



July 29, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

RE: Letter of Support – Public Health Ontario Proposes Phasing Out Free Water Testing for Private Wells

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Pelee passed the following resolution at their Regular Meeting of Council held on July 23rd, 2024:

Resolution 2024 – 129

Moved By: Councillor Dave DeLellis

Seconded By: Councillor Michelle Taylor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby support the City of Pickering, Township of Amaranth, Town of New Tecumseth, Town of Petrolia, Municipality of Central Manitoulin, and Township of Archipelago's request to the Province of Ontario to reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing out of free private drinking water testing services.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all Ontario municipalities, the Minister of Health, Chatham-Kent-Leamington MPP, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health, and the Windsor Essex County Health Unit.

Sincerely,

Kristine Horst

Kristine Horst
Township Administrator & Clerk
Kristine.horst@pelee.ca

Cc **Minister of Health, sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org**
Chatham-Kent-Leamington MPP, Trevor.Jones@pc.ola.org
Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health, Anthony.Leardi@pc.ola.org
Windsor Essex County Health Unit, CEO@wechu.org
Ontario Municipalities

Sent by Email

July 3, 2024

The Honourable Sylvia Jones
Minister of Health
College Park, 5th Floor,
777 Bay St
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3
sylvia.jones@ontario.ca

Subject: Corr. 18-24
Nicole Martin, CAO/Clerk, Town of Amaranth
Re: Resolution on Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on June 24, 2024 and adopted the following resolution:

1. That Corr. 18-24 from Nicole Martin, CAO/Clerk, Town of Amaranth, dated May 16, 2024, regarding Resolution on Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water, be received and endorsed; and,
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, M.P.P. Pickering-Uxbridge, Durham Region Public Health, and all Ontario municipalities.

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your reference.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly,



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

Encl.

SC:am

Copy: The Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks;
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, M.P.P. Pickering-Uxbridge;
Durham Region Public Health
All Ontario Municipalities

Chief Administrative Officer



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May 16, 2024

Sent Via Email

Re: Resolution on Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water

At its regular meeting of Council held on May 15, 2024, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following resolution concerning Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water.

Resolution #: 5

Moved by: G. Little

Seconded by: A. Stirk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

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, including the entire Township of Amaranth, that rely predominantly on private drinking water; 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 Amaranth 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, Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health Unit, and MPP Sylvia Jones.

CARRIED

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information on this matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicole Martin', written in a cursive style.

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.
CAO/Clerk

CC:
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Minister of Health
Wellington Dufferin Public Health Unit
MPP Sylvia Jones
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July 8, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford,

RE: PUBLIC HEALTH ONTARIO PROPOSES PHASING OUT FREE WATER TESTING FOR PRIVATE WELLS

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin adopted the following resolution at their meeting of June 27, 2024, regarding the above noted matter;

Resolution # 200-2024

Moved by: Councillor D. Stephens

Seconded by: Councillor Mitchell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Central Manitoulin Council supports the Township of Archipelago's request to the Province of Ontario to reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing out of free private drinking water testing services;

FURTHER, this resolution is circulated to all Ontario municipalities, the Minister of Health, and Sudbury District Health Unit...Carried

Please contact our office should you require further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denise Deforge", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Ms. Denise Deforge
CAO/Clerk

cc. Minister of Health sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org
Sudbury District Health Unit sutcliffep@phsd.ca
Ontario Municipalities

July 11, 2024

New Tecumseth
Clerks/Administration Department
Administration Centre
10 Wellington St. E. Alliston, ON L9R 1A1
Via email: pslowleigh@newtecumseth.ca

RE: Public Health Ontario – Phasing Out Free Water Testing for Private Wells

During the July 8, 2024, regular meeting of council, correspondence from New Tecumseth regarding Public Health Ontario – Phasing Out Free Water Testing for Private Wells was brought forward and discussed, the following resolution was passed:

Moved: Liz Welsh Seconded: Joel Field

THAT the council of the Town of Petrolia support the resolution of the Township of Tecumseth, regarding Public Health Ontario – Phasing Out Free Water Testing for Private Wells.

Carried

Kind regards,

Original Signed

Mandi Pearson
Director of Legislative Services | Deputy Operations | Clerk

cc: file
Municipalities of Ontario
andrea.khanjin@pc.ola.org - Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Sylvia.Jones@pc.ola.org - Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
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June 24, 2024

VIA EMAIL

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Public Health Ontario – Phasing Out Free Water Testing for Private Wells

Please be advised that the Town of New Tecumseth Council passed the following resolution at their meeting of June 17, 2024:

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, including the entire Township of The Archipelago, that rely predominantly on private drinking water;

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 Town of New Tecumseth hereby requests that the Province reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing-out of free private drinking water testing services;

And Further That this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, and Brian Saunderson, MPP Simcoe -Grey.

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Yours truly,



Pamela Slowleigh
Deputy Clerk

cc. andrea.khanjin@pc.ola.org - Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Sylvia.Jones@pc.ola.org - Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
Sanja.Hakkarainen@smdhu.org – Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, Office of the Medical Officer of Health
Brian.Saunderson@pc.ola.org – Brian Saunderson, MPP Simcoe-Grey
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