

2020 Year End Report: Port Severn Potable Water Plant



Drinking Water Works Permit: 143-202

Municipal Drinking Water License: 143-102

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Introduction

The Port Severn Potable Water Plant (PWP) serving the community of Port Severn is owned and operated by the District Municipality of Muskoka.

It constructed in 1997 and has an initial design capacity of 1,265 m³ per day. The water system currently serves 227 customer service connections.

The plant operates under license 143-102 and permit 143-202, issued in September 2020 under the Municipal Drinking Water Licensing Program. The plant also presently operates under MOECP permit to take water #2330-A4SPKK (expires December 31, 2025), which permits the operation of up to 1,900 m³ per day.

The Raw Water intake structure is located in the Severn River (Little Lake) approximately 4.5 meters deep and 250 meters from shore.

The plant process is a conventional Package filtration plant, with supplementary pH adjustment. The facility includes an intake crib, intake pipe, fixed screen, and a low lift pumping station. The treatment plant consists of two (2) self-contained Ecodyne Graver Monoplant water treatment units, consisting of a flocculation chamber, a tube settling chamber and an anthracite sand gravity filters. Also located at the treatment plant is one (1) contact chamber, two (2) clear wells, 5 (5) high lift pumps, chemical storage, preparation, and feed equipment.

The treatment plant system features chemical treatment consisting of Aluminum Sulfate (coagulation), sodium hydroxide (pH control) and disinfection in a chlorine contact chamber followed by final pH adjustment. The addition of hydrofluosilicic acid (fluoridation) to prevent tooth decay completes the treatment process.

All treatment control systems use a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system for process control and monitoring.

Legislation Requirements

Safe Drinking Water Act

In the Part Two Report of the Walkerton Inquiry, Commissioner Dennis O'Connor recommended that the Ontario Government enact a Safe Drinking Water Act to deal with matters related to treatment and distribution of drinking water. The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) received royal assent in December, 2002.

The purpose of the Act is to gather in one place all legislation and regulations relating to the treatment and distribution of drinking water. The Act serves to protect human health through the control and regulation of drinking water systems and drinking water testing.

The foundation provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act include:

- Purpose of the Act
- Definitions
- Minister's Powers and Duties
- Inspections

- Compliance and Enforcement
- Appeals and Offences

Ontario Regulations

The Ontario Government has enacted several supporting regulations under the SDWA (2002). These regulations combine previous requirements under the Ontario Water Resources Act and the new requirements under the SDWA. Key components of the regulations include:

- System Categories
- Groundwater Under Direct Influence of Surface Water (GUDI)
- Exemptions
- Approval of Systems
- Treatment
- Testing and Operational Checks (General Rules)
- Operational Checks
- Microbiological Testing
- Chemical Testing
- Adverse Conditions
- Corrective Action
- Engineer's and Summary Reports

Municipal Drinking Water Licenses / Certificates of Approval

The Municipal Drinking Water Licensing Program has replaced the Certificate of Approval program for municipal residential drinking water systems. The Ontario Government has implemented the Municipal Drinking Water Licensing Program (MDWLP) as recommended by Justice O'Connor in the Part II Report of the Walkerton Inquiry. Justice O'Connor recommended a new approvals framework for municipal drinking water systems, which would require owners to obtain a license to operate their systems as well as incorporate the concept of quality management into their operations.

A municipal drinking water license is an approval that is issued by the MOECP to owners under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002 for the operation of municipal residential drinking water systems. The District of Muskoka operated under various Certificates of Approval until October 2010 when the operating licenses were issued.

Previous Certificates of Approval were required for the establishment, replacement or alteration of all municipal drinking water systems. The MOECP issued Certificates of Approval to ensure that all undertakings comply with the legislation (i.e. Acts and Regulations) and the Ministry's Environmental Guidelines and Procedures developed to provide consistency of approach to various aspects of environmental protection throughout the province. Municipal Drinking Water Licenses and Permits similar to previous Certificates of Approval provide specific details about the drinking water system including:

- Drinking Water System Description
- Definitions and Information
- General Information – Compliance, Other Legal Requirements, Adverse Effects, Inspections
- Performance – Rated Capacity, Management of Residue
- Monitoring and Recording – Flow Measuring Devices, Sampling
- Operations and Maintenance

Comparison to Rated Capacity and Flow Rates

The Port Severn Potable Water Plant has a rated capacity of 1,265m³ per day. In 2020, the total monthly average flow for the year was 190.4m³ per day. The maximum day flow for the year was 647.5m³ per day, however the 3-year average for maximum day flow is 521.8m³ per day. This represents 41% of the plant design capacity. No problems have been associated with this flow.

Monthly flows are shown in the attached table.

The Permit to Take Water (PTTW #2330-A4SPKK) permits 1,900 m³ per day; therefore there were no exceedances of this permit.

Summary of Analytical Results

A total of 676 microbiological regulatory tests were performed in 2020 and compliance with Provincial standards was achieved throughout the entire year.

There were 260 free chlorine residual tests performed in the distribution system and all results were satisfactory. Staff continue to routinely sample all areas of the system to ensure adequate free chlorine residuals are available throughout the distribution system.

A summary of other analytical results is also shown in this report.

Summary of Treatment Chemicals

The following chemicals are used for the treatment of drinking water at the Port Severn PWP:

- Aluminum Sulfate: Coagulant
- Sodium Hypochlorite: Disinfection
- Sodium Hydroxide: pH Adjustment
- Hydrofluosilicic Acid - Fluoride

A table summarizing the chemical use and average dosages is included in this report.

Documentation of System Repairs and Upgrades

Port Severn PWP underwent life cycle change out including filter media, flow meters, actuators, valves, access hatches, facility roof, one analyzer and one level indicator.

External Audits

MOE Inspection

A MOE inspection was completed on Sept 16th, 2020 and is attached to this report. The overall rating was 100%.

DWQMS Audit

In 2020 all drinking water systems within the District had an off-site external audit performed. There were no minor non-conformances reported and all drinking water systems have been recertified. Overall, all drinking water systems are performing satisfactorily.

Operational Challenge(s)

During the middle of summer (July 2020) manganese was observed in both the raw and treated water. The cause/source was attributed to the hot dry weather joint with no flow in the river (due to work on both dams) and a high demand on the treatment system.

Manganese entered the drinking water system at extraordinary levels which prompted the introduction of pre-chlorination in order to oxidize and filter the manganese prior to the chlorine contact tank and clear wells. Flushing of the distribution system was also carried out in order to remove discoloured water.

In the third week of July staff sightings of blue-green algae were reported in the source water near the shoreline/intake and reported to the Spills Action Centre (Incident Report #: 5412-BRQQYS).

On July 24, 2020 the MOECP instructed the shutdown of any pre-chlorination based on microcystin lab analysis/results. Continuous monitoring for both microcystin (external lab) and manganese (in-house) along with visual inspections of source water at the shoreline/intake were carried out until the first week of December. The installation of a D.O. probe at the low lift station to monitor for any anomalies and as an early indication of increased levels of manganese was mandated as well as an SOP regarding response to the presence of blue-green algae.

Port Severn Water Distribution Summary 2020

New Services:

There were five (5) new water service installed in 2020.

Broken Watermains:

There were no broken water mains to report in 2020.

Service Leaks:

There was one (1) service leak to report in 2020.

Service Relocation:

There were two (2) service relocations to report in 2020.

Frozen Services:

No municipal water services were frozen in 2020.

Replacement Watermains:

No watermain replacement occurred in 2020.

New Watermains:

There were two (2) new watermain installs in 2020.

Valve Replacement:

There was one (1) 6" mainline gate valve replacement to service commercial property in 2020.

Fire Hydrants:

There are 291 municipally assumed hydrants maintained by the District in West Muskoka. They were inspected, operated, and/or flushed at least once, pumped dry in the fall, and scoped during the winter months to ensure they are not susceptible to freezing.

Meter Installations:

A total of six (6) water meters were replaced in Port Severn in 2020 as part of the aged meter change out program.

Service Box Maintenance:

District field staff excavated and repaired two 14 curb stop boxes in 2020. Field staff also responded to four (4) water turn on/off requests in 2020.

Air-Vacuum Release Valves:

Four (4) air release valves were inspected and tested for proper operation in 2020. Each of the chambers was inspected and pumped out as required.

Locates:

Field staff addressed 203 written locate requests in 2020

Table 1 Water Flow Summary - 2020

Month	Total Monthly (m³)	Average Day Flow (m³/d)	Maximum Day Flow (m³/d)	Minimum Day Flow (m³/d)
January	3,790	122	137	111
February	3,722	128	142	117
March	4,002	129	152	114
April	4,768	159	266	103
May	5,683	183	274	139
June	8,696	290	442	174
July	11,846	382	647	244
August	8,388	271	325	207
September	6,842	228	337	165
October	6,061	196	257	120
November	3,253	108	204	0
December	2,624	85	151	69

Total Flow: 69,675m³
 Average Day: 190.4m³
 Maximum Day: 647.5m³
 Minimum Day: 0.0m³

Table 2 Raw Water Monthly Analysis Summary 2020 Part 1

Month	Alkalinity (mg/L)	Hardness (mg/L)	pH	Turbidity (ntu)	True Colour (tcu)	Temperature (Celsius)
January	67.1	56.0	7.70	0.32	25	5.1
February	75.4	64.5	7.73	0.28	28	6.2
March	81.2	69.6	7.75	0.25	19	7.6
April	69.0	58.5	7.68	0.31	29	8.7
May	50.0	50.5	7.58	0.25	27	11.1
June	48.0	44.1	7.41	0.26	17	17.4
July	59.2	67.2	7.16	0.91	18	22.6
August	56.3	50.0	7.52	0.36	14	22.7
September	65.0	60.0	7.77	0.33	10	19.1
October	66.6	59.0	7.76	0.36	12	14.7
November	68.4	56.2	7.74	0.33	16	11.7
December	54.6	45.0	7.68	0.35	30	7.8
Average	63.4	56.7	7.62	0.36	20.4	12.9

Table 3 Raw Water Monthly Analysis Summary 2020 Part 2

Month	Microcystin (ug/L)	TDS (mg/L)	Langliers Saturation Index	Total Coliforms (CFU/100mL)	E. Coli (CFU/100mL)	Total Number of Samples
January	Not Sampled	119.5	-1.1	7.0	0.25	4
February	Not Sampled	126.6	-0.9	3.0	1.50	4
March	Not Sampled	110.6	-0.9	1.0	0.00	5
April	Not Sampled	111.6	-0.7	1.0	0.00	4
May	<0.1	90.0	-1.6	2.0	0.50	4
June	<0.1	90.0	-1.5	6.0	0.60	5
July	0.2	86.9	-1.5	22.0	3.50	4
August	<0.1	87.2	-0.9	34.0	0.00	5
September	<0.1	120.0	-0.7	9.0	0.50	4
October	<0.1	140.0	-0.7	3.0	0.25	4
November	<0.1	138.6	-0.8	5.0	0.40	5
December	Not Sampled	102.6	-1.2	5.0	0.00	4
Average	0.2	110.3	-1.0	8.2	0.63	4

Table 4 Chemical Usage Summary: Coagulant

Month	Average Dosage mg/L	Total kg
January	42.7	457
February	43.6	470
March	44.8	504
April	44.9	344
May	44.6	348
June	44.4	478
July	48.0	681
August	48.4	478
September	45.5	364
October	43.4	404
November	37.2	193
December	38.4	168
Average	43.8	408

Total Yearly Kilograms: 4,891

Table 5 Chemical Usage Summary: Sodium Hypochlorite

Month	Average Dosage mg/L	Total kg
January	4.84	214.0
February	5.12	222.0
March	4.20	167.9
April	3.99	30.9
May	3.75	28.3
June	3.80	41.3
July	5.99	72.4
August	4.91	48.3
September	5.18	41.5
October	4.70	43.7
November	4.56	21.5
December	4.48	19.6
Average	4.60	39

Total Yearly Kilograms: 951

Table 6 Chemical Usage Summary: Sodium Hydroxide

Month	Average Dosage mg/L	Total kg
January	3.8	150
February	4.2	161
March	3.4	126
April	3.4	25
May	3.7	27
June	3.3	35
July	4.2	56
August	4.4	42
September	3.3	26
October	2.1	19
November	2.1	10
December	1.9	8
Average	3.3	57

Total Yearly Kilograms: 684

Table 7 Chemical Usage Summary: Fluoride

Month	Average Dosage mg/L	Total kg
January	0.48	11.6
February	0.60	14.3
March	0.54	12.6
April	0.58	4.3
May	0.61	4.2
June	0.53	1.5
July	0.00	0.0
August	0.00	0.0
September	0.00	0.0
October	0.00	0.0
November	0.70	0.5
December	0.46	1.9
Average	0.37	4

Total Yearly Kilograms: 51

Total Yearly Cost: \$140

Port Severn Certification of Reports

I certify that the information in this document and all attachments are correct, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge

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Manager of Water and Wastewater Operations

OPTIONAL ANNUAL REPORT TEMPLATE

Drinking-Water System Number:	260001669
Drinking-Water System Name:	Lone Pine Water Treatment Plant – Port Severn
Drinking-Water System Owner:	District Municipality of Muskoka
Drinking-Water System Category:	Large Municipal Residential
Period being reported:	January 01 to December 31, 2020

<p><u>Complete if your Category is Large Municipal Residential or Small Municipal Residential</u></p> <p>Does your Drinking-Water System serve more than 10,000 people? Yes [] No [X]</p> <p>Is your annual report available to the public at no charge on a web site on the Internet? Yes [X] No []</p> <p>Location where Summary Report required under O. Reg. 170/03 Schedule 22 will be available for inspection.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> District Municipality of Muskoka 70 Pine Street Bracebridge, Ontario P1L 1N3 (705) 645-6764 www.muskoka.on.ca </div>	<p><u>Complete for all other Categories.</u></p> <p>Number of Designated Facilities served: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">N.A.</div> </p> <p>Did you provide a copy of your annual report to all Designated Facilities you serve? Yes [] No [] </p> <p>Number of Interested Authorities you report to: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">N.A.</div> </p> <p>Did you provide a copy of your annual report to all Interested Authorities you report to for each Designated Facility? Yes [] No [] </p>
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Note: For the following tables below, additional rows or columns may be added or an appendix may be attached to the report

List all Drinking-Water Systems (if any), which receive all of their drinking water from your system:

Drinking Water System Name	Drinking Water System Number
N.A.	

Did you provide a copy of your annual report to all Drinking-Water System owners that are connected to you and to whom you provide all of its drinking water?
 Yes [] No []

Indicate how you notified system users that your annual report is available, and is free of charge.

- Public access/notice via the web**
- Public access/notice via Government Office**
- Public access/notice via a newspaper**
- Public access/notice via Public Request**
- Public access/notice via a Public Library**
- Public access/notice via other method** _____

Describe your Drinking-Water System

The water treatment plant serving the community of Port Severn was constructed in 1997. The treatment process consists of chemically assisted coagulation-flocculation, sedimentation and filtration using dual-media filters with a combination of sand and anthracite coal. Disinfection in a post-treatment chlorine contact chamber is followed by fluoridation and final pH adjustment before the treated water is pumped to our customers. Our waterworks currently serves a population of approximately 500 persons. The rated water production capacity of the plant is 1900 cubic meters per day. Our raw water source is Little Lake and the intake is located two meters above the lakebed at a depth of 4.5 meters and about 255 meters from shore.

List all water treatment chemicals used over this reporting period

Sodium Hypochlorite, Aluminum Sulphate, Sodium Hydroxide, Fluoride.

Were any significant expenses incurred to?

- Install required equipment
- Repair required equipment
- Replace required equipment

Please provide a brief description and a breakdown of monetary expenses incurred

Port Severn PWP/WWTP underwent combined capital upgrades including change out of filter media, flow meters, actuators, valves, access hatches, facility roof, one analyzer and one level indicator at the PWP alone. Total cost incurred for the upgrades were approx. \$542,530.35.

Provide details on the notices submitted in accordance with subsection 18(1) of the Safe Drinking-Water Act or section 16-4 of Schedule 16 of O.Reg.170/03 and reported to Spills Action Centre

Incident Date	Parameter	Result	Unit of Measure	Corrective Action	Corrective Action Date

Microbiological testing done under the Schedule 10, 11 or 12 of Regulation 170/03, during this reporting period.

	Number of Samples	Range of E.Coli Or Fecal Results (min #)-(max #)	Range of Total Coliform Results (min #)-(max #)	Number of HPC Samples	Range of HPC Results (min #)-(max #)
Raw	52	0 - 14	0 - 52	0	N.A.
Treated	52	0 - 0	0 - 0	52	0 - 0
Distribution	156	0 - 0	0 - 0	104	0 - 2

Operational testing done under Schedule 7, 8 or 9 of Regulation 170/03 during the period covered by this Annual Report.

	Number of Grab Samples	Range of Results (min #)-(max #)	Geometric Mean Average
Turbidity	8760	0.00 - 0.13 NTU	0.02 NTU
Chlorine	8760	1.25 - 2.13 mg/l	1.43 mg/l
Fluoride (If the DWS provides fluoridation)	8760	0.03 - 0.81 mg/l	0.59 mg/l

***NOTE:** For continuous monitors use 8760 as the number of samples.*

***NOTE:** Record the unit of measure if it is **not** milligrams per litre.
MDL = Method Detection Limit*

Summary of additional testing and sampling carried out in accordance with the requirement of an approval, order or other legal instrument.

Date of legal instrument issued	Parameter	Date Sampled	Result	Unit of Measure
N.A.				

Summary of Inorganic parameters tested during this reporting period or the most recent sample results

Parameter	Sample Date	Result Value	Unit of Measure	Exceedance
Antimony	May 11/2020	0.09	µg/L	No
Arsenic	May 11/2020	0.3	µg/L	No
Barium	May 11/2020	18.2	µg/L	No
Boron	May 11/2020	10	µg/L	No
Cadmium	May 11/2020	0.003	µg/L	No
Chromium	May 11/2020	0.16	µg/L	No
*Lead	May 11/2020		µg/L	No
Mercury	May 11/2020	0.01	µg/L	No
Selenium	May 11/2020	0.04	µg/L	No
Sodium	May 11/2020	17.3	mg/L	Yes

Uranium	May 11/2020	0.005	µg/L	No
Fluoride	May 11/2020	0.59	mg/L	No
Nitrite	Feb 10/2020	0.003	mg/L	No
Nitrate	Feb 10/2020	0.083	mg/L	No
Nitrite	May 11/2020	0.003	mg/L	No
Nitrate	May 11/2020	0.092	mg/L	No
Nitrite	Aug 10/2020	0.003	mg/L	No
Nitrate	Aug 10/2020	0.108	mg/L	No
Nitrite	Nov 09/2020	0.003	mg/L	No
Nitrate	Nov 09/2020	0.056	mg/L	No

*only for drinking water systems testing under Schedule 15.2; this includes large municipal non-residential systems, small municipal non-residential systems, non-municipal seasonal residential systems, large non-municipal non-residential systems, and small non-municipal non-residential systems.

Summary of lead testing under Schedule 15.1 during this reporting period

(applicable to the following drinking water systems; large municipal residential systems, small municipal residential systems, and non-municipal year-round residential systems)

Location Type	Number of Samples	Range of Lead Results (min#) – (max #)	Geometric Mean Average	Unit of Measure	Number of Exceedances
Plumbing	0	N.A.	N.A.	µg/L	N.A.
Distribution	4	0.02 – 0.39	0.16	µg/L	0

Summary of Organic parameters sampled during this reporting period or the most recent sample results

Parameter	Sample Date	Result Value	Unit of Measure	Exceedance
Alachlor	May 11/2020	0.02	µg/L	No
Atrazine+N-dealkylated Metabolites	May 11/2020	0.01	µg/L	No
Azinphos-methyl	May 11/2020	0.05	µg/L	No
Benzene	May 11/2020	0.32	µg/L	No
Benzo(a)pyrene	May 11/2020	0.004	µg/L	No
Bromoxynil	May 11/2020	0.33	µg/L	No
Carbaryl	May 11/2020	0.05	µg/L	No
Carbofuran	May 11/2020	0.01	µg/L	No
Carbon Tetrachloride	May 11/2020	0.17	µg/L	No
Chorpyrifos	May 11/2020	0.02	µg/L	No
Diazinon	May 11/2020	0.02	µg/L	No
Dicamba	May 11/2020	0.2	µg/L	No
1,2 Dichlorobenzene	May 11/2020	0.41	µg/L	No
1,4 Dichlorobenzene	May 11/2020	0.36	µg/L	No
1,2 Dichloroethane	May 11/2020	0.35	µg/L	No
1,1 Dichloroethylene	May 11/2020	0.33	µg/L	No

Dichloromethane	May 11/2020	0.35	µg/L	No
2,4 Dichlorophenol	May 11/2020	0.15	µg/L	No
2,4-D	May 11/2020	0.19	µg/L	No
Diclofop-Methyl	May 11/2020	0.4	µg/L	No
Dimethoate	May 11/2020	0.06	µg/L	No
Diquat	May 11/2020	1	µg/L	No
Diuron	May 11/2020	0.03	µg/L	No
Glyphosate	May 11/2020	1	µg/L	No
Malathion	May 11/2020	0.02	µg/L	No
MCPA	May 11/2020	0.00012	µg/L	No
Metolachor	May 11/2020	0.01	µg/L	No
Metribuzin	May 11/2020	0.02	µg/L	No
Monochlorobenzene	May 11/2020	0.3	µg/L	No
Paraquat	May 11/2020	1	µg/L	No
Pentachlorophenol	May 11/2020	0.15	µg/L	No
Phorate	May 11/2020	0.01	µg/L	No
Picloram	May 11/2020	1	µg/L	No
PCB	May 11/2020	0.04	µg/L	No
Prometryne	May 11/2020	0.03	µg/L	No
Simazine	May 11/2020	0.01	µg/L	No
THM (NOTE: Annual average of 4 samples – Distribution system)	Feb 10/2020 - Nov 09/2020	60.75	µg/L	No
Terbufos	May 11/2020	0.01	µg/L	No
Tetrachloroethylene	May 11/2020	0.35	µg/L	No
2,3,4,6 - Tetrachlorophenol	May 11/2020	0.2	µg/L	No
Triallate	May 11/2020	0.01	µg/L	No
Trichloroethylene	May 11/2020	0.44	µg/L	No
2,4,6,- Trichlorophenol	May 11/2020	0.25	µg/L	No
Trifluralin	May 11/2020	0.02	µg/L	No
Vinyl Chloride	May 11/2020	0.17	µg/L	No
HAA5 (NOTE: Annual average of 4 samples – Distribution system)	Feb 10/2020- Nov 09/2020	61.6	µg/L	No

List any Inorganic or Organic parameter(s) that exceeded half the standard prescribed in Schedule 2 of Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards.

Parameter	Result Value	Unit of Measure	Date of Sample
HAA's	61.6	ug/L	Running Avg 4 quarters
THM's	60.75	ug/L	Running Avg 4 quarters
N.A.			