



INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members Public Works Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	March 17, 2014
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	2013 Annual Drinking Water Report (PW14022) - (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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Council Direction:

Not Applicable

Information:

Under the Safe Drinking Water Act, there are several annual reporting requirements related to the operation and management of the City of Hamilton’s five Drinking Water Systems (as identified below).

Licence Number	Drinking Water System (DWS)
005-101	Hamilton DWS
005-102	Freelton DWS
005-103	Greenville DWS
005-104	Carlisle DWS
005-105	Lynden DWS

This Information Report provides a summary of these requirements and highlights key information. More detailed information is provided in the attached two Appendices (A & B).

Summary Report for Municipalities (Appendix A)

As per the Safe Drinking Water Act, Ontario Regulation, 170/03, Schedule 22, Council must receive an annual drinking water summary report by March 31st of each year. This 2013 summary report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements as defined in Schedule 22, for each of the City of Hamilton's five Drinking Water Systems. Specifically provided are lists of major capital upgrades initiated in 2013 as well as those planned for 2014. There were no Provincial Officer's Orders issued. All confirmed Adverse Water Quality Incidents were reported to the Ontario Ministry of Environment's Spills Action Centre and Public Health Services and are provided in the report. All water taking quantities and flow rates were within approved rated capacities and provincial water taking limits. Data related to the water quantities, flow rates and monthly average and maximum daily flows (in comparison to approved flow rates) for the five drinking water systems is also provided.

Drinking Water Quality Management System - Summary Report (Appendix B)

The submission of the Drinking Water Quality Management System (DWQMS) Summary Report satisfies requirements of the Drinking Water Quality Management System Standard.

The purpose of the DWQMS Summary Report is to inform Mayor and Council (Owners) of the performance and major milestones achieved in the City's DWQMS. Specifically, the Hamilton Water Division (Operating Authority) is required to inform Top Management (General Manager of Public Works and Director of Hamilton Water Division) and the Owner of the outcomes of the infrastructure and management reviews. The DWQMS Summary Report (Appendix B) exceeds these requirements and includes additional information relating to DWQMS audits and other milestones of the DWQMS.

Corrosion Control Plan

The City of Hamilton requires a Corrosion Control Plan (CCP) for the Woodward drinking water sub-system because it has been identified that the Woodward DWS has over 10% of lead samples taken from residential and non-residential plumbing systems that exceeded 10µg/L in two subsequent sampling periods. A CCP was developed and accepted by the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) on June 7th, 2011. In 2012 and 2013, the Operating Authority conducted a Pilot Loop Testing Project using pipe loops from recovered lead services to assess the effectiveness of alternative treatments. A Peer Review of the Pilot Loop Testing Project and recommendations is proposed to be undertaken in 2014 by a third-party. An update to Owners (Mayor and Council) will be provided once the results of the Peer Review are received.

DWS Licences & Permits Approvals

Licences for each of our five Drinking Water Systems (DWS) expire in June 2014. Renewal applications were submitted collectively to meet the (earliest) renewal deadline of November 29, 2013.

Financial Plan

The need to prepare a Financial Plan is, in part, a regulatory compliance issue specific to the water licensing requirements defined within the Drinking Water Quality Management System (DWQMS) and more specifically detailed under Regulation 453/07 - Financial Plans made under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002 (SDWA). The required Financial Plan must address a minimum six-year time-frame. Council approved a revised Financial Plan on January 29, 2014, covering a ten-year period. The MOE was notified in the November 2013 renewal applications that a copy of the council resolution adopting or approving the Water Infrastructure Financial Plan would be provided once Council endorsed the plan at the January 2014 Council meeting.

Risk Assessment Review

The DWQMS Standard requires that the Risk Assessment be reviewed on an annual basis to verify the currency and validity of the information and that the risk assessment process and outcomes be re-evaluated every three years. A re-evaluation of the Risk Assessment scope, criteria, data fields and update of risk assessment data was last conducted in 2011 as it was the 3 year “redo” milestone for the Risk Assessment and is next required in 2014. The annual review of the Risk Assessment was conducted in the fall of 2013. The purpose of the 2013 Risk Assessment was to review the outcomes from 2012 and to focus on what was new and upgraded infrastructure (e.g. horizontal, vertical, including wells). The DWQMS Summary Report summarizes the outcomes of the 2013 risk assessment process.

Infrastructure Review

The Operating Authority must ensure and verify, on an annual basis, the adequacy of water related infrastructure. In order to satisfy the requirements of the DWQMS Standard, the Operating Authority conducted a formal annual review of its vertical (water treatment, storage and pumping) and horizontal (watermains) infrastructure. The scope of the review also considered the operation, maintenance and replacement of existing infrastructure assets as well as new infrastructure planned for the immediate and long-term future.

The evaluation of programs indicates that appropriate processes are in place to identify infrastructure needs. Based on the results of the 2013 infrastructure review, it can be concluded that vertical and horizontal infrastructure is generally found to be available, when needed, and maintained and improved, when necessary. The DWQMS Summary Report includes the major recommendations from the 2013 Infrastructure Review.

Audit Program

The DWQMS accreditation process requires both 3rd Party Accreditation Audits and annual internal audits by the Operating Authority.

Hamilton Water identified QMI-SAI Global as the Accreditation Body for the DWQMS. On May 13 to 14, 2013, QMI-SAI Global conducted an off-site documentation surveillance audit. The Accreditation Body will be conducting the 2014 annual documentation surveillance audit on May 13 to 14, 2014. The next on-site

reaccreditation audit is anticipated to take place in April 2015 following a documentation audit in March 2015.

The Internal Audit Team conducted a full internal audit of the DWQMS from September 26 to October 24, 2013. The audit assessed the implementation of all 21 elements of the DWQMS Standard and their related procedures across the Hamilton Water Division. Compliance & Regulations staff will be developing an Audit Plan for the 2014 DWQMS internal audits.

Management Review

The DWQMS Standard requires that Top Management participate in a management review of the DWQMS at least once per year. The Management Review is a formal presentation of compliance, operational, water quality, communication and infrastructure data. In 2013, the DWQMS Top Management Review was held on December 11th. Overall, meeting participants concluded that the DWQMS is suitable, adequate and effective. Continual improvement actions were identified and target dates for completion were determined. The DWQMS Summary Report (Appendix B) provides an overview of the results, a record of decisions and action items from the 2013 Management Review.

Standard of Care Training

Standard of Care requirements for Owners and Managers of municipal drinking water systems came into effect as of January 1st, 2013. Standard of Care is a statutory due diligence requirement identified in Section 19 of the Safe Drinking Water Act. All Owners (Mayor and Council) received Standard of Care training in 2012.

Update and Going Forward

The outcomes from the Management Review and internal and external DWQMS audits concluded that the DWQMS is adequate, suitable and effective and conforms to the requirements of the DWQMS Standard. Corrective action plans from audits and action items from the Management Review will be implemented to ensure continual improvement of the DWQMS. Major next steps related to the maintenance of the DWQMS in 2014 are included in Appendix B.