

# 2019 Drinking Water Quality Report

Loyalist Township Utilities Division

DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS: 2 SERVED POPULATION: 13,410 365 DAYS A YEAR SAFE DRINKING WATER COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE LEGISLATION MAINTAIN & CONTINUALLY IMPROVE THE QMS

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# Availability of the Annual Summary Report

In light of Section 11 (7) and 11 (10) of Ontario Regulation 170/03, the notice of availability is generally done on-line through the Township's website and on the customers' bi-monthly water bill.

The annual report is available to the public by visiting the Township's web site at: <a href="http://www.loyalist.ca/go/drinkingwater">www.loyalist.ca/go/drinkingwater</a>

Copies of the report can also be obtained, at no charge, from Loyalist Township offices located at 263 Main Street, Odessa, ON, (613) 386-7351.

Any member of the public can also request to inspect, under Section 12 of Ontario Regulation 170/03, any sample results and reports prepared under Section 11 and Schedule 22 of Ontario Regulation 170/03, free of charge, during Loyalist Township regular office hours.

If you are a person with a disability and need Loyalist Township information in another format, please contact 613-386-7351 ext. 100 between 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. or e-mail <u>info@loyalist.ca</u>.

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# 1. Introduction

This annual summary report is prepared and submitted to our water customers who have their drinking water supplied by the **Fairfield** Drinking Water System, the **Bath** Drinking Water System and to the Council of Loyalist Township, in accordance with Section 11 and Schedule 22 of Ontario Regulation 170/03, as amended.

The report covers the period of January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

The quality of Loyalist Township's drinking water is continuously monitored and tested by advanced on-line instrumentation, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system and is operated and maintained by certified Township staff who have successfully completed rigorous training and testing to become certified Drinking Water treatment and Distribution System Operators.

Loyalist Township delivers safe & high quality drinking water

## 2. Executive Summary

The water delivered to the customers of the Bath and Fairfield drinking water systems (DWS) continues to meet all water quality standards.

In 2019, 1.30 million litres of potable water were delivered to the Fairfield water distribution system and 0.54 million litres to the Bath water distribution system. The maximum daily treated water volume was recorded at 65.4% of the Fairfield Water Treatment Plant's rated capacity and 38.3% for the Bath Water Treatment Plant.

All sampling required by the applicable acts, regulations, permits and licenses has been conducted in accordance with the legislation. All reports required by applicable acts, regulations, permits and licenses have been prepared and submitted in accordance with the legislation.

The inspection rating for Fairfield, done by MECP, was 100%. The filter effluent turbidity didn't exceed limits of the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standard (ODWQS). All inorganic and organic chemical parameters tested in Fairfield were well below the maximum allowable concentration (MAC).

The inspection rating for Bath was 100%. The filter effluent turbidity didn't exceed limits of the ODWQS. All inorganic and organic parameters tested in Bath were well within the maximum allowable concentration (MAC).

One observation in accordance with Ontario Regulation 170/03, Schedule 16.4, was reported in June 2019 to the Ministry and the Health Unit. The incident was related to a faulty flapper valve in the raw well. Action was taken immediately, and properly disinfected water was directed to customers at all times. To the best of our knowledge, both drinking water systems are in compliance with all regulatory requirements of the Drinking Water Works Permit, Municipal Drinking Water License, Permit to Take Water, Safe Drinking Water Act and its regulations.

# 3. Quality Management System Policy

Municipal drinking
water systems in
Ontario must
operate under a
licensing program.
One of the
requirements of
the Municipal
Drinking Water
License is to have a c

License is to have a quality management system (QMS) in place that meets the minimum requirements of the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Management Standard.

**IMPROVE** 

CHECK

**PLAN** 

DO

Management systems are preventive and proactive in nature and focus on consistency and continuous improvement. A QMS follows a cycle that includes **planning** what you are going to do, **do** what you planned, **check** what you did and **improve**.

**Loyalist Township QMS Policy:** Loyalist Township is committed to comply with all applicable legislative and regulatory requirements, as it relates to drinking water

LOYALIST IS COMMITTED TO:

> comply with applicable legislation

supply safe drinking water

maintain and continually improve the QMS

quality, to supply our consumers with safe drinking water and is committed to the maintenance and continual improvement of the QMS.



Drinking Water System Number: Drinking Water System Name: **Owner & Operator:** Operating Authority Accreditation: CERT-0094905 Drinking Water System Category Drinking Water Works Permit: Municipal Drinking Water License: Design Capacity: Type of Filtration: Commissioned in the Year: **Original Design Period:** Permit to take Water: Rate of Takina: Raw Water Source: Population Served:



Fairfield Drinking Water System Corporation of Loyalist Township Large Municipal Residential 158-201 158-101 8,000 m<sup>3</sup> per day ultrafiltration 2000 2000-2023 6024-9LUKNX  $9,000 \text{ m}^3 \text{ per day}$ Lake Ontario 10,366

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The Fairfield Water Treatment Plant currently serves the population of Amherstview, Odessa, Harewood, Brooklands and Taylor-Kidd Blvd / Loyalist East industrial parks.

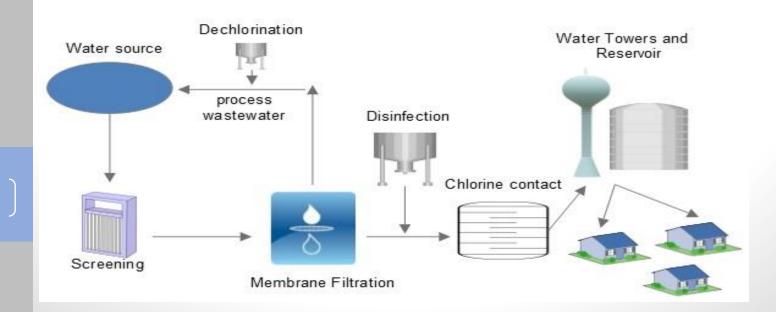
The treatment facility consists of a membrane ultrafiltration system followed by chlorination for disinfection. A target (average) free chlorine residual of 1.1 to 1.2 mg/l at the effluent of the chlorine contact chamber is desired to maintain a free chlorine residual of 1 mg/l at the effluent of the treatment plant. Granular activated carbon adsorbers are used at certain times of the year to assist in the control of taste and odor as well as a raw water intake chlorination system for Zebra Mussel control.

With the introduction of ultrafiltration technology, the Fairfield Water Treatment Plant is surpassing the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change's minimum treatment guidelines for waterworks using a surface water source.

The distribution system uses elevated water storage located in Amherstview (1,100 m<sup>3</sup> capacity) and Odessa (900 m<sup>3</sup> capacity). The booster pumping station is on County Road # 6, north of Taylor Kidd Blvd, with a water reservoir (4,225 m<sup>3</sup> capacity) and chlorination booster capability to ensure the maintenance of acceptable chlorine residual in the system. The Odessa water tower, located at the east end of Main Street, Odessa, is also equipped with chlorination booster capability. Chlorine residual in the water leaving each of the reservoirs is monitored continuously with free chlorine residual analyzers.

Chemicals used within the Fairfield Drinking Water System (DWS) for treatment/disinfection are chlorine gas (disinfection), sodium hypochlorite (disinfection) and sodium bisulphite (treatment of plant residue back to the raw water source). The chlorine gas and sodium hypochlorite used within the Fairfield DWS meet all applicable standards set in the Municipal Drinking Water License, in line with the American Water Works Association (AWWA) and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) safety criteria standards NSF/60.

Emergency power supply equipment is installed at the treatment plant to ensure safe drinking water is supplied to our customers even during power outages.





# 5. Description of the Bath DWS

Drinking Water System Number:220002217Drinking Water System Name:Bath Drinking VOwner & Operator:Corporation of IOperating Authority Accreditation:CERT-0094905Drinking Water System Category:Large MunicipalDrinking Water Works Permit:158-202Municipal Drinking Water License:158-102Design Capacity:6,000 m³/day (

Type of Filtration: Commissioned in the Year: Design Period: Permit to Take Water: Rate of Taking: Source of Water: Population Served: 220002217 Bath Drinking Water System Corporation of Loyalist Township CERT-0094905 Large Municipal Residential 158-202 158-102 6,000 m<sup>3</sup>/day (gross capacity) 5,650 m<sup>3</sup>/day (net capacity) non-typical conventional 1997 1997-2040 4521-9LTHDP 7,515 m<sup>3</sup> per day Lake Ontario 3,044

The Bath Drinking Water System currently serves the population of Bath and the Bath and Millhaven Correctional Services Canada Institutions (CSC).

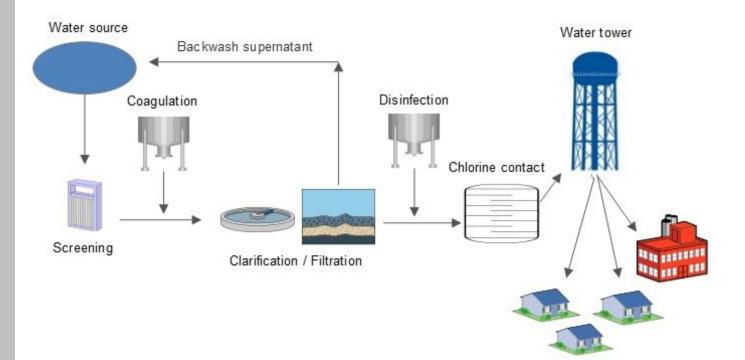
The Bath Water Treatment Plant consists of coarse screens, a direct filtration package-plant using two multi-media filters (granular activated carbon, silica sand and gravel) with coagulant addition, automated chlorination for Zebra Mussel control and disinfection. Emergency power supply equipment is installed at the treatment plant to ensure safe drinking water is supplied to our customers even during power outages. Turbidity in the water leaving the filters and free chlorine residual in the water leaving the treatment facility are monitored continuously.

The distribution system has an elevated storage reservoir of 1,891 m<sup>3</sup> capacity located adjacent to the west side of the Millhaven Correctional property, in the east end of the Village. Chlorine

residual in the water leaving the reservoir is monitored continuously with a free chlorine residual analyzer.

The facility meets the Ministry of the Environment's minimum treatment guidelines for waterworks using a surface water source.

Chemicals used for water treatment/disinfection within the Bath Drinking Water System (DWS) are chlorine gas (disinfection) and PAX XL56 (coagulation). They meet all applicable standards set in the Municipal Drinking Water License in line with the American Water Works Association (AWWA) and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) safety criteria standards NSF/60.

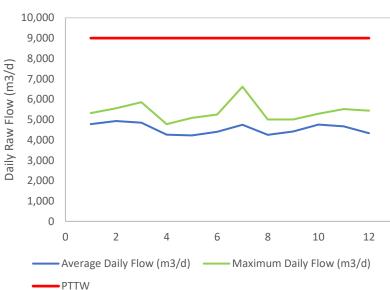


# 6. Flow Summary

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) issues permits to take water (PTTW), allowing municipal drinking water systems to draw from a water source for water treatment and distribution purposes.

#### 6.1 Fairfield DWS

The MECP issued Loyalist Township its most recent PTTW on July 15, 2014. The permit is valid for 10 years and allows the Township to draw a maximum of 9,000 m<sup>3</sup> of water per day from Lake Ontario for the Fairfield Water Treatment Plant.



Fairfield Daily Raw Water Flow 2019

#### Fairfield DWS

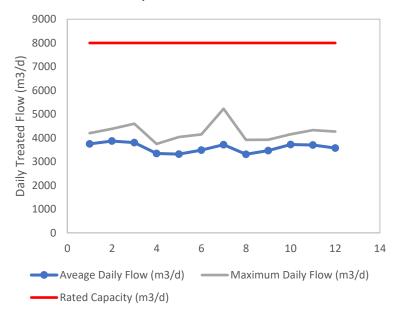
Total Raw Water Taken in 2019

1,659,752 m<sup>3</sup>

Maximum Daily Raw Water Volume Taken

6,614 m<sup>3</sup> (73.5% of limit) Based on the current Municipal Drinking Water License, the water treatment plant's rated capacity (8,000 m3 per day) is assessed as being the volume of water that flows from the treatment system to the distribution system or water demand. For 2019, the water demand reached 65.4% of the plant's rated capacity.

Fairfield Daily Treated Water Flows 2019



The uncommitted reserve capacity calculation performed in 2019 places the expansion of the Fairfield Water Treatment Plant at the year 2031, considering 125 Equivalent Residential Units (ERUs)/year with the current inventory of draft plan approved development.

This expansion date is subject to change forward or backwards based on size of development being approved, changes in limits of the service area, actual growth rate, water demand and water losses.

#### Fairfield DWS

Total treated water sent to the distribution system in 2019

1,303,525 m<sup>3</sup>

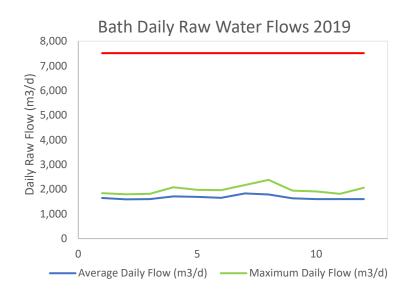
Maximum Daily Treated water Volume

5,228 m<sup>3</sup>/day

(65.4% of rated capacity)

#### 6.2 Bath DWS

The most recent PTTW for this system was issued on July 18, 2014. The permit is valid for 10 years and allows the Township to draw a maximum of 7,515 m<sup>3</sup> of water per day from Lake Ontario for the Bath Water Treatment Plant.



Based on the current Municipal Drinking Water License, the water treatment plant's rated capacity (5,650 m<sup>3</sup> per day) is assessed as being the volume of water that flows from the treatment system to the distribution system or water demand.



Bath DWS

606,366 m<sup>3</sup>

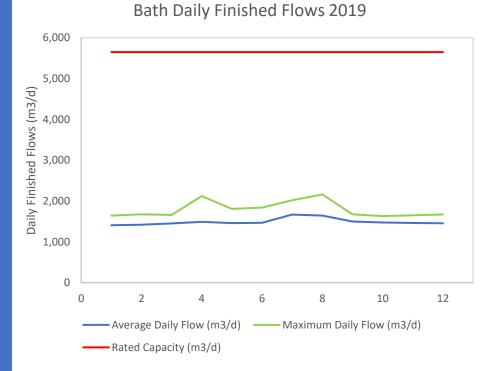
Maximum Daily Raw Water Volume Taken

2,379 m<sup>3</sup> (31.7% of limit) For 2019, the water demand reached 38.3% of the plant's rated capacity.

Total treated water sent to the distribution system in 2019

544,990 m<sup>3</sup>

Maximum Daily Treated Water Volume 2,162 m<sup>3</sup>/day



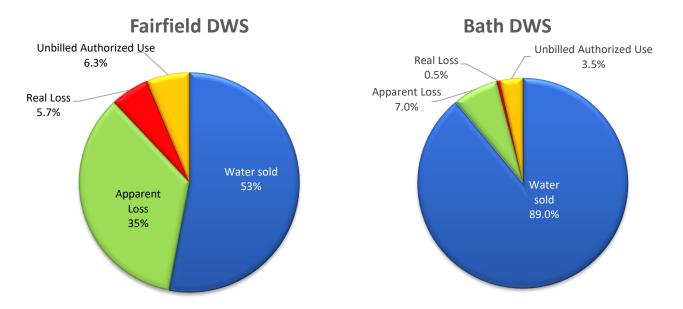
It should be noted that all of the existing capacity of the Bath Water System has been allocated through front end funding agreements to developers and Correctional Services Canada (CSC), leaving no room for further allocation. If new build levels continue at the current approximate rate of 30 ERUs/year the expected expansion would occur in 2056.

This expansion date is subject to change forward or backwards based on timing of development being completed and water demand trending.

#### 6.3 Water Losses

With regards to water losses, the MECP Design Guideline for Drinking Water Systems refers to "unaccounted for water" when considering rated capacity. Their policy requires system owners to consider unaccounted for water to the level of 15% of the average daily demand.

For 2019, 47% of water sent to the Fairfield water distribution system and 11% for the Bath water distribution system is water for which no revenue was generated. Not all is considered unaccounted for. Thirty-five percent of water produced in Fairfield and 7% produced for Bath is apparent water lost.

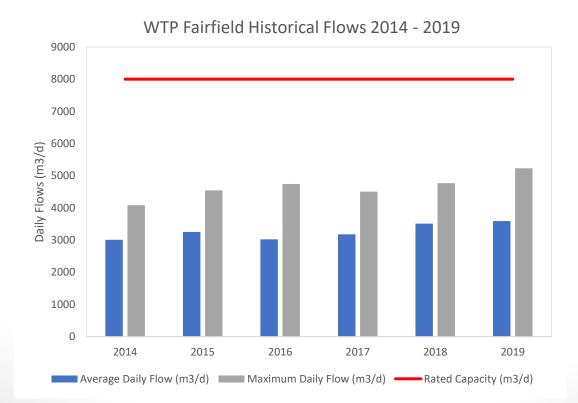


Non-revenue water (NRW) is generally categorized as **unbilled authorized consumption** (water use inside the treatment facilities, distribution system flushing, water used for construction activities, fire training / fire fighting purposes and water used for recreation purposes), **real water losses** (watermain breaks and leaks) and **apparent water losses** (unauthorized consumption / theft, unknown water usage and metering / data inaccuracies).

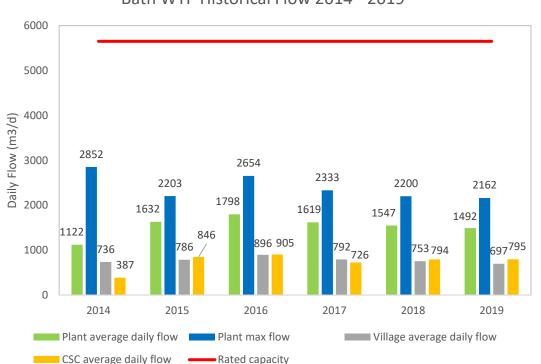
#### 6.4 Historical trends

Historical trending indicates that total water consumption (annual average daily flow) has not changed significantly over the years for the Fairfield DWS although development and population continues to grow. The increase in flow demand expected with a population growth is balanced with household water usage efficiencies and a reduction in water losses achieved by replacing older watermains.

As expected, the fluctuation of the maximum daily flow is very much a function of precipitation and major events in the distribution system, above average precipitation (2014), large watermain break or significant leaks (2015), drought conditions (2016) and lot of precipitation (2017 and 2019) and brought a significant volume of lost water through watermain damage due to construction activities and unmetered temporary water services during construction in 2018 and 2019.



For Bath, trending indicates that water consumption (annual average daily flow) is on a gentle decent but is very much influenced by water demand from CSC and the number of high turbidity events affecting treatment filter performance. With major renovations on CSC property in 2014, the water demand was unusually low as inmates were temporarily relocated to other institutions and the system saw a net increase in 2015, coinciding with units at CSC being turned back on and fairly significant leaks on their property from 2014 on (maximum daily flow).



Bath WTP Historical Flow 2014 - 2019

# 7. Waterworks Upgrade and Major Maintenance

In 2019 the following upgrades and maintenance activities took place:

Bath DWS:

- Replacement of needle valves on raw turbidity analyzer
- Replacement of the raw chlorine regulator
- Replacement of piping of the turbidimeter on filter 4100
- Replacement of the flow meter controller at the Bath Water Tower
- Replacement of the Krohne controller in the finished water with a new Krohne IFC 1000
- Replacement of a pressure relief valve on the blower 4200
- Replacement of the backwash flow meter controller
- Replacement of CL2 gas tubings, CC ejector and new ejector
- Loyalist Estates Phase 9 development

Fairfield DWS:

- Repair of reject pump 2B
- Replacement of actuators and valves
- Replacement of the compression fitting on the hypo system at Odessa Water Tower
- Replacement of pressure gauge and pressure transmitter at Amherstview Tower
- Installation of a solenoid valve at Booster Station
- Repaired dewatering pump
- Millcreek Phase 1, Babcock Mills Phase 2 Stage 1, and Lakeside Gardens Phase 1 development
- Princeton Place reconstruction
- Watermain relining at Park Crescent
- Watermain replacement at Compton Edgewood
- Watermain repair at Park Crescent, Kidd Drive, Manitou Crescent East, Chesterfield Drive and Tareyton Place

# 8. Regulatory Sampling Requirements

Regulatory samples are analyzed by laboratories that are accredited to conduct these specific analyses. As regulated, operational checks, testing and sampling are also conducted by certified operators and/or continuous analyzers.

#### 8.1 Sampling Locations

Samples are collected at the following locations on a set schedule, as required by the regulation and more frequently if required operationally:

- Raw water
- Each filter effluent
- Treated water (point where water enters the distribution system)
- Process water discharge to water source
- Distribution system (point with maximum residency time)
- Distribution system (routine microbiological and lead sampling locations)
- Distribution system (water towers and water reservoir)

#### 8.2 Equipment Calibration

All testing instruments are calibrated regularly as per manufacturer's specifications. Although not required to do so, we retain a third-party instrumentation service provider to conduct annual servicing on the majority of our laboratory equipment, as a quality control measure.

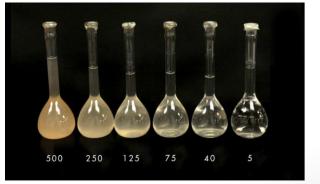
# 8.3 Turbidity and Free Chlorine Residual Sampling

Sampling for turbidity and free chlorine residual is required by **Schedule 7** of *O.Reg. 170/03*. Continuous free chlorine residual and turbidity analyzers are installed throughout the treatment plant and continuous free chlorine analyzers are installed in the water distribution system at the Amherstview, Bath and Odessa water towers as well as at the Odessa water booster station, all in accordance with the requirements of the Drinking Water Works Permit.

Readings from these analyzers are trended by the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system at each water treatment plant and reports of minimum, maximum and average values during a 24-hour period are printed and reviewed by a certified operator on a daily basis.

**Turbidity** is defined as the cloudiness of the water caused by suspended matter and is an important measure of filter performance. Its measurement is expressed in Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU). Water becomes "cloudier" as the NTU's increase.

Turbidity in the water interferes greatly with the disinfection process, as the particles causing high



Filter effluent turbidity met the criteria as per ODWQS at all times in 2019 turbidity can shield or entrap disease-causing organisms, making it difficult for the disinfectant to reach and destroy.

The filter performance criteria for membrane micro/ultrafiltration (Fairfield) is 0.1 NTU in 99% and for conventional filtration (Bath) 0.3 NTU in 95% of all turbidity readings taken in the course of 1 month. Turbidity higher than 1 NTU at the filter effluent for a duration of 15 minutes is an indicator of "adverse water quality".

2019 Filter Turbidity Results 2019								
	Samples	Limit	Unit	Average	min/max			
Fairfield								
Train 1	continuous	1*	NTU	0.02	0.98			
Train2	continuous		NIU	0.03	1.73			
Train 1	rain 1 continuous		%	100	100			
Train2	continuous	99**	70	100	100			
Bath								
Filter 4100	continuous	44	NTU	0.05	0 / 1.30			
Filter 4200 continuous		1*	NIU	0.05	0 / 0.71			
Filter 4100	continuous	95**	%	99.6	97/ 100			
Filter 4200	continuous	95	70	99.6	97 / 100			

\* max for longer than 15 minutes

\*\* Percentile

In Fairfield proper disinfection was achieved all the time in 2019. Turbidity spikes occurred in April 2019 after starting up the plant after maintenance.

In Bath turbidity spiked for short periods when the plant was starting up. Also high raw turbidity events were affecting the plant operations in January, April, May and December 2019. Free chlorine residuals were well above the minimum criteria. The treated water was well disinfected! **Free chlorine residual** is the concentration of residual chlorine that is the most effective at killing or inactivating disease-causing organisms in water. Its measurement is expressed in milligram per liter (mg/l).

For the both water treatment plants, the minimum free chlorine residual required in treated water to confirm proper disinfection has been achieved. It was 0.84 mg/l for the Fairfield water treatment plant und 0.93 mg/l for the Bath water treatment plant in 2019.

2019 Free Chlorine Residual Results									
	Average	min							
Fairfield									
FCR (treated) continue daily gr		0.8*	~~~~/l	1.56	0.84				
FCR (distribution)	continuous daily grab	0.05	mg/l	1.36	0.3				
Bath									
FCR (treated)	continuous daily grab	0.9*	ma/l	1.5	0.93				
FCR (distribution)	continuous daily grab	0.05	mg/l	1.18	0.5				

\*min FCR to meet CT at worst case scenario

The recommended minimum concentration in the distribution system to protect from bacterial regrowth and biofilm formation is 0.2 mg/l. The minimum concentration in the distribution in Fairfield was 0.3 mg/l, in Bath 0.5 mg/l.

Improper disinfection is considered an "adverse water quality" indicator. Proper disinfection was achieved at Fairfield at all times. At Bath WTP one observation of improper disinfection was noticed in June 2019. Refer to Section 10 below for more details.

#### 8.4 Microbiological sampling

Microbiological sampling of raw, treated and distribution water is required by **Schedule 10** of *O.Reg. 170/03*.

Organisms such as bacteria may come from storm water, sewage plants, livestock operations, septic systems and wildlife. Most present little or no health concerns for humans. The indicator tests include total coliforms, Escherichia coliforms (E. coli), and heterotrophic plate count (HPC).

The presence of any total coliforms or E. coli in water leaving a treatment plant (following the disinfection process) signifies inadequate treatment and an increased risk to public health.

2019 Microbiological Results								
	Number of		T. coliforms	Number of	HPC			
	Samples		J/100 mL n - max	Samples	counts/mL min - max			
Fairfield DWS								
Raw	52	0 - 2	0->200	n/a	n/a			
Treated	52	0	0	52	<10 - 20			
Distribution	537	0	0	156	<10 - 430			
Bath DWS								
Raw	52	0 - 50	0 - >200	n/a	n/a			
Treated	52	0	0	52	<10 - 10			
Distribution	166	0	0	52	<10 - 20			

In 2019 the total coliform count as well as E.coli in the treated water at both water treatment plants were always below the limit of O CFU/100 mL.

Heterotrophic plate count (HPC) results give an indication of overall water quality in drinking water systems. While a gradual change in results can indicate a change in overall water quality or a problem such as bacteria regrowth in the distribution system, a sudden high result is more an indication of sampling point contamination, issue with sample preparation for analysis or with the analysis itself. All samples

collected as per Schedule 13 of *O.Reg. 170/03* **met the standards** prescribed in the ODWQS HPC results of 20 count/ml or less in the treated and distribution water can be expected. Occasional higher results are possible but as a guideline, each result should be less than 500 count/ml. All sample results were below the guideline.

#### 8.5 Quarterly Chemical Sampling

Quarterly sampling and testing for nitrates and nitrites in a treated water sample, haloacetic acids and trihalomethanes in distribution samples is required by **Schedule 13** *O.Reg. 170/03*.

Nitrate is present in the water as a result of decay of plant or animal material, the use of agriculture fertilizer, sewage and treated wastewater contamination or geological formations containing soluble nitrogen compounds. There is a risk for infants to suffer from blood related problems if the nitrate concentration is higher than 50 mg/L in drinking water. Nitrite may occur in groundwater but with chlorination it's rapidly oxidized to Nitrate.

Trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acids (HAAs) are by-products of disinfection (DBP) and are formed when chlorine reacts with organic matter naturally present in water. The level of THMs and HAAs in treated water depends on numerous factors including total organic carbon, temperature, pH, chlorination dose and residency time in the distribution system.

For THMs, the maximum acceptable concentration (MAC) is 100  $\mu$ g/l based on a four-quarter moving average.

2019 Nitrate, Nitrite, THM, HAA - Schedule 13									
	Samples	ODWQS	Unit	Average Concentration					
Fairfield DWS (distribution)									
Nitrate (N)	4	10	mg/L	0.3					
Nitrite (N)	4	1	mg/L	<0.1					
THM - Main Street 5	4	100	μg/L	58.3					
HAA - Main Street 5	4	80*	μg/L	44.8					
HAA - Odessa Tower	4	80*	μg/L	44.4					
HAA – Booster Station	4	80*	μg/L	27.1					
Bath DWS (distribution)	•	•							
Nitrate (N)	4	10	mg/L	0.3					
Nitrite (N)	4	1	mg/L	<0.1					
THM - Main St - Hydrant 506	4	100	μg/L	41.4					
HAA - Main St - 95 Main Street	2	80*	μg/L	16.4					
HAA - Bath STP	4	80*	μg/L	24					
* effective in 2020	Ť	00	rg/⊏	Σ¬					

\* effective in 2020

The standard for HAAs has been established at 80 µg/l (fourquarter moving average, RAA) and will be in force on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. To gain information about peak values in the distribution system the Ministry asked Drinking Water System Owners to take monitoring samples in the "middle" of the distribution system in 2019. In Fairfield HAA were sampled at 5 Main Street Hydrant, the Odessa Water tower and the Booster Station, as requested by the Ministry. In Bath HAA were measured at 570 Main Street and at Bath STP.

At all sampling points in the distribution system in Fairfield and in Bath the running annual average for HAA was well below the established value of 80 µg/l.

The Ministry has required that after building a running annual average the sampling point for the future should be chosen at the places, where the highest concentration had been determined.

For 2019 the sampling results show the highest HAA concentration at 5 Main Street. According to the guidelines of the Ministry, the Township is required to sample for HAA in the Fairfield distribution system at 5 Main Street sampling hydrant in 2020 and in the Bath distribution system at Bath STP.

#### 8.6 Annual Inorganic and Organic Sampling

Yearly sampling of specific inorganic and organic parameters in a treated water sample is required by **Schedules 23 and 24** of *O.Reg. 170/03*.

If the result for a parameter listed in these schedules exceeds half of the standard prescribed by the ODWQS, then the frequency of testing for that parameter must be increased to quarterly.

The results for the inorganic and organic parameters are summarized in the tables below.

All inorganic and organic parameters were well below the limit and all parameters were far below of the half of the standard prescribed by the ODWQS.

2019 Annu	ual Inorga	nic Results – Sc	hedule 23					
	ODWQS	Fairfield DWS	Bath DWS					
Parameter	μg/L							
Antimony	6	<1	<1					
Arsenic	10	0.8	0.3					
Barium	1000	20	22					
Boron	5000	18	16					
Cadmium	5	<0.015	<0.015					
Chromium	5	<2	<2					
Mercury	1	<0.02	<0.02					
Selenium	50	<1	<1					
Uranium	20	0.32	<0.05					

All parameters listed in schedule 23 & 24 met the ODWQS

2019 Annual Organic	Results - S	chedule 24	
	ODWQS	Fairfield DWS	Bath DWS
Parameter		µg/L	
Alachlor	5	< 0.3	<0.3
Atrazine & Metabolites	5	<0.5	<0.5
Azinphos-methyl	20	<1	<1
Benzene	1	<0.5	<0.5
Benzo(a)pyrene	0.01	<0.005	< 0.005
Bromoxynil	5	<0.3	<0.3
Carbaryl	90	<3	<3
Carbofuran	90	<1	<1
Carbon Tetrachloride	2	<0.2	<0.2
Chlorpyrifos	9	<0.5	<0.5
Diazinon	2	<1	<1
Dicamba	120	<5	<5
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	200	<0.1	<0.1
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	5	<0.2	<0.2
1,2-Dichloroethane	5	<0.1	<0.1
1,1-Dichloroethylene	14	<0.1	<0.1
Dichloromethane	50	<0.3	<0.3
2,4-Dichlorophenol	900	<0.1	<0.1
2,4-Dichlorophenoxy-aceticacid (2,4-D)	100	<5	<5
Diclofop-methyl	9	<0.5	<0.5
Dimethoate	20	<1	<1
Diquat	70	<5	<5
Diuron	150	<5	<5
Glyphosate	280	<25	<25
Malathion	190	<5	<5
МСРА	100	<10	<10
Metolachlor	50	<3	<3
Metribuzin	80	<3	<3
Monochlorobenzene	80	<0.2	<0.2
Paraquat	10	<1	<1
Pentachlorophenol	60	<0.1	<0.1
Phorate	2	<0.3	<0.3
Picloram	190	<5	<5
PCBs	3	<0.05	<0.05
Prometryne	1	<0.1	<0.1
Simazine	10	<0.5	<0.5
Terbufos	1	<0.3	<0.3
Tetrachloroethylene	10	<0.2	<0.2
2,3,4,6-Tetrachlorophenol	100	<0.1	<0.1
Triallate	230	<10	<10
2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	5	<0.1	<0.1
Trichloroethylene	5	<0.1	<0.1
Triflualin	45	<0.5	<0.5
Vinylchlorid	1	<0.2	<0.2

#### 8.7 Fluoride and Sodium Sampling

Once every 5 years sodium and fluoride must be tested in one treated water sample. The last sampling was done in January 2018. The results are summarized in the table below and treated water is meeting the requirements of the ODWQS.

The next samples for Fluoride and Sodium will be taken in 2023.

2018 Fluoride & Sodium Results							
ODWQS Fairfield DWS Bath DW							
Parameter	mg/L						
Fluoride	1.5	0.2	<0.1				
Sodium	-	14.5	13.3				

#### 8.8 Distribution System Lead Sampling

Semi-annual sampling in the distribution system for pH and alkalinity is a requirement of **Schedule 15.1** *O.Reg. 170/03*. The Fairfield and Bath Drinking Water System qualified for reduced sampling as lead concentrations in samples collected from residential plumbing and the distribution system did not pose a risk to public health, based on the ODWQS.

The requirement for reduced sampling is based on population. To determine the amount of sampling locations for the Fairfield DWS in January 2019 published population figures for the year 2018 were taken (served population in 2018: 10,102). Samples were collected at four different locations in the distribution system. Bath grew by four persons to 3,037 and lead sampling remained at two places for the Bath

Exempted from sampling lead in private plumbing since 2011 based on a community wide lead sampling DWS in 2019. The samples were analyzed for pH and alkalinity.

In addition, every three years, the samples must also be analyzed for lead. The last sampling for lead was done in 2017.

In the following table the parameters and the average of the sampling results are listed.

2019 Lead Sampling - Schedule 15.1								
	ODWQS AO/OG	Unit	Dates	Fairfield DWS	Bath DWS			
Lood	ead 10		11.4.17	0.1	0.06			
Lead	10	μg/L	11.7.17	0.09	0.05			
	6 F 9 F	-	1.4.2019	7.91	8.05			
рН	6.5-8.5		9.9.2019	7.9	8.10			
Alkolipity	30-500		1.4.2019	87.3	91			
Alkalinity	30-500	mg/L	9.9.2019	83.5	86			
Number of	f samples			4	2			

All lead samples met the criteria of the ODWQS. The pH and alkalinity of the sample taken in 2019 were within the range of the objectives and guidelines.

All results of **lead** samples collected as per Schedule 15.1 of *O.Reg. 170/03* were well below the standards prescribed in the ODWQS

# 9. Municipal Drinking Water License Sampling Requirements

According to section C.1.5 of the license for each of the DWS backwash/wastewater, samples of the treatment plant at the point of discharge to Lake Ontario must be taken.

For the Fairfield WTP, free chlorine residual in the discharge must be sampled monthly. The residual must remain below 0.05 mg/l (as an annual average).

For the Bath WTP, suspended solids concentration must be sampled monthly and remain below 25 mg/l (as an annual average). Since 2019 the decant has been dechlorinated by adding thiosulfate pucks to comply with the Fisheries Act.

Residue Management 2019									
System	Parameter	Limit	Unit	Required sampling	Samples	Annual Average	min - max		
Fairfield	FCR*	0.05***	mg/l	1/month	52	0.03	0 - 0.05		
Bath	SS**	25***	mg/l	1/month	51	3.2	0 – 9.8		

\*FCR: Free Chlorine Residual

\*\*SS: Suspended Solids

\*\*\* Limit as annual average

Operationally each respective parameter is tested several times each month. The residues of both plants are well below the limits.

# 10. Adverse Water Quality Indicator Notifications

All adverse water quality indication (AWQI) incidents were immediately verbally reported and in writing within 24 hours to the MECP Spills Action Centre and the Medical Officer of Health, as required under *Ontario Regulation 170/03*.

2019 Bath Adverse Water Quality Indicator Notices								
Notification #	Date sampled	Parameter	Issue	Corrective Action	Completed Action			
145665	11-Jun-19	Turbidity Mmicrobiology	Abnormal observation (High lift pump WTP)	Inspection, correction, sampling, testing	17-Jun-19			

An abnormal observation at the clear well at the water treatment plant in Bath led to filing the June 2019 AWQI. Because of a faulty flapper valve on the overflow valve from the clear well to the raw well, raw water entered the clear well. The turbidity was 0.5 NTU in the clear well at that time. The FCR demand in the clear well and the distribution system was low and static during this time. The water plant was shut down immediately after recognizing, to resolve the issue. Resolution consisted of inspection, testing and clamping of the valve. After consulting with the Public Health Unit and the Ministry the system was flushed at the nearest hydrant and samples were taken at the water treatment plant as well as in the distribution system for bacti and FCR before the plant was started up again. All tested parameters were within the limits of the ODWQS. Through this additional testing it was determined that the drinking water delivered to the customers was always safe.

# 11. Non-Compliance Incidents

Under Schedule 22 of O.Reg 170/03 any incidents of noncompliance with the SDWA, its regulations, DWWP, MDWL or any orders applicable to the system have to be reported. Staff reported all incidents accordingly in 2019.

## 12. Definitions and Terms

#### **Adverse Water Quality**

Presence of specific parameters in the drinking water identified as indicator of adverse water quality (potential health effects); listed in Schedule 16 of O.Reg. 170/03

#### **Aesthetic Objective (AO)**

Aspects of drinking water quality (namely taste, odour, color, clarity, iron, manganese) that are perceivable by the senses

#### **Inorganic parameters**

Substances which are naturally occurring or a result of urban storm runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharge, mining or agriculture. Examples are salt, metals, carbonates, nitrate, nitrite. Some may be a result of treatment and distribution of water (for example, lead from old solder in pipes)

#### Maximum Acceptable Concentration (MAC)

This is a health-related standard established for contaminants having known or suspected adverse health effects when above a certain concentration. The length of time the MAC can be exceeded without injury to health will depend on the nature and concentration of the parameter.

#### **Operational Guidelines (OG)**

For parameters, which may affect the treatment, disinfection and distribution of the water, are operational guidelines set. Examples are alkalinity, hardness and pH.

#### **Organic parameters**

Substances which contain a carbon atom are organic compounds, with few exceptions as i.e. carbonates. These includes fats, proteins, sugars, hummin acids, etc. Most of them are present naturally in our environment. Some of them are potentially hazardous for the environment and of concern for the drinking water. These mostly synthetic produced organics include pesticides and their metabolites, VOCs, THM, HAA, PCBs, etc. They originate from industrial discharges, urban and agricultural storm runoff, air deposition, from treatment of drinking water (for example, chlorination by-products such as trihalomethanes and haloacetic acid) or other sources.

# 13. Acts and Regulations

In addition to meeting permits and license requirements issued for the Fairfield Drinking Water System, all acts and regulations made with regards to operating, licensing of facilities, licensing of operators, quality standards must also be met. A summary of pertinent legislation is as follows:

- Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002
  - Drinking Water Systems O.Reg. 170/03
  - Licensing of Municipal Drinking Water Systems O.Reg. 188/07
  - Certification of Drinking Water Operators O.Reg. 128/04
  - Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards O.Reg. 169/03
  - Drinking Water Testing Services O.Reg. 248/03
  - Financial Plans O.Reg. 453/07
  - Procedure for Disinfection of Drinking Water in Ontario
  - Watermain Disinfection Procedure
- > Ontario Water Resources Act, 1990
  - Water Taking O.Reg. 387/04
  - Charges for Industrial and Commercial Water Users O.Reg. 450/07

- Environmental Protection Act and its regulations
- *Fisheries Act, 1985* and its regulations
- Several other MECP guidelines and protocols

## 14. References

Technical Support Document for Ontario Drinking Water Standards, Objectives and Guideline, Ministry of Environment, PIBS 4449e01 revised June 2006

Entry level drinking water operator course manual, Ministry of Environment, 3rd Edition (revised 02-2010)

Canadian Association for Laboratory Accreditation (www.caeal.ca)

Canadian Water and Wastewater Association (<u>www.cwwa.ca</u>)

e-Laws (<u>www.e-laws.gov.on.ca</u>)

Environment Canada (<u>https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-</u> <u>climate-change/services/water-overview.html</u>)

Health Canada (<u>www.hc-sc.gc.ca</u>)

MECP (<u>www.ontario.ca/page/drinking-water</u>)

Ontario Municipal Water Association (<u>www.omwa.org</u>)

Ontario Water and Wastewater Certification Office (www.owwco.ca)

Ontario Waterworks Association (<u>www.owwa.com</u>)

Walkerton Clean Water Centre (<u>www.wcwc.ca</u>)

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