

## Report to Civic Works Committee

**To:** Chair and Members  
Civic Works Committee

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**Subject:** 2022 Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Inspection of the City of London Drinking Water System

**Date:** January 31, 2023

## 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

### Purpose

This purpose of this report is to inform Council regarding the outcome of the annual inspection of the City of London drinking water system performed by Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

### Context

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 recently completed the 2022 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 during the inspection, and the City of London has received a 2022 Final Inspection Rating of 100.00%.

## Linkage to the Corporate Strategic Plan

This report supports the 2019 – 2023 Strategic Plan through the strategic focus area of Leading in Public Service, 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 – March 29, 2022 – 2021 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. To ensure that municipalities are operating their water systems in accordance with all applicable regulations and the conditions prescribed in MECP-issued Drinking Water Works Permits and Municipal Drinking Water Licences, the MECP performs rigorous annual inspections.

MECP inspections include staff interviews, facility inspections, 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 22, 2022, the MECP issued the City of London Distribution System Inspection Report for the 2022 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:

- 2018 – 100.00%
- 2019 – 100.00%
- 2020 – 100.00%
- 2021 – 100.00%
- 2022 – 100.00%

The complete 2022 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 recently completed the 2022 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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