



Administration and Operations Committee Report

To: The Chair and Members of the Administration and Operations Committee
From: Amanda Dubeckyj, Manager of Compliance and Quality
Date: February 17, 2026
Report #: RPT-0079-026
Subject: 2025 Annual Summary Report - Oakland Community Centre Drinking Water System
Purpose: For Approval

Recommendation

WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 170/03, Schedule 11 requires the Owners of Drinking Water System to prepare an Annual Report summarizing the system processes, major infrastructure expenses and the results of chemical and bacteriological tests completed from January 1 through December 31, and;

THAT RPT-0079-026 2025 Annual Drinking Water System Summary Report for the Oakland Community Centre Drinking Water System be received as information;

AND THAT, the 2025 Annual Drinking Water System Summary Report for the Oakland Community Centre be made available to the public no later than February 28, 2026.

Strategic Plan Priority

Strategic Priority 2 - Focused Growth and Infrastructure

Strategic Priority 4 - Stable and Responsive Governance

Impacts and Mitigation

Social Impacts

Providing the residents of the County with clean, safe and reliable drinking water, from source to tap.

Environmental Impacts

Ensuring that all regulatory and legislative requirements are met, and the environment is protected as outlined by related regulations and legislation.

Economic Impacts

The summary of operations and work completed in the Drinking Water System was supported by previous years approved Operating and Capital budgets.

Report

Background

Under the *Safe Drinking Water Act*, Ontario Regulation 170/03 Drinking Water System, Schedule 11 Annual Reports, requires that an Annual Report be prepared for the Oakland Community Centre Drinking Water System as a Municipal Non-residential Water System that serves a designated facility (daycare). All Operating Authorities are required to prepare an Annual Report summarizing the treatment process and results of bacteriological and chemical tests. These reports are to be made available, without charge, to the public no later than February 28 of the following year for the Oakland Community Centre Drinking Water System.

All other Drinking Water Systems regulated under Ontario Regulation 170/03 requiring Annual Reporting have been given regulatory relief extending this due date to March 31 of the following year. A similar request has been submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the Ministry) for the Oakland Community Centre Drinking Water system but has not yet been approved. All other Annual Drinking Water System Summary Reports will be submitted for approval in March.

Analysis

The Oakland Community Centre is a Small Municipal Non-Residential System serving one (1) designated facility (daycare). The facility has one (1) interested authority, the Ministry of Education. In 2025 this system was operated to meet all the requirements of the *Safe Drinking Water Act* for the reporting period, as reported in *Attachment 1: 2025 Annual Summary Report – Oakland Community Centre Drinking Water System*.

- This facility was registered as an Ontario Regulation 170/03 drinking water system with the Ministry on September 10, 2025.
- Prior to this date the site was registered and regulated under Ontario Regulation 319/08 Small Drinking Water Systems, under the authority of Grand Erie Public Health, and did not require an Annual Report to be prepared.
- In 2025, the Oakland Community Centre had maintenance and upgrade expenditures of over \$35,000 to upgrade the water treatment system to meet the requirements of Ontario Regulation 170/03. These system upgrades included the installation of an additional UV irradiation disinfection unit and reverse osmosis filtration units.
- The Oakland Community Centre source water has known nitrate levels that exceed the Maximum Allowable Concentration outlined by the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards. The drinking water system upgrades in September 2025 have effectively treated the drinking water bringing the nitrate concentration below the Maximum Acceptable Concentration. The last nitrate sample taken in the Oakland Community Centre Drinking Water System on December 11, 2025, had a result of 6.12 mg/L.
- A Ministry drinking water system inspection has not yet been conducted at this facility since it was registered as an Ontario Regulation 170/03 site.

Summary and Recommendations

The Owners of the Drinking Water System acknowledge and receive the report as completed. The report shall be posted on the County's website by February 28, 2026, as per the requirements of Ontario Regulation 170/03. The Report will also be sent directly to the designated facility and the designated facility's interested authority, the Ministry of Education.

Attachments

1. 2025 Annual Summary Report – Oakland Community Centre Drinking Water System

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By-law and/or Agreement

By-law Required	No
Agreement(s) or other documents to be signed by Mayor and /or Clerk	No