



2022 Annual Drinking Water System Summary Report

Innerkip Drinking Water System

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Oxford County (the County) prepares a report summarizing system operation and water quality for every municipal drinking water system annually. The reports detail the latest water quality testing results, water quantity statistics and any adverse conditions that may have occurred for the previous year. They are available for review by the end of February on the County website at www.oxfordcounty.ca/drinkingwater or by contacting the Public Works Department.

All efforts have been made to ensure the information presented in this report is accurate. If you have any questions or comments concerning the report please contact the County at the address and phone number listed below or by email at water@oxfordcounty.ca.

Drinking Water System:	Innerkip Drinking Water System
Drinking Water System Number:	260046995
Reporting Period:	January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

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1.1 System Description

The Innerkip Drinking Water System is a Large Municipal Water system as defined by Ontario Regulation (O.Reg.) 170/03 and serves a population of approximately 1,596. The system consists of two well sources which are secure groundwater wells. The water is filtered to remove iron and manganese. Sodium hypochlorite is added as an oxidant and for disinfection.

In 2022, approximately 8,195L of sodium hypochlorite was used in the water treatment process. This chemical is certified to meet standards set by the Standards Council of Canada or American National Standards Institute.

The treatment facility houses filters, high lift pumps, monitoring equipment, and a 700 m³ storage standpipe. There is a retention lagoon for backwash water from the filters which discharges to a tributary of the Thames River. A standby generator is available to run the facility in the event of a power failure. The system is maintained by licensed water system operators, who operate treatment and monitoring equipment and collect samples as specified by the Regulation. Alarms automatically notify operators in the event of failure of critical operational requirements.

1.2 Major Expenses

The Innerkip Drinking Water System is one of 14 water systems that have revenues and expenses pooled for economy of scale purposes. The systems are combined into the Township Water financial system and in 2022 had an operating and maintenance expenditures of approximately \$3,300,000.

In addition to regular operational and maintenance expenditures, Capital Improvement Projects for the Townships systems totaled \$1,800,000 for improvements to water treatment systems and replacement of distribution mains in the Township System.

Township Capital Improvement Projects included:

- \$228,000 R&M on Wells, Water Pump stations, and Water Treatment Facilities
- \$940,000 distribution replacements
- \$225,000 for facilities improvements

Capital Improvement projects for all systems included:

- \$625,000 to develop Countywide SCADA Master Plan for all water systems
- \$150,000 to develop Countywide Water Servicing Master Plan for all water systems

2. MICROBIOLOGICAL TESTING

2.1 E. coli and Total Coliform

Bacteriological tests for *E. coli* and total coliforms are required weekly from the raw and treated water at the facility and from the distribution system. Extra samples are taken after major repairs or maintenance work. Any *E. coli* or total coliform results above 0 in treated water sample must be reported to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and Medical Officer of Health (MOH). Resamples and any other required actions are taken as quickly as possible. The results from the 2022 sampling program are shown on the table below. There were no adverse test results from 208 treated water samples in this reporting period.

	<i>Number of Samples</i>	<i>Range of E. coli Results Min - Max MAC = 0</i>	<i>Range of Total Coliform Results Min - Max MAC = 0</i>
Raw	104	0	0
Treated	52	0	0
Distribution	156	0	0

2.2 Heterotrophic Plate Count (HPC)

HPC analyses are required from the treated and distribution water. The tests are required weekly for treated water and for 25% of the required distribution system bacteriological samples. HPC should be less than 500 colonies per 1 mL. Results over 500 colonies per 1 mL may indicate a change in water quality but it is not considered an indicator of unsafe water. 2022 results are shown in the table below.

	<i>Number of Samples</i>	<i>Range of HPC Min - Max</i>
Treated	52	0 – 6
Distribution	42	0 – 3

3. CHEMICAL TESTING

The Safe Drinking Water Act requires periodic testing of the water for approximately 60 different chemical parameters. The latest results for all parameters are provided in Appendix A. The sampling frequency varies for different types and sizes of water systems and chemical parameters. If the concentration of a parameter is 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 the Regulation. Where concerns regarding a parameter exist, the MECP can also require additional sampling be undertaken.

Information on the health effects and allowable limits of components in drinking water may be found on the MECP web page through the link provided in Appendix A. Additional information on common chemical parameters specific to the Innerkip Drinking Water System is provided below.

3.1 Hardness

This is an aesthetic parameter that may affect the appearance of the water but is not related to health. Well water commonly has high levels of hardness and other minerals from being in contact with underground rock formations. Many households have water softeners to help reduce white calcium deposits and improve the efficiency of soaps. This information is included here to help set the water softener at the level recommended by the manufacturer. Samples for hardness are collected at a minimum every 3 years from raw water. The Hardness for the Innerkip Drinking Water System was tested in 2022 and ranged from 929 - 1,670 mg/L (54 - 98 grains/gallon).

3.2 Additional Testing Required by MECP

Testing of the lagoon backwash discharge is required for the Innerkip Drinking Water System under the MDWL. A summary of the monitoring results for 2022 is below.

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Result Range (Min–Max) mg/L</i>	<i>Average mg/L</i>	<i>Number of Samples</i>	<i>Limit</i>	<i>MDL (mg/L)</i>
Suspended Solids from lagoon backwash discharge	(2 – 38)	13	52	25 mg/L Annual Average	2.0

4. OPERATIONAL MONITORING

4.1 Chlorine Residual

Free chlorine levels of the treated water are monitored continuously at the discharge point of the Water Treatment Facility. In the distribution system, free chlorine is checked twice weekly at various locations. As a target, free chlorine residual within the distribution system should be above 0.20 mg/L. A free chlorine level lower than 0.05 mg/L must be reported and corrective action taken. There were no reportable incidents in 2022. A summary of the chlorine residual readings is provided in the table below in section 4.2.

4.2 Turbidity

Turbidity of treated water is continuously monitored at the treatment facility as a change in turbidity can indicate an operational problem. As a minimum, turbidity for each well is required to be tested monthly. Turbidity is measured in nephelometric turbidity units (NTU). Under O.Reg. 170/03 turbidity in groundwater from a secure well or a well with

effective in-situ filtration is not reportable however turbidity should be < 1 NTU at the treatment plant and < 5 NTU in the distribution system. A summary of the monitoring results for 2022 is provided in the table below.

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Number of Tests or Monitoring Frequency</i>	<i>Range of Results (Min – Max) and Average</i>
Chlorine residual after treatment (mg/L)	Continuous	(0.66 – 2.283) 1.44
Chlorine residual in distribution (mg/L)	Continuous	(0.52 – 1.97) 1.20
Well 1 turbidity before treatment (NTU)	51	(0.15 – 6.31) 0.98
Well 2 turbidity before treatment (NTU)	52	(0.11 – 4.16) 0.67
Turbidity after treatment (NTU)	Continuous	(0.04 – 4.0) 0.08

5. WATER QUANTITY

Continuous monitoring of flow rates from supply wells into the treatment system and from the Water Treatment Facility into the distribution system is required by O.Reg. 170/03. The Municipal Drinking Water License and Permit to Take Water (PTTW) issued by the MECP regulate the amount of water that can be utilized over a given time period. A summary of the 2022 flows are provided in the table below and presented graphically in Appendix B.

<i>Flow Summary</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
Permit to Take Water Limit	1,728 m ³ /d
Municipal Drinking Water License Limit	1,296 m ³ /d
2022 Average Daily Flow	358 m ³
2022 Maximum Daily Flow	571 m ³
2022 Average Monthly Flow	10,884 m ³
2022 Total Amount of Water Supplied	130,602 m ³

A review of the available supply capacity and the anticipated growth forecasted for the community indicates that the system has sufficient capacity over the 20 year planning horizon.

Firm Capacity of this system is rated at 1,296 m³/day. Firm Capacity is defined as the removal of the highest producing well in an emergency or operational / maintenance. This system comprises of two supply wells. MDWL Limits pumping rate to 1,296 m³/day for Firm Capacity calculations.

6. NON-COMPLIANCE FINDINGS AND ADVERSE RESULTS

This section documents any known incidents of non-compliance or adverse results and the associated correction actions taken to resolve the issue. Non-compliance issues are typically identified by either the Operating Authority or the MECP Drinking Water Inspectors. The issues and associated required actions are documented by the Inspectors in the system’s Annual Inspection Report. All non-compliance issues are investigated, corrective actions taken and documented using the County’s Drinking Water Quality Management System (DWQMS) procedures.

6.1 Non-Compliance Findings

The annual MECP inspection took place in September 2022. There were no non-compliance findings and the 2022 Inspection Report Rating was 100%.

6.2 Adverse Results

Any adverse results from bacteriological, chemical samples or observations of operational conditions that indicate adverse water quality are reported as required and corrective actions are taken. There were no adverse or reportable occurrences in 2022.

APPENDIX A: SUMMARY OF CHEMICAL RESULTS

UNDERSTANDING CHEMICAL TEST RESULTS

The following tables summarize the laboratory results of the chemical testing the County is required to complete. Different types of parameters are required to be tested for at different frequencies as noted below. Explanations on the health impacts of these parameters can be found in the MECP document PSIB 4449e01 titled “Technical Support Document for Ontario Drinking Water Standards, Objectives and Guidelines” available at https://cvc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/std01_079707.pdf.

Results are shown as concentrations with units of either milligrams per litre (mg/L) or micrograms per litre (µg/L). 1 mg/L is equal to 1000 µg/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. A result of “ND” stands for “Not Detected” and means that the concentration of the chemical is lower than the laboratory’s equipment is capable of measuring. In the event that some samples results are ND, and other results are above the MDL, the value of the MDL will be used in place of the ND where an average result must be calculated. Where all collected samples are ND the average sample result will be assumed to be ND.

Nitrate and nitrite samples are required every 3 months in normal operation.

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Number of Tests</i>	<i>Result Range Min – Max (mg/L)</i>	<i>Average Result (mg/L)</i>	<i>MAC (mg/L)</i>	<i>MDL (mg/L)</i>
Nitrite	4	ND	ND	1.0	0.003
Nitrate	4	0.044 – 0.056	0.051	10.0	0.006

Trihalomethane (THM) and total Haloacetic Acids (HAA) are by-products of the disinfection process. The samples are required every 3 months from the distribution system.

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Annual Average</i>	<i>Result Value (µg/L)</i>	<i>MAC (µg/L)</i>	<i>MDL (µg/L)</i>
Trihalomethane (THM)	2022	17	100	0.37
Haloacetic Acids (HAA)	2022	10.6	80	5.3

The following Table summarizes the most recent test results for Sodium and Fluoride. Testing and reporting any adverse results is required every 5 years.

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Sample Date</i>	<i>Result Value (mg/L)</i>	<i>MAC (mg/L)</i>	<i>MDL (mg/L)</i>
Sodium	August 16, 2021	17.7	20*	0.01
Fluoride	February 18, 2020	0.74	1.5**	0.06

*Sodium levels between 20 – 200 mg/L must be reported every 5 years.

**Natural levels of fluoride between 1.5 – 2.4 mg/L must be reported every 5 years.

The following Table summarizes the most recent results for the Lead Testing Program. Lead samples are taken every 3 years. Levels of alkalinity and pH are monitored twice per year in the distribution system to ensure water quality is consistent and does not facilitate leaching of lead into the water.

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Result Range (Min - Max)</i>	<i>Number of Samples</i>	<i>Acceptable Level</i>
Distribution Alkalinity 2022	225 – 240	4	30 – 500mg/L
Distribution pH 2022	7.02 – 7.49	4	6.5 – 8.5
Distribution Lead 2021	ND – 0.02	4	10 µg/L MAC

The following Table summarizes the most recent test results for Schedule 23. Testing is required every 3 years for secure groundwater wells in large systems.

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Sample Date</i>	<i>Result Value (µg/L)</i>	<i>MAC (µg/L)</i>	<i>MDL (µg/L)</i>
Antimony	February 18, 2020	0.09	6	0.6
Arsenic	February 18, 2020	ND	10	0.2
Barium	February 18, 2020	72.5	1000	0.02
Boron	February 18, 2020	102	5000	2
Cadmium	February 18, 2020	0.007	5	0.003
Chromium	February 18, 2020	0.12	50	0.08
Mercury	February 18, 2020	ND	1	0.01
Selenium	February 18, 2020	ND	50	0.04
Uranium	February 18, 2020	0.697	20	0.002

The following Table summarizes the most recent test results for Schedule 24. Testing is required every 3 years for secure groundwater wells in large systems.

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Sample Date</i>	<i>Result (µg/L)</i>	<i>MAC (µg/L)</i>	<i>MDL (µg/L)</i>
Alachlor	February 18, 2020	ND	5	0.02
Atrazine + N-dealkylatedmetabolites	February 18, 2020	ND	5	0.01
Azinphos-methyl	February 18, 2020	ND	20	0.05
Benzene	February 18, 2020	ND	1	0.32
Benzo(a)pyrene	February 18, 2020	ND	0.01	0.004
Bromoxynil	February 18, 2020	ND	5	0.33
Carbaryl	February 18, 2020	ND	90	0.05
Carbofuran	February 18, 2020	ND	90	0.01
Carbon Tetrachloride	February 18, 2020	ND	2	0.17
Chlorpyrifos	February 18, 2020	ND	90	0.02
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Diazinon	February 18, 2020	ND	20	0.02
Dicamba	February 18, 2020	ND	120	0.20
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	February 18, 2020	ND	200	0.41
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	February 18, 2020	ND	5	0.36
1,2-Dichloroethane	February 18, 2020	ND	5	0.35
1,1-Dichloroethylene (vinylidene chloride)	February 18, 2020	ND	14	0.33
Dichloromethane	February 18, 2020	ND	50	0.35
2-4 Dichlorophenol	February 18, 2020	ND	900	0.15
2,4-Dichlorophenoxy acetic acid (2,4-D)	February 18, 2020	ND	100	0.19
Diclofop-methyl	February 18, 2020	ND	9	0.40

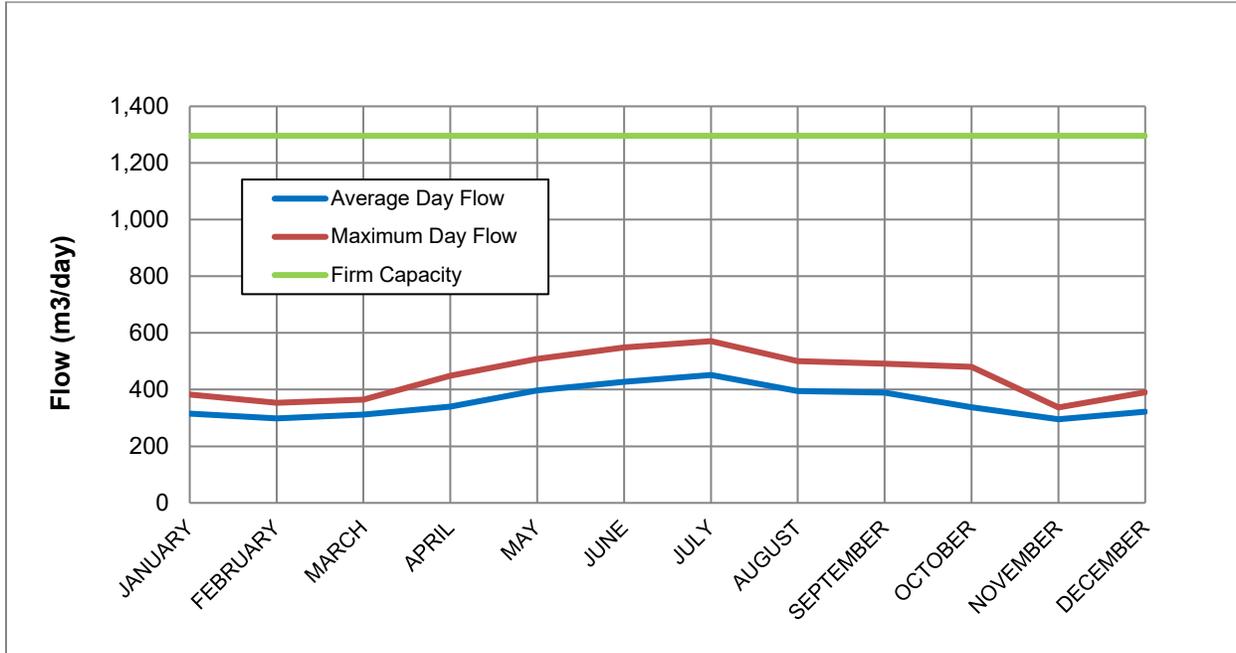
<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Sample Date</i>	<i>Result (µg/L)</i>	<i>MAC (µg/L)</i>	<i>MDL (µg/L)</i>
Dimethoate	February 18, 2020	ND	20	0.06
Diquat	February 18, 2020	ND	70	1
Diuron	February 18, 2020	ND	150	0.03
Glyphosate	February 18, 2020	ND	280	1
Malathion	February 18, 2020	ND	190	0.02
2-methyl-4chlorophenoxyacetic acid (MCPA)	February 18, 2020	ND	100	0.12
Metolachlor	February 18, 2020	ND	50	0.01
Metribuzin	February 18, 2020	ND	80	0.02
Monochlorobenzene	February 18, 2020	ND	80	0.30
Paraquat	February 18, 2020	ND	10	1
Pentachlorophenol	February 18, 2020	ND	60	0.15
Phorate	February 18, 2020	ND	2	0.01
Picloram	February 18, 2020	ND	190	1
Polychlorinated Biphenyls(PCB)	February 18, 2020	ND	3	0.04
Prometryne	February 18, 2020	ND	1	0.03
Simazine	February 18, 2020	ND	10	0.01
Terbufos	February 18, 2020	ND	1	0.01
Tetrachloroethylene	February 18, 2020	ND	10	0.35
2,3,4,6-Tetrachlorophenol	February 18, 2020	ND	100	0.20
Triallate	February 18, 2020	ND	230	0.01
Trichloroethylene	February 18, 2020	ND	5	0.44
2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	February 18, 2020	ND	5	0.25
Trifluralin	February 18, 2020	ND	45	0.02
Vinyl Chloride	February 18, 2020	ND	1	0.17

APPENDIX B: WATER QUANTITY SUMMARY

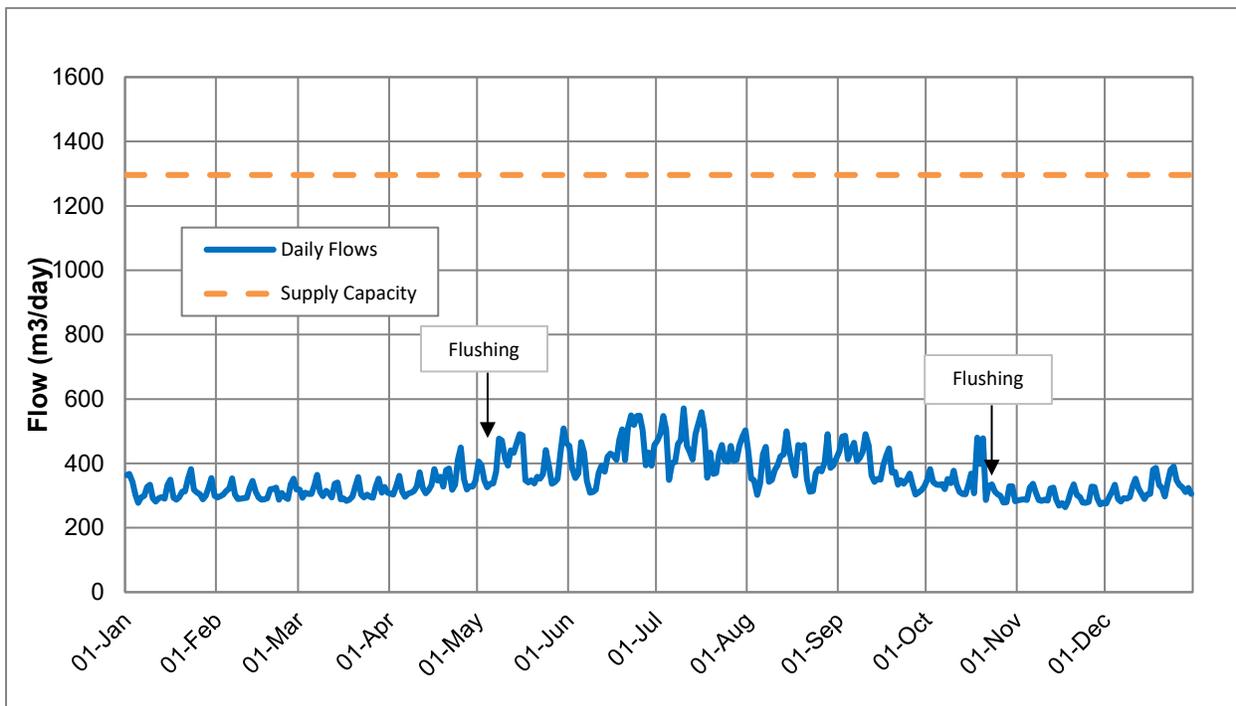
Innerkip Drinking Water System Firm Capacity 1,296 m³/ day

Innerkip Drinking Water System Supply Capacity 1,296 m³/ day

Average vs Maximum Daily Flow Rates



2022 Daily Flow



2022 Total Production by Well

