



Report to: General Committee

Date Report Authored: June 18, 2014

SUBJECT: The Ontario Ministry of Environment – Markham Distribution System – Drinking Water System Inspection Report, May 2014

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RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) That the report entitled “The Ontario Ministry of Environment – Markham Distribution System – Drinking Water System Inspection Report, May 2014” be received;
- 2) And that Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the findings of the Ministry of Environment (MOE)’s inspection of Markham’s Water Distribution System for the period from May 7, 2013 to May 7, 2014.

BACKGROUND:

The Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002 (SDWA) states that a provincial officer may at any reasonable time conduct an inspection for the purpose of determining compliance with regulatory requirements contained within the Act, or any of the associated Regulations. Traditionally, the MOE has conducted an annual inspection of Markham’s Water Distribution System.

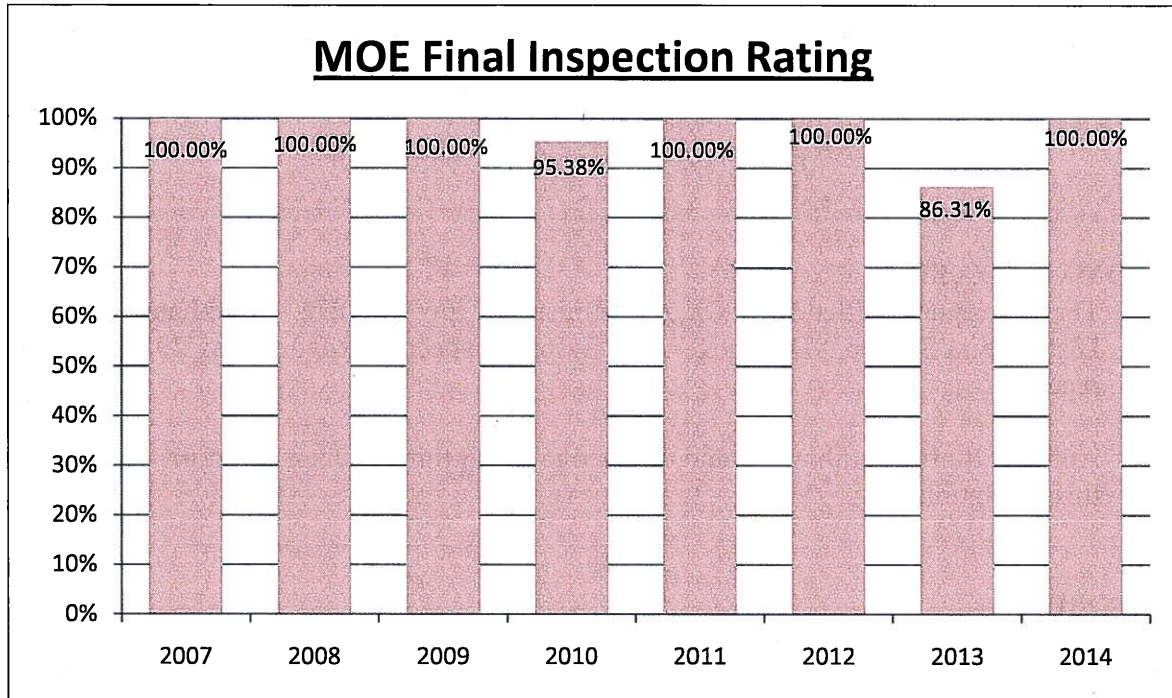
On May 7, 2014 the MOE conducted an unannounced on-site inspection of Markham’s Water Distribution System. The MOE Inspector reviewed Waterworks procedures, policies and records since the last inspection which was held on May 7, 2013.

The MOE inspection report was received on June 17, 2014, see attachment “A”.

OPTIONS/ DISCUSSION:

The City of Markham was given a Final Inspection Rating of 100% for compliance with the MOE’s Drinking Water Systems Regulation 170/03 during this year’s inspection. This Inspection Rating is used to measure Municipal Residential Drinking Water System Inspection Results. The objective of the MOE Inspection is to provide a rigorous and comprehensive inspection program for municipal residential drinking water systems (MRDWS), to determine compliance under the Safe Drinking Water Act and associated Regulations.

Below is a summary of Markham’s MOE Inspection Ratings since the introduction of the rating system in 2007:

**MOE BEST PRACTICE ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

There were no best practice issues or recommendations identified during this inspection period.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND TEMPLATE: (external link)

Not Applicable.

HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS

Not Applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Not Applicable.

BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:

Not Applicable.

The report presented herein, communicates the results of the annual MOE Inspection for the period from May 7, 2013 to May 7, 2014.

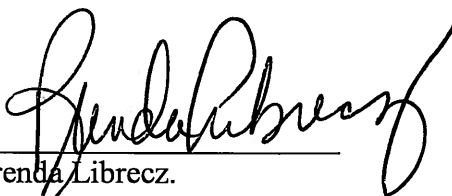
The undersigned represent the Top Management of the City of Markham's Drinking Water Distribution System and by signing below the Top Management of the Operating Authority have reviewed the MOE Inspection.

RECOMMENDED

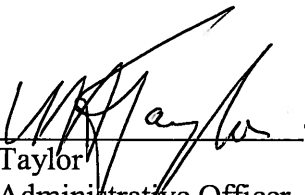
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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment "A" – Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Markham Distribution System – Drinking Water System Inspection Report, May 2014.