

## South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region

September 10, 2019

## Via email to Christopher.raynor@york.ca

Mr. Christopher Raynor, Clerk The Regional Municipality of York 17250 Yonge Street Newmarket, ON L3Y 4W5

Dear Mr. Raynor:

## Re: Progress on Risk Management Plan Negotiation

I would like to congratulate you on the progress you have made implementing Source Water Protection program in York Region. Our records show that the Region has made great strides in negotiating Risk Management Plans completing 84% of the total required. We greatly appreciate the ongoing commitment of York Region to ensure the successful delivery of the Source Protection program.

Negotiating Risk Management Plans is a critical component of the protection of municipal drinking water. The plans represent a unique opportunity for municipalities and their residents to negotiate effective ways of protecting this critical resource, without being onerous on businesses or residents. Without Risk Management Plans in place, municipal drinking water will not be sufficiently protected from contamination, and the Standard of Care necessary to protect these systems will not be achieved.

As the lead Source Protection Authority, we are taking this opportunity to provide a friendly reminder to all our municipal partners that less than a year remains in the five-year timeframe for the completion of the plans (July 1, 2020). Should you have any questions or require further information please contact Bill Thompson, Manager of Watershed Plans and Strategies at this office. Thank you for your consideration and continued efforts towards completion of the plan.

Sincerely,

Wayne Emmerson, York Region Chairman and CEO Chair, Lakes Simcoe and Couchiching-Black River Source Protection Authority

CC: Mike Walters – CAO, Lakes Simcoe and Couchiching, Black River Source Protection Authority Scott Lister – Risk Management Official, York Region Lynn Dollin – Chair, South Georgian Bay – Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee

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