

2023 Year End Report: Port Carling Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)



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Introduction

The Port Carling Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), which services the community of Port Carling, is owned, and operated by the District Municipality of Muskoka. The plant is located at 140 Medora Street, Port Carling, and was commissioned in 2015. It currently services 400 customers.

The Plant operates under the MOE Certificate of Approval (Sewage) #4174-AG8T75 issued February 18, 2009, and MOE Certificate of Approval (Air) #0571-67WJB7 December 1, 2016. Under the terms of the Certificate of Approval, the plant is permitted to treat an average daily flow of 926 meters cubed per day, and a peak flow of 3800 meters cubed per day. Additionally, effluent limit criteria are as follows:

Table 1 Effluent Limit Criteria

Effluent Parameter	Concentration
CBOD	10 mg/L
Total Suspended Solids	10 mg/L
Total Phosphorous	0.30 mg/L
Total Ammonia Nitrogen Summer (May 15 to September 30)	1.10 mg/L
Total Ammonia Nitrogen Winter (October 01 to May 14)	5.40 mg/L
E. coli	80 CFU/mL
pH	6.0-9.0 inclusive at all times

The facility process consists of grit removal and screening facilities, an activated sludge based secondary treatment process using membrane filters for solids separation, followed by disinfection with ultraviolet radiation. Chemical addition includes an alkalinity adjustment feed system, a sodium hypochlorite and citric acid system for membrane cleaning and a coagulant system using poly-aluminum chloride for phosphorous removal.

Treated effluent from the plant is discharged through a 300 millimeters effluent outfall line and is discharged to Indian River.

Waste sludge from the plant process is digested aerobically at the plant and periodically hauled off site for disposal.

All pumping stations and treatment control systems use SCADA (Supervisor Control And Data Acquisition), in combination with Data Highway Plus, and programmable logic controllers.

General Information

A review of the District of Muskoka infrastructure needs is conducted annually by the Director of Water and Sewer Services, Area Manager and Chief Operator, and recommendations for maintenance, rehabilitation and renewal programs are considered.

Efforts to eliminate the discharge of untreated or partially treated wastewater to receiving waters are being accomplished by a long-term financial commitment to correct excessive

infiltration into the wastewater collection system by means of sewer main rehabilitation / replacement, manhole rehabilitation and pumping station rehabilitation programs.

The treatment facility is capable of effective operation during emergencies; maintenance shutdowns, and power failures. This is achieved through such measures as preventive maintenance of duty / standby units, the duplication of major treatment components, the provision of standby power sources and extensive use of the SCADA systems. All pumping stations and treatment control systems use SCADA (Supervisor control and Data Acquisition), in combination with Data Highway Plus, and programmable logic controllers.

All operators are qualified to operate the systems efficiently and effectively in order to achieve the highest level of treatment at all times. A commitment to provide Operator training and certification is being sustained.

Regulatory sampling is carried out to meet the requirements outlined in the ECA, and additional in-house operational sampling beyond these regulatory requirements is being performed on a routine basis. These efforts have resulted in an effective treatment process which ensures that effluent discharges consistently meet effluent objectives and are environmentally safe. All final effluent sample results for the MBR facilities met their effluent limits.

All data in this report is a compilation of test results received from SGS Canada and their accredited laboratory, Lakefield Research. All in-plant sampling, analysis and recording of results conforms, in order of precedence, to the following 3 standards: Ministry's Procedure F-10-1, "Procedures for Sampling and Analysis Requirements for Municipal and Private Sewage Treatment Works", Ministry's publication "Protocol for the Sampling and Analysis of Industrial/Municipal Wastewater" and the American Water Works Association/Water Environment Federation (AWWA/WEF) publication "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater".

Executive Summary

In all respects, test results of the treated effluent for the parameters of CBOD5, suspended solids, ammonia, total phosphorous, and E. Coli are in compliance with the limits outlined in the ECA regarding monthly allowable concentrations and total effluent loading throughout the entire 2023.

Overall, the plant treatment processes performed satisfactorily and are deemed to be adequate. All sample test results of the final effluent were within compliance levels outlined in the plant ECA (#4174-AG8T75).

Quantity of Flow Summary

The plant has a daily average flow design capacity of 926 meters cubed per day. The actual average daily flow for the 2023 was 680 meters cubed per day, however, the 3-year average was 584 meters cubed per day which represents 63% of the plant capacity. None of the individual system components exceeded the design flow rating.

Plant Operational Upsets or Process Failures

There historically have been operational problems during the winter cold temperature low loading period with meeting the Nitrate effluent objective of less than 10.0 mg/L. For 2023 process control

changes were implemented for the bioreactor air blowers resulting in the Nitrate objective being met for the entire year.

Summary of Maintenance

There were no significant plant upgrades on major infrastructure in 2023.

All equipment information at this plant is entered into a computer database. From this information, a scheduled preventive maintenance program has been established. The maintenance program includes (and not limited to):

- Monthly testing of emergency testing (under load) of the standby generators.
- Annual servicing of emergency standby generators.
- Annual replacement of U.V. bulbs.
- Annual calibration of flow metering devices.
- Annual cleaning of all sewage pumping stations.
- Marine inspection of effluent outfall and diffuser completed in 2022. (5-year cycle)

Evaluation of the Need for Improvement Works

The treatment facility is operating at a plant capacity of 63% and is in compliance with specified effluent parameter criteria. In addition, there has been no significant treatment process upsets and plant bypasses. As a result, there is no need for improvements to the existing works.

Evaluation Summary of Proposed Work Requiring Approval under OWRA

Since the treatment facility is operating satisfactorily there is no anticipated works requiring an ECA amendment for 2024.

Interpretation of Analytical Results

All sample results for Raw Sewage and Final Effluent are reported in this section. Other tables in this report include Chemical Usage, Biosolids Quality, and Biosolids Quantity.

Raw Sewage

The information reported in the Raw Sewage sample results summary table consists of test results of analysis conducted on composite samples of the plant influent flow as required by the plant ECA. Samples are sent for analysis to Lakefield Research, as well as analysis conducted on site using Standard Methods or equivalent. Weekly analysis has been performed and reported as specified under the terms outline in the ECA.

Influent Analysis

Table 2 Influent Analysis

Influent Parameter	Minimum	4 Week Average Maximum	Annual Average	Average loading kg/day
BOD5 (mg/L)	15	179	88	59.8
Suspended Solids (mg/L)	16	203	128	87
Total Phosphorus (mg/L)	0.42	2.3	1.57	1.07
Ammonia (mg/L)	3.4	16.5	10.5	7.14
pH	6.87	8.22 (Max)	7.32	N/A

Effluent Analysis

The information reported in the Final Effluent sample results summary table 3 consists of test results of analysis conducted on final effluent composite samples. Bacteriological samples, however, consisted of grab samples. Weekly analysis has been performed and reported as specified under the terms outlined in the ECA.

Effluent Objective Analysis

There were no plant operational problems in 2023.

Final Effluent Analysis Summary

All final effluent samples tested for CBOD5, suspended solids, ammonia, E. Coli, and total phosphorous were below non-compliance limits outlined in the ECA.

Table 3 Final Effluent Analysis Summary

Parameter	Minimum	4 Week Average Maximum	Annual Average	Average Loading kg/day
COBD5 (mg/L)	2.0	2	2	1.36
Suspended Solids (mg/L)	2.0	2.3	2	1.36
Total Phosphorus (mg/L)	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.02
Ammonia (mg/L)	0.1	0.13	0.1	0.07
Nitrate (mg/L)	0.58	7.84	4.11	2.79
E. Coli (#/100 mL)	0	0	0	N/A
pH	6.93	7.53 (max)	7.28	N/A

Average daily flow comparisons by day of week ensure ECA requirements for scheduled sampling are taken at a time, and in a location characteristic of the quality and quantity of the sewage stream over the time period being monitored. Average daily flow rates by day of the week compare the flow to the average daily flow for the entire year. This data is used to determine if a particular day of the week is best to ensure samples are taken to meet the requirements of scheduled monitoring sections of the ECA's. Sampling plans are reviewed and updated yearly based on the previous yearly flow data.

Final Effluent Sampling Summary

All samples were collected following the frequency and methods required by the facility approval. For the coming year, 2024, no changes to the sampling plan are being considered at this time.

Biosolids Generation

The quality and volume of biosolids hauled from the facility for disposal is outlined in the table provided. Biosolids from the plant was hauled to an approved site. Private contractors were used by the District of Muskoka to transfer all material for disposal in 2023 and will continue to do so in 2024. It is not anticipated that there will be a significant increase in the total volume of biosolids produced in 2024.

Summary of Complaints received throughout the reporting period.

There were no complaints received in the reporting period.

Port Carling Wastewater Collection Summary

New or Replaced Sewer Mains

Approximately 150m of new sewer main was installed in Port Carling 2023 with the addition of 3 new manholes on a new road called Ripplewood Way.

New Sewer Services:

No new sewer mains or replacements.

New Sewer Services:

1 new customer connected to existing municipal services in 2023.

Sewer Lateral Blockages:

No lateral blockages on the municipal side in 2023.

Sewer Pump Stations: I don't deal with Pump Stations

Main Line Sewer Blockages:

There were no main line sewer blockages in 2023.

Sewer Force Mains:

No issues with low pressure sewer in Port Carling.

Air Release Valves:

All five (5) of the air release vacuum valves connected to the sewage force mains in our collection system had a maintenance inspection 2023.

Sewer Flushing and Video Inspections:

Approximately 630 meters of various size sanitary sewer mains were flushed using high pressure equipment in 2023.

Sewer Rehabilitation:

There was no MH rehab in Port Carling in 2023.

Locates:

Field staff addressed approximately 100 locates for Port Carling in 2023.

Table 4 Effluent Flow Summary - 2023

Month	Plant Total Monthly (m ³)	Average Day Flow (m ³ /d)	Maximum Day Flow (m ³ /d)	Minimum Day Flow (m ³ /d)
January	22,846	737	1,875	406
February	14,314	511	750	388
March	21,198	684	1,146	438
April	36,455	1,215	2,508	890
May	23,453	757	1,145	550
June	17,369	579	697	454
July	22,209	716	1,015	495
August	21,555	695	946	523
September	16,328	544	726	450
October	15,959	515	876	373
November	14,515	484	685	379
December	21,819	704	939	513

Total Flow: 248,020m³
 Average Day: 680m³
 Maximum Day: 2,508m³
 Minimum Day: 373m³

Table 5 Influent Quarterly Analysis Summary – Weekly 24-Hour Composite Sample

Sample Date	Sample Identification Number	BOD5 mg/L	Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen mg/L	Nitrate Nitrogen mg/L	Total Phosphorus mg/L	Suspended Solids mg/L
Feb-06-23	CA17690	206	27.7	0.39	6	433
May-01-23	CA13035	169	26.5	<0.06	3.2	641
Aug-08-23	CA12305	166	22.5	<0.06	2.13	278
Nov-06-23	CA12242	51	10.8	<0.06	1.01	123
Yearly Average		148.0	21.9	0.1	3.1	368.8
Maximum		206.0	27.7	0.4	6.0	641.0
Minimum		51.0	10.8	0.1	1.0	123.0

Table 6 Chemical Usage Summary: SternPac

Month	Average Dosage mg/L	Total kg (dry)
January	42.6	808.5
February	40.8	495.8
March	42.2	740.4
April	42.2	1,283.1
May	42.2	810.1
June	42.2	620.6
July	42.2	804.8
August	42.2	758.2
September	42.2	587.9
October	42.2	563.5
November	42.2	515.2
December	42.2	768.0
Average		730

Total Yearly Kilograms: 8,756kg

Table 7 Chemical Usage Summary: Sodium Hydroxide

Month	Average Dosage mg/L	Total kg (dry)
January	27.9	388.2
February	29.9	267.9
March	31.3	393.9
April	18.4	404.2
May	39.5	468.8
June	40.1	460.2
July	44.3	660.9
August	39.9	512.8
September	32.2	350.8
October	26.5	284.4
November	22.3	219.1
December	20.0	297.1
Average		392

Total Yearly Kilograms: 4,708kg

Table 8 Effluent Quarterly Analysis Summary – Weekly 24-Hour Composite Sample Part 1

Sample Date	Sample Identification Number	CBOD5 mg/L	pH	Total Phosphorus mg/L	Suspended Solids mg/L
Feb-06-23	CA17690	<2	8.73	<0.03	<2
May-01-23	CA13035	<2	7.44	<0.03	<2
Aug-08-23	CA12305	<2	8.23	<0.03	<2
Nov-06-23	CA12242	<2	8.21	<0.03	2
Yearly Average		2	8.15	0.03	2
Maximum		2	8.73	0.03	2
Minimum		2	7.44	0.03	2

Table 9 Effluent Quarterly Analysis Summary – Weekly 24-Hour Composite Sample Part 2

Sample Date	Sample Identification Number	Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen mg/L	Nitrate Nitrogen mg/L	Nitrite Nitrogen mg/L	Total Ammonia Nitrogen mg/L
Feb-06-23	CA17690	0.6	9.44	<0.03	<0.1
May-01-23	CA13035	<0.5	2.8	<0.03	<0.1
Aug-08-23	CA12305	<0.5	1.75	0.03	0.2
Nov-06-23	CA12242	0.9	3	<0.03	<0.1
Yearly Average		0.5	4.2	0.03	0.1
Maximum		0.9	9.4	0.03	0.2
Minimum		0.5	1.8	0.03	0.1

Table 10 Effluent Loading and Concentration Summary 2023: COBD5

Month	Average mg/L	Average kg/day	Maximum Daily kg/day
January	2.00	1.47	3.75
February	2.00	1.02	1.50
March	2.00	1.37	2.29
April	2.00	2.43	5.02
May	2.00	1.51	2.29
June	2.25	1.70	2.58
July	2.00	1.43	2.03
August	2.00	1.39	1.89
September	2.00	1.09	1.45
October	2.00	1.39	1.89
November	2.00	0.97	1.37
December	2.00	1.41	1.88
Average Monthly	2.02	1.43	2.33
Effluent Objective	5.00		4.63
Non-Compliance	10.00		9.26

Table 11 Effluent Loading and Concentration Summary 2023: Suspended Solids

Month	Average mg/L	Average kg/day	Maximum Daily kg/day
January	2.00	1.47	3.75
February	2.00	1.02	1.50
March	2.00	1.37	2.29
April	2.00	2.43	5.02
May	2.00	1.51	2.29
June	2.25	1.70	2.58
July	2.00	1.43	2.03
August	2.00	1.39	1.89
September	2.00	1.09	1.45
October	2.00	1.38	1.89
November	2.00	0.97	1.37
December	2.00	1.41	1.88
Average Monthly	2.02	1.43	2.33
Effluent Objective	5.00		4.63
Non-Compliance	10.00		9.26

Table 12 Effluent Loading and Concentration Summary 2023: Total Ammonia Nitrogen Summer

Month	Average mg/L	Average kg/day	Maximum Daily kg/day
May	0.10	0.08	0.11
June	0.10	0.08	0.11
July	0.12	0.09	0.12
August	0.13	0.09	0.12
September	0.10	0.05	0.07
October	0.10	0.07	0.09
Average Monthly	0.11	0.08	0.10
Effluent Objective	0.80		0.74
Non-Compliance	1.10		1.02

Table 13 Effluent Loading and Concentration Summary 2023: Total Ammonia Nitrogen Winter

Month	Average mg/L	Average kg/day	Maximum Daily kg/day
January	0.10	0.07	0.19
February	0.10	0.05	0.08
March	0.10	0.07	0.11
April	0.10	0.12	0.25
November	0.10	0.05	0.07
December	0.10	0.07	0.09
Average Monthly	0.10	0.07	0.13
Effluent Objective	4.00		3.70
Non-Compliance	5.40		5.00

Table 14 Effluent Loading and Concentration Summary 2023: Fecal Coliform

Month	Geomean (#/100mL)	Maximum Daily (#/100mL)
January	0.00	0.00
February	0.00	0.00
March	0.00	0.00
April	0.00	0.00
May	0.00	0.00
June	0.00	0.00
July	0.00	0.00
August	0.00	0.00
September	0.00	0.00
October	0.00	0.00
November	0.00	0.00
December	0.00	0.00
Average Monthly	0.00	0.00
Effluent Objective	2.20	
Non-Compliance	80.0	

Table 15 Effluent Loading and Concentration Summary 2023: Total Phosphorus

Month	Average mg/L	Average kg/day	Maximum Daily kg/day
January	0.03	0.02	0.06
February	0.04	0.02	0.03
March	0.03	0.02	0.03
April	0.03	0.04	0.08
May	0.03	0.02	0.03
June	0.03	0.02	0.03
July	0.03	0.02	0.03
August	0.03	0.02	0.03
September	0.03	0.02	0.02
October	0.03	0.23	0.30
November	0.03	0.02	0.02
December	0.03	0.02	0.03
Average Monthly	0.03	0.04	0.06
Effluent Objective	0.10		0.09
Non-Compliance	0.30		0.28

Table 16 Liquid Sludge Production Summary 2023

Month	Hauler	Liquid Volume m ³	Destination
January	ROHES	491.2	ROHES
February		0.0	
March		0.0	
April	ROHES	518.0	ROHES
May		0.0	
June	ROHES	518.0	ROHES
July		0.0	
August	ROHES	485.3	ROHES
September		0.0	
October		0.0	
November	ROHES	480.0	ROHES
December			

Yearly Total Volume: 2,492m³
 Yearly Average Volume: 208m³
 Maximum Volume: 518m³
 Minimum Volume: 0m³

Table 17 Sludge Quality Analysis 2023

Parameter Sampled (mg/L)	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
Date	Feb 13 2023	May-01-2023	August-08-2023	Nov-06-23
Sample ID	CA17694	CA14070	CA12806	CA12242
Nitrate	8	5.6	<3	<3
Mercury	0.004	0.001	0.002	0.002
Chromium	0.35	0.1	0.17	0.1
Cobalt	0.05	0.01	0.02	0.01
Copper	8.9	1.7	5.2	2.9
Lead	0.3	<0.1	0.2	<0.1
Molybdenum	0.14	<0.05	0.06	<0.05
Nickel	0.27	0.07	0.12	0.08
Selenium	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Arsenic	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Zinc	13	2	6.0	4
Cadmium	0.016	<0.005	0.009	<0.005
Ammonia+ Ammonium	5	1.5	13.4	2.9
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	800	232	712	547
Total Phosphorus	610	88	170	111
Total Solids	22400	6160	13000	13300
Volatile Solids				
Nitrite	<0.2	<0.2	<3	<3
Potassium	50	15	34	25
Total Suspended Solids				

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