



# The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

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August 14, 2024

MPP Lise Vaugeois  
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Dear Ms. Vaugeois,

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Monday July 15, 2024 the following resolution of support was passed.

**Re: Municipality of Central Manitoulin Resolution - Public Health Phasing out Free Water Testing For Private Wells**

**Resolution: 219-2024**  
**Moved By: Councillor Dube**  
**Seconded By: Councillor Johnson**

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 Terrace Bay hereby requests that the Province reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing-out of free private drinking water testing services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, the Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Health, The Thunder Bay District Health Unit, and MPP Lise Vaugeois.



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Sincerely,

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Chief Administration Officer/Clerk

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