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May 14, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

Re:Public Health Ontario proposes phasing out free water testing for private wells

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Gore Bay adopted the following resolution at their meeting of May 13, 2024, regarding the above noted matter;

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Moved by Kelly Chaytor

Seconded by Rob Dearing

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Gore Bay Council supports the Township of Archipelago's request to the Province of Ontario to reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing out of free private drinking water testing services;

FURTHER, this resolution is circulated to all Ontario municipalities, the Minister of Health, and Sudbury District Health Unit.

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Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully,



Stasia Carr
Clerk

Cc:

Minister of Health sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org

Sudbury District Health Unit sutcliffep@phsd.ca

Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago
Council Meeting

Agenda Number: 15.8.

Resolution Number 24-082

Title: Public Health Ontario proposes phasing out free water testing for private wells

Date: Friday, April 19, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Manners

Seconded by: Councillor MacLeod

WHEREAS the Ontario Auditor General's annual report on public health from December 2023 indicates that Public Health Ontario is proposing the phasing-out of free provincial water testing services for private drinking water; and

WHEREAS free private drinking water testing services has played a pivotal role in safeguarding public health, particularly in rural communities, including the entire Township of The Archipelago, that rely predominantly on private drinking water; and

WHEREAS the removal of free private drinking water testing could lead to a reduction in testing, potentially increasing the risk of waterborne diseases in these vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS the tragic events in Walkerton, Ontario underscored the critical importance of safe drinking water.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Township of The Archipelago hereby requests that the Province reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing-out of free private drinking water testing services.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, Minister of Health, North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka.

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