



2023 Annual Drinking Water System Report

Port Rowan Drinking Water System

1. Introduction

The Corporation of Norfolk County has prepared this report to satisfy the requirements of Section 11 of Ontario Regulation (O. Reg.) 170/03. This annual report must be prepared no later than February 28 of each year.

This report covers the period from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, and the information provided complies with the reporting requirements of O. Reg. 170/03 Section 11.

A summary of Port Rowan's Municipal Drinking Water System is outlined below:

Drinking Water System Number: 220000898

Drinking Water System Name: Port Rowan Drinking Water System

Drinking Water System Owner: Corporation of Norfolk County

Drinking Water System Category: Large Municipal Residential

2. Reporting Requirements under Section 11 – O. Reg. 170/03

Section 11 requires that the report include the following information relating to the period covered by the report. This includes:

- A statement of where a report prepared under Schedule 22 will be available for inspection by any member of the public during normal business hours without charge.
- A brief description of the drinking water system, including a list of water treatment chemicals used.
- Any major expenses incurred to install, repair or replace required equipment.



- A summary of any reports made to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for Adverse Water Quality Incidents (AWQI's).
- A summary of the results of tests performed under O. Reg. 170/03, an approval, the municipal drinking water licence or an order, including an Ontario Water Resources Act (OWRA) order.
- To describe any corrective actions taken

3. Evidence of Compliance

Availability of the Annual Report

In accordance with Section 11 O. Reg. 170/03, a copy of the annual report will be posted for each system by the end of February each year on the Norfolk County web site at norfolkcounty.ca. A Summary Report on regulatory compliance is required annually under Schedule 22 of Regulation 170/03 for each municipal drinking water system. This report summarizes any known failures to meet the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act, its duration and corrective measures. The reports are presented to Norfolk County Council for acceptance before March 31st each year. The reports are made available to the public in April on the Norfolk County web site noted above or by request from the Environmental Services Department. A copy of the annual report is available to the public, free of charge at the following locations as well:

185 Robinson St., Simcoe, ON

The Long Point Bay Distribution System is a privately operated distribution system (260049101) which receives a copy of the annual report yearly as required by Section 11 of O. Reg. 170/03.

Description of the Municipal Drinking Water System

The Port Rowan water system supplies drinking water to the communities of Port Rowan & St. Williams. The system also provides drinking water to a private distribution system, which is owned and operated by Harmony Resorts. This system services approximately 450 people, which includes a small subdivision and a Marina.

The Port Rowan system is owned by Norfolk County and the operating authority is Norfolk County's Environmental Services Department. The drinking water system,



which includes the community of St. Williams, currently serves a population of approximately 2,300.

The water distribution system includes a 1,816 m³ elevated tank, which acts as a reservoir when the system requires larger amounts of water than the WTP can supply (such as firefighting and peak flows) and also helps to maintain a constant system pressure. There are approximately 87 fire hydrants and approximately 25,731 meters of watermain and transmission main ranging in diameter from 150 mm to 300 mm. The piping material consists of Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) and ductile iron pipe. St. Williams and the Long Point Bay Distribution System are connected to the Port Rowan system by a watermain that follows Front Road. The community of St. Williams has a booster station, which increases the system pressure and also boosts the chlorine residual if required.

Water Treatment Chemicals

The following water treatment chemicals were used during the reporting period:

- Sodium Hypochlorite
- Carbon Dioxide
- Poly Aluminum Chloride

Significant Expenses Incurred

A brief summary of the major expenses incurred during the reporting period to install, repair or replace required equipment, and value of each, is included in Table 1.

Table 1 – Summary of Expenses Incurred

Activity	Cost Incurred (2023)
Port Rowan WTP and Intake Upgrades	\$285,759.00
General Operations Maintenance and Repair in Water Treatment Plants and Distribution System	\$100,763.00



4. Microbiological Testing

E. coli and Total Coliform

As per Schedule 10 of O. Reg. 170/03 – Microbiological Sampling and Testing, bacteriological tests for *E. coli* and total coliforms were performed weekly on the raw and treated water at the facilities and in the distribution system. The results from the 2023 sampling program for the Port Rowan Drinking Water System are shown in the table below.

Location	Number of Samples	Range of <i>E.coli</i> Or Fecal Results (min #)-(max #)	Range of Total Coliform Results (min #)-(max #)
Raw	52	0 - 300	0 - 32000
Treated	52	0 - 0	0 - 0
Distribution	156	0 - 0	0 - 0

Heterotrophic Plate Count (HPC)

As per Schedule 10 of O. Reg. 170/03 - Microbiological Sampling and Testing, HPC analyses are required from the treated and distribution water. HPC tests are required weekly for treated water and for twenty five percent of the required distribution system bacteriological samples. Results over 500 colonies per 1 mL may indicate a change in water quality but is not considered an indicator of unsafe drinking water. The results from the 2023 HPC sampling program for the Port Rowan Drinking Water System are shown in the table below.

Location	Number of Samples	Number of HPC Samples	Range of HPC Results (min #)-(max #)
Treated	52	52	0 - 70
Distribution	156	55	0 - 220

5. Chemical Testing

The Safe Drinking Water Act requires periodic testing of the water for sixty different chemical parameters. The latest results for these parameters are provided in Appendix



A. The sampling frequency varies for the different types of water systems. If the concentration of the parameter is found to be above half of the Maximum Allowable Concentration (MAC) under the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards, an increased testing frequency of once every three months is required by Regulation. No additional testing is required for the Port Rowan Drinking Water System.

6. Operational Monitoring

Operational checks including raw and treated water turbidity and treated and distribution free chlorine was conducted in accordance with Schedule 7 of Reg. O. 170/03.

Turbidity

The turbidity of the treated water is monitored continuously at each treatment plant; the turbidity of the raw water is checked on a weekly basis. Turbidity is measured in Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU). A summary of the 2023 turbidity monitoring results are provided in the table below.

Location	Number of Grab Samples	Range of Results	Unit of Measure
Turbidity Filter 1A	8760	0.01 - 0.21	NTU
Turbidity Filter 1B	8760	0.01 - 0.59	NTU
Turbidity Filter 2A	8760	0.01 - 0.25	NTU
Turbidity Filter 2B	8760	0.01 - 0.27	NTU

Chlorine Residual

In accordance with Schedule 7 of O. Reg. 170/03, free chlorine residuals in the treated water are monitored continuously at the point of entry to the distribution system at all water treatment plants and wells. The free chlorine in the water distribution system must be above 0.05 mg/L, if it is below this, it must be reported and corrective actions taken. The results from the 2023 chlorine residual monitoring program for the Port Rowan Drinking Water System are shown in the table below.

Location	Number of Grab Samples	Range of Results	Unit of Measure
Treatment Plant Chlorine Residual	8760	0.08 - 3.00	mg/L



Location	Number of Grab Samples	Range of Results	Unit of Measure
Chlorine Residual Distribution System	521	0.34 – 1.89	mg/L

7. Adverse Results

In accordance with Schedule 16 – Reporting of Adverse Test Results and Other Problems of O. Reg. 170/03, there were no Adverse Water Quality Incident (AWQI) issued for the Port Rowan Drinking Water System. The following table if required describes the date the adverse occurred, the parameter, the result, the corrective action taken and the corrective action date.

Incident Date	Parameter	Result	Corrective Action	Corrective Action Date

APPENDIX A: SUMMARY OF CHEMICAL RESULTS

UNDERSTANDING CHEMICAL TEST RESULTS

The following tables summarize the laboratory results of the chemical testing Norfolk County is required to complete. Different parameters are required to be tested for at different frequencies as noted below. Results are shown as concentrations with units of either milligrams per litre (mg/L) or micrograms per litre (ug/L). 1 mg/L is equal to 1000 ug/L. The Maximum Acceptable Concentration (MAC) is the highest amount of a parameter that is acceptable in Municipal drinking water and can be found in the MECP Drinking Water Standards. The Method Detection Limit (MDL) is the lowest amount to which the laboratory can confidently measure. There were no additional testing or sampling carried out in accordance with the requirement of an approval, order or other legal instrument.



The following tables summarize the Inorganic parameters tested for during the reporting period or the most recent sample results for the Port Rowan Drinking Water System.

Port Rowan

Parameter	Sample Date	Result Value	Unit of Measure	Exceedance
Antimony	08/05/2023	0.6 <MDL	ug/L	No
Arsenic	08/05/2023	0.3	ug/L	No
Barium	08/05/2023	30.8	ug/L	No
Boron	08/05/2023	31	ug/L	No
Cadmium	08/05/2023	0.003 <MDL	ug/L	No
Chromium	08/05/2023	0.09	ug/L	No
Lead	Exempt			
Mercury	08/05/2023	0.01<MDL	ug/L	No
Selenium	08/05/2023	0.14	ug/L	No
Sodium	11/05/2020	14.4	mg/L	No
Fluoride	11/05/2020	0.11	mg/L	
Uranium	08/05/2023	0.021	ug/L	No
Nitrite	13/02/2023	0.003<MDL	mg/L	No
	08/05/2023	0.003<MDL	mg/L	No
	14/08/2023	0.003<MDL	mg/L	No
	06/11/2023	0.003<MDL	mg/L	No
Nitrate	13/02/2023	0.455	mg/L	No
	08/05/2023	0.405	mg/L	No
	14/08/2023	0.047	mg/L	No
	06/11/2023	1.350	mg/L	No



The following tables summarize the Organic parameters tested for during the reporting period or the most recent sample results for Port Rowan.

Port Rowan

Parameter	Sample Date	Result Value	Unit of Measure	Exceedance
Alachlor	08/05/2023	0.02<MDL	ug/L	No
Atrazine + N-dealkylated metabolites	08/05/2023	0.01 <MDL	ug/L	No
Azinphos-methyl	08/05/2023	0.05<MDL	ug/L	No
Benzene	08/05/2023	0.32<MDL	ug/L	No
Benzo(a)pyrene	08/05/2023	0.004<MDL	ug/L	No
Bromoxynil	08/05/2023	0.33<MDL	ug/L	No
Carbaryl	08/05/2023	0.05<MDL	ug/L	No
Carbofuran	08/05/2023	0.01<MDL	ug/L	No
Carbon Tetrachloride	08/05/2023	0.17<MDL	ug/L	No
Chlorpyrifos	08/05/2023	0.02<MDL	ug/L	No
Diazinon	08/05/2023	0.02<MDL	ug/L	No
Dicamba	08/05/2023	0.20<MDL	ug/L	No
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	08/05/2023	0.41<MDL	ug/L	No
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	08/05/2023	0.36<MDL	ug/L	No
1,2-Dichloroethane	08/05/2023	0.35<MDL	ug/L	No
1,1-Dichloroethylene (vinylidene chloride)	08/05/2023	0.33<MDL		
Dichloromethane	08/05/2023	0.35<MDL	ug/L	No
2-4 Dichlorophenol	08/05/2023	0.15<MDL	ug/L	No
2,4-Dichlorophenoxy acetic acid (2,4-D)	08/05/2023	0.19<MDL	ug/L	No
Diclofop-methyl	08/05/2023	0.40<MDL	ug/L	No
Dimethoate	08/05/2023	0.06<MDL	ug/L	No
Diquat	08/05/2023	1<MDL	ug/L	No
Diuron	08/05/2023	0.03<MDL	ug/L	No
Glyphosate	08/05/2023	1<MDL	ug/L	No



Parameter	Sample Date	Result Value	Unit of Measure	Exceedance
Malathion	08/05/2023	0.02<MDL	ug/L	No
MCPA	08/05/2023	0.00012<MDL	mg/L	No
Metolachlor	08/05/2023	0.01	ug/L	No
Metribuzin	08/05/2023	0.02<MDL	ug/L	No
Monochlorobenzene	08/05/2023	0.3<MDL	ug/L	No
Paraquat	08/05/2023	1<MDL	ug/L	No
Pentachlorophenol	08/05/2023	0.15<MDL	ug/L	No
Phorate	08/05/2023	0.01<MDL	ug/L	No
Picloram	08/05/2023	1<MDL	ug/L	No
Polychlorinated Biphenyls(PCB)	08/05/2023	0.04<MDL	ug/L	No
Prometryne	08/05/2023	0.03<MDL	ug/L	No
Simazine	08/05/2023	0.01<MDL	ug/L	No
Terbufos	08/05/2023	0.01<MDL	ug/L	No
Tetrachloroethylene	08/05/2023	0.35<MDL	ug/L	No
2,3,4,6-Tetrachlorophenol	08/05/2023	0.20<MDL	ug/L	No
Triallate	08/05/2023	0.01<MDL	ug/L	No
Trichloroethylene	08/05/2023	0.44<MDL	ug/L	No
2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	08/05/2023	0.25<MDL	ug/L	No
Trifluralin	08/05/2023	0.02<MDL	ug/L	No
Vinyl Chloride	08/05/2023	0.17<MDL	ug/L	No
Total Haloacetic Acid Average 26.5 ug/L	13/02/2023 09/05/2023 14/08/2023 06/11/2023	12.4 22.8 34.6 36.0	ug/L ug/L ug/L ug/L	No
THM Annual Average 67 ug/L	16/02/2023 09/05/2023 14/08/2023 06/11/2023	30 48 107 82	ug/L ug/L ug/L ug/L	No



Microcystin Sample Results

Parameter	Sample Date	Raw Water Results	Treated Water Results	Unit of Measure	Exceedance
Microcystin	06/06/23	0.1<MDL	0.1<MDL	ug/L	No
	06/15/23	0.1<MDL	0.1<MDL		
	06/22/23	0.1<MDL	0.1<MDL		
	06/27/23	0.1<MDL	0.1<MDL		
	07/04/23	0.1<MDL	0.1<MDL		
	07/11/23	0.5	0.1<MDL		
	07/18/23	0.8	0.1<MDL		
	07/25/23	0.5	0.1<MDL		
	08/01/23	1.4	0.1<MDL		
	08/08/23	0.3	0.1<MDL		
	08/15/23	0.5	0.1<MDL		
	08/22/23	0.6	0.1<MDL		
	08/29/23	0.1	0.1<MDL		
	09/05/23	0.1<MDL	0.1<MDL		
	09/12/23	0.2	0.1<MDL		
	09/19/23	0.1<MDL	0.1<MDL		
	09/26/23	0.1	0.1<MDL		
	10/03/23	0.2	0.1<MDL		
	10/10/23	0.1	0.1<MDL		
	10/17/23	0.3	0.1<MDL		
10/24/23	0.1<MDL	0.1<MDL			
10/31/23	0.1<MDL	0.1<MDL			

The following table summarizes the lead testing as set out in Schedule 15.1 of O. Reg. 170/03 during the reporting period.

Location Type	Sample Date	Number of Samples	Range of Lead Results (min#) – (max #) ug/L	Number of Exceedances
Plumbing		Exempt		
Distribution		None. Next required sampling is Spring 2024.		