



Staff Report

Report To: Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer

From: **Shawn Young, Manager of Environmental Services**

Date: February 22 2022

Report: ESD.22.02

Subject: 2021 Mandatory reporting of Commercial and Industrial water consumption information to the MECP.

Recommendations:

That South Huron Council receive the report from Shawn Young, Manager of Environmental Services RE: 2021 Mandatory reporting of Commercial and Industrial water consumption information to the MECP.

Purpose:

For information

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 31st 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 (50m³) 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 2021 water consumption data for large industrial and commercial consumers was submitted online to the MECP “Water Taking Reporting” web site on February 3, 2022. One South Huron industrial/commercial customer exceeded the threshold volume and this information was provide to the MECP.

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.

Communication Actions:

Information will be communicated to the public by publication of the Council Agenda and Minutes.

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. Don Giberson, General Manager of Infrastructure and Development was consulted on this report.

Related Documents:

None

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Young, Manager of Environmental Services