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To: CAOs/General Managers
Cc: CA Administrative Staff

Please see the attached letter from Kettle Creek Conservation Authority's Board of Directors to the Minister of Health regarding the recommended phase-out of free well water testing in the 2023 Auditor General's Report.

Thank you,
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General Manager/Secretary Treasurer

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May 16, 2024

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Sent by Email

Re: Recommended phase-out of free well-water testing in the 2023 Auditor General's Report

Dear Minister Jones,

The Kettle Creek Conservation Authority (KCCA) is concerned with Public Health Ontario's recommendation of phasing out free water testing.

While you have indicated that the Ministry has not made any decisions about changes to the provincial well water testing program and that individuals will continue to be able to get their private well water tested, members wanted to express their resolve in ensuring testing will continue and will continue to be free.

Consequently, at the May 15, 2024 Full Authority meeting, the following motion was passed:

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Moved By: Lori Baldwin-Sands

Seconded By: Todd Noble

WHEREAS: private water systems (e.g., wells) are not protected through legislated requirements under The Safe Drinking Water Act 2002 and The Clean Water Act 2006, but are more likely to contribute to cases of gastrointestinal illness than municipal systems;

AND WHEREAS: the 2023 Ontario Auditor General's value-for-money audit of Public Health Ontario (PHO) recommended that PHO, in conjunction with the Ontario Ministry of Health, begin the gradual discontinuance of free private drinking water testing;

AND WHEREAS: in the jurisdiction of KCCA, many households do not receive water from municipal systems, with many relying on a private drinking water system, including wells;

AND WHEREAS: the Walkerton Inquiry Report Part II, concluded the privatization of laboratory testing of drinking water samples contributed directly to the E. coli outbreak in Walkerton, Ontario in May 2000;

AND WHEREAS: all Ontarians deserve safe, clean water, and free well-water testing is a way to help ensure that residents on private wells continue to have barrier-free access to well water testing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors calls on the Province to not phase out free well-water testing as part of the proposed streamlining efforts of public health laboratory operations in the province;

AND FURTHER THAT: this resolution be circulated to the Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health; Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; Hon. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; local MPPs; and Conservation Ontario and Ontario's conservation authorities.

Carried

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Grant Jones
Chair

CC:

The Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
The Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Mr. Rob Flack, Member of Provincial Parliament, Elgin - Middlesex - London
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Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities