

WASHAGO

**Water Supply and
Distribution System
DWS# 220005161**



2019 Summary Report

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To December 31, 2019**

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Overview and Background

Safe Drinking Water Act






Safe Drinking Water Act Ontario Regulation 170/03, Schedule 22-2, requires that owners of municipal drinking water systems prepare a Summary Report and present this report to the members of Municipal Council by March 31st of each year. The report is prepared for the previous calendar year and the following criteria must be included as per the regulation:

- a) List the requirements of the Act, the regulations, the system's approval, drinking water works permit, municipal drinking water license, and orders applicable to the system that was not met during the period covered by the report.
- b) For each requirement referred to in clause (a) that was not met specify the duration of the failure and the measures that were taken to correct the failure.
- c) A summary of the quantities and flow rates of the water supplied during the period covered by the report, including monthly average and maximum daily flows.
- d) A comparison of the summary referred to in (c) to the rated capacity and flow rates approved by the system's certificate of approval, drinking water works permit or municipal drinking water license.

This Summary Report also serves as a comprehensive review of the systems performance of the drinking water system as it relates to regulations and criteria that fall under the municipal drinking water licensing program.

Municipal Drinking Water Licensing Program

A Municipal Drinking Water License (MDWL) is required in Ontario to operate the drinking water system. The Municipal Drinking Water License (# 148-104 - Issue Number 3) was re-issued in May of 2016 and is valid until May 25, 2021. The reissuance was initiated by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) due to regulatory amendments that required timelines to be outlined in the MDWL. There are five requirements that must be achieved in order to obtain an MDWL:

-  A valid Drinking Water Works Permit (#148-204 Issue Number 3)
-  A valid Permit to Take Water for each source (#7611-APGJ7S)
-  An Operational Plan
-  Must have an Accredited Operating Authority (C0124837-DWQ3-C0124836)
-  A Financial Plan approved by Council

Introduction

System and Process Description

The Corporation of the Township of Severn is the owner and operator of the Washago Supply and Distribution System. The system was constructed in 1984. It currently has 120 residential and commercial service connections. It also supplies water to the Knob Hill/Somerset system that is comprised of 20 connections, owned and operated by the Township of Ramara. It is classified as a Class 2 Water Treatment system and a Class 2 Water Distribution system.

Source Water

The Washago Water Supply and Distribution System obtains its raw water from Lake Couchiching. The area of Lake Couchiching and Lake Simcoe combined is approximately 76,285ha with a total drainage area of approximately 3,850km². Lake Couchiching is part of the Trent Severn Waterway and is a controlled body of water with monitored water levels. Lake Couchiching has a surface area of 44.75 km² with a maximum depth of 12m and a mean depth of 6m. The Lake and its immediate watershed are underlain by limestone bedrock in the southern and western areas and with Precambrian bedrock along the northern and eastern areas.

Raw Water Characteristics

The raw water is of low turbidity and is of acceptable pH. The temperature varies widely between summer and winter. Raw water temperature can range from 0.5° Celsius to 25° Celsius.

Water Treatment

The Washago water treatment plant is located at 3398 Quetton. Raw water is treated through two Culligan filtration systems followed by GAC filtration. Primary disinfection takes place in the form of chlorine dioxide. The system also uses sodium hypochlorite for secondary disinfection. Water is delivered to the distribution system by three vertical turbine high lift pumps discharging the treated water through a common header.

Online analyzers monitor and record raw and treated water flows, chlorine, ORP, pH, and turbidity values. Level sensing probes record reservoir levels. The plant is also equipped with full SCADA control.

A propane fueled generator provides backup power to the plant and its equipment.

Water Distribution

The distribution system is comprised of 8.3 km of PVC water main ranging in size between 19 mm and 200 mm. There are 4 sample stations, 10 municipal fire hydrants and 1 private hydrant connected to the system. There is a recirculation line at dead ends of the system, water is circulated back to the water treatment plant. This ensures that the water at the ends of the distribution system maintains a chlorine residual.

Regulatory Compliance

All municipally owned and operated water systems are governed under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002, Ontario Water Resources Act (OWRA), and associated regulations. The following regulations, and associated standards and documents, are all applicable, and most relevant, to the compliant operation of the Township of Severn's Drinking Water system:

Ontario Regulation 170/03

This regulation includes requirements for:

- 💧 Sampling and analytical testing (microbiological and chemical)
- 💧 Adverse water quality incidents
- 💧 Corrective actions
- 💧 Continuous water quality monitoring

Ontario Regulation 169/03

This regulation includes requirements for:

- 💧 Water Quality Standards

Ontario Regulation 128/04

This regulation includes requirements for:

- 💧 Classifications of Drinking Water Systems
- 💧 Certifications and responsibilities of Operators
- 💧 Proper record keeping of the drinking water system

Wells Regulation 903

This regulation includes requirements for:

- 💧 Well maintenance
- 💧 Well specifications

Drinking Water Quality Management Standard (DWQMS)

This Standard specifies:

- 💧 Minimum requirements for the Quality Management System to allow for the accreditation of the Operating Authority

Municipal Drinking Water License

This document includes requirements for:

- 💧 Specific conditions / testing / monitoring
- 💧 Flow limits through the treatment system
- 💧 Regulatory relief conditions
- 💧 Operations & Maintenance manual criteria

Drinking Water Works Permit License

This document includes criteria for:

- 💧 Making alterations to the system

Summary of Non-Compliance and Adverse Water Quality Incidents

There were NO non-compliance or adverse water quality incidents that occurred in 2019.

DWQMS & Municipal Drinking Water Licensing Program

Third Party Audit and Accreditation

On an annual basis, a third party accreditation authority conducts an audit to determine whether the Quality Management System conforms to the requirements of the MECP Drinking Water Quality Management Standard (DWQMS). In November 2019, NSF International completed a satellite audit with no non-conformances noted.

Internal Audit

As per the DWQMS, an internal audit is to be conducted once per year.

September 23-24, 2019 an internal audit was conducted by Aet Group Inc. The findings were included during Management Review.

Management Review

As per the DWQMS, an annual Management Review is to be conducted and findings conveyed to the Owner. Management Reviews were conducted June 5 and December 10, 2019. The review included findings from the internal and external audits, MECP inspections and other prescribed items.

System Improvements and Maintenance

The following maintenance and improvements were carried out in 2019 in order to provide the highest possible drinking water quality:

1. The water distribution system was directionally flushed to maintain the drinking water quality.
2. Over 25% of the main valves in the distribution system were exercised to ensure their reliability.
3. The standby generator was tested under load monthly to ensure reliability.
4. All critical alarms were tested monthly to ensure reliability.
5. Drinking water quality was tested at the water treatment plant and in the distribution system weekly.

Microbiological Testing

E. Coli and Total Coliform

Bacteriological samples, to be tested for E. Coli and Total Coliforms, are taken weekly from the raw and treated water at the facility and from the distribution system. Extra samples are taken after major repairs or maintenance work as per Regulation 170/03. Any E. Coli or Total Coliform results above 0 in treated water must be reported to the MECP and Medical Officer of Health. Resamples and other required actions are undertaken as quickly as possible. The results from the 2019 sampling program are shown on the table below.

	Number of Samples	Range of E-Coli Results (cfu/100ml) (Min – Max) MAC=0	Range of Total Coliform Results (cfu/100ml) (Min – Max) MAC=0
Raw	52	0 - 32	0 - 600
Treated	158	0 - 0	0 - 0

Heterotrophic Plate Count (HPC)

HPC analyses are completed weekly from the distribution water for large systems. HPC should be less than 500 colonies (cfu) per 1mL. Results over 500 colonies (cfu) per 1 mL may indicate a change in water quality but it is not considered an indicator of unsafe water. The results from the 2019 sampling program are shown on the table below.

	Number of Samples	Range of HPC Results (cfu/1ml) (Min – Max)
Distribution	102	0 - 7

Chlorine Residual and Turbidity

Free chlorine levels of the treated water are monitored continuously at the discharge point of the treatment facility. In the distribution system, free chlorine is checked twice weekly at various locations. As a target, free chlorine residual within the distribution system should be above 0.20 mg/L. A free chlorine level, lower than 0.05 mg/L must be reported to MECP and corrective action taken. There were no reportable incidents in 2019. The results from the 2019 sampling program are shown on the table below.

Turbidity of treated water is continuously monitored at the treatment facility, as a change in turbidity can indicate an operational problem. Turbidity of untreated water from the wells are checked monthly. Turbidity is measured in Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU). The results from the 2019 sampling program are shown on the table below

Parameter	Number of Tests	Range of Results (Min – Max) Average
Chlorine residual in distribution (mg/L)	362	(0.85 – 1.81) 1.39
Chlorine residual after treatment (mg/L)	CONTINUOUS	(1.29 – 1.86) 1.57
Turbidity after treatment (NTU)	CONTINUOUS	(0.04 - 0.15) 0.06

Chemical Testing

The Safe Drinking Water Act requires periodic testing of the water for different chemical parameters. The latest results for all parameters are provided in Appendix A. The sampling frequency varies for different types and sizes of water systems and chemical parameters. If the concentration of a parameter is above half of the Maximum Allowable Concentration (MAC) under the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards, an increased testing frequency of once every three months is required by the Regulation. Where concerns regarding a parameter exist, the MECP can also require additional sampling be undertaken. Information on the health effects and allowable limits of components in drinking water may be found on the MECP web page.

Understanding Chemical Test Results

Tables below are shown with concentrations units of either milligrams per litre (mg/L) or micrograms per litre (µg/L) : 1 mg/L is equal to 1000 µg/L. The Maximum Acceptable Concentration (MAC) is the highest amount of a parameter that is acceptable in Municipal drinking water and can be found in the MECP Drinking Water Standards. The Method Detection Limit (MDL) is the lowest amount to which the laboratory can confidently measure. A result of “ND” stands for “Not Detected” and means that the concentration of the chemical is lower than the laboratory’s equipment is capable of measuring.

Nitrate and Nitrite samples are required every 3 months in normal operation

Parameter	Result Range Min - Max	Average	MAC (mg/L)	MDL (mg/L)
Nitrite (mg/L)	0.003 - 0.003	0.003	1	0.003
Nitrate (mg/L)	0.022 - 0.065	0.047	10	0.006

A Trihalomethane (THM) sample is required every 3 months from the distribution system

Parameter	Annual	Result (Avg.)	MAC (µg/L)	MDL (µg/L)
THM	2019	44.5	100	0.37

A Haloacetic Acids (HAA) sample is required every 3 months from the distribution system

Parameter	Annual	Result (Avg.)	MAC (µg/L)	MDL (µg/L)
HAA	2019	25.85	--	5.3

Summary of the most recent sodium and fluoride results

Parameter	Sample Date	Result (mg/L)	MAC (mg/L)	MDL (mg/L)
Sodium	2019	31.1	20	0.01
Fluoride	2018	0.06	1.5	0.06

Summary of the most recent lead testing results

Parameter	Sample Date	Result Range (Min – Max)	Number of samples	Acceptable Level
Distribution Alkalinity	2019	79- 111 mg/L	2	30 - 500 mg/L
Distribution pH	2019	7.5 – 7.6	2	6.5 - 8.5
Distribution Lead 2017	2019	0.06 - 0.14 µg/L	2	10 µg/L

Summary of the most recent Schedule 23/24 testing as per Regulation 170/03

All results are measured in µg/L unless otherwise stated.

Parameter	Sample Date	Result Value	MAC	MDL
Antimony	Oct. 29, 2019	0.13	6	0.09
Aluminum	Oct. 29, 2019	67	--	0.3
Arsenic	Oct. 29, 2019	0.4	10	0.2
Barium	Oct. 29, 2019	22.8	1000	0.02
Boron	Oct. 29, 2019	22	5000	2
Cadmium	Oct. 29, 2019	0.003	5	0.003
Chromium	Oct. 29, 2019	0.19	50	0.08
Mercury	Oct. 29, 2019	0.01	1	0.01
Selenium	Oct. 29, 2019	0.09	50	0.04
Uranium	Oct. 29, 2019	0.122	20	0.002
Benzene	Oct. 29, 2019	0.32	1	0.32
Carbon tetrachloride	Oct. 29, 2019	0.17	2	0.17
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	Oct. 29, 2019	0.41	200	0.41
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	Oct. 29, 2019	0.36	5	0.36

Parameter	Sample Date	Result Value	MAC	MDL
1,1-Dichloroethylene	Oct. 29, 2019	0.33	14	0.33
1,2-Dichloroethane	Oct. 29, 2019	0.35	5	0.35
Dichloromethane	Oct. 29, 2019	0.35	50	0.35
Monochlorobenzene	Oct. 29, 2019	0.3	80	0.3
Tetrachloroethylene	Oct. 29, 2019	0.35	10	0.35
Trichloroethylene	Oct. 29, 2019	0.44	5	0.44
Vinyl Chloride	Oct. 29, 2019	0.17	1	0.17
Bromoform	Oct. 29, 2019	0.34	--	0.34
Bromodichloromethane	Oct. 29, 2019	12	--	.26
Chloroform	Oct. 29, 2019	26	--	0.29
Dibromochloromethane	Oct. 29, 2019	3.4	--	0.37
Diquat	Oct. 29, 2019	<1	70	1
Paraquat	Oct. 29, 2019	<1	10	1
Glyphosate	Oct. 29, 2019	<1	280	1
PCBs	Oct. 29, 2019	0.04	3	0.04
Benzo(a)pyrene	Oct. 29, 2019	0.004	0.01	0.004
Alachlor	Oct. 29, 2019	0.02	5	0.02
Atrazine+N-dealkylated metabolites	Oct. 29, 2019	0.01	5	0.01
Atrazine	Oct. 29, 2019	0.01	--	0.01
Desethyl atrazine	Oct. 29, 2019	0.01	--	0.01
Azinphos-methyl	Oct. 29, 2019	0.05	20	0.05
Carbaryl	Oct. 29, 2019	0.05	90	0.05
Carbofuron	Oct. 29, 2019	0.01	90	0.01
Chlorpyrifos	Oct. 29, 2019	0.02	90	0.02
Diazinon	Oct. 29, 2019	0.02	20	0.02
Dimethoate	Oct. 29, 2019	0.06	20	0.06
Diuron	Oct. 29, 2019	0.03	150	0.03
Malathion	Oct. 29, 2019	0.02	190	0.02
Metolachlor	Oct. 29, 2019	0.01	50	0.01
Metribuzin	Oct. 29, 2019	0.02	80	0.02
Phorate	Oct. 29, 2019	0.01	2	0.01
Prometryne	Oct. 29, 2019	0.03	1	0.03
Simazine	Oct. 29, 2019	0.01	10	0.01
Terbufos	Oct. 29, 2019	0.01	1	0.01
Triallate	Oct. 29, 2019	0.01	230	0.01
Trifluralin	Oct. 29, 2019	0.02	45	0.02
2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid	Oct. 29, 2019	0.19	100	0.19

Parameter	Sample Date	Result Value	MAC	MDL
Bromoxynil	Oct. 29, 2019	0.33	5	0.33
Dicamba	Oct. 29, 2019	0.20	120	0.20
Dichlofop-methyl	Oct. 29, 2019	0.40	9	0.40
MCPA (mg/L)	Oct. 29, 2019	0.00012	0.1	0.00012
Picloram	Oct. 29, 2019	<1	190	1
2,4-dichlorophenol	Oct. 29, 2019	0.15	900	0.15
2,4,6-trichlorophenol	Oct. 29, 2019	0.25	5	0.25
2,3,4,6-tetrachlorophenol	Oct. 29, 2019	0.20	100	0.2
Pentachlorophenol	Oct. 29, 2019	0.15	60	0.15

Water Quantity

Continuous monitoring of flow rates from source water into the treatment system and from the facility into the distribution system is required by Regulation 170/03. The Municipal Drinking Water License and Permit to Take Water issued by the MECP regulate the amount of water that can be utilized over a given time period. A summary of the 2019 flows are provided in the tables below.

FLOW SUMMARY	QUANTITY
Permit to Take Water Limit	544.3 m ³ /day
Municipal Drinking Water License Limit	544.3 m ³ /day
2019 Average Daily Flow	102 m ³ /day
2019 Maximum Daily Flow	242 m ³
2019 Total Amount of Water Supplied	37155 m ³

Summary of Raw Flows

Month	Monthly Total (m ³)
January	2671
February	2354
March	2738
April	2592
May	2983
June	3455
July	4019
August	4353
September	4138
October	5956
November	3207
December	2385
TOTAL	40551

Summary of Distribution Flows

Month	Monthly Total (m ³)	Average Daily Flow (m ³ /day)	Minimum Daily Flow (m ³ /day)	Maximum Daily Flow (m ³ /day)
January	2413	78	66	89
February	2116	76	58	83
March	2491	80	62	100
April	2381	79	64	93
May	2714	88	63	116
June	2885	96	79	148
July	3704	119	93	150
August	4000	129	98	159
September	3810	127	110	146
October	5527	178	242	111
November	2920	97	63	148
December	2194	71	57	89
TOTAL	37155			

Appendix A – Flow Charts

