RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Director, Water & Wastewater, the 2018 Drinking Water Annual Report and Summary Report for the City of London Distribution System BE RECEIVED for information.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER


2015 – 2019 STRATEGIC PLAN

The 2015 – 2019 Strategic Plan identifies this objective under Strengthening Our Community: 5(J) – Help Londoners understand how we provide safe drinking water.

BACKGROUND

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to satisfy the regulatory requirement to ensure that an Annual Report and a Summary Report for the City of London Distribution System is prepared and endorsed by Council.

Context

Ontario Regulation 170/03 (Drinking Water Systems) of the Safe Drinking Water Act requires the owner of a municipal drinking water system to ensure that an Annual Report and a Summary Report be prepared, covering the period of January 1 through to December 31 of the previous year. The report attached as Appendix ‘A’ – “City of London 2018 Drinking Water Summary Report” meets all of the statutory requirements.

DISCUSSION

Ontario Regulation 170/03 (Drinking Water Systems) requires that an Annual Report contain the following information:

- A brief description of the drinking water system, including a list of water treatment chemicals used by the system;
- A summary of the results of required tests;
- A summary of any adverse test results reported and corrective actions taken; and
- A description of any major expenses incurred to install, repair or replace required equipment.

O. Reg. 170/03 further stipulates that:

a) The Owner shall ensure that a copy of the Annual Report is given without charge to every person who requests a copy;
b) Effective steps are taken to advise users of water from the system that copies of the Annual Report are available, without charge, and of how a copy may be obtained;  
c) The Owner of a large municipal residential system serving more than 10,000 people is required to post a copy of the Annual Report to the municipality’s website; and,  
d) A Summary Report is to be prepared and presented to the members of the Municipal Council by no later than March 31 of the following year.

Ontario Regulation 170/03 (Drinking Water Systems) requires that a Summary Report contain the following information:

- A list of any regulatory requirements applicable to the system that were not met at any time during the period covered by the report, the duration of the failure, and the measures that were taken to correct the failure; and,
- 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 and compared to the rated capacity of the system.

Due to the large number of pages, the 2018 Drinking Water Summary Report for the City of London Distribution System has been provided to members of Council in electronic format, with the 2018 Annual Report attached as an appendix. The Summary Report (without appendices) is attached as Appendix ‘A’ to this report.

The Elgin-Middlesex Pumping Station (EMPS) is jointly owned by the City of St. Thomas, the Town of Aylmer, and the City of London, and is operated by the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA). The Annual Report for the EMPS (London portion) was not yet available at the time of writing this report. Therefore, it will be provided to members of Council under separate memo prior to the reporting deadline of February 28, 2019.

### SUMMARY

Receipt of Appendix ‘A’ of this report by members of Council fulfils the reporting requirements of O. Reg. 170/03, Schedule 22. The 2018 Drinking Water Summary Report is available to members of the public through the Water Engineering Division (8th Floor, City Hall), and will be posted on the City’s website.

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Appendix ‘A’ – City of London 2018 Drinking Water Summary Report

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