development will impact the region
- Habitat Loss and Biodiversity Decline
  - Georgian Bay's wetlands, forests, and wildlife corridors are threatened byland conversion and increased human activity
- Climate Change and Pollution
  - Rising temperatures, invasive species, water pollution, and increased recreational use threaten water quality and ecosystems.

#### What are the main objectives of this project?

- 1. To develop a policy framework for the region's conservation planning and environmental protection into the future.
- In phase 1, we are retaining a reputable, highly credible planning and environmental team to
  write a position paper to identify best practice approaches and promote the need for a
  regional vision and plan for the coast.
- 3. Build a coalition of stakeholders to support this objective. Consult widely with those stakeholders on proposed approaches.
- 4. Share our findings with governments, regional municipalities, Indigenous communities and other NGOs.
- 5. Expand the conservation of natural and environmentally valuable areas and improve the protection of these areas with stronger and more consistent policies.
- 6. Preserve the natural and cultural heritage of the region.

#### What will be the outcome of phase 1 of the project?

The outcome of phase 1 should be the development of a regional policy framework that promotes conservation and environmental protection on a regional scale based on shared values and principles. The creation of a regional policy framework may lead to recognition in Ontario's official conservation and planning policies and in conservation principles tailored to the Bay's unique environment. This does not mean a new regional planning authority or Niagara Escarpment Commission-like body.

#### What will happen in phase 2?

The goal of phase 2 is to develop a comprehensive, highly professional scientific and environmental report that sets out a detailed vision and conservation plan for the Georgian Bay coastal region for implementation of governments, communities, and stakeholders. This report will contain a roadmap to guide implementation.

#### Who are the main stakeholders in this project?

- Local communities and seasonal and permanent residents rely on the Georgian Bay's ecosystem and economy.
- Indigenous communities are key partners in environmental stewardship and land management as they offer valuable insights and knowledge into this project.
- Georgian Bay NGOs including Georgian Bay Biosphere (GBB), Georgian Bay Land Trust (GBLT), Georgian Bay Forever (GBF), and Georgian Bay Great Lakes Foundation (GBGLF).
- Municipalities and governments responsible for land-use planning, environmental regulations and other infrastructures.
- The business and tourism industry- local economic groups, including sustainable tourism initiatives.

#### Has GBA talked to Georgian Bay Organizations about the project?

We meet regularly and share information with our Georgian Bay partners. We need the whole Georgian Bay community to help better protect this incredible natural asset recognized on international, national and provincial levels. As it stands today, GBB, GBF, and GBLT, have all agreed to participate in the project and to sit on the projects Advisory Council. (Participation does not connote support for any specific policy proposals).

#### Has GBA talked to Municipalities and the Province?

Yes, we have initiated official delegations (presentations) to coastal municipalities. We will continue to engage with municipalities, the province, the federal government, and relevant departments (such as park authorities). Planning for these meetings is underway.

#### Why do we need to raise funds for the project?

We need to raise more than \$150 k to retain the environmental planning consultants with the profile, professional reputation and high level of credibility required to make this project successful. The fundraising goal is \$150,000 and we are already 75% of the way there! We need this funding as the GBA's annual dues only cover operational costs. External funding is needed for major initiatives such as Vision 2050, so we have launched the *Vision 2050 Fund in memory of Wally King*.

#### Why not partner with another GB organization so you can issue charitable donation receipts?

GBA talked to two organizations about partnering in this manner in the past. However, we could not work out all the arrangements in a mutually beneficial way, mainly due to new, stricter Canada Revenue Agency regulations and requirements for charities and the use of donations. That being said, partnering is an option we would consider again in the future.

#### What happens if you can't raise all the funds?

We are confident we can raise the funds, but contributors will get their money back if we do not.

#### Sounds like a great initiative. How can I help?

- Help to spread awareness and knowledge of this project to your local member associations and the Georgian Bay community.
- Contribute ideas to your local member association on better protecting our coastal regionwhile meeting the needs of local communities, residents and visitors.
- Consider donating to the Vision 2050 Fund in Memory of Wally King. We are targeting
  fundraising of individuals and families who might consider a significant contribution rather
  than pursuing a general fundraising campaign. If you might be such a family or individual,
  please contact Rolfe Jones at rolfescottjones@georgianbay.ca or call (416)-898-3295

#### How can I find out more?

- See the Vision 2050 web page on the GBA website: georgianbay.ca/georgian-bay-vision-2050-project/
- Look for upcoming articles in the GBA e-Update and printed Update newsletter.

#### Contact one of our Vision 2050 team members:

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Rolfe Jones (Cognashene) <a href="mailto:rolfescottjones@georgianbay.ca">rolfescottjones@georgianbay.ca</a>
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#### **VISION 2050 PROJECT ADVISORY COUNCIL MANDATE**

#### Responsibilities

To advise GBA and the Project Steering Committee on:

- 1) the nature of the threats facing the eastern and northern coasts of Georgian Bay
- 2) the project's objectives and the approach to the issues the project aims to address
- the interests of stakeholders in the region, including communities, residents, visitors, municipalities, Indigenous communities, NGOs, and the Ontario and federal governments
- 4) the approach to designing and developing the position paper
- 5) retaining professional experts to deliver the position paper
- 6) communications and building awareness of the project
- 7) the approach to consultations with stakeholders to build understanding of, and gather input on, the project and position paper
- 8) dissemination and communication of the position paper and its key findings
- 9) engagement and advocacy with stakeholders and governments based on the position paper with a view to identifying potential strategies for protection and conservation of the region

#### Chair

Appointed by the Project Steering Committee in consultation with the GBA President

#### Members

- Appointed by the Project Steering Committee. The Steering Committee may add new members from time to time, in consultation with current members of the Council.
- Comprised of between 6 and 12 members, representing:
  - Municipalities in the coastal region (that agree to participate)
  - o Indigenous communities
  - NGOs active in the region including GBB, GBF and GBLT
  - Other experts and organizations that the Steering Committee and Council believe could make significant contributions to the Council's work

#### Meetings

- Meetings will be held quarterly, and at other times at the call of the Chair.
- Meetings may take place online, by telephone or in person.

#### **Record Keeping**

• Summaries of meetings will be presented for approval at the next meeting of the Council and added to a centralized document folder.

 Relevant materials, including reports, data and other information relevant to the Council's discussions will be included in the centralized document folder, to which Council members will have access.

Note: Participation in the Advisory Council does not connote full endorsement by the members, or the organizations they represent, of the project process or any proposals that may arise from the project.

VENDOR CHEQUE REGISTER REPORT Payables Management

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022892	JLRIC18175	J. L. RICHARDS & ASSOCIATES LI	2025-03-14 TD GENERAL	PMCHQUUUU3322	\$ 020.73 \$ 35.00
022891	GROEN84500	GROENEVELD-BEKA CANADA INC.		PMCHQUUUU5322	\$ 1,089.55
022890		OK TIRE STORE (WEST BAY)	2025-03-14 TD GENERAL	PMCHQUUUU5322	\$ 226.00
022889	AIRLI00018	AIR LIQUIDE CANADA INC.	2025-03-14 TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00005322	\$ 70.36
022888	USBAN95502	US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION		PMCHQ00005321	\$ 601.44 \$ 3,658.87 \$ 26,727.57 \$ 226.52 \$ 4,657.82 \$ 70.36 \$ 226.00 \$ 1,089.55 \$ 826.73 \$ 25.00 \$ 100.00 \$ 20,226.24 \$ 25.00 \$ 1,250.00 \$ 581.44
022887		WORKPLACE SAFETY & INSURANCE B		PMCHQ00005320	\$ 226.52
022886	RECGE18025	RECEIVER GENERAL	2025-03-14 TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00005320	\$ 26,727.57
022885				PMCHQ00005319	\$ 3,658.87
022884	TICDANOE E O 2	US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	2025-03-14 TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00005318	\$ 601.44



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## 2025 OPERATING SUMMARY For the Three Months Ending 2025-03-31

	2025 APPROVED BUDGET	2025 ACTUALS
REVENUES		
LOCAL TAXATION		
Municipal Levy	\$7,108,558	\$3,261,381
- Due to School Boards	(1,083,508)	(308,535)
Net Municipal Levy	\$6,025,050	<i>\$2,952,846</i> 3,500
Business Improvement Area	7,000 \$6,032,050	\$2,956,346
	\$6,032,030	\$2,900,040
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAX	\$149,550	\$83,130
PROVINCIAL OMPF & OTHER ALLOCATION	*	
THOURS OWN CONTROL	\$1,714,900	\$428,725
FUNCTIONAL REVENUES	A450 500	¢00 101
Protective Services	\$156,500	\$26,121 364
Transportation Services	36,500 1 578 40 <b>7</b>	740,683
Environmental Services	1,578,49 <b>7</b> 13,600	690
Health Services	0	0
Social and Family Services Recreation & Cultural Services	1,264,001	127,946
Planning & Development	15,000	6,770
Tidining a Bovolopinan	\$3,064,098	\$902,574
OTHER SOURCES OF REVENUE  TRANSFERS FROM RESERVES PRIOR YR'S SURPLUS (DEFICIT) TOTAL SOURCES OF REVENUE	\$315,938 0 0 \$11,276,535	\$109,015 0 0 \$4,479,790
EXPENDITURES GENERAL GOVERNMENT Operations Transfers to Reserves Subtotal	\$1,501,858 238,534 <b>\$1,740,392</b>	\$451,791 0 \$451,791
PROTECTIVE SERVICES Fire Department Policing (provincial billing) Building Inspection Other Protective Services Transfers to Reserves Subtotal	\$186,832 862,558 143,010 40,200 0 \$1,232,600	\$46,293 121,152 29,164 11,831 0 \$208,441
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES Roadways Street Lighting Crossing Guards Manitoulin East Airport Transfers to Reserves Subtotal	\$2,288,769 27,700 37,300 69,000 0 \$2,422,769	\$379,619 3,469 5,620 69,000 0 \$457,708



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#### 2025 OPERATING SUMMARY For the Three Months Ending 2025-03-31

	2025 APPROVED BUDGET	2025 ACTUALS
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	\$586,087	\$65,023
Sanitary & Storm Sewers	733,665	133,690
Waterworks Garbage Collection	89,210	10,797
Garbage Disposal	313,065	42,423
Household Hazardous Waste	30,000	0
Landfill Closure Loan Payment	0	0
Recycling	49,000	6,061 0
Leachate Management	110.245	0
Transfers to Reserves	119,245 \$1,920,272	\$257,994
Subtotal	\$1,920,272	Ψ237,334
HEALTH SERVICES		400.004
Health Unit	\$145,536	\$36,384
Land Ambulance	797,484	200,948 1,525
Cemeteries	36,246	\$238,857
Subtotal	\$979,266	\$236,637
SOCIAL & FAMILY SERVICES		
Manitoulin- Sudbury DSSAB	\$448,449	\$110,467
Centennial Manor	151,241	35,661
Subtotal	\$599,690	\$146,127
RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES		
Municipal Parks	\$155,434	\$27,745
Recreation Centre	756,961	259,853
Public Library	122,599	6,887
LC-H Centennial Museum	108,672 213,890	9,011 21,289
Spider Bay Marina	428,488	22,322
Other Marine Facilities Transfers to Reserves	366,248	0
Subtotal	\$2,152,291	\$347,107
Gubtotal		
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT	47.055	1,161
Local Planning Administration	17,255 10,000	1,101
Tourism Promotion	7,000	0
Business Improvement Area	32,300	6,523
Economic Development Transfers to Reserves	0	0
Subtotal	\$66,555	\$7,684
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$11,113,836	\$2,115,709
NET OPERATING	<i>\$162,699</i>	\$2,364,081
NET CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	\$162,700	\$191,240
MUNICIPAL SURPLUS/(-DEFICIT)	(\$1)	\$2,172,840
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From: "Wall, Helena (OPP)" <Helena.Wall@opp.ca>

Date: April 4, 2025 at 11:08:50 AM EDT

To: Mayor Al MacNevin <amacnevin@townofnemi.on.ca>

**Subject: Little Current Bridge Dedication- Cst Marc Hovingh** 

Good morning, Sir,

Please find attached a request for a letter of support in honour of our fallen officer, Cst. Marc Hovingh, who tragically lost his life in the line of duty on November 19th, 2020, on Manitoulin Island.

We are respectfully proposing the renaming of the Little Current swing bridge in Marc's honour, as a lasting tribute to his service and sacrifice, and in support of his family.

Should you require any additional information or have any questions, please don't hesitate to call, or email me at your convenience.

Kind regards,

Helena

Helena WALL Detachment Commander West Parry Sound detachment VNET 504-5810 Cell # 705-929-7211



#### Victim and Survivor of Crime Week May 11th - May 17th 2025

From mnvs@vianet.ca <mnvs@vianet.ca>

Date Wed 2025-04-02 3:29 PM

To Dave Williamson < DWilliamson@townofnemi.on.ca>

1 attachment (15 KB)
Sample Proclamation.docx;

Hello Dave,

I am hoping this year N.E.M.I. can proclaim the week of May 11<sup>th</sup> – May 17<sup>th</sup> as Victim and Survivors of Crime Week. I will be hosting a variety of events in the community. Last year I got together with the Mayor of Espanola to sign the proclamation, and we had a flag lowering and moment of silence for those we have lost to victimization. Hope to do the same here in Little Current. I have attached a sample proclamation for your review and use for counsel approval. Thank you.



Amy Collins She/Her/Elle Executive Director/ Directrice Générale

Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services/ Service aux victimes de Manitoulin et Northshore



Phone/Tél: 705-370-3378 or Toll Free/Sans Frais: 866-392-7733 Cell Phone/Téléphone portable: 705-348-1801

Email/E-mail: mnvs@vianet.ca

Address/Adresse:

54 rue Boosneck Road, Unit 101 C.P./P.O. Box 702 Little Current, Ont. P0P 1K0

#### Sample Proclamation

Victims and Survivors of Crime Week has attracted the attention of many municipal governments. Having a municipality proclaim the week to be "(Name of municipality) Victims and Survivors of Crime Week" will help promote awareness and raise the profile of the Week in your local community, regionally and nationally. Adapting this sample proclamation to your specific community and reflecting local victim issues and services will help gain attention from government officials, from the media, and from the general public. You can request that the proclamation be printed onto municipal letterhead. Most jurisdictions will already have standard proclamation formatting and language.

#### Sample Proclamation

WHEREAS, when a crime occurs, it doesn't affect just one person, but their family members and the entire community; and

WHEREAS, victims and survivors of crime and their families deserve support from their community; and

WHEREAS, many victim service providers, police officers, and professionals working in the criminal justice system provide assistance to victims and survivors of crime and their families; and

WHEREAS, victims and survivors of crime need to know that they have a voice in our criminal justice system and that there are laws in place to help them; and

WHEREAS, Victims and Survivors of Crime Week, May 11<sup>th</sup> to May 17<sup>th</sup> 2025 offers an opportunity to raise awareness about victim issues, and about the services and laws in place to help victims, survivors and their families; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Victims and Survivors of Crime Week - POWER OF COLLABORATION - will help to promote greater understanding of victim issues; and

WHEREAS, an increased awareness of issues faced by victims and survivors of crime will encourage citizens to discuss the impact of crime; and

WHEREAS, public demonstrations of support for victims and survivors of crime help to build a community's capacity for compassion to assist them and their families and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, addressing victim and survivor issues requires the support and dedication of the whole community; and

WHEREAS, the support of \_\_\_\_\_\_ [name of council or municipal body] will encourage a greater number of citizens to participate in Victims and Survivors of Crime Week; therefore be it

RESOLVED THAT I, \_\_\_\_\_\_, [title] of the [municipality] of \_\_\_\_\_\_, do hereby proclaim May 11<sup>th</sup> to May 17<sup>th</sup> 2025 as Victims and Survivors of Crime Week in the [municipality] of \_\_\_\_\_\_;

RESOLVED THAT during Victims and Survivors of Crime Week and throughout the year, [municipality] will recognize victims and survivors of crime and those who assist them and be it further

faced by victims and survivors of crime.



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March 28, 2025

Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands 14 Water Street, East Little Current, ON, POP 1K0

Attention: Dave Williamson, CAO

RE: 2024/25 Inspection Report for the Little Current Drinking Water System, DWS# 220002191

Dear Mr. Williamson,

Please find attached the annual Little Current Drinking Water System inspection report for the year 2024-25 and the corresponding Incident Rating Report (IRR) and Risk Methodology document. This report provides an assessment of compliance and conformance based on observations and information available during the inspection review period only.

The IRR is a summarized quantitative measure of the drinking water system's annual inspections and is published in the Ministry's Chief Drinking Water Inspector's Annual Report. The Risk Methodology document describes the risk rating methodology which has been applied to the findings of the Ministry's municipal residential drinking water system/licensed laboratory inspection results.

A copy of this inspection report has been provided to Public Health Sudbury and Districts, as per the Ministry's Drinking Water Inspection Protocol.

Should you have any questions regarding the attached document or your obligations under Ontario's drinking water legislation, please contact me by email at <a href="mailto:kerry.whitney@ontario.ca">kerry.whitney@ontario.ca</a> or by telephone at 705-507-4000.

Sincerely,

Kerry Whitney

Water Compliance Officer, Badge No. 1396

Cc: Burgess Hawkins, Manager-Health Protection Division, Public Health Sudbury & Districts Sarah Beaulieu, Process and Compliance Technician, OCWA, Espanola Hub Natalie Wager, Process and Compliance Technician, OCWA, Espanola Hub Keith Stringer, Operations Manager, OCWA Espanola Hub





LITTLE CURRENT DRINKING WATER SYSTEM

Physical Address: 63 MEREDITH ST E,,

NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS, ON POP 1K0

#### INSPECTION REPORT

Entity: THE CORPORATION OF THE

TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN

MANITOULIN AND THE

**ISLANDS** 

**ONTARIO CLEAN WATER** 

**AGENCY** 

Inspection Start Date: January 08, 2025

Site Inspection Date: February 06, 2025

Inspection End Date: March 10, 2025

Inspected By: Kerry Whitney

Badge #: 1396

Inspected By: Marnie Managhan

Badge #: 718

(signature)



#### INTRODUCTION

#### **Purpose**

This announced, focused inspection was conducted to confirm compliance with Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' (MECP) legislation and conformance with ministry drinking water policies and guidelines.

#### Scope

The ministry utilizes a comprehensive, multi-barrier approach in the inspection of water systems that focuses on the source, treatment, and distribution components as well as management and the operation of the system.

The inspection of the drinking water system included both the physical inspection of the component parts of the system listed in section 4 "Systems Components" of the report and the review of data and documents associated with the operation of the drinking water system during the review period.

This drinking water system is subject to the legislative requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002 (SDWA) and regulations made therein, including Ontario Regulation 170/03, "Drinking Water Systems" (O. Reg. 170/03). This inspection has been conducted pursuant to Section 81 of the SDWA.

This inspection report does not suggest that all applicable legislation and regulations were evaluated. It remains the responsibility of the owner to ensure compliance with all applicable legislative and regulatory requirements.

#### **Facility Contacts and Dates**

The drinking water system is owned by The Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands and is operated by Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA).

The system serves an estimated population of 1,700 and is categorized as a Large Municipal Residential System. Information reviewed for this inspection covered the time period of February 2, 2024 to January 31, 2025.

Kerry Whitney, Water Compliance Officer (MECP) met with Sarah Beaulieu, Process and Compliance Technician (OCWA) and Kevin Woestenenk, Plant Operator (OCWA) as part of the inspection process.

#### Systems/Components

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All locations associated with primary disinfection were visited as part of this inspection. The following sites were visited as part of the inspection of the drinking water system:

- Little Current Water Treatment Plant

#### Permissions/Approvals

This drinking water system was subject to specific conditions contained within the following permissions and/or approvals (please note this list is not exhaustive) at the time of the inspection in addition to the requirements of the SDWA and its regulations:

- Municipal Drinking Water Licence No. 197-102 (Issue No. 3)
- Drinking Water Works Permit No. 197-202 (Issue No. 4)
- Permit to Take Water No. 4270-BALKYE

#### **Background and Compliance**

#### CHEMICAL STORAGE

There is insufficient secondary containment in the storage room where sodium hypochlorite and calcium thiosulphate are stored and used. It is recommended that the Municipality install appropriate secondary containment in this room or seek alternate measures to reduce the risk to staff and the environment. Chemical storage in plant must be accomplished in a safe manner to avoid health & safety issues and potential environmental issues.

#### RECORD KEEPING

Although there does not appear to be any health related concerns with respect to the operation of the plant, there are occasions where when comparing the various record keeping practices, there are inconsistencies, omissions and/or missing documentation.

- The distribution log header is scratched out to the point of being illegible rather than an initialed strikethrough;
- There are no distribution log entries for February 2024 and between May 27, 2024 and June 19, 2024;
- In-House Labs/Rounds sheets appear incomplete.

All formal logs or other types of record keeping documents, including day sheets, checklists and all electronic logs and forms, used to record information concerning the operation of a system are subject to s. 27 of O. Reg. 128/04 and must contain sufficient information to be meaningful on its own. It is recommended that OCWA review all record keeping documents currently in use to ensure full compliance with O. Reg. 128/04.

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#### **NON-COMPLIANCE**

The following item(s) have been identified as non-compliance, based on a "No" response captured for a legislative question(s). For additional information on each question see the Inspection Details section of the report.

Ministry Program: DRINKING WATER | Regulated Activity: DW Municipal Residential

ltem	Question	Compliance Response/Corrective Action(s)
NC-1	Question ID:	The following instance(s) of non-compliance
	DWMR1115001	were also noted during the inspection: Required monthly sampling of Total Suspended
	Were the inspection questions sufficient to address other non-compliance items identified during the inspection period?	Solids (TSS) from the membrane reject water was missed January 2025. A notice of non-compliance was submitted by OCWA and sampling has resumed as required.
NC-2	Question ID: DWMR1033001	Secondary disinfectant residual was not tested as required for the large municipal residential distribution system.
	Was secondary disinfectant residual tested as required for the large municipal residential distribution system?	It should be confirmed that all operators are trained and aware of this requirement as well a appropriate record keeping practices.

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#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

This should not be construed as a confirmation of full conformance with all potential applicable BMPs. These inspection findings are limited to the components and/or activities that were assessed, and the legislative framework(s) that were applied. It remains the responsibility of the owner to ensure compliance with all applicable legislative and regulatory requirements.

If you have any questions related to this inspection, please contact the signed Provincial Officer.

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#### **INSPECTION DETAILS**

This section includes all questions that were assessed during the inspection.

Ministry Program: DRINKING WATER | Regulated Activity: DW Municipal Residential

Question ID	DWMR1012001	Question Type	Legislative
Legislative F	Requirement(s):		
SDWA   31	(1);		

#### Question:

Did the owner have a harmful algal bloom monitoring plan in place that met the requirements of the Municipal Drinking Water Licence?

#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

The owner had a harmful algal bloom monitoring plan in place which met the requirements.

Question ID	DWMR1014001	Question Type	Legislative
Legislative R	equirement(s):		

SDWA | 31 | (1);

#### Question:

Was flow monitoring performed as required by the Municipal Drinking Water Licence or Drinking Water Works Permit?

#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Flow monitoring was performed as required.

Little Current Water Treatment Plant is in compliance with Condition 2.1 of Schedule C of MDWL 197-102, which requires that flow is continuously measured and recorded for:

- treated water from the treatment subsystem to the distribution system, and;
- raw water that flows into the treatment system.

Raw water flow is measured by two meters recording the flow into each filter train. To get the total raw flow into the treatment system, the values from each meter must be added.

Question ID	stion ID DWMR1016001 Question Type Legislative			
Legislative R SDWA   31   (	Requirement(s): (1);			
Question:				

Was the owner in compliance with the conditions associated with maximum flow rate or the rated/operational capacity in the Municipal Drinking Water Licence?

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#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

The owner was in compliance with the conditions associated with maximum flow rate and/or the rated/operational capacity conditions.

Condition 1.1 of Schedule C of MDWL 197-102 states the maximum daily volume of treated water that flows from the treatment subsystem to the distribution system shall not exceed 3,100 m3/day.

A review of the treated water flow data indicates that there were no exceedances during this review period.

Question ID DWMR1018001 Question Type Legislative

#### Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | 31 | (1);

#### Question:

Did the owner ensure that equipment was installed in accordance with Schedule A and Schedule C of the Drinking Water Works Permit?

#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

The owner ensured that equipment was installed as required.

Question ID DWMR1021001 Question Type Legislative

#### Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | 31 | (1);

#### Question:

Were Form 2 documents prepared as required?

#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Form 2 documents were prepared as required.

January 13, 2025 - Two-stage air dryer installed post compressors.

Question ID DWMR1025001 Question Type Legislative

#### Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | 31 | (1);

#### Question:

Were all parts of the drinking water system that came in contact with drinking water disinfected in accordance with a procedure listed in Schedule B of the Drinking Water Works Permit?

#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

All parts of the drinking water system were disinfected as required.

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Question ID	DWMR1023001	Question Type Legislative	

#### Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 1-2 | (2);

#### Question:

Did records indicate that the treatment equipment was operated in a manner that achieved the design capabilities prescribed by O. Reg. 170/03, Drinking Water Works Permit and/or Municipal Drinking Water Licence at all times that water was being supplied to consumers?

#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Records indicated that the treatment equipment was operated in a manner that achieved the design capabilities prescribed.

The Little Current WTP uses a process that includes membrane filtration followed by chemical disinfection with sodium hypochlorite to achieve the required log removal/inactivation credits for cryptosporidium, giardia and viruses.

The filtration component of this plant is designed for 2 log removal/inactivation of cryptosporidium and 3 log removal/inactivation of giardia. The filters are regularly backwashed while in operation, with maintenance and acid cleans completed as necessary. The transmembrane pressure is continuously monitored through the SCADA and the membrane integrity tests are completed on a regular schedule. Turbidimeters and particle counters are located on each filter effluent line and monthly filter efficiency reports are produced to ensure the plant meets the criterion each month.

The disinfection component of this plant is designed for 0.5 log inactivation of giardia and 2 log inactivation of viruses.

It was determined by the design engineer that, based on "worst case" conditions, a chlorine residual of 0.9 mg/L would need to be maintained. If a low chlorine alarm from the contact tank is received, operators usually complete a CT calculation to ensure that proper disinfection was achieved. Continuous chlorine residual sample is drawn just past the contact tank.

The online CT calculator requires operators to manually update the pH and temperature to match current values.

Process data and supporting documentation provided during the course of the inspection indicates that the Little Current Water Treatment Plant is operating in accordance with the above requirements.

Question ID	DWMR1024001	Question Type	Legislative
_	equirement(s): eg. 170/03   1-2   (2);		

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#### Question:

Did records confirm that the water treatment equipment which provides chlorination or chloramination for secondary disinfection was operated as required?

#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Records confirmed that the water treatment equipment which provides chlorination or chloramination for secondary disinfection was operated as required.

A review of the provided documents confirms that distribution chlorine residuals were above 0.5 mg/L throughout the inspection review period.

Question ID DWMR1033001	Question Type	Legislative
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#### Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 7-2 | (3); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 7-2 | (4);

#### Question:

Was secondary disinfectant residual tested as required for the large municipal residential distribution system?

#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Secondary disinfectant residual was not tested as required for the large municipal residential distribution system.

It should be confirmed that all operators are trained and aware of this requirement as well as appropriate record keeping practices.

Each week, 7 chlorine residual samples are required to be taken from the distribution system. If readings are not taken daily, the seven samples can be split between two days, with four samples taken on one day and three samples on another day, with at least 48 hours between.

A review of the provided documentation indicates distribution chlorine residuals were not collected as required for the following weeks:

February 5, 2025 – 1 missed

February 12, 2025 – 3 missed

February 19, 2025 - 4 missed

February 26, 2025 - 1 missed

June 3, 2024 – 2 missed

July 8, 2024 – 1 missed

It should be noted that the operator at the time the above noted distribution residuals were missed is no longer employed by OCWA.

Question ID	DWMR1030001	Ques	tion Type	Legislative	
Legislative Requirement(s):					
SDWA   O. Reg. 170/03   7-2   (1); SDWA   O. Reg. 170/03   7-2   (2);					

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#### Question:

Was primary disinfection chlorine monitoring being conducted at a location approved by Municipal Drinking Water Licence and/or Drinking Water Works Permit or at/near a location where the intended CT had just been achieved?

#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Primary disinfection chlorine monitoring was conducted as required.

Question ID DWMR1032001

**Question Type** 

Legislative

Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 7-3 | (2);

#### Question:

If the drinking water system obtained water from a surface water source and provided filtration, was continuous monitoring of each filter effluent line performed for turbidity?

#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Continuous monitoring of each filter effluent line was performed for turbidity.

Turbidimeters and particle counters are located on each filter effluent line and monthly filter efficiency reports are produced to ensure the plant meets the criterion each month.

Question ID

DWMR1035001

**Question Type** 

Legislative

Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 6-5 | (1)1-4;

#### Question:

Were operators examining continuous monitoring test results and did they examine the results within 72 hours of the test?

#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Operators were examining continuous monitoring test results as required.

Question ID

DWMR1038001

**Question Type** 

Legislative

Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 6-5 | (1)1-4;

#### Question:

Was continuous monitoring equipment that was being utilized to fulfill O. Reg. 170/03 requirements performing tests for the parameters with at least the minimum frequency and recording data with the prescribed format?

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#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Continuous monitoring equipment that was being utilized to fulfill O. Reg. 170/03 requirements was performing tests for the parameters with at least the minimum frequency and recording data with the prescribed format.

Question ID DWMR1037001	Question Type	Legislative	
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Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 6-5 | (1)5-10; SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 6-5 | (1.1);

#### Question:

Were all continuous monitoring equipment utilized for sampling and testing required by O. Reg. 170/03, or Municipal Drinking Water Licence or Drinking Water Works Permit or order, equipped with alarms or shut-off mechanisms that satisfied the standards described in Schedule 6?

#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

All required continuous monitoring equipment utilized for sampling and testing were equipped with alarms or shut-off mechanisms that satisfied the standards

Alarms on continuous monitoring equipment include the following:

- Treated turbidity high alarm and lockout at 1.0 NTU;
- Continuous monitoring equipment on each filter effluent line is alarmed at 0.1 NTU
- Low chlorine levels in treated water, alarm set point and lockout at 1.0mg/l.

Question ID	DWMR1040001	Question Type	Legislative
Logislative P	equirement(s):		

#### Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 6-5 | (1)1-4; SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 6-5 | (1)5-10;

#### Question:

Were all continuous analysers calibrated, maintained, and operated, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions or the regulation?

#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

All continuous analysers were calibrated, maintained, and operated as required.

OCWA pursues a calibration frequency of once per month. The calibration and maintenance of analyzers is part of the electronic maintenance management system.

Question ID	DWMR1108001	Question Type	Legislative		
Legislative Requirement(s):					
SDWA   O. Reg. 170/03   6-5   (1)5-10; SDWA   O. Reg. 170/03   6-5   (1.1);					

#### Question:

Where continuous monitoring equipment used for the monitoring of free chlorine residual, total chlorine residual, combined chlorine residual or turbidity, required by O. Reg. 170/03,

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Municipal Drinking Water Licence, Drinking Water Works Permit, or order triggered an alarm or an automatic shut-off, did a qualified person respond as required and take appropriate actions?

#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

A qualified person responded as required and took appropriate actions.

Question ID	DWMR1099001	Question Type	Information

#### Legislative Requirement(s):

Not Applicable

#### Question:

Do records show that water provided by the drinking water system met the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards?

#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Records showed that all water sample results met the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards.

Question ID	DWMR1083001	Question Type	Legislative

#### Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 10-3;

#### Question:

Were treated microbiological sampling requirements prescribed by Schedule 10-3 of O. Reg. 170/03 for large municipal residential systems met?

#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Treated microbiological sampling requirements were met.

Section 10-3 of Schedule 10 of O. Reg. 170/03 states that at least one treated water sample shall be collected every week and tested for EC, TC and HPC.

A review of the sampling data of this inspection period has indicated that such requirements were met.

Question ID	DWMR1081001	Question Type	Legislative

#### Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 10-2 | (1); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 10-2 | (2); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 10-2 | (3);

#### Question:

Were distribution microbiological sampling requirements prescribed by Schedule 10-2 of O. Reg. 170/03 for large municipal residential systems met?

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#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Distribution microbiological sampling requirements were met.

Section 10-2 of Schedule 10 of O. Reg. 170/03 states that for a system serving 100,000 people or less, at least eight distribution samples, plus one additional distribution sample for every 1,000 people served by the system, is taken every month, with at least one of the samples being taken in each week. All samples must be tested for EC, TC and 25% must also be tested for HPC.

The population served by this drinking water system is 1,700.

A review of the sampling data of this inspection period has indicated that such requirements were met.

	Question ID	DWMR1096001	Question Type	Legislative
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#### Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 6-3 | (1);

#### Question:

Did records confirm that chlorine residual tests were conducted at the same time and location as microbiological samples?

#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Records confirmed that chlorine residual tests were conducted as required.

Question ID	DWMR1084001	Question Type	Legislative		

#### Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 13-2;

#### Question:

Were inorganic parameter sampling requirements prescribed by Schedule 13-2 of O. Reg. 170/03 met?

#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Inorganic parameter sampling requirements were met.

Section 13-2 (1) of O. Reg. 170/03 states that a minimum of one sample is required to be collected every 12 months (surface water) and analyzed for the inorganic parameters specified in Schedule 23.

Sampling for these parameters was completed on January 8, 2024 and January 22, 2025.

All results were within the limits defined by the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards (ODWQS).

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Question ID	DWMR1085001	Question Type	Legislative

#### Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 13-4 | (1); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 13-4 | (2); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 13-4 | (3);

#### Question:

Were organic parameter sampling requirements prescribed by Schedule 13-4 of O. Reg. 170/03 met?

#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Organic parameter sampling requirements were met.

Section 13-4. (1) of O. Reg. 170/03 states that a minimum of one sample is required to be collected every 12 months (surface water) and analyzed for the inorganic parameters specified in Schedule 24.

Sampling for these parameters was completed on January 8, 2024 and January 22, 2025.

All results were within the limits defined by the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards (ODWQS).

Question ID	DWMR1086001	Question Type	Legislative	
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#### Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 13-6.1 | (1); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 13-6.1 | (2); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 13-6.1 | (3); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 13-6.1 | (4); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 13-6.1 | (5); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 13-6.1 | (6);

#### Question:

Were haloacetic acid sampling requirements prescribed by Schedule 13-6 of O. Reg. 170/03 met?

#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Haloacetic acid sampling requirements were met.

The standard for Haloacetic Acids is expressed as a Running Annual Average (RAA), where the RAA is defined as the average for quarterly HAA results for a drinking water system.

RAA results for the last 4 quarters are as follows:

 $Q1\ 2025 = 29.65\ ug/L$ 

 $Q4\ 2024 = 26.25\ ug/L$ 

 $Q3 2024 = 26.48 \, \text{ug/L}$ 

 $Q2\ 2024 = 26.95\ ug/L$ 

The running annual average was below the ODWQS limit of 80 ug/L throughout the last four quarters.

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Question ID DWMR1087001 Question Type Legislative

#### Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 13-6 | (1); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 13-6 | (2); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 13-6 | (3); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 13-6 | (4); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 13-6 | (5); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 13-6 | (6);

#### Question:

Were trihalomethane sampling requirements prescribed by Schedule 13-6 of O. Reg. 170/03 met?

#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Trihalomethane sampling requirements were met.

The standard for trihalomethanes (THMs) is expressed as a Running Annual Average (RAA), where the RAA is defined as the average for quarterly THM results for a drinking water system.

RAA results for the last 4 quarters are as follows:

 $Q1\ 2025 = 41.5\ ug/L$ 

 $Q4\ 2024 = 39.5\ ug/L$ 

 $Q3\ 2024 = 54.5\ ug/L$ 

 $Q2\ 2024 = 54.75\ ug/L$ 

The running annual average was below the ODWQS limit of 100 ug/L throughout the last four quarters.

Question ID DWMR1088001 Question Type Legislative

#### Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 13-7;

#### Question:

Were nitrate/nitrite sampling requirements prescribed by Schedule 13-7 of O. Reg. 170/03 met?

#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Nitrate/nitrite sampling requirements were met.

Provided sample results show nitrate/nitrite levels are below ODWQS limits.

 Question ID
 DWMR1089001
 Question Type
 Legislative

#### Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 13-8;

#### Question:

Were sodium sampling requirements prescribed by Schedule 13-8 of O. Reg. 170/03 met?

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#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Sodium sampling requirements were met.

Schedule 13-8 of the O. Reg. 170/03 requires at least one sample to be collected every 60 months and tested for sodium. A sample result of greater than 20 mg/L is considered an adverse result.

Sampling for this parameter was last completed on July 4, 2024 and the result was 4.51 mg/L.

Question ID DWMR1090001	<b>Question Type</b>	Legislative	
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#### Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 13-9;

#### Question:

Where fluoridation is not practiced, were fluoride sampling requirements prescribed by Schedule 13-9 of O. Reg. 170/03 met?

#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Fluoride sampling requirements were met.

Schedule 13-9 of the O. Reg. 170/03 requires at least one sample to be collected every 60 months and tested for fluoride.

Sampling for this parameter was last completed on January 10, 2022, and the result was 0.06 mg/L, the ODWQS limit is 1.5 mg/L.

Question ID	DWMR1104001	<b>Question Type</b>	Legislative

#### Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 16-6 | (1); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 16-6 | (2); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 16-6 | (3); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 16-6 | (3.1); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 16-6 | (3.2); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 16-6 | (4); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 16-6 | (5); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 16-6 | (6);

#### Question:

Were immediate verbal notification requirements for adverse water quality incidents met?

#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Immediate verbal notification requirements for adverse water quality incidents were met.

Question ID	DWMR1101001	<b>Question Type</b>	Legislative
SDWA   O. Re	<b>equirement(s):</b> eg. 170/03   17-1; SDWA   O. Reg. A   O. Reg. 170/03   17-12; SDWA		

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170/03 | 17-14; SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 17-2; SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 17-3; SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 17-4; SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 17-5; SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 17-6; SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 17-9;

#### Question:

For large municipal residential systems, were corrective actions, including any steps directed by the Medical Officer of Health, taken to address adverse conditions?

#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Corrective actions were taken to address adverse conditions.

Question ID	DWMR1113001	Question Type	Legislative
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#### Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 10.1 | (3);

#### Question:

Were changes to the system registration information provided to the ministry within ten (10) days of the change?

#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Changes to the system registration information were provided as required.

Question ID	DWMR1060001	Question Type	Legislative
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#### Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | 31 | (1);

#### Question:

Did the operations and maintenance manual(s) meet the requirements of the Municipal Drinking Water Licence?

#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

The operations and maintenance manual(s) met the requirements of the Municipal Drinking Water Licence.

Question ID DWMR1062001 Question Type Legislative	Question ID	Question ID
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#### Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 7-5;

#### Question:

Did records or other record keeping mechanisms confirm that operational testing not performed by continuous monitoring equipment was done by a certified operator, water quality analyst, or person who met the requirements of Schedule 7-5 of O. Reg. 170/03?

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#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Records or other record keeping mechanisms confirmed that operational testing not performed by continuous monitoring equipment was done by a certified operator, water quality analyst, or person who met the requirements of Schedule 7-5 of O. Reg. 170/03.

Question ID DWMR1071001	Question Type	BMP
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Legislative Requirement(s):

Not Applicable

#### Question:

Did the owner provide security measures to protect components of the drinking water system?

#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

The owner provided security measures to protect components of the drinking water system.

The water treatment plant is locked at all times and is equipped with an intruder alarm.

Question ID	DWMR1073001	Question Type	Legislative	
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#### Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | O. Reg. 128/04 | 23 | (1);

#### Question:

Was an overall responsible operator designated for all subsystems which comprise the drinking water system?

#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

An overall responsible operator was designated for all subsystem.

Question ID DWMR1074001 Question Type Legislative

#### Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | O. Reg. 128/04 | 25 | (1);

#### Question:

Were operators-in-charge designated for all subsystems which comprise the drinking water system?

#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Operators-in-charge were designated for all subsystems.

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Question ID DWMR1075001 Question Type Legislative

Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | O. Reg. 128/04 | 22;

Question:

Were all operators certified as required?

Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

All operators were certified as required.

Question ID DWMR1076001 Question Type Legislative

Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 1-2 | (2);

Question:

Were adjustments to the treatment equipment only made by certified operators?

Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Adjustments to the treatment equipment were only made by certified operators.

Question IDDWMR1115001Question TypeLegislative

#### Legislative Requirement(s):

Not Applicable

#### Question:

Were the inspection questions sufficient to address other non-compliance items identified during the inspection period?

#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

The following instance(s) of non-compliance were also noted during the inspection: Required monthly sampling of Total Suspended Solids (TSS) from the membrane reject water was missed January 2025. A notice of non-compliance was submitted by OCWA and sampling has resumed as required.

MDWL, Schedule C, Table 7 requires monthly samples of Total Suspended Solids (TSS) from the membrane reject water.

The sampling event for January 2025 was missed. A notice of non-compliance was submitted by OCWA and sampling has resumed as required.

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# APPENDIX A

**IRR** 

#### Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks - Inspection Summary Rating Record (Reporting Year - 2024-25)

DWS Name: LITTLE CURRENT DRINKING WATER SYSTEM

DWS Number: 220002191

DWS Owner: THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND

THE ISLANDS

Municipal Location: NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS

Regulation: O.REG. 170/03

**DWS Category:** DW Municipal Residential

Type of Inspection: Focused

Compliance Assessment Start Date: Jan-8-2025

Ministry Office: Sudbury District Office

#### **Maximum Risk Rating: 496**

<b>Inspection Module</b>	Non Compliance Risk (X out of Y)
Capacity Assessment	0/30
Certification and Training	0/42
Logbooks	0/14
Operations Manuals	0/14
Other Inspection Findings	0/0
Reporting & Corrective Actions	0/70
Source	0/0
Treatment Processes	21/214
Water Quality Monitoring	0/112
Overall - Calculated	21/496

Inspection Risk Rating: 4.23%

Final Inspection Rating: 95.77%

#### Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks - Detailed Inspection Rating Record (Reporting Year - 2024-25)

DWS Name: LITTLE CURRENT DRINKING WATER SYSTEM

DWS Number: 220002191

DWS Owner Name: THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS

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Regulation: O.REG. 170/03

**DWS Category:** DW Municipal Residential

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Assessment Start Date: Jan-8-2025

Ministry Office: Sudbury District Office

Non-Compliance Question(s)	Non Compliance Risk	
Other Inspection Findings		
Were the inspection questions sufficient to address other non-compliance items identified during the inspection period?	0	
Treatment Processes		
Was secondary disinfectant residual tested as required for the large municipal residential distribution system?	21	
Overall - Total	21	

**Maximum Question Rating: 496** 

**Inspection Risk Rating:** 4.23%

FINAL INSPECTION RATING: 95.77%

# **APPENDIX B**

# RISK METHODOLOGY

# RISK METHODOLOGY

# USED FOR MEASURING MUNICIPAL RESIDENTIAL DRINKING WATER SYSTEM INSPECTION RESULTS



The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) has a rigorous and comprehensive inspection program for municipal residential drinking water systems (MRDWS). Its objective is to determine the compliance of MRDWS with requirements under the Safe Drinking Water Act and associated regulations. It is the responsibility of the municipal residential drinking water system owner to ensure their drinking water systems are in compliance with all applicable legal requirements.

This document describes the risk rating methodology, which has been applied to the findings of the Ministry's MRDWS inspection

results since fiscal year 2008-09. The primary goals of this assessment are to encourage ongoing improvement of these systems and to establish a way to measure this progress.

MOE reviews the risk rating methodology every three years.

The Ministry's Municipal Residential Drinking Water Inspection Protocol contains 15 inspection modules consisting of approximately 100 regulatory questions. Those protocol questions are also linked to definitive guidance that ministry inspectors use when conducting MRDWS inspections.

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The questions address a wide range of regulatory issues, from administrative procedures to drinking water quality monitoring. The inspection protocol also contains a number of non-regulatory questions.

A team of drinking water specialists in the ministry assessed each of the inspection protocol regulatory questions to determine the risk (not complying with the regulation) to the delivery of safe drinking water. This assessment was based on established provincial risk assessment principles, with each question receiving a risk rating referred to as the Question Risk Rating. Based on the number of areas where a system is deemed to be non-compliant during the inspection, and the significance of these areas to administrative, environmental, and health consequences, a risk-based inspection rating is calculated by the ministry for each drinking water system.

It is important to be aware that an inspection rating less than 100 per cent does not mean the drinking water from the system is unsafe. It shows areas where a system's operation can improve. The ministry works with owners and operators of systems to make sure they know what they need to do to achieve full compliance.

The inspection rating reflects the inspection results of the specific drinking water system for the reporting year. Since the methodology is applied consistently over a period of years, it serves as a comparative measure both provincially and in relation to the individual system. Both the drinking water system and the public are able to track the performance over time, which encourages continuous improvement and allows systems to identify specific areas requiring attention.

The ministry's annual inspection program is an important aspect of our drinking water safety net. The ministry and its partners share a common commitment to excellence and we continue to work toward the goal of 100 per cent regulatory compliance.

#### **Determining Potential to Compromise** the Delivery of Safe Water

The risk management approach used for MRDWS is aligned with the Government of Ontario's Risk Management Framework. Risk management is a systematic approach to identifying potential hazards, understanding the likelihood and consequences of the hazards, and taking steps to reduce their risk if necessary and as appropriate.

The Risk Management Framework provides a formula to be used in the determination of risk:

## RISK = LIKELIHOOD × CONSEQUENCE (of the consequence)

Every regulatory question in the inspection protocol possesses a likelihood value (L) for an assigned consequence value (C) as described in **Table 1** and **Table 2**.

TABLE 1:							
Likelihood of Consequence Occurring	Likelihood Value						
0% - 0.99% (Possible but Highly Unlikely)	L = 0						
1 – 10% (Unlikely)	L=1						
11 - 49% (Possible)	L = 2						
50 – 89% (Likely)	L = 3						
90 – 100% (Almost Certain)	L = 4						

TABLE 2:						
Consequence	Consequence Value					
Medium Administrative Consequence	C = 1					
Major Administrative Consequence	C = 2					
Minor Environmental Consequence	C = 3					
Minor Health Consequence	C = 4					
Medium Environmental Consequence	C = 5					
Major Environmental Consequence	C = 6					
Medium Health Consequence	C = 7					
Major Health Consequence	C = 8					

The consequence values (0 through 8) are selected to align with other risk-based programs and projects currently under development or in use within the ministry as outlined in **Table 2**.

The Question Risk Rating for each regulatory inspection question is derived from an evaluation of every identified consequence and its corresponding likelihood of occurrence:

- All levels of consequence are evaluated for their potential to occur
- Greatest of all the combinations is selected.

The Question Risk Rating quantifies the risk of non-compliance of each question relative to the others. Questions with higher values are those with a potentially more significant impact on drinking water safety and a higher likelihood of occurrence. The highest possible value would be  $32 (4 \times 8)$  and the lowest would be  $0 (0 \times 1)$ .

**Table 3** presents a sample question showing the risk rating determination process.

TABLE 3:									
Does the Operator in Charge ensure that the equipment and processes are monitored, inspected and evaluated?									
Risk = Likelihood × Consequence									
C=1	C=2	C=3	C=4	C=5	C=6	C=7	C=8		
Medium Administrative Consequence	<b>Major</b> Administrative Consequence	Minor Environmental Consequence	Minor Health Consequence	Medium Environmental Consequence	Major Environmental Consequence	Medium Health Consequence	<b>Major</b> Health Consequence		
L=4 (Almost Certain)	L=1 (Unlikely	L=2 (Possible)	L=3 (Likely)	L=3 (Likely)	L=1 (Unlikely	L=3 (Likely)	L=2 (Possible)		
R=4	R=2	R=6	R=12	R=15	R=6	R=21	R=16		

#### Application of the Methodology to Inspection Results

Based on the results of a MRDWS inspection, an overall inspection risk rating is calculated. During an inspection, inspectors answer the questions related to regulatory compliance and input their "yes", "no" or "not applicable" responses into the Ministry's Laboratory and Waterworks Inspection System (LWIS) database. A "no" response indicates noncompliance. The maximum number of regulatory questions asked by an inspector varies by: system (i.e., distribution, stand-alone); type of inspection (i.e., focused, detailed); and source type (i.e., groundwater, surface water).

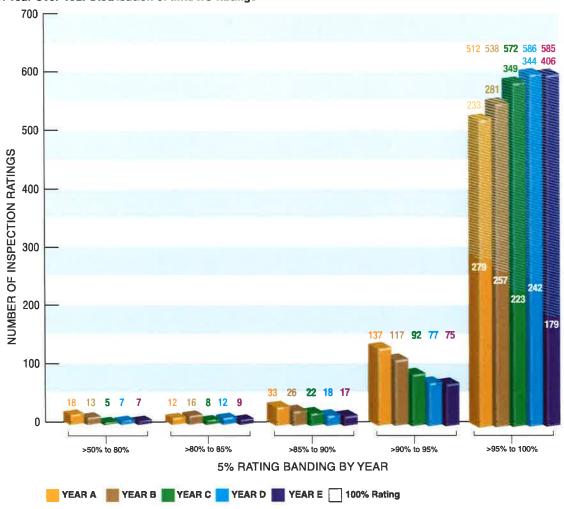
The risk ratings of all non-compliant answers are summed and divided by the sum of the risk ratings of all questions asked (maximum question rating). The resulting inspection risk rating (as a percentage) is subtracted from 100 per cent to arrive at the final inspection rating.

#### **Application of the Methodology for Public Reporting**

The individual MRDWS Total Inspection Ratings are published with the ministry's Chief Drinking Water Inspector's Annual Report.

**Figure 1** presents the distribution of MRDWS ratings for a sample of annual inspections. Individual drinking water systems can compare against all the other inspected facilities over a period of inspection years.

Figure 1: Year Over Year Distribution of MRDWS Ratings



#### Reporting Results to MRDWS Owners/Operators

A summary of inspection findings for each system is generated in the form of an Inspection Rating Record (IRR). The findings are grouped into the 15 possible modules of the inspection protocol,

which would provide the system owner/operator with information on the areas where they need to improve. The 15 modules are:

- 1. Source
- 2. Permit to Take Water
- 3. Capacity Assessment
- 4. Treatment Processes
- 5. Treatment Process Monitoring
- 6. Process Wastewater
- 7. Distribution System
- 8. Operations Manuals
- 9. Logbooks
- 10. Contingency and Emergency Planning
- 11. Consumer Relations
- 12. Certification and Training
- 13. Water Quality Monitoring
- 14. Reporting, Notification and Corrective Actions
- 15. Other Inspection Findings

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# APPENDIX C

# KEY REFERENCE AND GUIDANCE MATERIAL FOR MUNICIPAL RESIDENTIAL DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS

# **Key Reference and Guidance Material for Municipal Residential Drinking Water Systems**

Many useful materials are available to help you operate your drinking water system. Below is a list of key materials owners and operators of municipal residential drinking water systems frequently use.

To access these materials online click on their titles below or use your web browser to search for their titles. Contact the Ministry if you need assistance or have questions at 1-866-793-2588 or waterforms@ontario.ca.

For more information on Ontario's drinking water visit www.ontario.ca/page/drinking-water



#### Click on the publication below to access it

- Drinking Water System Profile Information Form 012-2149E
- Laboratory Services Notification Form 012-2148E
- Adverse Test Result Notification Form 012-4444E
- Taking Care of Your Drinking Water: A Guide for Members of Municipal Councils
- Procedure for Disinfection of Drinking Water in Ontario
- Strategies for Minimizing the Disinfection Products Trihalomethanes and Haloacetic Acids
- Filtration Processes Technical Bulletin
- Ultraviolet Disinfection Technical Bulletin
- Guide for Applying for Drinking Water Works Permit Amendments, & License Amendments
- Certification Guide for Operators and Water Quality Analysts
- Training Requirements for Drinking Water Operator
- Community Sampling and Testing for Lead: Standard and Reduced Sampling and Eligibility for Exemption
- Drinking Water System Contact List 7128E01
- Ontario's Drinking Water Quality Management Standard Pocket Guide
- 2020 Watermain Disinfection Procedure
- List of Licensed Laboratories

