

Agenda

Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System

Joint Board of Management

1st Meeting of the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System Joint Board of Management

January 19, 2023, 5:00 PM

Committee Room #5

The City of London is situated on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabek (AUh-nish-in-ah-bek), Haudenosaunee (Ho-den-no-show-nee), Lūnaapéewak (Len-ah-pay-wuk) and Attawandaron (Add-a-won-da-run).

We honour and respect the history, languages and culture of the diverse Indigenous people who call this territory home. The City of London is currently home to many First Nations, Metis and Inuit people today.

As representatives of the people of the City of London, we are grateful to have the opportunity to work and live in this territory.

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Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System Report

The 4th Meeting of the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System Joint Board of Management
October 6, 2022

Attendance: Meeting held remotely on Thursday, October 6, 2022, commencing at 5:03 PM.

PRESENT: P. Barbour (Chair), E. Pelozza, S. Peters, M. van Holst and S. Wookey and J. Bunn (Committee Clerk)

ALSO PRESENT: D. Campbell, B. Haklander, A. Henry and K. Scherr

1. Call to Order

1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

2. Adoption of Minutes

2.1 Minutes of the 3rd Meeting held on June 2, 2022

WOOKEY AND PELOZA

That the minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System Joint Board of Management, from the meeting held on June 2, 2022, **BE NOTED AND FILED. CARRIED**

Motion Passed

3. Consent Items

3.1 Quarterly Compliance Report (2nd Quarter: April - June)

PETERS AND WOOKEY

That, on the recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer, the report dated October 6, 2022, with respect to the general, regulatory and contractual obligations of the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System, for April to June 2022, **BE RECEIVED. CARRIED**

Motion Passed

3.2 Environmental Management System and Quality Management System

PETERS AND WOOKEY

That, on the recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer, the report dated October 6, 2022, with respect to the Environmental Management System and Quality Management System for the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System, **BE RECEIVED. CARRIED**

Motion Passed

3.3 Quarterly Operating Financial Status - 2nd Quarter 2022

PETERS AND WOOKEY

That, on the recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer, the report dated October 6, 2022, with respect to the Quarterly Operating Financial Status of the Elgin Area Water Supply System, **BE RECEIVED. CARRIED**

Motion Passed

3.4 Capital Status Report

PETERS AND WOOKEY

That, on the recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer, the following actions be taken with respect to the report, dated October 6, 2022, related to the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System capital projects:

- a) the above-noted report **BE RECEIVED**;
- b) projects EA3011 Plant Interior Person Door, EA3012 Interior Lighting Upgrades, EA4107 Concrete Crack Injection, and EA4171 Backwash Drain Valve **BE CLOSED** with surplus funding in the approximate amount of \$50,492 being released to the Reserve Funds; and,
- c) projects EA1026 Office Space Expansion, EA3016 Safety Showers Upgrade, EA4073 Plant Instrumentation, EA4136 Service Water Piping Replacement and EA4187 EMPS – Utility Pole Replacement **BE CLOSED** with additional funding in the approximate amount of \$36,300 being drawn from the Reserve Funds. **CARRIED**

Motion Passed

3.5 Disconnecting from Work Policy

PETERS AND WOOKEY

That, on the recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer, the report dated October 6, 2022, with respect to the Disconnecting from Work Policy, **BE RECEIVED. CARRIED**

Motion Passed

4. Items for Discussion

4.1 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets

WOOKEY AND PELOZA

That, on the recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer, the following actions be taken by the Board of Management for the Elgin Area Water Supply System with respect to the report, dated October 6, 2022, related to the 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets:

- a) the 2023 Operating Budget, in the total amount of \$15,679,000, **BE APPROVED**;
- b) the 2023 Capital Budget, in the total amount of \$10,645,000, **BE APPROVED**;
- c) the 2024 to 2032 Capital Forecast, as appended to the above-noted report, **BE RECEIVED**;
- d) the 2023 rate for water of \$0.9649 per cubic meter **BE APPROVED**; and,
- e) the 2021 to 2027 Flow and Financial Analysis, as appended to the above-noted report, **BE RECEIVED. CARRIED**

Motion Passed

4.2 Electronic Monitoring Policy

PELOZA AND WOOKEY

That, on the Chief Administrative Officer, the Electronic Monitoring Policy, as appended to the report dated October 6, 2022, **BE APPROVED. CARRIED**

Motion Passed

4.3 2022 Asset Management Plan Update Project Completion

WOOKEY AND VAN HOLST

That, on the recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer, the 2022 Asset Management Plan Update, as appended to the report dated October 6, 2022, **BE ENDORSED**; it being noted that the attached Asset Management Plan 2022 Update, dated October 6, 2022, from D. Campbell, Dillon Consulting, with respect to this matter, was received.

CARRIED

Motion Passed

4.4 EA2172 Terminal Reservoir Isolation Valve Repairs

WOOKEY AND PETERS

That, on the recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer, the following actions be taken with respect to the report, dated October 6, 2022, related to the Terminal Reservoir Isolation Valve Repairs (EA2172) project:

- a) an increase in the project budget by \$95,000 **BE APPROVED**, for a total approved budget of \$185,000, the additional funds being drawn from the Asset Replacement Reserve Fund; and,
- b) the above-noted report **BE RECEIVED. CARRIED**

Motion Passed

5. Deferred Matters/Additional Business

None.

6. Next Meeting Date

January 19, 2023

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Asset Management Plan 2022 Update

Presentation to EAPWSS Board of Management

October 6, 2022

Presented by:
Darla Campbell, P.Eng., CSR-P, FEC



ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN 2022



Presentation Agenda

- Value of Investing in Asset Management
- The Asset Management Journey
- Asset Cards System Wide
- Next Steps and Recommendations

Value of Investing in Asset Management

Asset Management Plan 2022 Update

October 6, 2022



Why Invest in Asset Management?

Asset management is a journey of continuous improvement.

Asset Management (ISO55000)

Coordinated activity of an organization to realize value from assets.

Realization of value will normally involve a balancing of costs, risks, opportunities and performance benefits.

- Demonstrate due diligence in the management of assets (liability)
- Maintain Levels of Service (including reliability)
- Minimize likelihood of asset failure (risk management)
- Avoid premature replacement (i.e. replacement based on condition and performance data)
- Prioritization of asset replacement/rehabilitation to meet Levels of Service
- Have a strong financial footing to support the utility's assets for years to come



High Lift Piping

Enhancements Included in 2022 Asset Management Plan

Achieved major milestones on the asset management roadmap including:
the asset management policy, plan and level of service framework

- Alignment of asset registry hierarchy by **process area**
- Assessment of risk ratings for asset components in the asset registry to develop **risk profile** for each process area and overall risk profile
- Addition of **Digital Technology, security and fleet assets**.
- Focus on **lifecycle strategy** for ageing transmission systems including identification of activities aligned with lifecycle management strategic outcomes as an example for other asset categories
- **Alignment of key drivers** for funding capital projects with LOS parameters and AM Policy (e.g., guiding principles and key outcomes)



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The Asset Management Journey

Asset Management Plan 2022 Update

October 6, 2022



Asset Management Policy (approved October 2021)

Asset Management and its integration with prudent financial planning continues to be a priority for the utility. This commitment is affirmed in the new Asset Management Policy.

AM Policy - Guiding Principles

1. Service Delivery
2. Long-Term Sustainability and Resilience
3. Fiscal Responsibility and Decision-Making
4. Whole-Life Perspective
5. Environmentally Conscious
6. Transparency

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Asset Management Policy (approved October 2021)

Asset Management and its integration with prudent financial planning continues to be a priority for the utility. This commitment is affirmed in the new Asset Management Policy.

Policy - Key Outcomes

1. The utility must integrate findings from the asset management plan into its **annual budgeting process using a business case approach**.
2. Develop a corporate asset information strategy to ensure accessibility to a fully integrated **asset data registry to support good governance and leverage operational efficiencies**.
3. Develop and maintain an asset risk register capturing **climate change impacts on infrastructure assets** to inform prioritization of capital projects.
4. Asset management facilitates **evidence-based dialogue with the utility and its customers** about investment recommendations.
5. **Sustainable levels of service** and asset lifecycle activities are used by the utility as **drivers for investment** and are foundational to its decision making.
6. The utility strives for **continuous improvement in asset management planning and asset management systems** by applying best management practices.

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Levels of Service Framework (endorsed March 2022)

The revised LOS framework with target LOS was updated to align with ISO 55000 and the Asset Management Policy, specifically the following Guiding Principles:

Quality

Availability / Reliability

Environmental Acceptability

- **Service Delivery:** Service delivery is the key purpose of infrastructure assets. Decision-making should be focused on delivering defined levels of service that reflect customer expectations and balance risk and affordability.
- **Environmentally Conscious:** The utility shall minimize the impact of infrastructure on the environment and address the vulnerabilities and risks caused by climate change through lifecycle management. This includes energy and resource optimization, meeting environmental standards such as ISO 14001 in our operation, considering end of product life disposal or reuse options, and whole lifecycle considerations at the time of repair, replacement or new build.

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State of the Infrastructure

The State of the Infrastructure (SOTI) report highlighted condition and performance of the utility for each process area in Treatment and Transmission (June 2022).

Treatment

Transmission

Digital Technology

SOTI Report (June 2022)

- Asset Condition
- Asset Performance
- Asset Remaining Useful Life
- Asset Replacement Value

SOTI Section in Asset Management Plan (September 2022)

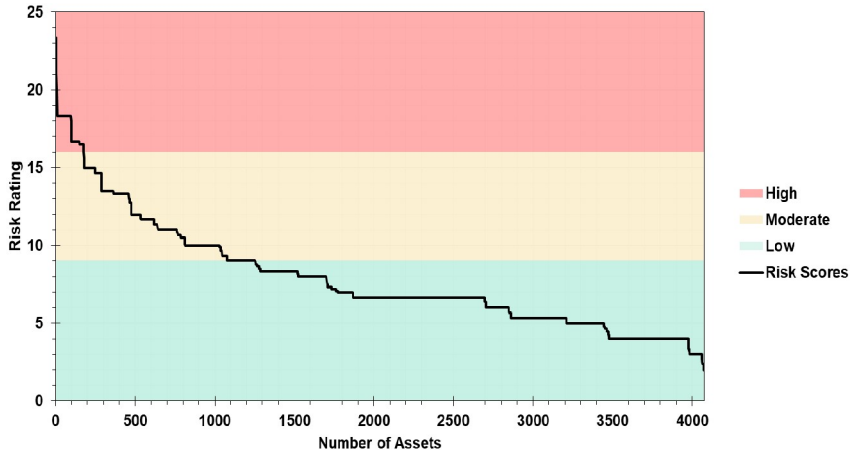
- + Risk Profile
- + Digital Technology
 - Information Technology (IT) assets
 - Operational Technology(OT) assets
 - Data & Analytics

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Risk Profile

The Asset Management Plan is updated to add the analysis of risk ratings at the component level and presented at the process area level, the system level and overall.



Overall Risk Profile:

This is a good position to be in as it allows the management of risk and replacement of assets to move forward at a steady rate.

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Key Drivers for Investment – align with Levels of Service



Level of Service Parameters	Address Legislative Changes	Maintain LOS	Support Growth and Demand	Increase Efficiency	Enhance LOS
Quality	yes	yes		yes	yes
Availability & Reliability		yes	yes	yes	yes
Environmental Acceptability	yes	yes			yes

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Key Drivers for Investment – align with Policy

AM Policy (Guiding Principles)	Address Legislative Changes	Maintain LOS	Support Growth and Demand	Increase Efficiency	Enhance LOS
Service Delivery		yes			yes
Long-Term Sustainability and Resilience			yes		yes
Fiscal and Asset Management Decision-Making	yes			yes	
Whole-Life Perspective		yes			yes
Environmentally Conscious	yes	yes	yes		
Transparency	yes			yes	

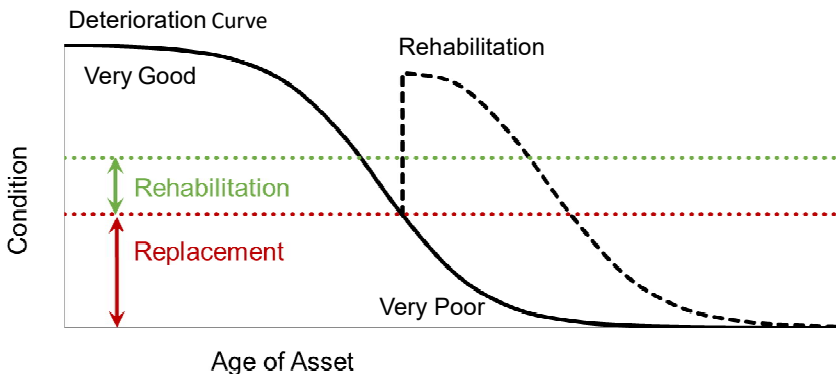
AM Policy (Key Outcomes)	Address Legislative Changes	Maintain LOS	Support Growth and Demand	Increase Efficiency	Enhance LOS
Annual Budgeting Process, Business Case Approach		yes	yes	yes	yes
Asset Data Registry, Good Governance & operational efficiencies					yes
Climate Change, Risk Management Approach	yes	yes			
Evidence Based Dialogue					yes
Sustainable LOS, Investment Drivers		yes			yes
Continuous Improvement				yes	yes

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Lifecycle Strategy

Lifecycle Strategy for transmission pipeline (aligned with the Key Drivers), strategy to maintain levels of service, risk strategy, climate change strategy and lifecycle strategies for treatment and digital technology.



Key Drivers

- Address Legislative Changes
- Maintain Level of Service
- Support Growth and Demand
- Increase Efficiency
- Enhance Level of Service

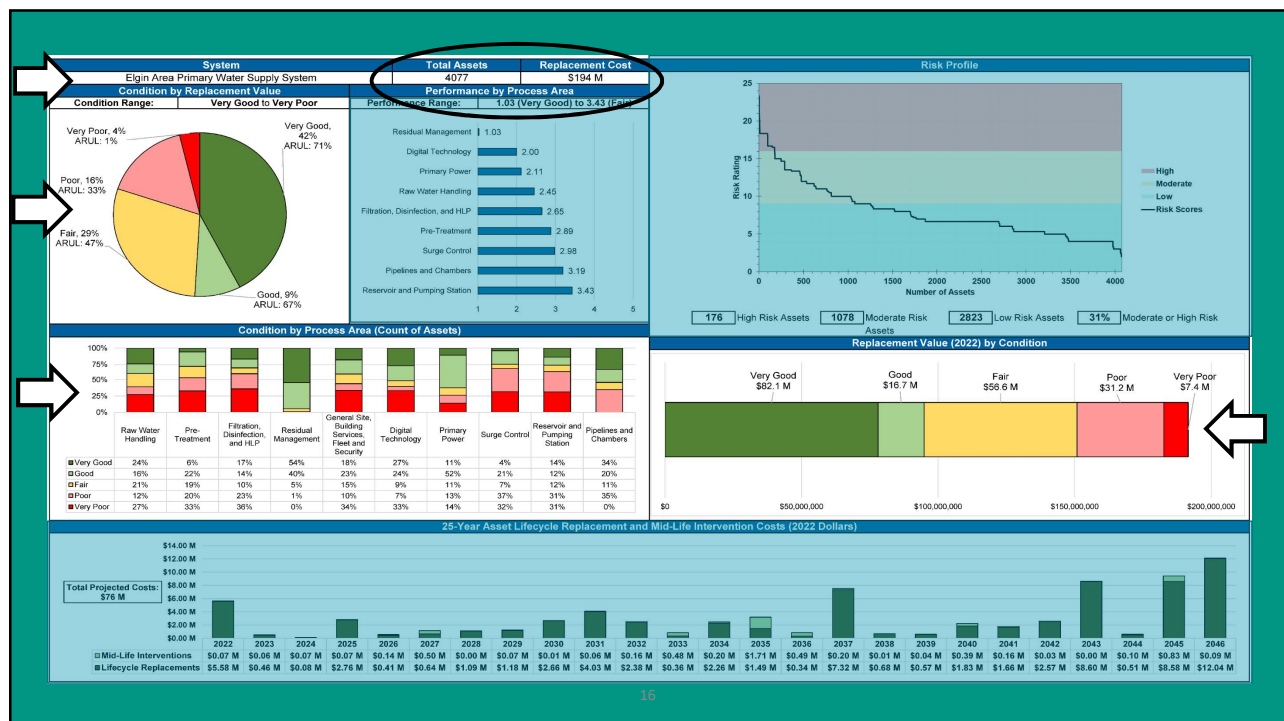
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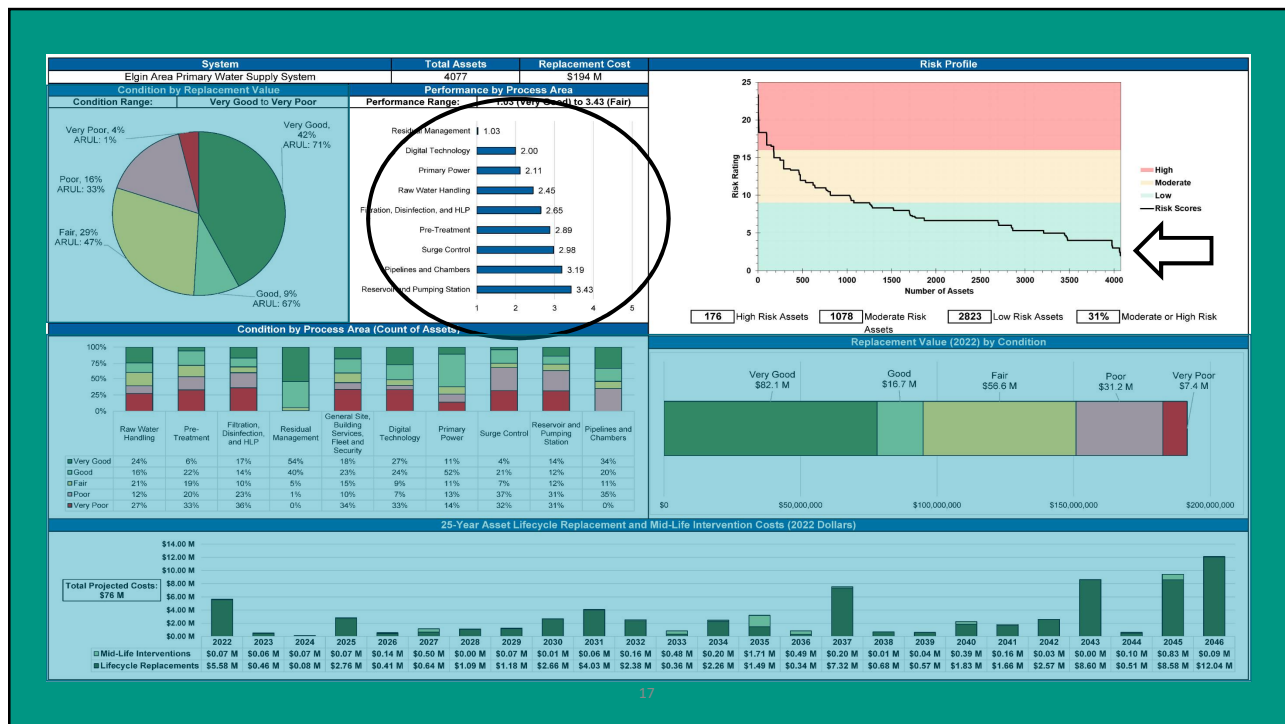


Asset Cards System Wide

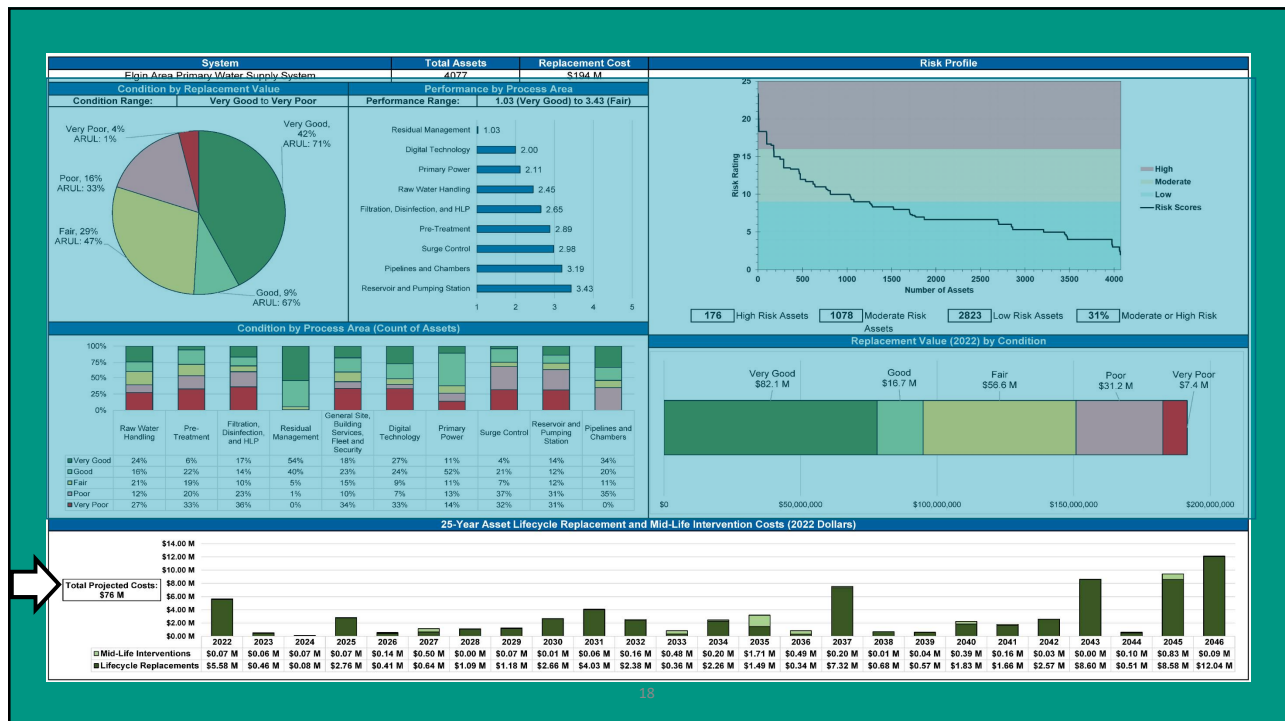
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Next Steps and Recommendations

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Next Steps and Recommendations

The key recommendations focus on:

- Increasing **performance data collection** in support of monitoring level of service metrics, risks, and asset condition/performance;
- Updating **condition assessment information** on a more regular basis tied to decision making windows for accurate line-of-sight; and
- Advancing recommendations on **strategy development and implementation**.

15 Recommendations covering 6 topics:

- **Data Collection and Monitoring**
- **Level of Service Tracking**
- **Risk Mitigation**
- **Strategy Implementation**
- **Financial Considerations**
- **Next AM Plan Update**



Next Steps and Recommendations

Data Collection and Monitoring

- Increase performance data collection, condition information, Level of Service data collection and enhance tracking of Digital Technology assets

Level of Service Tracking

- Operationalize the LOS Framework

Risk Mitigation

- Reduce uncertainty in data confidence (asset condition), reduce uncertainty in climate change impacts and operationalize the risk strategy

Strategy Implementation

- Develop asset management strategies (Transmission Strategy, Treatment Strategy, Digital Technology Strategy)

Financial Considerations

- Establish process for budgeting renewal and mid-life capital investments and update Business Case to align with Policy and LOS Framework

Next AM Plan Update

- Prepare for 2027 update with recommended improvements and recommended schedule



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Acknowledgements

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To: Chair and Members, Board of Management
Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System

From: Kelly Scherr, P.Eng., MBA, FEC
Chief Administrative Officer

Subject: Quarterly Compliance Report (3rd Quarter 2022: July - September)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Quarterly Compliance report with respect to the general, regulatory, and contractual obligations of the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System **BE RECEIVED** for the information of the Board of Management; it being noted that there were no Adverse Water Quality Incidents reported in the 3rd quarter of 2022.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Board of Management resolution, this Compliance Report is prepared on a quarterly basis to report on general, regulatory, and contractual compliance issues relating to the regional water system. For clarity, the content of this report is presented in two basic areas, namely regulatory and contractual, and does not intend to portray an order of importance or sensitivity nor is it a complete list of all applicable regulatory and contractual obligations.

DISCUSSION

Regulatory Issues

Recent Regulatory Changes: At the time of drafting this report, there are no new regulatory changes for this reporting period which may significantly impact the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System (EAPWSS).

New Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) Postings: At the time of drafting this report, there were no new postings on the ERO that may have a significant impact on the EAPWSS.

Quarterly Water Quality Reports: The [Water Quality Quarterly Report](#) for the period of July 1 – September 30, 2022 was completed by the operating authority, and is posted on the Water Systems' website for public information.

Note: In order to better comply with the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*, the detailed tables of water quality test results which were previously appended to this Report have been removed. The full list and test results of drinking water quality parameters is posted on the water system's website and available in print at the Board's Administration Office in London upon request. In addition, the detailed water quality information is also published within the water system's Annual Report required by O.Reg. 170/03 under the *Safe Drinking Water Act*.

Adverse Water Quality Incidents (AWQI): There were no AWQI reported by the operating authority or adverse laboratory results reported by the third-party accredited laboratory during this quarter.

Compliance Inspections: There were no compliance inspections conducted during the reporting period.

Contractual Issues

ARTICLE 3, “Operation and Maintenance of the Facilities – General”:

Board staff informally meets with OCWA on a monthly basis to discuss operations and maintenance related issues, and formally on a quarterly basis to review contractual performance. The 2022 third quarter Contract Report was received from OCWA on October 27, 2022 and was discussed at the quarterly administration meeting between Board staff and OCWA on November 10, 2022. Copies of the monthly Operations and Maintenance Reports, and quarterly Contract Reports are available at the Board’s Administration Office in London upon request.

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Submitted by: Andrew Henry, P. Eng.,
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Recommended by: Kelly Scherr, P.Eng., MBA, FEC
Chief Administrative Officer

To: Chair and Members, Board of Management
Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System

From: Kelly Scherr, P.Eng., MBA, FEC
Chief Administrative Officer

Subject: Environmental Management System and Quality Management System

RECOMMENDATION

That the following report with respect to the Environmental Management System and Quality Management System for the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System **BE RECEIVED** for information.

BACKGROUND

Environmental Management System (EMS)

The Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System (EAPWSS) has an Environmental Management System (EMS) which has been registered to the ISO 14001 standard since 2003. The EAPWSS underwent a three-year registration audit in October 2020 and was recommended for registration to the ISO 14001:2015 standard for a three-year period (ending in 2023).

The continued utilization and registration of the EMS to the ISO 14001 standard is a requirement of the Service Agreement with Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA), the contracted Operating Authority for the EAPWSS.

Quality Management System (QMS)

The existing EMS has been integrated with a Quality Management System (QMS) that meets the requirements of the province's Drinking Water Quality Management Standard (DWQMS). The combined EMS/QMS is maintained by the contracted Operating Authority.

The *Safe Drinking Water Act* (SDWA) and the water system's Municipal Drinking Water License (MDWL) require that an accredited Operating Authority be in operational charge of the drinking water system. To become accredited the Operating Authority must implement and maintain a QMS, including an Operational Plan, that meets the requirements of the DWQMS and must undergo external accreditation audits.

OCWA received full scope DWQMS re-accreditation in October 2022 and is currently accredited for the three-year period ending in 2025.

DISCUSSION

Management Review

The documented EMS/QMS and its performance requires Management Review by Top Management a minimum of once every calendar year to ensure that the management team of the Board and the Operating Authority stay informed of environmental and quality related issues. Items discussed at the Management Review meetings include, but are not limited to, water quality test results, environmental and quality performance, legislative changes, identified non-conformances, corrective and preventive actions, staff suggestions, changing circumstances and business strategies, and resource requirements. Corrective and preventive actions include not only those to address non-conformance issues and opportunities for improvement identified as part of internal and external audits, but also non-compliance issues identified by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), suggestions from staff, and opportunities for improvement identified during the Management Review process.

To carry out more effective Management Review meetings, the Board's administration has opted to conduct shorter meetings at more frequent intervals. Although each required Management Review input may not be covered at every meeting, over the course of the year all required inputs are reviewed at least once. Management Review meetings are held in a combined format for both the EAPWSS and the Lake Huron Primary Water Supply System (LHPWSS).

Management Review meetings were held on September 7, 2022 and November 23, 2022. The meeting minutes are included as [Appendix A](#) and [Appendix D](#) for the information of the Board.

Internal Audits

Pursuant to the international ISO 14001 standard and the provincial DWQMS, periodic "internal" audits are performed by the Board's administration to ensure continued compliance with legislated, contractual, and other requirements, as well as conformance with the ISO 14001 standard and DWQMS. Internal audits also ensure that the ongoing operation of the drinking water system conforms to the EMS and QMS as implemented. As required by the standards, internal audits are performed a minimum of once every calendar year.

There were no internal audits conducted during this reporting period.

External Audits

Annual surveillance audits (third-party external audits) are conducted for both the EMS and QMS, with a recertification audit taking place every third year. The external registrar for both the EMS and QMS is currently SAI Global. External audits review all aspects of the EMS or QMS, including the scope and results of internal audits, subsequent management reviews, and corrective action processes.

There were two external audits conducted during the reporting period. A DWQMS re-accreditation audit and an EMS annual surveillance audit took place concurrently from October

25-27, 2022. There were no non-conformities identified during either audit, and the operating authority successfully achieved DWQMS re-accreditation. Proactive opportunities for improvement (OFIs) identified in the audit reports were discussed at the Nov. 23, 2022 Management Review meeting and action items were assigned.

Due to the length of the audit reports, [Appendix B](#) and [Appendix C](#) contain only the executive overviews from the DWQMS re-accreditation audit and EMS surveillance audit respectively. Copies of the complete external audit reports are available from the Board's administration office in London upon request.

During the audits, the external auditor provided positive comments about the status and success of the EAPWSS management systems. Specifically noted was the effectiveness of the maintenance program. The recent implementation of a new computerized maintenance management system, the currency of the information within, and the dedication of personnel have created an effective maintenance program. In addition to the routine maintenance activities, continual improvement was evident through the use of dashboards, trending and root cause analysis to further elevate the maintenance program.

Corrective and Preventive Actions

For the EMS/QMS to be effective on an on-going basis, an organization must have a systematic method for identifying actual and potential non-conformities, making corrections, and undertaking corrective and preventive actions, preferably identifying and preventing problems before they occur. The Internal Audit process and Management Review are the two main drivers for proactively identifying potential problems and opportunities for improvement for the EAPWSS and implementing corrective actions. Preventive actions may originate from identified opportunities for improvement as part of an audit, but also staff suggestions and discussions with management.

It is important to note that action items should not be construed as **compliance failures**, but rather an action to be undertaken which will improve the EAPWSS's overall performance.

Action items are the result of the "Plan-Do-Check-Act" continual improvement process. The identification of action items is a critical component of continual improvement and an essential element of management systems. The identification of action items should be seen as a positive element, as this drives continual improvement.

A key concept of Plan-Do-Check-Act is that it does not require nor expect 100% conformance but promotes an environment of continual improvement by identifying shortfalls, implementing corrective and preventive measures, and setting objectives and targets for improvement. Figure 1 outlines the general process.

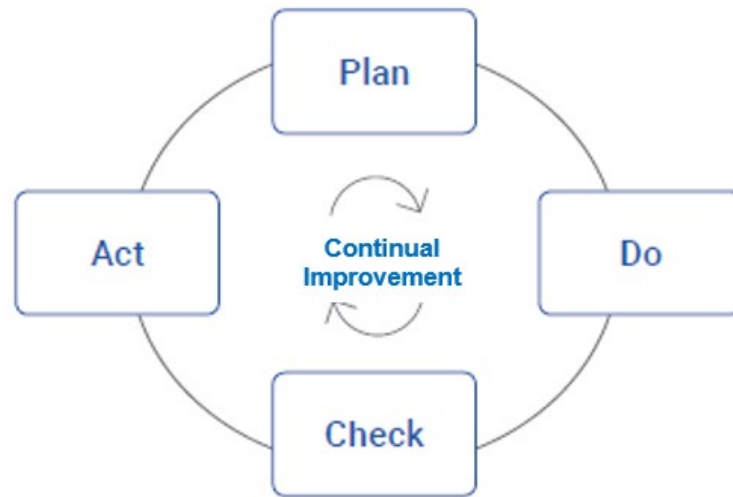


Figure 1: Plan-Do-Check-Act improvement process

Since the last report to the Board, the following summarizes new action items that have been added to the EMS/QMS action item tracking system:

- One (1) new action item was added as a result of the environmental compliance internal audit conducted Aug. 25, 2022
- One (1) new action item was added as a result of the management review meeting on Sep. 7, 2022
- Two (2) new action items were added as a result of the corrective action process for a filter backwash incident
- One (1) new action item was added a result of the management of change process for the alum tank replacement project
- Twenty-two (22) new action items were added as a result of the DWQMS external audit conducted Oct. 25-27, 2022
- Twelve (12) new action items were added as a result of the EMS external audit conducted Oct. 25-27, 2022, noting that the majority are duplicates of the DWQMS external audit action items

As of December 12, 2022, there are currently thirty-four (34) open action items in the system. All action items are prioritized and addressed using a risk-based approach, and deadlines established given reasonable timeframes and resources that are available. Board staff are pleased with the performance of the corrective and preventive action process and have no concerns with the number of open action items.

CONCLUSION

The Internal Audits and frequent Management Review meetings continue to effectively identify system deficiencies. The EMS/QMS for the EAPWSS continues to be suitable, adequate and effective. Activities by OCWA continue to address the need for change, and the management systems are being revised and refined as required.

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Recommended by: Kelly Scherr, P.Eng., MBA, FEC
Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments:

- [Appendix A](#) – Management Review Meeting Minutes (September 7, 2022)
- [Appendix B](#) – DWQMS External Audit Report Summary (October 25-27, 2022)
- [Appendix C](#) – EMS External Audit Report Summary (October 25-27, 2022)
- [Appendix D](#) – Management Review Meeting Minutes (November 23, 2022)

APPENDIX A: MANAGEMENT REVIEW MEETING MINUTES (SEPTEMBER 7, 2022)

Lake Huron & Elgin Area Primary Water Supply Systems EMS/QMS Management Review

Date: September 7, 2022

Time: 1:00pm

Location: Virtual – Microsoft Teams

Attendees: Andrew Henry (RWS), Erin McLeod (RWS), Allison McGuckin (RWS), Matt Bender (OCWA), Blair Tully (OCWA), Allison McCann (OCWA), Denny Rodrigues (OCWA), Randy Lieber (OCWA), Greg Henderson (OCWA)

N.B.: Management Review meetings are held in a combined format for both the Lake Huron Primary Water Supply System (LHPWSS) and the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System (EAPWSS).

-----Meeting Notes-----

1. Review and Approval of Previous Minutes (LHPWSS & EAPWSS)

The minutes from the previous meeting (June 22, 2022) are posted to SharePoint. The minutes were approved. No concerns.

2. Appointment of Top Management (Policy, Operational Plan)

As of August 31, 2022, Matt Bender of OCWA is officially taking over as the Regional Manager. It was decided that the EMS/QMS Policy and Operational Plan will be resigned by top management to show their commitment to the EMS/QMS.

As noted during the meeting, Matt Bender has worked in compliance for 3 years and has been directly involved with DWQMS internal audits, reaccreditation audits, corrective actions and the associated follow up. OCWA created a transition plan for Matt that included 6 weeks of cross training with the previous Regional Manager and the current Safety, Process and Compliance Manager.

ACTION ITEM: Top Management to resign the EMS/QMS Policy and Operational Plan. Assigned to Allison McCann and Erin McLeod. Deadline: September 30, 2022.

3. Changes In:

a. Needs and expectations of interested parties, including compliance obligations

A revised table was circulated identifying updated information for review. Discussion ensued and Top Management approved suggested changes and additions to be incorporated.

- The contract negotiations with OCWA including ongoing change management was noted.
- Member Municipalities needs and expectations were updated to reflect the new Customer Level of Service (CLOS) parameters in the updated Asset Management Plan.
- Suppliers are wanting more lead time and advance notices than in the past which creates more onus on OCWA for commitment of chemical ordering volumes.
- Research partners were split into two line items – NSERC Chairs and the Universities.
- First Nations were split into two line items – First Nations as a customer (or potential future customer) and Indigenous Peoples as related to status as rights holders in accordance with Treaties with the Crown
- EAPWSS: Site Security contractor (Paladin) was added as a separate interested party.

b. External and internal issues that are relevant to the EMS

A revised table was circulated identifying updated information for review. Discussion ensued and Top Management approved suggested changes and additions to be incorporated.

- OCWA's 5-year term extension (2023-2027) has been added with a new service agreement taking effect January 1, 2023.
- Updates on the 2021 employee retention incentive payments were provided.
- Updates on the 2021 year end volumes were provided, with predictions that the 2022 volumes will be within the projected range but will be borderline for the EAPWSS; There are proposed industrial developments in Elgin County and Central Elgin but the volume impacts to EAPWSS are unknown at this time; The region has an overall increasing demand trend, primarily attributed to the Huron system.
- An updated Asset Management Plan is scheduled to be approved at the October 6, 2022 Board meeting.
- The 2022 Provincial election took place in June 2022. Governing Progressive Conservative party was re-elected.
- There is an upcoming municipal election in October 2022. There is a significant potential for changes to the appointments of the Board Members.
- OCWA mandate letter did not significantly change from the previous year.
- OCWA continues to see increases in chemical costs. A chemical cost adjustment has been introduced in the new service agreement (takes effect Jan 1, 2023).
- There is no longer an extension from the MECP for operator licenses.
- EAPWSS: The Elgin Board has decided not to pursue updating the Board's status under the Municipal Act. The Board is not seeking any changes at this time.
- LHPWSS: The Huron Board is looking into updating the Board's status under the Municipal Act.
- Updated Financial Plans are scheduled to be approved in 2023.
- EAPWSS: Elgin UV project is underway.
- LHPWSS: Huron undergoing two Class Environmental Assessments: one for disinfection and storage upgrades and the second is for the Oneida pipeline.

- LHPWSS: Completion of a Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment (in partnership with the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Region). Findings to be presented at the Oct. 6, 2022 Board Meeting.

c. Significant environmental impacts

EMS Aspects Assessment – Changes over the past year:

LHPWSS

- High water levels and storm events were added as a new environmental aspect.
- The new high lift pumps provide an opportunity to reduce energy consumption (positive impact).
- Clarifications/edits were made as a result of the EMS internal audit.
- A new control procedure for equipment containing refrigerants was created (LH-PROC-2600).

EAPWSS

- High water levels and storm events were added as a new environmental aspect.
- The Elgin-Middlesex Pump Station (EMPS) building envelope and property were added as a new area to the assessment. Reviewed and clarified all aspects related to the EMPS (Valve House, Reservoir, Building/Property).
- Clarifications/edits were made as a result of the EMS internal audit.
- A new control procedure for equipment containing refrigerants was created (EA-PROC-3200).
- 2021 had a significant iron and manganese event and a new training program for staff was implemented.

General:

- Electricity consumption and chemical consumption continue to be tracked as part of the EMS objectives and targets.
- Process water used and non-revenue water continue to be two (2) key performance indicators (KPIs) that are tracked.
- The future Central Elgin license of occupancy for a Pump Station is excluded from our EMS/QMS. If there is a backup generator there are potential impacts from the fuel.
- There are some anomalies in the non-revenue water trends that were addressed in the past year.
 - LHPWSS: City of London meter adjustment at Arva Pump Station – east meter was adjusted downward;
 - EAPWSS: Repair of leaking valve (P045) at EMPS in April 2022

d. Risks and opportunities

- Opportunity (EAPWSS & LHPWSS) – A NSERC research grant has been approved

for a project entitled "Detecting and treating per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in Canadian water systems". OCWA, EAPWSS & LHPWSS are partners in this project.

- Opportunity (EAPWSS & LHPWSS) – Site security (Paladin) now on-site at Elgin WTP as of Jan. 2022. Security Upgrades: Security enhancements are in progress at Elgin (camera project). Camera project recently completed at Huron. Additional camera coverage increases security, also provides operational and emergency response benefits such as better detection of equipment failure (e.g., smoke), fire, etc.
- Opportunity (EAPWSS & LHPWSS) – OCWA has now fully transitioned to electronic logbooks (2022).
- Opportunity (EAPWSS & LHPWSS) – The Water Quality Facility Plan (5-year update) is currently in progress. The project will look at source water quality and the ability to treat the water. Process optimization improvements will be recommended which provides chemical optimization opportunities in future.
- Risk (LHPWSS) – Coagulation upgrade at Huron WTP has experienced delays which poses a water quality risk.
- Opportunities (EAPWSS & LHPWSS) – Major capital projects recently completed or currently underway include:
 - High Lift Pump upgrade (LHPWSS) – all new pumps commissioned as of August 2022; Energy savings will be reviewed
 - Class EA for disinfection and storage upgrades (LHPWSS) – included a review of environmental impacts
 - Coagulation upgrade (LHPWSS) –process optimization including better control of chemical dosing
 - UV Replacement (EAPWSS) – opportunity to replace aging UV reactors with newer more energy efficient technology
 - McGillivray Pumping Station HVAC and electrical upgrade (LHPWSS) – opportunity to replace aging equipment with more energy efficient technology
 - Oneida Pipeline (LHPWSS) – additional customer, improved water quality benefits for the region
 - Electric vehicle charging stations (EAPWSS & LHPWSS)
 - Backwash Pump Upgrade (EAPWSS)
 - Window replacement in the low lift building (LHPWSS) – building energy efficiency
 - Many other civil, mechanical, electrical upgrades underway
- Opportunity (LHPWSS) – OCWA created a career “Pathways Partner” promotional video in partnership with Avon Maitland District School Board to give students the opportunity to explore careers in the drinking water industry and raise awareness of environmental career choices. There is currently a high school co-op placement at Huron.
- Opportunity (LHPWSS) – A Climate Change Assessment Tool (climate change vulnerability assessment) was recently completed for the LHPWSS

- Opportunity (EAPWSS & LHPWSS) - Health and Safety by Design concepts may have consequential impacts to EMS and QMS
- Opportunity (EAPWSS & LHPWSS) - Maximo mobile system implementation is in progress in 2022.
- Opportunity (EAPWSS & LHPWSS) – OCWA management team transitions through training and overlap helped to retain knowledge by keeping movement in house.
- Risk (EAPWSS) - 2021 Storm event created abrupt changes in the raw water quality causing increased iron and manganese levels.
- Opportunity (EAPWSS & LHPWSS) – The network and server infrastructure will be moving from the ITS datacenter at Museum London to the Rogers datacenter. This will allow for easier access to better maintain the systems, more reliable communications, and enhanced security.
- Opportunity (EAPWSS & LHPWSS): Resource recovery - there is potential for a future project which could result in reduction of waste (e.g., metals recovery from residuals).

4. Incidents of Adverse Drinking Water Tests

EAPWSS: No incidents of adverse drinking water quality have been reported since this item was last discussed (June 23, 2021).

LHPWSS: No incidents of adverse drinking water quality have been reported since this item was last discussed (September 22, 2021).

5. LHPWSS – Environmental Compliance Audit (July 23-28, 2022)

Discussion occurred on all internal audit findings and the edits and updates were captured in the Huron CAF Tracking Spreadsheet.

6. EAPWSS – Environmental Compliance Internal Audit (August 22-25, 2022)

Discussion occurred on all internal audit findings and the edits and updates were captured in the Elgin CAF Tracking Spreadsheet

7. Consumer Feedback

LHPWSS

Complaints & Concerns noted in Monthly Operations Reports (October 2021 – July 2022): None

EAPWSS

Complaints & Concerns noted in Monthly Operations Reports (October 2021 – July 2022):

January 2022: On Jan. 27, 2022, the Elgin WTP received a call from a St. Thomas resident who inquiring about water quality, specifically a concern about chemical taste and smell (other than chlorine). The resident was provided with information regarding the jurisdictions for water complaints and concerns and advised that they should contact the City of St. Thomas (as standard procedure is to refer residents to their billing municipality for follow up). The resident was also advised that there had been no changes to the quality of the water produced at the WTP and that there had been no changes or additions to chemicals used in the processes.

April 2022: Concern reported by a Southwold resident on April 19, 2022, expressing their disappointment at the selection of April 24, 2022 as the date for the P045 valve replacement and the associated service interruption, since this is the date of Orthodox Easter. The date was selected to coincide with the low water demand period (Sunday night) to minimize impact. The advance notice was issued so that people could potentially store water for toilet flushing, cooking, etc. during the interruption. In future the operating authority will endeavor to research religious ceremonies and dates to hopefully avoid such conflicts

8. Compliance Obligations Update

Implementation Pause of Excess Soil Requirements in Effect January 1, 2022

Source: Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)

Date Posted/Notice Received: April 21, 2022

Comments Due: N/A

Summary:

Ontario is implementing a temporary suspension of certain provisions in the Excess Soil Regulation that came into effect January 1, 2022, until January 1, 2023. The pause will provide more time to understand the provisions and refine their implementation.

Potential Impacts: None anticipated.

O.Reg. 342/22 (General – Waste Management) amending O.Reg. 347

Source: MECP

Date Posted/Notice Received: April 23, 2022

Comments Due: N/A

Summary:

MECP has finalized regulatory amendments that will require generators, carriers, and receivers of industrial hazardous or liquid waste to report information through a new digital reporting system currently being built by the Resource Recovery and Productivity Authority (RPRA). Starting Jan. 1, 2023, reporting must be done through RPRA's Hazardous Waste Program Registry, instead of reporting through the current Hazardous Waste Information Network (HWIN). Additional changes to O. Reg. 347 include allowing generators of hazardous waste to delegate reporting requirements, changes to annual registration, as well as other clarifying amendments.

The Regulation comes into force on July 1, 2022. The RPRA's registry will be launched on Jan. 1, 2023. All documents that are required to be submitted through the Registry by this Regulation shall be submitted electronically.

A [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page has been developed by RPRA.

Potential Impacts:

On Nov. 15, 2022 the new registry will open for users to set up their accounts. On Jan. 1, 2023 the new registry takes effect and there will be no more paper waste manifests.

Regulatory and policy proposals (Phase 2) under the Conservation Authorities Act

Source: MECP

Date Posted/Notice Received: April 22, 2022

Comments Due: N/A

Summary:

Requirements to increase transparency of Conservation Authority (CA) operations and those related to fees that CAs may charge will be in place by January 1, 2023, while those related to budget and municipal levy apportionment processes will be in place by July 1, 2023, to align timing with CA 2024 budgets. These regulations and policy will ensure a transition by January 1, 2024 of CAs to the new funding framework and three categories of programs and services that were established by recent amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act and first phase of regulations.

Potential Impacts: The regulation addresses an authority entering into an agreement with its participating municipalities with respect to the apportionment of costs. Unclear whether agreements can also be entered into with other entities (eg. Water Boards) to cover costs.

Migratory Birds Regulations, 2022: SOR/2022-105

Source: Canada Gazette

Date Posted/Notice Received: June 8, 2022

Comments Due: N/A

Summary:

A comprehensive review of the Migratory Birds Regulations (MBR) was conducted, resulting in many of the components of the Regulations being redrafted and reorganized into distinct parts, with some definitions or provisions being removed, while other ones were added. An exception to allow the destruction, damage, disturbance or removal of unoccupied nests in the MBR 2022 will provide enhanced flexibility and regulatory certainty for businesses. The new regulations take effect on July 30, 2022.

Potential Impacts: None anticipated

Amendments to the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations (Registration Database)

Source: Canada Gazette

Date Posted/Notice Received: June 25, 2022

Comments Due: September 3, 2022

Summary:

This regulatory proposal would require that individuals or organizations who import, offer for transport, handle or transport dangerous goods be registered in a new registration database. All registered persons must provide administrative information and information concerning the dangerous goods and operations being conducted at their respective Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG) site. The new database will be implemented in spring 2023.

Potential Impacts:

If OCWA is subject to TDG regulations with respect to handling of chemicals (e.g., during chemical unloading/deliveries) then the sites will need to be registered in the new database with renewal and updates annually. The database will be implemented in spring 2023.

State of the Great Lakes 2022 Report

Source: Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)

Date Posted/Notice Received: July 29, 2022

Comments Due: N/A

Summary:

Canada and the U.S. have jointly published two reports required under the the 2012 Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (GLWQA): [State of the Great Lakes 2022 Report](#) and the [2022 Progress Report of the Parties](#).

The State of the Great Lakes 2022 Report provides a summary of the health of the Great Lakes using indicators of ecosystem health, such as drinking water, fish consumption, and beach closures. The report discusses progress with respect to the reduction of toxic chemicals, and a reduction in the establishment of new non-indigenous aquatic species. Challenges include the impacts of nutrients, especially in Lake Erie and localized areas, and the impacts of invasive species. Climate change is already exacerbating some threats. **Overall, the Great Lakes are assessed by the State of the Great Lakes indicators as fair, and the trend is unchanging.**

The Progress Report of the Parties describes recent achievements in restoring and protecting Great Lakes water quality and ecosystem health.

Potential Impacts: None anticipated

Notice of Pre-Consultation on Proposed Amendments to Ausable Bayfield and Maitland Valley Source Protection Plans

Source: Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley (ABMV) Source Protection Committee (SPC)

Date Posted/Notice Received: August 29, 2022

Comments Due: October 14, 2022

Summary:

Over the past three years, the ABMV SPC has been working on a review and amendments of the Source Protection Plans for the Ausable Bayfield and Maitland Valley Source Protection Areas.

Pre-consultation on the proposed amendments begins with implementing bodies, including municipalities, ministries and other agencies.

Comments received as part of the pre-consultation process will be reviewed by

the SPC and possible changes made to policies prior to public consultation. Public consultation will begin in early 2023.

Potential Impacts: None anticipated. The key changes in the proposed amendments mainly relate to municipal wells, wellhead protection areas, and road salt management.

9. Best Management Practices (including MECP website overview)

The continual improvement requirement of the DWQMS is that there be a review and consideration of the applicable best management practices, including any published by the MECP on www.ontario.ca/drinkingwater. There are currently no best management practices published on the MECP website. The LHPWSS & EAPWSS continue to identify best management practices through the other means documented in the Corrective & Preventive Action Procedures.

10. Corrective Action Forms (LHPWSS & EAPWSS)

- a. Huron RMF – Effluent Conduit Sampling (July 12, 2022)
- b. Huron Incident Report – Loss of Alum (Feb 7, 2022)

Top Management was informed that each of the above events were captured on a Corrective Action Form and included in the appropriate CAF tracking spreadsheet. Top Management acknowledged these items and had no additional comments.

11. Other Business

No other business discussed.

Next Meeting: November 23, 2022

APPENDIX B: DWQMS EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT SUMMARY (OCTOBER 25-27, 2022)

EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW

Based on the results of this onsite verification audit (Stage 2) and the results of the System audit (Stage 1) it has been determined that the management system is effectively implemented and meets the requirements of the standard relative to the scope of certification identified in this report; therefore, a recommendation for certification will be submitted to SAI Global review team.

Recommendation

Based on the results of this audit it has been determined that the management system is effectively implemented and maintained and meets the requirements of the standard relative to the scope of certification identified in this report; therefore, a recommendation for (continued) certification will be submitted to SAI Global review team.

Opportunities for Improvement:

The following opportunities for improvement have been identified.

- **Element 5 Document and Records Control** – There is an opportunity to:
 - i) ensure document control (e.g., outdated Policy, and OP including risk assessment outcomes within Control Room binder, new OSOP not in OSOP binder, uncontrolled Laboratory UVA UVT Analysis procedure, ECP-2 still references RWS Compliance Coordinator and Central Elgin).
 - ii) include date RWS Policy was signed in addition to the revision date.
 - iii) address SharePoint 'Obsolete' document management within LH-ADMIN-200.
- **Element 7 Risk Assessment** – Consider reviewing Environmental Aspects and Impacts activities for potential risk assessment outcomes.
- **Element 9 Organizational Structure, Roles, Responsibilities and Authorities** – There is an opportunity to:
 - i) document QMS Representative back up Operations & Compliance Team Lead and Senior Operations Manager responsibilities.
 - ii) review Overall Responsible Operator designation by Regional not General Manager as per EA-ADMIN-100.
- **Element 10 Competencies** – There is an opportunity to:
 - i) include the OCWA management of MECP cybersecurity hazard within the Corporate cybersecurity course.
 - ii) update the EMS / QMS Orientation (e.g., 4-Oct-2022 signed Policy, updated personnel).
 - iii) review the OCWA Environmental Compliance 3-year Corporate and 5-year Primary Water Supply System frequency requirement.
 - iv) include emergency testing as part of the training record.

- **Element 13 Essential Supplies and Services** – There is an opportunity to:
 - i) add McLean (chlorine tonner calibration), Cummins (generator maintenance) and Hetek to the Essential Supplies and Services List ECP-2.
 - ii) ensure evidence of calibration quality requirements is available (e.g., Hach, SCG, Hetek).
 - iii) document the OCWA (e.g., piping and Watermain Repair Disinfection Form LF-PROC-2400) and RWS (e.g., tender, and associated Form 6/9) processes for confirmation of quality requirements.
- **Element 14 Review and Provision of Infrastructure** – There is an opportunity to align the OCWA (by including environmental impact, including life cycle as criteria within the Major Capital Recommendations) and RWS (by including QMS risk assessment outcomes within business case evaluation) capital processes.
- **Element 15 Infrastructure Maintenance** – There is an opportunity to:
 - i) review the NaOH flush and flow verification Work Order Assignment Laboratory posting as it is left blank in 2022.
 - ii) ensure legacy maintenance records prior to Maximo are available (e.g., 2018 / 2019 Elgin Middlesex Pump Stations [EMPS] reservoir inspections).
 - iii) ensure EMPS reservoir triennial inspection frequency is included in Maximo.
 - iv) sign low lift fire extinguisher monthly inspection tags.
- **Element 18 Emergency Management** – There is an opportunity to:
 - i) identify actual, emergency test and / or review within the Emergency Matrix.
 - ii) ensure Acute 23-Jun-2022 HMC-4 Spills Reporting testing resulting actions are reflected in the CAF Spreadsheet.
 - iii) review HMC-7 2022 testing (completed 2021) as per Management Review minutes.
- **Element 21 Continual Improvement** – There is an opportunity to document LHPWSS BMPs to be implemented at EAPWSS within the CAF Spreadsheet.

It is suggested that the opportunities for improvement be considered by management to further enhance the Operating Authority's Quality Management System and performance.

Management System Documentation

The management systems operational plan(s) was reviewed and found to be in conformance with the requirements of the standard.

Management Review

Records of the most recent management review meetings were verified and found to meet the requirements of the standard. All inputs were reflected in the records and appear suitably managed as reflected by resulting actions and decisions.

Internal Audits

Internal audits are being conducted at planned intervals to ensure conformance to planned arrangements, the requirements of the standard and the established management system.

Corrective, Preventive Action & Continual Improvement Processes



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The Operating Authority is implementing an effective process for the continual improvement of the management system through the use of the quality policy, quality objectives, audit results, data analysis, the appropriate management of corrective and preventive actions and management review.

APPENDIX C: EMS EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT SUMMARY (OCTOBER 25-27, 2022)

Surveillance Executive Overview

The objective of this audit was to determine continuing compliance of your organization's management system with the audit criteria; and its effectiveness in achieving continual improvement and system objectives.

Changes to the audit plan and the reasons for the change:

No changes were required.

Significant issues impacting on the Audit Programme:

New Regional Water Supply Compliance Coordinator hired and departed. Associated 2021 OFI addressed.

Site(s) description: activities/processes at each site:

Refer to Scope.

Interrelationship between sites (dependency):

Refer to Scope / CIS.

The objectives of the audit were achieved.

Overall Recommendation

The capability of the management system to meet expected outcomes:

The organisation continues to demonstrate continual improvement (e.g., refer to projects outlined in the audit summary) through meeting long-term electricity and chemical usage objectives and compliance with obligations (in development for next 5-year cycle coinciding with OCWA Operating Agreement), with the support of Regional Water Supply (RWS) and OCWA leadership. Environmental awareness at management and operational levels (e.g., impact on the environment) is evident.

Audit recommendations are always subject to ratification by SAI Global certification authority.

For the following standard(s): ISO 14001:2015

Based on the evidence verified and findings of this audit, the management system is being managed and utilised by all employees interviewed. There is appropriate input and support from top management. There have been no issues identified that need immediate attention although the contents of this report should be fully reviewed to determine any ongoing system improvement opportunities.

Audit Findings

Non-Conformances (NCRs):

All of the applicable requirements of the ISO 14001:2015 were audited and considered to be adequately implemented.
No NCRs were identified.

Opportunities for Improvement:

The following opportunities for improvement have been identified.

- **6.1.2 Environmental aspects** – Consider reviewing Risk Assessment Outcomes' activities for potential environmental aspects.
- **7.3 Awareness** – There is an opportunity to:
 - i) update the EMS / QMS Orientation (e.g., 4-Oct-2022 signed Policy, updated personnel).
 - ii) include emergency testing as part of the training record.
- **7.5 Documented Information** – There is an opportunity to:
 - i) ensure document control (e.g., outdated Policy, EMS Manual, and aspects listing, within Control Room binder, ECP-2 references former RWS Compliance Coordinator and Central Elgin representative).
 - ii) include date Policy was signed in addition to the revision date.
 - iii) address SharePoint 'Obsolete' document management within LH-ADMIN-200.
- **8.1 Operational Planning and control (Life Cycle)** – There is an opportunity to align the OCWA (by including environmental impact, including life cycle as criteria within the Major Capital Recommendations) and RWS capital processes.
- **8.1 Operational Planning and control (Maintenance)** – There is an opportunity to sign low lift fire extinguisher monthly inspection tags.
- **8.1 Operational Planning and control (Waste Management)** – There is an opportunity to ensure waste and volume manifest Copy 6 (i.e., brown) receipt (e.g., MX157157875-0 mailed out 10-May-22), e.g., via form, within specified regulatory timeframe.
- **8.2 Emergency preparedness and response** – There is an opportunity to:
 - i) identify actual, emergency test and / or review within the Emergency Matrix.
 - ii) ensure Acute 23-Jun-2022 HMC-4 Spills Reporting testing resulting actions are reflected in the CAF Spreadsheet.
 - iii) review HMC-7 2022 testing (completed 2021) as per Management Review minutes.

It is suggested that the opportunities for improvement be considered by management to further enhance the company's Management System and performance of the business.

APPENDIX D: MANAGEMENT REVIEW MEETING MINUTES (NOVEMBER 23, 2022)

Lake Huron & Elgin Area Primary Water Supply Systems EMS/QMS Management Review

Date: November 23, 2022

Time: 1:00pm

Location: Virtual – Microsoft Teams

Attendees: Andrew Henry (RWS), Erin McLeod (RWS), Matt Bender (OCWA), Allison McCann (OCWA), Denny Rodrigues (OCWA), Randy Lieber (OCWA), Greg Henderson (OCWA)

N.B.: Management Review meetings are held in a combined format for both the Lake Huron Primary Water Supply System (LHPWSS) and the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System (EAPWSS).

-----Meeting Notes-----

1. Review and Approval of Previous Minutes (LHPWSS & EAPWSS)

The minutes from the previous meeting (September 7, 2022) are posted to SharePoint. The minutes were approved.

2. Environmental & Quality Policies (LHPWSS & EAPWSS)

Proposed changes to the Policies were reviewed. Changes included:

- Addition of a new commitment to align and coordinate the EMS and QMS with the Asset Management System.
- Re-ordering of the commitments, so that the mandatory commitments required by the Drinking Water Quality Management Standard (DWQMS) and ISO14001 Standard are listed first.
- Addition of a signature date to the title block.
- Adding a reference to process water optimization to the LHPWSS Policy, to align with a new EMS objective identified for the upcoming 5-year period.

The proposed changes were approved. The revised Policies will be provided to the Boards at the January 19, 2023 Board meetings for endorsement.

3. Huron QMS Re-accreditation External Audit (Oct. 19-21, 2022)

No non-conformances were identified. A total of seventeen (17) Opportunities for Improvement (OFIs) were identified under eight (8) elements of the standard. The OFIs were discussed, and action items were finalized to address them. OCWA successfully achieved re-accreditation and the new certificate will be issued before the end of the year.

4. Huron EMS External Audit (Oct. 19-21, 2022)

No non-conformances were identified. A total of eleven (11) OFIs were identified under five (5) elements of the standard. The majority of the OFIs were duplicates with the QMS audit. The OFIs were discussed, and action items were finalized to address them.

5. Elgin QMS Re-accreditation External Audit (Oct. 25-27, 2022)

No non-conformances were identified. A total of twenty-two (22) OFIs were identified under nine (9) elements of the standard. The OFIs were discussed, and action items were finalized to address them. OCWA successfully achieved re-accreditation and the new certificate will be issued before the end of the year.

6. Elgin EMS External Audit (Oct. 25-27, 2022)

No non-conformances were identified. A total of twelve (12) OFIs were identified under seven (7) elements of the standard. The majority of the OFIs were duplicates with the QMS audit. The OFIs were discussed, and action items were finalized to address them.

7. New Action Items (EAPWSS)

Three (3) new action items have been identified as a result of completing the following reviews:

- Corrective Action Form – Elgin Filter #4 effluent valve issue
- Management of Change Form – Elgin Alum Tank Replacement Project

The action items identified on these forms have been added to the action item tracking spreadsheet.

8. Objectives, Targets and Programs (LHPWSS & EAPWSS)

EAPWSS

The results of the current objectives and targets for 2017-2022 were reviewed and discussed.

- The electricity target is being met on an annual average basis, but not during winter months.
- The chemical target is stable/consistent but not meeting the current target on an annual average basis. Due to seasonal fluctuations the target is being met in spring/summer but not fall/winter.
- The residuals target was always met for the total suspended solids (TSS) criteria, but there were several exceedances of total chlorine residual (TCR) criteria.

The proposed new objectives, targets and programs for 2023-2027 were reviewed and

discussed. The drafts were approved by Top Management, pending final edits as per discussion.

- The residuals objective and target will not carry forward as the Residuals Management Facility (RMF) has been operating for 5 years and baseline information has now been established.
- The electricity objective will continue, with the target being lowered. The new target will be based on an annual average, with quarterly monitoring.
- The chemical objective will continue, with the target remaining the same. The target will be based on an annual average, with quarterly monitoring.
- All capital projects that may contribute to the electricity and chemical optimization are to be included in the programs. Even if impacts are minimal, document them all.

LHPWSS

The results of the current objectives and targets for 2017-2022 were reviewed and discussed.

- The electricity target is being met on an annual average basis, with the exception of recent winter months (in 2021 & 2022).
- The chemical target is being met on an annual average basis, with better performance being seen in summer months.

The proposed new objectives, targets and programs for 2023-2027 were reviewed and discussed. The drafts were approved by Top Management, pending final edits as per discussion.

- The electricity objective will continue, with the target being lowered. The new target will be based on an annual average, with quarterly monitoring.
- The chemical objective will continue, with the target being lowered. The new target will be based on an annual average, with quarterly monitoring.
- A new process water optimization objective will be added. The main driver for the program is backwash optimization, but it will consider all in-plant process water consumption. No specific target will be set.
- All capital projects that may contribute to the electricity and chemical optimization are to be included in the program. Even if impacts are minimal, document them all.

The comments brought forward at the meeting will be incorporated into the objectives, targets, and programs for 2023-2027. The final draft documents will be circulated to RWS and OCWA staff for further review and comment. The final 2023-2027 objectives, targets and programs will be provided to the Boards at the January 19, 2023 Board meetings for endorsement.

Next Meeting: TBD

To: Chair and Members, Board of Management
Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System

From: Kelly Scherr, P.Eng., MBA, FEC
Chief Administrative Officer

Subject: Quarterly Operating Financial Status – 3rd Quarter 2022

RECOMMENDATION

That this report regarding the Quarterly Operating Financial Status of the Elgin Area Water Supply System be **RECEIVED** by the Board of Management for information; it being noted that the financial information presented in this report is unaudited and subject to adjustments including the preparation of the financial statements and completion of the annual audit.

BACKGROUND

At the request of the Board of Management, a Financial Status Report is provided on a quarterly basis for information. The financial status provides a high-level overview of incurred expenditures and revenues on a cash-flow basis and is compared to the approved operating budget of the water supply system. All expenditures and revenues provided in this Financial Status Report are unaudited and may include accrued and/or unaccrued expenses from a previous or future fiscal year.

A high-level summary of incurred expenses and revenues for the water supply system is attached to this report as Appendix A for the third quarter 2022 (July 1 to September 30) as well as a comparative accumulation of expensed for the year to date.

Note: The reported expenditures and revenues may be subject to adjustments, including but not limited to the preparation of financial statements and completion of the annual audit.

DISCUSSION

For the information and reference of the Board, the following highlights of the attached summary provides a brief explanation of notable deviations from the approved budget and/or clarifications of the financial summary:

- Contracted Operating Services in the summary report reflects the total direct operating costs of the contracted operation of the water treatment and transmission system, as well as other related contracted services. The total accumulated operating costs over the year (unaudited) is higher than the same period in 2021 and is reflective of contractual increases in service agreements with the operating authority and other contracted services.
- Contracted Administrative Services in the summary report reflects the fees paid to the City of London.
- Electricity expenditures include the purchase of energy and related energy management service charges for the water system. The water system is currently tracking approximately \$43,000 higher than the previous year.
- Salaries, wages, and benefits expenditures include all direct labour costs for administrative staff including benefits. Variations over the same period in 2021 are attributed to annual salary adjustments, and new staff hired. In addition, the 2021 YTD amount shown is understated as the pandemic delayed accounting entries related to salaries, wages, and benefits. In addition, the 2022 YTD amount shown now includes accrued vacation costs posted early in the year.
- Administration and Other Expenses relates to various overhead operating expenses, including subscriptions and memberships, office supplies and property taxes. While the reported expenditures will be adjusted as part of the year-end process, accounting for 2022 pre-payments and other cost accounting adjustments, the costs to date are lower than the same period in 2021.
- Vehicles and Equipment expenditures include costs associated with vehicles, computers, and office equipment for administrative staff.
- Purchased Services and Professional Fees largely relates to allowances for ad hoc professional consulting and legal services, office lease, telephone charges, network and SCADA maintenance, printing services, and pipeline locate costs. The increased cost when compared to the same period in 2021 is attributed to increased insurance costs as well as security services added in 2022.
- Debt Principal and Interest payments occur twice per year; in the first and third quarter.

- Contributions to the Reserve Funds occur at the end of the fiscal year as part of the year-end audit preparation process, where the actual contributions are the total remaining revenue in excess of expenditures. Accordingly, the amount of the anticipated contribution is currently adjusted to reflect the additional revenue and expenses incurred and may be subject to further adjustment as a result of the completion of the year-end financial statements and audit.

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Recommended by: Kelly Scherr, P.Eng., MBA, FEC
Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments: Operating Financial Status Summary – 2nd Quarter 2022

Quarterly Financial Summary Report

Elgin Area Water Supply system
3rd Quarter 2022 (July 1 to September 30)
(\$,000's)

	Approved 2022 Budget	Q3 - 2022	2022 Year to Date	Year To Date Variance	2021 Year To Date
Total Revenue	14,765	3,839	10,182	4,583	9,525
<u>Expenditures:</u>					
Contracted Operating Services	4,684	1,162	3,320	1,364	3,192
Contracted Administrative Services	183	46	137	46	135
Electricity	1,050	284	747	303	704
Salaries, Wages, Benefits	961	215	621	340	545
Administration and Other Expenditures	522	203	412	110	406
Vehicles and Equipment	74	15	40	34	35
Purchased Services & Professional Fees	996	377	790	206	463
Debt Principle Payments	2,338	1,170	2,323	15	2,273
Interest on Long-Term Debt	186	86	183	3	242
Contributions to Reserve Funds	3,771	0	0	3,771	21
Total Expenditures	14,765	3,558	8,573	6,192	8,016

To: Chair and Members, Board of Management
Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System

From: Kelly Scherr, P.Eng., MBA, FEC
Chief Administrative Officer

Subject: 2023 to 2026 Meeting Schedule

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Management for the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System **APPROVE** the proposed meeting schedule for the Board of Management for 2023 to 2026

PREVIOUS AND RELATED REPORTS

December 2, 2021	2021 and 2022 Meeting Schedule - Revised
June 4, 2020	2021 and 2022 Meeting Schedule
October 4, 2018	2019 and 2020 Meeting Schedule
December 1, 2016	2017 and 2018 Meeting Schedule - Revised
October 16, 2016	2017 and 2018 Meeting Schedule

BACKGROUND

The Board of Management for the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System regularly meets on the first Thursday of March, June, October and December. Rather than meeting in September (consistent with a meeting every three months) the budget report is issued in September, thirty days in advance of the October meeting, to allow for a comprehensive review period by the Board Members.

In the year of a municipal election, the meeting which would normally be held in December is deferred to at least mid-January in the following year to allow for each newly elected Municipal Council to recommend their Members and Alternates to the Board.

The Board normally meets at 2:00pm unless circumstances warrant an alternate time.

DISCUSSION

Consistent with past practices of meeting on the first Thursday of March, June, October and December, the following meeting dates are recommended for consideration and approval of the Board:

March 2, 2023	June 1, 2023	October 5, 2023	December 7, 2023
March 7, 2024	June 6, 2024	October 3, 2024	December 5, 2024
March 6, 2025	June 5, 2025	October 2, 2025	December 4, 2025
March 5, 2026	June 4, 2026	October 1, 2026	January 21, 2027 ¹

CONCLUSION

Except for January 21, 2027, the meeting dates recommended in this report are consistent with the Board's practice of meeting on the first Thursday of each of March, June, October, and December. Meetings may also be held at the request of the Board Chair, and approved meeting dates may be altered by the Board at any time.

Submitted by: Andrew Henry, P. Eng.,
Director, Regional Water Supply

Recommended by: Kelly Scherr, P.Eng., MBA, FEC
Chief Administrative Officer

¹ The municipal election being held in October 2026 will require the meeting that would normally be held in December 2026 to be scheduled in mid- to late-January 2027.

To: Chair and Members, Board of Management
Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System

From: Kelly Scherr, P.Eng., MBA, FEC
Chief Administrative Officer

Subject: Environmental and Quality Policy and Quality Management System Operational Plan

RECOMMENDATION

That the following actions be taken with respect to the Environmental Management System and Quality Management System for the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System (EAPWSS):

- a) The Board of Management for the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System **RECEIVE** the report for information; and,
- b) The Board of Management for the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System **ENDORSE** the Environmental and Quality Policy, and Quality Management System Operational Plan attached to this report.

PREVIOUS AND RELEVANT REPORTS

October 4, 2018	Environmental and Quality Policy
June 8, 2017	Environmental Management System and Quality Management System
January 22, 2015	Management System Policies and Operational Plan

BACKGROUND

Environmental Management System (EMS)

The Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System (EAPWSS) has an Environmental Management System (EMS) which has been registered to the ISO 14001 Standard since 2003. The continued utilization and registration of the EMS is a requirement of the Service Agreement with the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA), the contracted operating authority for the EAPWSS.

Quality Management System (QMS)

The EAPWSS has a Quality Management System (QMS) which has been in place since 2006. The QMS is a provincial regulatory requirement under the *Safe Drinking Water Act* and the Municipal Drinking Water Licence Program. The licence framework requires drinking water system owners to obtain a Municipal Drinking Water Licence (MDWL) to operate their drinking water system. In order to obtain a MDWL, a drinking water system must have an accredited operating authority. To obtain accreditation the operating authority must establish and maintain a QMS that meets the minimum requirements of the province's Drinking Water Quality Management Standard (DWQMS).

Operating authorities are accredited by a third-party accreditation body against the

requirements of the DWQMS. Re-accreditation audits take place every three (3) years. OCWA recently received DWQMS re-accreditation for the EAPWSS in October 2022 and is accredited for another three-year term (ending in 2025).

DISCUSSION

Environmental and Quality Policy

The standards for the Environmental Management System (EMS) and Quality Management System (QMS) each respectively require the development and implementation of a policy.

The EAPWSS currently has a combined Environmental and Quality Policy. The Policy incorporates the guiding principles of the management systems and provides the foundation for the EMS and QMS. The Policy provides the necessary high-level “drivers” and direction for implementing and improving the organization’s EMS and QMS. The Policy focuses on the commitments of the EAPWSS and includes details that distinguish the system from other organizations.

The current Policy is [posted on the water system’s website](#) for public information and included in [Appendix A](#) for the information of the Board.

The Policy is reviewed a minimum of once annually by the Board’s staff and management of the contracted operating authority, and any recommended changes are brought forward to the Board for consideration and approval. The Environmental and Quality Policy was last approved by the Board on October 4, 2018.

Staff are recommending two revisions to the Policy.

- Addition of a new commitment to align and coordinate the EMS and QMS with the Asset Management System. The Board approved a separate Asset Management Policy on October 7, 2021.
- Re-ordering the commitments so that the mandatory commitments as required by the DWQMS and ISO14001 Standards appear first. The system specific commitments follow.

The revised Environmental and Quality Policy is included as [Appendix B](#) of this report for the Board’s reference and consideration. If approved by the Board, the revised Policy will become effective January 19, 2023.

QMS Operational Plan

The DWQMS requires the operating authority to document a Quality Management System (QMS) for each drinking water system that the authority operates in an Operational Plan. The QMS Operational Plan must be accepted by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and is subject to audits by a third-party accreditation body.

The current QMS Operational Plan that accompanies this report was recently reviewed and revised by Board staff and the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) in partnership. The Operational Plan is a high-level document (i.e., a “road map” to the QMS) which generally describes how each element of the standard is met. The Plan references a number of associated procedures which currently exist in a separate document library as part of the system’s QMS and do not substantially change.

As per regulatory requirements and the Drinking Water Quality Management Standard (DWQMS), the QMS Operational Plan must be endorsed by the system owner. By internal policy, re-endorsement of the QMS Operational Plan is required a minimum every 4 years, or if there is a change in Top Management. Due to some recent changes in Board member appointments, Board staff are seeking re-endorsement of the QMS Operational Plan. The Plan is attached as [Appendix C](#) to this report.

CONCLUSION

Both the Environmental Management System (EMS) and the Quality Management System (QMS) that have been developed for the EAPWSS play an important role in the Board’s continuing commitments to provide safe drinking water to its customers, while managing the system in an environmentally responsible manner. The Environmental and Quality Policy plays an important role in the Board’s continuing commitments to the management systems and the continual improvement of the water system. The QMS Operational Plan that accompanies this report forms the basis for the documentation of the QMS that has been developed for the EAPWSS.

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Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments:

[Appendix A](#) – Current Environmental and Quality Policy (Oct. 4, 2018)
[Appendix B](#) – Revised Environmental and Quality Policy (Jan. 19, 2023)
[Appendix C](#) – QMS Operational Plan

APPENDIX A: CURRENT ENVIRONMENTAL AND QUALITY POLICY (OCT. 4, 2018)


ENVIRONMENTAL AND QUALITY POLICY

The Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System (EAPWSS) and Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) as the Operating Authority are committed to:


- Maintaining and continually improving the Environmental Management System (EMS) and Quality Management System (QMS) to enhance environmental and quality performance.
- Managing and operating the drinking water system in a responsible manner.
- Providing the customer with safe drinking water.
- Being environmental and quality leaders in the municipal drinking water industry.
- Promoting owner and consumer confidence in the safety of the drinking water supply.
- Developing and implementing policies and environmental objectives in partnership.
- Protecting the environment, including prevention of pollution, energy management, and chemical usage optimization.
- Promoting resource stewardship, including conservation.
- Meeting all relevant compliance obligations and encouraging suppliers and subcontractors to similarly meet these requirements.
- Accomplishing these commitments through the dedication, support and participation of all personnel.

The EAPWSS and OCWA will periodically undertake reviews, evaluations and performance measurements of the operations to promote conformance with the Environmental and Quality Policy.

OCWA also maintains a separate Quality Management System Policy which governs the activities of the Operating Authority as a Corporation.



Andrew Henry
Director, Regional Water Supply
Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System



Matt Bender
Regional Manager
Ontario Clean Water Agency

Effective Date: October 4, 2018

APPENDIX B: REVISED ENVIRONMENTAL AND QUALITY POLICY (JAN. 19, 2023)

ENVIRONMENTAL AND QUALITY POLICY

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- Promoting owner and consumer confidence in the safety of the drinking water supply.
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- Aligning and coordinating the EMS and QMS with the Asset Management System.
- Accomplishing these commitments through the dedication, support and participation of all personnel.

The EAPWSS and OCWA will periodically undertake reviews, evaluations and performance measurements of the operations to promote conformance with the Environmental and Quality Policy.

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Andrew Henry
Director, Regional Water Supply
Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System

Date Signed:

Matt Bender
Regional Manager
Ontario Clean Water Agency

Date Signed:

Effective Date: January 19, 2023



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APPENDIX C: QMS OPERATIONAL PLAN

[see attached document]

QMS OPERATIONAL PLAN

For the Elgin Area Primary Water
Supply System

Municipal Drinking Water Licence # 048-101



This Operational Plan is designed for the exclusive use of the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System (EAPWSS).

This Operational Plan has been developed in partnership between the Owner and Operating Authority, with the Operating Authority's standard operating practices in mind.

Any use which a third party makes of this Operational Plan, or any part thereof, or any reliance on or decisions made based on information within it, is the responsibility of such third parties. The EAPWSS Joint Board of Management and Operating Authority, Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA), accepts no responsibility for damages, if any, suffered by any third party as a result of decisions made or actions taken based on this Operational Plan or any part thereof.

OPERATIONAL PLAN

Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System (EAPWSS)

- Owned by the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System Joint Board of Management (EJBOM), which is administered by Regional Water Supply (RWS).
- Operated by the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA).

This Operational Plan defines and documents the Quality Management System (QMS) for the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System (EAPWSS). It sets out the policies and procedures with respect to quality management in accordance with the requirements of the Province of Ontario's Drinking Water Quality Management Standard (DWQMS).

OPERATIONAL PLAN REVISION HISTORY

Date	Revision	Description of Revision
2012-07-01	0	Operational Plan issued
2013-07-01	1	Annual Review and more information from internal and external audits
2013-07-31	2	Change of operating authority. Formatting revisions
2013-09-12	3	Risk Assessment Outcome name change in Tables 1 & 2
2014-08-27	4	Revised name and abbreviation for EJBOM – Elgin Joint Board of Management
2014-12-08	5	Annual Review and Internal and External Audits
2016-06-06	6	Updated EAPWSS QMS Policy and OCWA's QEMS Policy. Annual Review and Internal and External Audits.
2017-07-09	Version 1.0	Initial upload into SharePoint. Version history is now tracked in SharePoint.

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1. EAPWSS Quality Management System (QMS)

This QMS Operational Plan describes the contents of the QMS for the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System (EAPWSS).

The EAPWSS's Quality Management System (QMS) is structured and documented with the purpose of:

1. Establishing policy and objectives with respect to the effective management and operation of water treatment and transmission mains;
2. Understanding and controlling the risks associated with the facility's activities and processes;
3. Achieving continual improvement of the QMS and the facility's performance.

2. Quality Management System (QMS) Policy

EAPWSS Environmental and Quality Policy

The EAPWSS has an integrated Environmental Management System (EMS) and Quality Management System (QMS), with a combined Environmental and Quality Policy.

The locations of posted copies of the Environmental and Quality Policy are listed in Procedure EA-ADMIN-200 (Document and Records Control).

Refer to Procedure EA-ADMIN-200 (Document and Records Control)

OCWA Quality & Environmental Management System (QEMS) Policy

OCWA also maintains a separate QMS Policy which governs the activities of the Operating Authority as a Corporation.

OCWA, its Board of Directors, Officers and entire staff are committed to the principles and objectives set out in the Quality & Environmental Management System (QEMS) Policy.

The Board of Directors, Officers and entire staff will act to ensure the implementation of this Policy and will monitor progress of the Quality & Environmental Management System (QEMS).

OCWA's QEMS Policy is readily communicated to all OCWA personnel, the Owner and the public through OCWA's intranet and public websites. A complete review/revision history of the QEMS Policy is maintained on OCWA's intranet.

Refer to the EAPWSS Environmental and Quality Policy

Refer to the OCWA Quality & Environmental Management System (QEMS) Policy

Refer to Procedure EA-ADMIN-600 (Compliance Obligations)

Refer to Procedure EA-ADMIN-800 (Government and Contract Reporting)

Refer to Procedure EA-ADMIN-2500 (Compliance Requirements for System Alterations and Modifications)

3. Commitment and Endorsement of the QMS Operational Plan

This Operational Plan supports the overall goal of the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System Joint Board of Management (EJBOM) and the Operating Authority, OCWA, to provide safe, cost-effective drinking water through sustained cooperation. Both the Owner and Operating Authority will be responsible for developing, implementing, maintaining and continually improving the QMS with respect to the operation and maintenance of the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System and will do so in a manner that ensures compliance with applicable legislation and regulations.

Top management of both the EJBOM and OCWA has approved the QMS for the drinking water system as documented in this Operational Plan. The signatories below further commit to ensuring that the QMS is regularly assessed to confirm its ongoing applicability and relevance.

Operating Authority Endorsement & Approval

Matt Bender 4 Oct. 2022
 Matt Bender Date
 Regional Manager
 Ontario Clean Water Agency

Owner Endorsement & Approval

Andrew Henry 4 Oct. 2022
 Andrew Henry Date
 Director, Regional Water Supply
 Owner Representative, EJBOM

Re-endorsement of the Operational Plan shall be obtained:

- By the Owner a minimum of every 4 years,
- If Top Management changes, or
- Change of Operating Authority

Top Management ensures the Operating Authority is aware of all applicable legislative and regulatory requirements. This process is described in Procedure EA-ADMIN-600 (Compliance Obligations).

Top Management ensures the QMS is communicated according to Procedure EA-ADMIN-500 (Communications).

Top Management determines, obtains and provides the resources needed to maintain and improve the QMS, as demonstrated through records created under the QMS, and through the management review process.

Refer to Procedure EA-ADMIN-500 (Communications)

Refer to Procedure EA-ADMIN-600 (Compliance Obligations)

Refer to Procedure EA-ADMIN-800 (Government and Contract Reporting)

Refer to Procedure EA-ADMIN-900 (Management Review)

Refer to Procedure EA-ADMIN-2500 (Compliance Requirements for System Alterations and Modifications)

4. Quality Management System Representative

All personnel have a role and associated responsibilities within the QMS.

The role of QMS Representative for EAPWSS is appointed to the Compliance Manager. The QMS Representative is supported by the Operations and Compliance Team Lead. The QMS Representative is approved by Top Management.

The Compliance Manager is ultimately responsible for establishing and maintaining processes and procedures required for the overall administration of the facility QMS.

To assist in fulfilling the specific duties set out for the QMS Representative, the Operations & Compliance Team Lead is responsible for:

- Reporting on QMS performance and identifying opportunities for improvement,
- Ensuring that current versions of documents related to the QMS are in use, and
- Ensuring personnel are aware of all applicable legislative and regulatory requirements that pertain to their operational duties.

The Senior Operations Manager, Compliance Manager and Operations and Compliance Team Lead are all responsible for promoting awareness of the QMS to facility personnel.

Refer to Procedure EA-ADMIN-100 (Structure and Responsibilities)

5. Document and Records Control

Refer to Procedure EA-ADMIN-200 (Document and Records Control)

6. Drinking Water System

Description of the Drinking Water System

The EAPWSS is owned by the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System Joint Board of Management (EJBOM) whose benefiting municipalities include the City of London, City of St. Thomas, Municipality of Bayham, Municipality of Central Elgin, Town of Aylmer, Township of Malahide, Township of Southwold and the Municipality of Dutton Dunwich. Regional Water Supply (RWS) provides oversight management and administration of the EAPWSS on behalf of and under the direction of the EJBOM.

The EJBOM currently utilizes the services of an independent contract Operating Authority, OCWA, who operates and maintains the EAPWSS on behalf of the EJBOM.

The Elgin Area Water Treatment Plant is situated near Port Stanley on the north shore of Lake Erie. It is a surface water treatment facility with a treatment capacity of 91 million litres per day.

The EAPWSS consists of an intake system, a low lift pumping system, a treatment system and distribution pumping system that directly supplies water to the following drinking water systems:

<i>Drinking Water System</i>	<i>Owner</i>	<i>Operating Authority</i>
City of London	City of London	OCWA (Huron/Elgin Region) is the OA for the EMPS portion City of London is the OA for the rest of this system
City of St. Thomas	City of St. Thomas	City of St. Thomas
St. Thomas Area Secondary Water Supply System	St. Thomas Area Secondary Water Supply System Joint Board of Management (SAWSSJBOM)	OCWA (Huron/Elgin Region) is the OA for the EMPS portion City of St. Thomas is the OA for the rest of this system
Aylmer Area Secondary Water Supply System	Aylmer Area Secondary Water Supply System Joint Board of Management (AASWSSJBOM)	OCWA (Huron/Elgin Region) is the OA for the EMPS portion OCWA (SW Region) is the OA for the rest of this system
Port Burwell Secondary Water Supply System	Pt Burwell Area Secondary Water Supply System Joint Board of Management (PBASWSSJBOM)	OCWA (SW Region)
Municipality of Central Elgin	Municipality of Central Elgin	Municipality of Central Elgin

Water is drawn into the plant via a 1500 mm concrete intake pipe, located approximately 1200 m offshore from the low lift pumping station. A mussel control system using gas chlorine is available to treat the intake as needed. The raw water is screened by two coarse, traveling screens at the surge wells.

Water flows to the Low Lift pump wet wells where a total of 4 vertical turbine pumps are located and used as needed and which pump to a common discharge header to the water treatment facility. The facility consists of a dual system (North & South) which can be run in unison or isolated and run separately.

The treatment process consists of flash mixers for alum addition and flocculation to assist coagulation. Carbon dioxide is used for process pH control to lower the pH at the beginning of the treatment process. Powdered activated carbon is added seasonally for taste and odour control. Polymer can also be added to assist sedimentation.

Water flows from the flocculation tanks to gravity sedimentation tanks where solids are removed. Settled water is then directed to four gravity filters for particulate removal. Water is then collected in the filtered water conduit for post-chlorination (disinfection) and UV treatment. Water passes through a clearwell to a 2800 m³ on-site reservoir. Fluoride is added for dental care. The final pH is adjusted by adding caustic soda prior to discharge into the distribution system.

Four high lift pumps are available to pump treated water into the primary transmission line which terminates at a distribution valve house at the Elgin Middlesex Terminal Reservoir. The primary transmission main is also hydraulically connected to pressurized surge tanks.

The water treatment process and distribution components are controlled by a dedicated Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system and monitored by certified operators 24 hours a day.

As the water treatment plant utilizes raw water from Lake Erie, there are no critical upstream processes relied upon to ensure the provision of safe drinking water.

Provisions exist for an emergency back-feed to supply treated water to the EAPWSS from the Lake Huron Primary Water Supply System, through the City of London and the Elgin Middlesex Pumping Station.

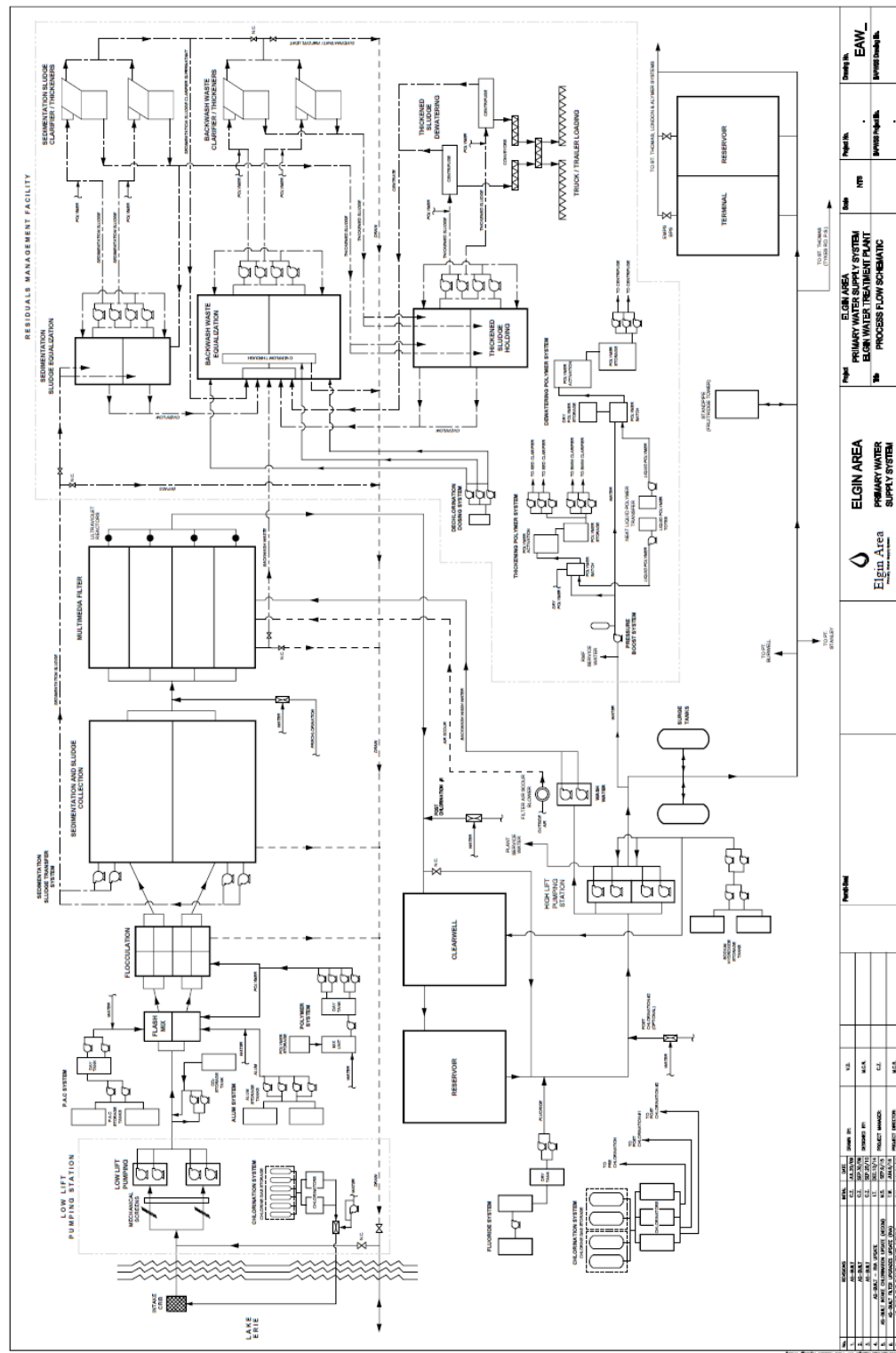
An emergency generator exists to provide backup power in the event of a power outage.

A Residuals Management Facility (RMF) began operating in 2017. The RMF processes consist of backwash waste clarification, sedimentation sludge thickening, and sludge dewatering by centrifuges. Chemical systems include polymer systems for the clarification and thickening processes, and a sodium bisulphite effluent dechlorination system.

The EAPWSS distribution system includes Fruitridge Surge Facility and the Elgin Middlesex Terminal Reservoir and Valve House.

Refer to the Process Flow Diagrams.

Process Flow Chart



Source Water

Lake Erie raw water is consistently positive for microbiological content; however the water is treated effectively using conventional processes to produce water meeting the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards. Great Lakes water is considered to pose lower risk for the formation of disinfection by-products (DBPs).

General Characteristics

The raw water source for the treatment plant is Lake Erie. The water from Lake Erie has highly variable turbidity, is slightly basic and low in conductivity. Temperature fluctuates significantly through the seasons ranging from approximately 0°C in the winter to as high as 25°C during the summer. Bacteriological analysis of the raw water indicates a source of relatively good quality. The results of chemical analyses meets the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards.

Raw Water Characteristics

Characteristic		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Temperature (°C)	Min.	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7
	Max.	22.5	28.0	22.7	23.1	23.1
	Avg.	10.5	9.6	9.3	9.9	10.8
Colour (TCU)	Min.	1	0	0	0	0
	Max.	>500	1,034	1907	620	215
	Avg.	103	100	82	43	24
Conductivity (uS/cm)	Min.	150.1	152.8	100.0	169.8	106.1
	Max.	231.3	309.0	329.2	290.4	289.6
	Avg.	193.0	198.2	273.5	265.5	258.1
pH	Min.	7.02	7.19	5.20	7.20	7.19
	Max.	8.42	8.80	8.38	8.47	8.64
	Avg.	7.89	7.98	8.01	7.94	7.97
Turbidity (NTU)	Min.	0.28	0.41	0.9	1.0	0.03
	Max.	1680	560.8	503.0	782.0	411.0
	Avg.	37.9	30.4	42.1	48.3	35.1

Common Fluctuations

Raw water turbidity increases during the spring and fall runoff and also during significant rainfall events and high southerly winds. Lake turnovers which typically occur in March/April and October/November can also affect the raw water turbidity, so polymer is added to assist in sedimentation.

Mussels become a problem in the raw water when the water temperature reaches approximately 4°C. Gas chlorine is used to control mussels at the intake crib.

Summer algal growth typically occurs mid-July and lasts until the end of September. This algal growth may create taste and odour problems. Powdered activated carbon is added during this time to improve the taste and odour conditions.

Threats

Potential sources of raw water contamination include agricultural runoff, spills from cargo vessels traveling between the upper and lower Great Lakes, and upstream wastewater discharges from municipalities and local industry. The intake location and lake currents minimize the potential for accidental spillage or other discharges to impact the raw water quality.

Operational Challenges

- SCADA communication failures due to extreme weather conditions are a potential operational challenge.
- Extreme weather conditions causing frazil ice have been identified as an operational challenge.
- Emerging algal toxins are a potential operational challenge.
- Lake turnovers – low DO and manganese challenges
- Starting/Stopping of chemical systems during pump changes or plant shutdowns
- Ability to operate WTP in a steady state

Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) have been developed to assist operations in dealing with operational challenges.

7. Risk Assessment

Refer to Procedure EA-ADMIN-700 (Changes in the Elgin System)

Refer to Procedure EA-ADMIN-2300 (New Projects)

Refer to Procedure EA-ADMIN-2400 (Hazard Analysis (Risk Assessment) & Critical Control Points)

8. Risk Assessment Outcomes

Refer to the QMS Risk Assessment & Outcomes

Refer to EA-CCP-1000 (Turbidity Control)

Refer to EA-CCP-2000 (Chlorination Control)

Refer to EA-CCP-3000 (Fluoridation Control)

9. Organizational Structure

Refer to Procedure EA-ADMIN-100 (Structure and Responsibilities)

10. Competencies

Refer to Procedure EA-ADMIN-1400 (Training)

11. Personnel Coverage

Refer to Procedure EA-ADMIN-2600 (Personnel Coverage)

12. Communications

Refer to Procedure EA-ADMIN-500 (Communications)

Refer to Procedure EA-ADMIN-1000 (Complaints)

Refer to Procedure EA-ADMIN-1800 (Visitor Sign-in)

13. Essential Supplies and Services

Refer to EA-ADMIN-1700 (Subcontractors & Supplier Requirements)

14. Review and Provision of Infrastructure

Refer to Procedure EA-ADMIN-1900 (Maintenance of Operations (Infrastructure))

15. Infrastructure Maintenance, Rehabilitation and Renewal

Refer to Procedure EA-ADMIN-1900 (Maintenance of Operations (Infrastructure))

16. Sampling, Testing and Monitoring

Refer to Procedure EA-ADMIN-2000 (Monitoring Operations, Maintenance and Quality)

Refer to Procedure EA-ADMIN-2050 (Sampling and Lab Analysis)

Refer to Procedure EA-ADMIN-2060 (Sampling & Lab Analysis: Research Studies)

17. Measurement and Recording Equipment Calibration and Maintenance

Refer to Procedure EA-ADMIN-2200 (Calibration of EMS/QMS Equipment)

18. Emergency Management

Refer to the Emergency Contingency Plan Procedures (ECP-1 to ECP-3)

Refer to the Emergency Mandatory Contingency Procedures (EMC-1 to EMC-8)

Refer to the Emergency Standard Operating Procedures (ESOPs)

19. Internal Audits

Refer to Procedure EA-ADMIN-1200 (Internal Audit)

20. Management Review

Refer to Procedure EA-ADMIN-900 (Management Review)

21. Continual Improvement

Refer to Procedure EA-ADMIN-400 (Corrective and Preventive Action)

APPENDIX A – Schedule C Director's Directions for Operational Plans



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Schedule C – Director's Directions for Operational Plans (Subject System Description Form) Municipal Residential Drinking Water System

Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.

Owner of Municipal Residential Drinking Water System *

[Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System Joint Board of Management](#)

Subject Systems

Name of Drinking Water System (DWS) *	Licence Number *	Name of Operating Subsystems (if applicable)	Name of Operating Authority *	DWS Number(s) *
1. Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System	048-101	NA	Ontario Clean Water Agency	210000871

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To: Chair and Members, Board of Management
Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System

From: Kelly Scherr, P.Eng., MBA, FEC
Chief Administrative Officer

Subject: Elgin 'A' Pipeline Condition Assessment Project Status Update

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer, the Board of Management for the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System **RECEIVE** this report for information regarding the Elgin 'A' Pipeline Condition Assessment Project.

PREVIOUS AND RELATED REPORTS

June 4, 2020 EA4055 – Pipeline Condition Assessment – Contract Award

BACKGROUND

The original Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System (EAPWSS) 750mm diameter prestressed concrete cylinder pipe transmission pipeline ('A' pipeline) between the Elgin Area water treatment plant and the terminal reservoir was constructed in the mid-to-late 1960's. In 2012 the EAPWSS constructed and commissioned a new 900mm steel transmission pipeline ('B' pipeline), resulting in a fully twinned transmission system. For capacity considerations, operational needs, and to maintain water quality in the transmission system, the original 750mm concrete pipeline was temporarily decommissioned in April of 2019. This presented the opportunity to complete a comprehensive pipeline condition assessment while the pipeline was temporarily out-of-service.

Pure Technologies (Pure) was awarded a contract in June of 2020 to complete the comprehensive condition assessment of the 750mm concrete pipeline, chambers, and associated valves & appurtenances.

DISCUSSION

Pure completed the Elgin 'A' pipeline condition assessment project in accordance with the scope of work as set-out in the Request for Proposal and their proposal submission. The work included a combination of field work and desktop analysis which included the following components:

- **Pipeline Electromagnetic Inspection** – Using electromagnetic sensors to evaluate the number of wire breaks for each pipe segment
- **Pipeline Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) Video Inspection** – Visual observations of the pipeline interior condition

- **Chamber, Valve, and Appurtenance Inspections** – Visual observations of the chamber interiors and associated equipment
- **Satellite Leak Detection** – Using satellite imagery to detect underground water sources reflecting electromagnetic waves
- **Cathodic Protection Audit** – To determine the corrosion potential and degradation for pipeline 'A' buried metallic components
- **Concrete Pressure Pipe Structural Analysis** – Analysis to determine the various structural strength limits for the concrete pipe
- **Concrete Pressure Pipe Remaining Useful Life Analysis** – A predictive modeling exercise to estimate the frequency of future concrete pipe wire breaks and degradation rate of the pipeline

The pipeline inspection spanned over fourteen (14) kilometres from the water treatment plant to the terminal reservoir site northeast of St. Thomas, equaling over 2,900 individual prestressed concrete cylinder pipe segments, and included 41 chambers with valves and appurtenances.

Relatively speaking, for being in continuous operation for over 50+ years the concrete pipeline was found to be in overall good condition. The electromagnetic inspection identified only seven (7) pipe segments distressed with wire breaks, two of which had 20 broken wires reflecting 80% of the pipe segments yield strength, and one with a combination of wire breaks and cylinder defect. These three segments are being considered for replacement in advance of recommissioning the pipeline in the future.

Additionally, the CCTV inspection identified seven (7) instances of notable interior pipe cracking (longitudinal and circumferential) and concrete spalling which may be considered for additional rehabilitation.

Overall, the life expectancy of the Elgin 'A' concrete pipeline is forecasted to be good with the predictive modeling estimating that upwards of eight (8) pipe segments needing replacement by 2051. To validate the longevity of the concrete pipeline, reinspection is recommended on a seven to ten-year cycle.

The chamber inspections revealed several deficiencies requiring repair, replacement, or rehabilitation including:

- Exposed metal, valves, flanges, and drains externally corroded
- Potential for water/animal ingress due to damaged chamber concrete
- Lack of sump pumps; chambers can't drain
- Damaged, missing, or non-existent chamber insulation and frost covers
- Damaged or non-standard access ladders

At the time of the pipeline decommissioning the air/vacuum and related isolation valves were removed and disposed of and will require replacement. Further, due to corrosion considerations, the drain and gate valves remaining in-place will require rehabilitation or replacement as part of recommissioning the pipeline.

Board staff will be developing a work plan and associated schedule for rehabilitating the Elgin 'A' 750 mm concrete pipeline in anticipation of having it available to return to service when required. This work plan encompasses:

- Developing a pipeline rehabilitation scope of work
- Preparing a cost estimate for the scope of work and incorporate in future budget forecasting
- Prepare a business case and proposal for advancing the Elgin 'A' pipeline rehabilitation
- Prepare a detailed design for the rehabilitation and tender the construction

The ultimate timing for returning the Elgin 'A' pipeline to service will be dependent on operational considerations and capacity/demands. Given the expected scope of work to rehabilitate the pipeline a multi-year construction project is anticipated to complete the work. As part of the 2024 Master Water Plan, Board staff will survey our customers to project future demands such that the pipeline is rehabilitated at the optimal time. The 2022 Asset Management Plan identified mid-life intervention costs associated with this process area which is included in our capital plan forecast. Consistent with our investment planning process, a detailed risk assessment and subsequent business case will be completed once the timing and need to rehabilitate the pipeline is confirmed through the 2024 Master Water Plan.

PROJECT FINANCIAL STATUS

Summary of expenditures incurred as of final invoicing dated September 19, 2022:

Expenditure	Projected	Incurred
Detailed Design	\$945,580	\$833,284
Total	\$945,580	\$833,284
Approved Budget	\$950,000	
Projected Variance	\$116,716	

This project was completed under budget and will result in approximately \$116K being available to be returned to the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System reserve funds.

CONCLUSION

A comprehensive condition assessment of the original 1960's vintage concrete transmission pipeline encompassing over 14km of pipeline and 41 chambers and appurtenances. Utilizing the detailed condition assessment report prepared by Pure to inform decisions, Board staff will endeavour to develop a scope of work, budget estimate, business case, proposal, and design to rehabilitate the pipeline and chambers to return the pipeline to service when necessitated by capacity and demand considerations. With the project (EA4055) complete and under budget, it will be formally recommended for close-out at the March 2023 Board meeting as part of the Capital Status Report with approximately \$116K returning to the reserve funds.

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Chief Administrative Officer

To: Chair and Members, Board of Management
Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System

From: Kelly Scherr, P.Eng., MBA, FEC
Chief Administrative Officer

Subject: EA4195 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer, the Board of Management for the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System **RECEIVE** this report regarding the status of the Elgin Area Electric Vehicle Charging Stations project (EA4195) for information.

PREVIOUS AND RELATED REPORTS

October 6, 2022 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets

October 7, 2021 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

BACKGROUND

In October 2021, Board staff prepared an information report related to the implementation and use of electric vehicle charging stations and suggested further investigation and research into this opportunity be undertaken. In July 2022, Board staff engaged the services of VCT group to develop a solution for installing these chargers.

As stated in the October 2021 board report, there is opportunity to apply for grant funding through the Zero Emissions Vehicle Infrastructure Program offered by National Resources Canada. This funding can cover up to 50% of the total cost of chargers and there may be an opportunity to coordinate with the City of London on funding applications.

DISCUSSION

VCT Group completed their assessment in August 2022 and recommended installing six level-2 chargers. At the conceptual stage it is anticipated that the chargers will be located outside of the fenced compound and only available to charge authorized fleet and staff vehicles through secure software. VCT group indicated the approximate cost for the installation of the chargers alone (no site/civil work included) would be approximately \$50,000, which is consistent with the total project amount allocated in the capital plan as presented in the 2023 budget.

In response to the above opportunity, Board staff is proceeding with the detailed design in 2023 and construction in 2024 subject to budget approval. The scope of the consultant engaged for the design work will include assisting Board staff in applying for grant opportunities.

CONCLUSION

An assessment of the installation of electric vehicles was completed and determined that 6 level-2 chargers should be installed at the water treatment plant. Board staff are proceeding with the design work in 2023 and construction in 2024 subject to budget approval. Grant opportunities will be further explored as part of the design assignment.

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To: Chair and Members, Board of Management
Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System

From: Kelly Scherr, P.Eng., MBA, FEC
Chief Administrative Officer

Subject: EA4194 Elgin Area Water Treatment Plant Asset Condition Assessment

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer, the following actions be taken with respect to the Elgin Area Water Treatment Plant Asset Condition Assessment project (EA4194):

- a) The Board of Management for the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System **ACCEPT** the proposal from WSP Canada Inc. for the completion of the asset condition assessment project for the Elgin Area Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$70,271.25, including contingency and excluding HST, having submitted a proposal which meets the Request for Proposal requirements and evaluated as having the best value; it being noted that the acceptance is conditional on the acceptance of the corresponding proposal by the Lake Huron Water Supply System Board of Management;
- b) The Board of Management for the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System **AUTHORIZE** the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer to execute a consulting services agreement with WSP Canada Inc. for the completion of the asset condition assessment project; and
- c) The Board of Management for the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System **RECEIVE** this report for information.

PREVIOUS AND RELATED REPORTS

October 7, 2021	Asset Management Policy and Asset Management Plan Update
June 2, 2022	Elgin Area Treatment and Transmission Assets – State of the Infrastructure Report
October 6, 2022	2022 Asset Management Plan Update Project Completion
October 6, 2022	2023 Operating and Capital Budgets

BACKGROUND

At the October 6, 2022 Board meeting the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System (EAPWSS) 2022 Asset Management Plan (AMP) was endorsed by the Board of Management (Board). This updated AMP was the result of an 18-month process which established the asset

management direction, vision, guiding principles, recommended improvements and monitoring of the utility for the next five years and beyond.

Through development of the AMP, several recommendations to improve asset condition information were identified as the current AMP asset condition ratings were determined based on a desktop exercise, not involving any field investigations or confirmations. While the contracted operating authority monitors and reports on assets in accordance with their contractual obligations, the most recent formal comprehensive independent visual condition assessment for the EAPWSS assets was conducted in 2013.

DISCUSSION

The condition of an asset is useful information related to whether the asset is delivering the required service (i.e., “fit for purpose”) and the life expectancy of the asset (i.e., how long will it continue to operate and provide reliable service). This Water Treatment Plant Asset Condition Assessment project is intended to provide an update to the 2013 condition assessment and establish a new baseline for asset conditions based on field-verified visual and measured condition assessments by a qualified independent engineering consultant.

This condition assessment project will focus on treatment assets at the water treatment plant where there are over 1,600 assets to be documented across the major process areas and disciplines. In addition to visually assessing asset conditions through field investigations, the project will also establish and verify through field and desktop assessment the asset age & expected useful life, estimated current replacement cost, noted deficiencies or defects, and recommendations and/or improvements. This project is being completed in conjunction with a similar water treatment plant asset condition assessment for the Lake Huron Primary Water Supply System, by the same consultant, to provide the respective Boards with a coordinated and consistent approach to asset condition assessments for both systems.

Through this asset condition assessment project, certain recommended improvements included in the 2022 AMP will be advanced, including in the near-term:

- R2: Update Condition Assessment Information
- R4: Improvement Asset Data Collection in CMMS
- R7: Reduce Uncertainty in Data Confidence (Asset Condition)

In addition to these near-term AMP improvements, Board staff will be positioning the EAPWSS to further align with the guiding principles of our Asset Management Policy. This will facilitate the utility's short and long-term planning by supporting delivery of our defined levels of service, realizing the maximum value of our assets, and ensuring that infrastructure decisions are data-driven and evidence-based.

Proposal Submission Results

The Elgin Area Water Treatment Plant Asset Condition Assessment request for proposal (RFP #2022-289) was posted publicly to the bids&tenders website on November 10, 2022. Six

consultants provided formal proposal submissions. The procurement process utilized met the requirements of the Board's Procurement Bylaw, as well as the City of London's procurement policy (*used as a guide*).

Board staff, with the assistance of the City of London's Purchasing Division, evaluated the proposal submissions through a two-phase process. The first evaluation phase was the review and scoring of consultant technical proposals. The technical proposal submissions from all consultants were successful and deemed qualified to have their respective cost proposals subsequently considered. Based on the evaluation team scoring, the proposal from WSP Canada Inc. was deemed to offer the best value to the utility and is therefore recommended for award by Board staff.

The workplan and associated cost estimate in the proposal from WSP Canada Inc. for their consulting fees associated with this assignment is \$70,271.25, including contingency and excluding HST. The proposal is consistent with Board staff expectations for this assignment and is within the approved budget for project EA4194.

PROJECT FINANCIAL STATUS

Expenditure	Projected	Incurred
Field work condition assessments, desktop analysis, and reporting	\$71,509	\$ -
Total	\$71,509	\$ -
Approved Budget	\$85,000	
Projected Variance	\$13,491	

Per standard practice a project contingency of 10% has been included in this consultant assignment cost estimate to address unforeseen expenditures and/or project scope changes that might arise. Project Financial Status includes net HST at 1.76%.

CONCLUSION

The most recent formal comprehensive independent visual condition assessment available for the EAPWSS assets was conducted in 2013. Updating this condition assessment information is a recommended improvement identified in the 2022 Asset Management Plan.

As set out in the Request for Proposal issued in November 2022, the proposal submitted by WSP Canada Inc. was deemed through the evaluation process to provide the best value to the EAPWSS. Board staff recommend that the Board accept the proposal of and execute a consulting services agreement with WSP Canada Inc. for the comprehensive field verified visual condition assessment of the Elgin Area Water Treatment Plant assets. This project will enhance the utility's asset management system by establishing a new asset condition baseline, improve data accuracy & completeness, and increase our level of confidence in our asset data.

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