

Sent by Email

July 3, 2024

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

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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

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Copy: The Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks;  
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, M.P.P. Pickering-Uxbridge;  
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Chief Administrative Officer



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May 16, 2024

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**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  
All Ontario Municipalities