

# Staff Report to Council

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**Report From:** Ange Barnes, Compliance Coordinator

**Meeting Date:** February 3 2025

**Report:** ESD- 02-2025

Mandatory reporting of 2024 Commercial and Industrial water consumption information to the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks

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## **Recommendation**

**That South Huron Council receive Staff Report ESD02–2025 - Mandatory reporting of 2024 Commercial and Industrial water consumption information to the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks.**

## Report Overview

<b>Purpose of Report</b>	For Information
<b>Council Priority Alignment</b>	Planning For and Managing Sustainable Growth  Infrastructure Investment/Asset Management Plan
<b>Consultations</b>	<b>Don Giberson, Infrastructure &amp; Development General Manager</b>  <b>Alyssa Keller, Environmental Services Manager</b>
<b>Attachment(s) to Report</b>	None

## Report Highlights

- The 2024 Commercial and Industrial water consumption information has been submitted to the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks as required under Ontario Regulation 450/07 prior to the regulatory deadline

## Context and Background

*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 withdrew 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 2024 water consumption data for large industrial and commercial consumers was submitted online to the MECP “Water Taking Reporting” website on January 15, 2025. Three South Huron industrial/commercial customers exceeded the threshold volume, and this information was provided to the Ministry.

## Discussion and Staff Recommendation(s)

Staff recommend receiving this report for information

## **Impact Analysis**

There are no financial, legal, operational or community implications for the Corporation resulting from the proposed recommendation in this report.

## **Linkages**

- [Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002, S.O. 2002, c. 32](#)
  - [Ontario Regulation 450/07](#)
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**Respectfully submitted,**

**Ange Barnes, Compliance Coordinator**

## Report Approval Details

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