

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

From: Shawn Young, Manager of Environmental

**Services** 

**Date:** February 22 2022

**Report:** ESD.22.01

**Subject:** 2021 Drinking Water System Annual Compliance

Report to the Ministry of the Environment,

Conservation and Parks

#### **Recommendations:**

**That** South Huron Council receive the report from Shawn Young, Manager of Environmental Services RE: 2021 Drinking Water System Annual Compliance Report to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

# **Purpose:**

For information

## **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, Conservation and Parks (MECP).

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 MECP;
- a summary of the results of tests required under Regulation 170/03, or under an approval, municipal drinking water license, or order, including an OWRC 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 2021 MECP Annual Drinking Water System Report was prepared for the South Huron Water Distribution System and forwarded by email to the MECP, Sarnia and Windsor District Office on February 1, 2022.

In accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act, the 2020 MECP Annual Drinking Water System Report will be published and available to the public.

### **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:**

A copy of the 2021 MECP 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.

## **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:**

Don Giberson, General Manager of Infrastructure and Development and Ange Barnes, Compliance Coordinator, were consulted on this report

#### **Related Documents:**

1. 2021 Drinking Water System Annual Compliance Report to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Respectfully submitted,

**Shawn Young, Manager of Environmental Services**