



## Staff Report

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**Report To:** Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer

**From:** **Don Giberson, Director of Infrastructure & Development**

**Date:** February 19 2019

**Report:** ESD.19.08

**Subject:** 2018 Mandatory reporting of Commercial and Industrial water consumption information to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

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### Recommendations:

**That** South Huron Council receive the report from Don Giberson, Director of Infrastructure and Development RE: 2018 Mandatory reporting of Commercial and Industrial water consumption information to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

### Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to notify Council of regulatory compliance with respect to the South Huron drinking water system and to protect the liability of those in an oversight role by ensuring that all Members of Council are fully informed.

### Background and Analysis:

*Ontario Regulation 450/07* requires owners of municipal drinking water systems to report annually to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) 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 Ministry invoices industrial and commercial users directly using information provided by the Municipality.

In compliance with this regulation, the 2018 water consumption data for large industrial and commercial consumers was submitted online to the MECP "Water Taking Reporting" web site on January 30, 2019. 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

Increased Communications and Municipal Leadership

Transparent, Accountable and Collaborative Governance

Dedicated Economic Development Effort

### **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:**

Administrative Assistant, Ange Barnes, compiled the data and submitted the information online to the MECP Water Taking Reporting web site.

**Related Documents:**

None

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Don Giberson', enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape.

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**Don Giberson, Director of Infrastructure & Development**