



TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: WATER OPERATIONS BRANCH 2023 DRINKING WATER SYSTEM REPORTS

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RECOMMENDED MOTION

1. That Staff Report INF001-24, regarding the City of Barrie's Drinking Water System be received for information purposes, including:
 - a) Schedule A – 2023 Drinking Water System Operations Report;
 - b) Schedule B – 2023 Annual Report, Section 11, Ontario Regulation (O.Reg.) 170/03;
 - c) Schedule C – 2023 Municipal Summary Report, Schedule 22, O.Reg. 170/03;
 - d) Schedule D – Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks Standard of Care; and
 - e) Schedule E – Quality Management System Management Review Meeting Minutes.

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

2. The purpose of this Staff Report is to:
 - a) Summarize the Drinking Water System (the System) operating year of January 1st through December 31st, 2023; to provide information to City Council on the performance of the System; and to satisfy the regulatory requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act, including the Drinking Water Quality Management Standard and regulatory reporting requirements under Section 11 and Schedule 22 of O.Reg. 170/03. This report is a compilation of information that demonstrates the commitment of the Water Operations Branch (the Branch) to provide safe drinking water while being transparent and financially accountable;
 - b) Provide a summary to Council which includes updates, changes and information related to the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act and the City of Barrie's Quality Management System; and

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- c) Solicit from Council an acknowledgement of their receipt of the Annual Report and Municipal Summary Report.
3. There are two (2) specific reporting requirements related to O.Reg. 170/03:
- a) Section 11 requires that an Annual Report be prepared no later than February 28th of each year. This report provides a brief description of the System; chemicals used; a breakdown of monetary expenses related to required equipment; a summary of all test results; and a summary of adverse reports and corrective actions taken. In addition, the report entitled, "2023 Drinking Water System Annual Report", must be available to the public upon request and be posted for viewing on the City of Barrie website.
- b) Schedule 22 requires a summary report be prepared no later than March 31st of each year and a copy forwarded to members of Council to enable the Owner of the System to assess the capability of the System to meet existing and planned uses of the System. This report entitled, "Municipal Summary Report", lists the non-compliances in respect to the Safe Drinking Water Act, O.Reg. 170/03, the Municipal Drinking Water License, the Drinking Water Works Permit, orders applicable to the System received, and any corrective measures that were taken in respect of the non-compliances. It also summarizes the quantities of water supplied during the reporting year, including monthly average and maximum daily flows, along with a comparison to the related capacities.

ANALYSIS

4. The System consists of a Surface Water Treatment Plant and associated Low Lift Pumping Station, 12 groundwater wells, three (3) in-ground storage facilities, three (3) elevated storage reservoirs and seven (7) booster stations, distribution watermains and associated hydrants, valves, and appurtenances in five (5) major pressure zones throughout the City of Barrie (City). Source water for the Surface Water Treatment Plant is drawn from Kempenfelt Bay of Lake Simcoe. Water supplied from the groundwater system relies on wells drilled into a deep aquifer. The distribution system consists of approximately 4,157 hydrants and 686 km of watermain and transmission main serving approximately 46,701 services providing water to approximately 159,521 residents.
5. The total annual production was 13,989 ML with an average daily flow of 38 ML and a maximum daily flow of 93.5 ML.
6. The total cost to operate the System was approximately \$1,239.01/ML. Of that total, the cost of production and treatment amounted to approximately \$520.95/ML. The proportion of the total attributable to distribution system operating costs amounted to approximately \$4,795.20/km of watermain.

The raw and calculated data associated with these costs can be found in Table 1.



Table 1: Raw and Calculated Costs

Raw Data				Calculated Data		
	Expenses	Total Volume Produced in 2023 (ML)	Total km of Watermain	Cost to Operate per ML	Total Cost of Production and Treatment Services	Total Distribution Costs per km
GWS + SWS	\$7,287,563.72	13,989	686.20	Total Expense /Total Volume= \$1,239.01/ML	GWS+SWS expenses/volume produced= \$520.95/ML	WDS Expenses / km of watermain= \$4,795.20/km
WDS	\$3,289,507.85					
Other	\$6,755,484.07					
Total Expenses	\$17,332,555.64					

*Note: "Other" expenses include Water Customer Services, Compliance and Technical Support, and Water Operations Administration
 GWS = Groundwater Supply
 SWS = Surface Water Supply
 WDS = Water Distribution Services

7. Approximately 95.5% of the projected operating budget was expended.
8. Approximately 3,000 samples were collected for independent laboratory analysis under the regulatory sampling program for chemical and microbiological parameters. The analytical results are used to assess and optimize system performance, develop corrective actions, ensure safe water for consumption and to meet legislative requirements.
9. There were six (6) Adverse Water Quality Incidents (AWQIs) reported in 2023. Each were promptly resolved to the satisfaction of the MECP and Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU).
10. The MECP conducted an unannounced, focused inspection of the System. The inspection covered the period from November 2022 to November 2023. Following the System inspection, the MECP issued a report summarizing the findings, including regulatory non-compliances. There were two (2) findings of non-compliance with regulatory requirements and one (1) recommendation reported. All incidents of non-compliance, as well as any recommendations were promptly responded to by the Branch. The MECP Final Inspection Rating for 2023 was 97.21%.
11. The Quality Management System was subject to an external audit in December 2023. The surveillance audit consisted of an off-site desktop audit of the Operational Plan and associated documents and records. There were zero (0) non-conformances or opportunities for improvement identified by the external auditor and reaccreditation was maintained until 2025.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT MATTERS

12. There are no environmental and climate change impact matters related to the recommendation.

ALTERNATIVES

13. As this Staff Report is being presented as a legislative requirement, and for information purposes only, no alternatives are presented.

FINANCIAL

14. There are no financial implications for the Corporation resulting from the proposed recommendation.

LINKAGE TO 2022–2026 STRATEGIC PLAN

15. The recommendation(s) included in this Staff Report support the following goals identified in the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan:
- Responsible Governance
 - Infrastructure Investments
16. The Staff Report is a compilation of information that demonstrates the commitment of the Branch in providing safe drinking water thereby ensuring the health and safety of the residents of the City of Barrie.



Appendix A

2023 Drink Water System Operations Report

See PDF Attachment.