



## 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.18.02  
**Subject:** 2017 Mandatory reporting of Commercial and Industrial water consumption information to the MOECC

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### **Recommendations:**

**That** South Huron Council receive the report from Don Giberson, ESD Director RE: 2017 Mandatory reporting of Commercial and Industrial water consumption information to the MOECC

### **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:**

*Ontario Regulation 450/07* requires owners of municipal drinking water systems to report annually to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) water consumption information for large industrial and commercial users prior to the regulatory reporting deadline of March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. This regulation established a charge of \$3.71 per million litres of water used by phase one industrial and commercial water users.

This applies only to industrial and commercial users who withdraw more than 50,000 litres (50m<sup>3</sup>) on any single day in the previous calendar year. Agricultural, institutional and residential users are exempt. The MOECC

invoices industrial and commercial users directly using information provided by the Municipality.

In compliance with this regulation, the 2017 water consumption data for large industrial and commercial consumers was submitted online to the MOECC "Water Taking Reporting" web site on January 23, 2018. One South Huron industrial/commercial customer exceeded the threshold volume.

### **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.

#### Transparent, Accountable and Collaborative Governance

Public reporting of Commercial/Industrial water consumption, demonstrates commitment to transparent, accountable and collaborative governance.

#### Dedicated Economic Development Effort

Informing Council of regulatory compliance results in increased public confidence; retention 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. Ontario Regulation 450/07

### **Consultation:**

The Environmental Services Administrative Assistant compiled the data and submitted the information online to the MOECC Water Taking Reporting web site.

### **Related Documents:**

None

Respectfully submitted,

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**Don Giberson, Environmental Services Director**