



## Staff Report

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**Report To:** Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer  
**From:** **Don Giberson, Environmental Services Director**  
**Date:** March 5 2018  
**Report:** ESD.18.03  
**Subject:** 2017 Drinking Water System Annual Compliance Report to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change

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### **Recommendations:**

**That** South Huron Council receive the report from Don Giberson, ESD Director RE: 2017 Drinking Water System Annual Compliance Report to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to notify Council of regulatory compliance with respect to the South Huron drinking water system.

### **Background and Analysis:**

The *Ontario Drinking Water Systems Regulation O. Reg. 170/03* requires that an annual report be prepared for the preceding calendar year prior to February 28<sup>th</sup> for every registered Drinking Water System. The owner of a drinking water system shall ensure that a copy of the annual report be made readily available to the public and to every person who requests a copy. However, it is no longer a regulatory requirement to submit this report to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC).

This annual report is required to include the following information, for the period covered by the report:

- (a) a description of the drinking water system, including a list of water treatment chemicals used;
- (b) a summary of any reports made to the MOECC;
- (c) a summary of the results of tests required under Regulation 170/03, or under an approval, municipal drinking water license, or order, including an OWRA order;
- (d) a description of any corrective actions taken;
- (e) a description of major expenses incurred to install, repair or replace required equipment; and
- (f) a statement of where the report will be available to be viewed.

The 2017 MOECC Annual Drinking Water System Report was prepared for the South Huron Water Distribution System and forwarded by email to the MOECC, Sarnia and Windsor District Office on February 14, 2018.

A copy of the 2017 MOECC Annual Drinking Water System Report has been posted on the municipal web site; a copy has been made available to the public in the South Huron Public Library and at the front counter at the Municipal Office, 322 Main Street South, Exeter. Notification has also been published in the HUB and communicated on social media via Facebook and Twitter.

### **Operational Considerations:**

As this report is being presented for information purposes only, no alternatives are presented.

### **South Huron's Strategic Plan:**

Section 6.2.2 of the Municipality of South Huron 2015- 2019 Strategic Plan identifies key objectives that are reflective of the collective perspectives of the strategic planning process.

The recommendations and actions outlined in this report are reflective of the following strategic objectives:

#### Administrative Efficiency and Fiscal Responsibility

Informing Council of regulatory compliance, reduces liability and results in efficient use of time/resources.

#### Increased Communications and Municipal Leadership

Communicating information to Council related to drinking water, keeps Members of Council informed and assists in making informed decisions, resulting in good stewardship of the South Huron Drinking Water System.

Reports to Council and associated Media reporting, assists to keep the public informed of the performance of the Drinking Water System.

#### Transparent, Accountable and Collaborative Governance

Public reporting of the Drinking Water System Annual Compliance Report, demonstrates commitment to transparent, accountable and collaborative governance.

#### Dedicated Economic Development Effort

Informing Council of regulatory compliance results in increased public confidence; retention/attraction of businesses and economic development opportunities.

### **Financial Impact:**

There are no financial implications for the Corporation resulting from the proposed recommendation.

### **Legal Impact:**

There are no legal implications for the Corporation resulting from the proposed recommendation.

### **Staffing Impact:**

There are no staffing implications for the Corporation resulting from the proposed recommendation.

### **Policies/Legislation:**

1. Ontario Water Resources Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.40
2. Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002, S.O. 2002, c. 32
3. Clean Water Act, 2006, SO 2006, c 22
4. Ontario Regulation 170/03 - Drinking Water Systems
5. Ontario Regulation 188/07 - Licensing of Municipal Drinking Water Systems

### **Consultation:**

Shawn Young, Water/Sewer Foreman and Drinking Water System "Over-All-Responsible Operator" compiled the information and submitted the report to the Ministry.

## **Related Documents:**

2017 Drinking Water System Annual Compliance Report to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed within a faint rectangular border. The signature is stylized, with a large, loopy initial 'D' and 'G' followed by several vertical strokes and a long, sweeping horizontal line at the bottom.

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**Don Giberson, Environmental Services Director**