

Report to Civic Works Committee

To: Chair and Members
Civic Works Committee

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Subject: 2023 Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Inspection of the City of London Drinking Water System

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Recommendation

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Environment and Infrastructure, the following report on the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Inspection of the City of London Drinking Water System **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Executive Summary

The Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) performs annual inspections to ensure that municipalities are operating water systems in compliance with all applicable legal requirements.

The MECP completed the 2023 inspection of London's drinking water system in December, 2023, and outlined its findings in the *City of London Distribution System Inspection Report*. The outcome of the inspection is provided for Council in this report.

Linkage to the Corporate Strategic Plan

Municipal Council's Strategic Plan identifies "Well-Run City" as a strategic area of focus. This report supports the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan by demonstrating leadership and accountability in the management and provision of quality programs and services.

Analysis

1.0 Background Information

1.1 Previous Reports Related to this Matter

- Civic Works Committee – January 31, 2023 – 2022 Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Inspection of the City of London Water Distribution System

1.2 Overview

Municipal drinking water systems in Ontario are held to very high standards by the provincial government. The MECP performs rigorous annual inspections to ensure that municipalities are operating their water systems in accordance with all applicable regulations and legislated requirements.

MECP inspections include staff interviews, facility inspections, and reviews of operating procedures, water analysis reports, operational records, staff certification, and training records. If an Inspector finds that a system operator did not properly comply with an applicable requirement, it is recorded as an incident of non-compliance.

MECP Inspections are used to generate Drinking Water System Inspection Rating Records. Each incident of non-compliance results in a subtraction from a possible score of 100%. The annual rating records for all municipal drinking water systems in Ontario are made available to the public on the Government of Ontario website.

2.0 Discussion and Considerations

2.1 Inspection Findings

On December 19, 2023, the MECP issued the City of London Distribution System Inspection Report for the 2023 inspection. No incidents of non-compliance were identified and the City of London received a Final Inspection Rating of 100.00%.

The following summarizes London's Final Inspection Ratings for the last 5 years:

- 2019 – 100.00%
- 2020 – 100.00%
- 2021 – 100.00%
- 2022 – 100.00%
- 2023 – 100.00%

The full 2023 City of London Distribution System Inspection Report is available to members of the public on the City of London website.

Conclusion

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks completed the 2023 inspection of London's drinking water system, and outlined its findings in the City of London Distribution System Inspection Report. No issues of regulatory non-compliance were identified and the City of London received a Final Inspection Rating of 100.00%.

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