



Township of Lucan Biddulph

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May 21, 2024

The Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
Honourable Shelly Spence, Auditor General of Ontario

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RE: Recommended Phase out of free water well testing in the 2023 Auditor General's Report

Please be advised that at their last regular meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, the Council of the Township of Lucan Biddulph passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2024 - 123

Moved by J. Hodgins

Seconded by A. Westman

WHEREAS the Ontario Auditor General's annual report on public health from December 2023 indicates that Public Health Ontario is proposing the phasing-out of free provincial water testing services for private drinking water; and

WHEREAS free private drinking water testing services has played a pivotal role in safeguarding public health, particularly in rural communities such as the Township of Lucan Biddulph; and

WHEREAS the removal of free private drinking water testing could lead to a reduction in testing, potentially increasing the risk of waterborne diseases in these vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS the tragic events in Walkerton, Ontario underscored the critical importance of safe drinking water.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Township of Lucan Biddulph hereby requests that the Province reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing-out of free private drinking water testing services.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, Minister of Health, Middlesex-London Health Unit, and MPP Elgin-Middlesex-London.

CARRIED

Please contact our office should you require any further information on this matter.

Sincerely,

Ron Reymer

Ron Reymer
CAO/Clerk

cc: MPP Rob Flack