# 2019 Annual Report on Drinking Water Quality

January 1 - December 31, 2019

# Peterborough Water Treatment System

Drinking Water System Number 220000497

Municipal Drinking Water Licence 145-101, Issue 5

Owner: Peterborough Utilities Commission Operating Authority: PUG Services Corp.





Peterborough Utilities Commission is Peterborough the owner of the Municipal Water System. PUG Services Corp. is under contract with the owners to operate and maintains the System, as the Operating Authority. We are committed to providing safe drinking water to all our customers. This report has been prepared in accordance with Section 11 of Ontario Regulation 170/03 and as mandated by the Safe Drinking Water Act 2002. Free copies of this report are available on our website www.peterboroughutilities.ca **Further** 

information on the Drinking Water Regulations can be found on the Ministry of the Environment website at <a href="https://www.ene.gov.on.ca">www.ene.gov.on.ca</a>.

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## System Description

## Raw Water

The source of raw (untreated) water for Peterborough's drinking water is the Otonabee River. The Otonabee River Water is of good quality and can be described as a moderately coloured water of low turbidity. The river water temperature ranges from 0°C (winter) to approximately 26°C (summer). The raw river water is what we call a surface water supply, which means that it is considered to be an unprotected source.

Accordingly, we assume that raw water always requires full treatment at the Peterborough Water Treatment Plant to make it drinkable or potable.

The river water quality is monitored by staff at the plant as well as the Otonabee Region Conservation Authority (ORCA) and the Peterborough Health Unit (beaches only). watershed is protected by planning and approvals processes through the City of Peterborough and ORCA. Since 1998, ORCA has monitored water quality in the Otonabee watershed under the Watershed 2000 Program and the Provincial Water Quality Monitoring Network.

#### **Water Treatment Plant**

The plant is located at 1230 Water Street North, Peterborough, adjacent the Riverview Park & Zoo. The plant was initially built in 1922 and expanded in 1952, 1965, 1995 and 2016. The conventional treatment process includes coagulation, flocculation, sedimentation, filtration and chlorine disinfection and a process waste treatment facility to dewater the backwash sludge.

Aluminum sulphate (alum) is used as the primary coagulant. The current rated capacity of the plant is 104 ML/day.

# **Water Storage Tanks and Reservoirs**

Treated water is stored at various locations throughout the City in underground reservoirs and elevated storage tanks. Storage is used to supplement supply during times of high water demand and in emergency situations such as firefighting. The water storage capacity in the system is 48.2 ML.

#### Water Pumping Stations

There are three individual pressure zones in Peterborough. Water supply is pumped from the plant or from the Water Street Pumping Station. Approximately one half of the City's water supply is pumped using waterdriven turbine pumps powered by the Otonabee River flow. There are four water booster pumping stations around the city, which pump water from lower pressure zones to higher pressure zones. Two of the most critical stations have diesel-powered backup in case of an electrical power outage.

#### **Water Distribution Piping Systems**

The water distribution system consists of approximately 463 kilometers of pipe (water mains), 2,299 hydrants and 27,229 individual water services. Hydrants are colour-coded according to the Ontario Fire Code requirements to indicate the available flow rate at a 20 psi residual pressure.





The following chemicals were used in the drinking water treatment process:

- ♦ Chlorine
- ♦ Alum (Aluminum Sulphate)
- ♦ Hydrofluosilicic Acid

### Legislation

Since the issuance of the Walkerton Reports I and II in 2002, many legislative and regulatory changes have occurred for those supplying drinking water in Ontario. The following are the primary pieces of legislation that have directly affected the operation of the City of Peterborough's municipal water system.

## **Safe Drinking Water Act**

As recommended by Commissioner O'Connor in the Walkerton Inquiry Report Part 2, the government passed the Safe Drinking Water Act in 2002, which expands on existing policy and practice and introduced new features to protect drinking water in Ontario. The Act's purpose is to protect human health through the control and regulation of drinking-water systems and drinkingwater testing. The Act also provides legislative authority to implement the recommendations made in Commissioner O'Connor's Walkerton Part One and Two Reports. As of August 2007, all 28 recommendations made in Part One, and all 93 in Part Two have been implemented. The Act also has the benefit of gathering in one place all legislation and regulations relating to the treatment and distribution of drinking water. Parts of the Act address:

- Accreditation of operating authorities
- Municipal drinking water systems
- Drinking water testing
- Inspections
- Compliance and Enforcement

# Drinking Water Quality Management Standard (DWQMS)

On October 30, 2006, the finalized standard was issued on Environmental Bill of Rights Registry. The purpose of this Standard is to assist owners and operating authorities in the effective management and operation of their municipal residential drinking water This Standard systems. requirements for a Quality Management System (QMS) to ensure high quality drinking water. In the development of a QMS, the Operating Authority must create an Operational Plan; document will define the QMS and will subject to external audits for developed accreditation. Staff implemented a QMS specific to the Peterborough municipal water system, which received full scope accreditation in June 2011.



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# Ontario Regulation 435/07: Financial Plans

In 2007, Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks (MECP) developed the Financial **Plans** Regulation (O. Reg. 453/07) under the SDWA that prescribes the requirements for Financial Plans. The Financial Plans Regulation requires all owners of municipal residential drinking water systems to prepare Financial Plans that detail the system's financial information projected forward for at least six years. The Financial Plans must include

income statements (which set out revenues and expenses), as well as balance sheets (which include financial non-financial assets, assets, liabilities, cash flow, etc.). The Financial Plans must then be formally approved by the owner of the municipal system through a resolution of the municipal council. The Financial Plan requires regular updates before every license renewal application (every 5 years) the Financial Plan was submitted to the MECP prior to the December 21, 2015 deadline.

# **Adverse Water Quality Results**

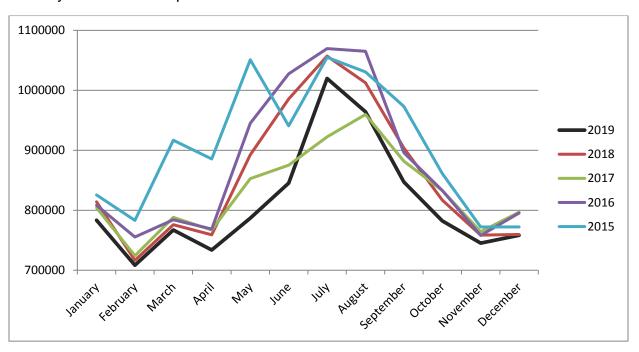
There were no incidents of adverse drinking water quality test results in 2019, under Schedule 16 of O. Reg. 170/03.



# Water Usage

From January 1 to December 31, 2019, the Peterborough Water Treatment Plant produced 9,741,716 cubic metres of water. This compares to 10,252,181 cubic metres from the previous year (a decrease of 5%).

## Monthly Water Consumption



#### **Water Quality**

# Microbiological Parameters Sampling Summary - Schedule 10, O Reg. 170/03

	Number of Samples	Range of E.Coli Results	Range of Total Coliform Results	Number of HPC Samples	Range of HPC Results
Raw	249	0 - 135	0-720	248	0 - 1130
Treated	249	0 - 0	0 - 0	249	0 - 15
Distribution	1284	0 - 0	0 - 0	1259	0 - 35

## Operational Sampling Summary - Schedule 7, O Reg. 170/03

	Number of Grab Samples	Range of Results	Unit of Measure	Number of Exceedances
Turbidity	11 x 8,760	0.02 – 1.02	NTU	0
Chlorine	8,760	0.74 – 2.24	mg/L	0
Fluoride	365	0.01 - 0.85 LIMS	mg/L	0



# Additional Sampling

Date of legal instrument issued	Parameter	Date Sampled	Result	Unit of Measure	Number of Exceedances
Aug 16, 2006	Suspended Solids waste process	Quarter 1 Quarter 2 Quarter 3 Quarter 4	1 1 1	mg/L	0

# <u>Inorganic Sampling Summary – Schedule 23, O Reg. 170/03</u>

Parameter	Sample Date	Result Value	Unit of Measure	Number of Exceedance s
Antimony	Jan 16	0.05	μg/L	0
Arsenic	Jan 16	<0.02	μg/L	0
Barium	Jan 16	24.9	μg/L	0
Boron	Jan 16	11	μg/L	0
Cadmium	Jan 16	<0.003	μg/L	0
Chromium	Jan 16	0.08	μg/L	0
Lead	Jan 16	<0.0005	μg/L	0
Mercury	Jan 16	<0.01	μg/L	0
Selenium	Jan 16	<0.04	μg/L	0
Sodium	Jan 16	8.2	mg/L	0
Uranium	Jan 16	0.029	μg/L	0
Nitrite	Jan 15	0.05	mg/L	0
	Apr 16	0.05		
	Jul 9	0.05		
	Oct 17	0.05		
Nitrate	Jan 15	0.13	mg/L	0
	Apr 16	0.24		
	Jul 9	0.08		
	Oct 17	0.05		

# Organic Sampling Summary - Schedule 24, O Reg. 170/03

Parameter	Sample Date	Result Value	Unit of Measure	Number of Exceedances
Alachlor	Jan 16	0.02 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
Atrazine + N-dealkylated metobolites	Jan 16	0.01 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
Atrazine	Jan 16	0.01 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
Azinphos-methyl	Jan 16	0.05 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
Benzene	Jan 16	0.32 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
Benzo(a)pyrene	Jan 16	0.004 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
Bromoxynil	Jan 16	0.33 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
Carbaryl	Jan 16	0.05 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
Carbofuran	Jan 16	0.01 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
Carbon Tetrachloride	Jan 16	0.16 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0



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Parameter	Sample Date	Result Value	Unit of	Number of Exceedances
	Date	value	Measure	Exceedances
Chlorpyrifos	Jan 16	0.02 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
Desethyl Atrazine	Jan 16	<0.01	μg/L	0
Diazinon	Jan 16	0.02 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
Dicamba	Jan 16	0.20 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
Dieldrin	Jan 16	<0.01	μg/L	0
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	Jan 16	0.41 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	Jan 16	0.36 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
1,2-Dichloroethane	Jan 16	0.35 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
1,1-Dichloroethylene	Jan 16	0.33 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
(vinylidene chloride)			F 9' =	
Dichloromethane	Jan 16	0.35 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
2-4 Dichlorophenol	Jan 16	0.15 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
2,4-Dichlorophenoxy acetic acid	Jan 16	0.19 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
(2,4-D)			1 3	
Diclofop-methyl	Jan 16	0.40 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
Dimethoate	Jan 16	0.06 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
Diquat	Jan 16	1 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
Diuron	Jan 16	0.03 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
Glyphosate	Jan 16	1 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
Malathion	Jan 16	0.02 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
2-Methyl-4-chlorophenoxyacetic	Jan 16	0.00012	μg/L	0
acid (MCPA)		<mdl< td=""><td>1.0</td><td></td></mdl<>	1.0	
Methoxychlor	Jan 16	<0.01	μg/L	0
Metolachlor	Jan 16	0.01 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
Metribuzin	Jan 16	0.02 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
Monochlorobenzene	Jan 16	0.3 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
Oxychlordane	Jan 16	<0.01	μg/L	0
Paraquat	Jan 16	1 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
Parathion	Jan 16	<0.02	μg/L	0
Pentachlorophenol	Jan 16	0.15 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
Phorate	Jan 16	0.01 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
Picloram	Jan 16	1 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
Polychlorinated Biphenyls(PCB)	Jan 16	0.04 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
Prometryne	Jan 16	0.03 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
Simazine	Jan 16	0.01 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
THM - Annual Average		74.50	μg/L	0
Temephos	Jan 16	<0.01	μg/L	0
Terbufos	Jan 16	0.01 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
Tetrachloroethylene	Jan 16	0.35 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
2,3,4,6-Tetrachlorophenol	Jan 16	0.20 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
Trillate	Jan 16	0.01 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
Trichloroethylene	Jan 16	0.44 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	Jan 16	0.25 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
Trifluralin	Jan 16	0.02 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0
Vinyl Chloride	Jan 16	0.17 <mdl< td=""><td>μg/L</td><td>0</td></mdl<>	μg/L	0



# <u>Lead Sampling Summary – Schedule 15.1, O Reg. 170/03</u>

\*The Peterborough Municipal Water Treatment System was granted relief from regulatory lead sampling in Schedule 15.1 of O. Reg. 170/03, as described in Schedule D of the Municipal Drinking Water Licence #145-101, Issue #5, dated November 7, 2019.

Location Type	Number of Samples	Range of Lead Results	Unit of Measure	Number of Exceedances
Plumbing	45	<0.0005 - 0.0262	mg/L	4 homes
Distribution	60	<0.0005 - 0.0005	mg/L	0

## Questions or comments

Please contact us either by mail, phone or email.

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