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Subject: Resolution of Support from the Township of Larder Lake
Attachments: water testing.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please see attached resolution passed by the Township of McGarry at its Regular Council Meeting of September 10, 2024 received from the Township of Larder Lake in regards to the phasing-out of free provincial water testing for private drinking water.

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September 10, 2024

Resolution No. 273/2024

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY
P.O. BOX 99
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MOVED BY COUNCILLOR Francine Plante

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR Annie Keft

WHEREAS the Ontario Auditor General's annual report on public health from December 2023 indicates that Public Health Ontario is proposing the phasing-out of free provincial water testing services for private drinking water; and

WHEREAS free private drinking water testing services has played a pivotal role in safeguarding public health, particularly in rural communities, that rely predominantly on private drinking water; And;

WHEREAS the removal of free private drinking water testing could lead to a reduction in testing, potentially increasing the risk of waterborne diseases in these vulnerable populations; And

WHEREAS, the tragic events in Walkerton, Ontario underscored the critical importance of safe drinking water.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of McGarry hereby request that the province reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing-out of free private drinking water testing services.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, Minister of Health, Timiskaming Public Health Unit, and Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP.

Defeated _____ / Carried Bonita Culhane
Mayor Mayor

Recorded Vote Requested by _____

YES NO

Mayor Bonita Culhane
Councillor Louanne Caza
Councillor Elaine Fic
Councillor Annie Keft
Councillor Francine Plante

