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## TOWNSHIP OF MAPLETON

### Water Quality Letter

Recently our Municipality was the focus of social media attention after a recent Council report to address the deficiencies in the municipal water system. We appreciate that hearing this kind of news can be upsetting and cause concern for the safety of your families. We want to make it very clear, that the health and safety of our residents is of the highest priority for us, and we want to assure you that our drinking water is completely safe and that your families are protected.

At the beginning of the 2018 term, council gave staff a clear direction to improve and expand our water and wastewater facilities to accommodate future growth within our Township. We have been working diligently to ensure we gather all the necessary information needed for council to make an educated decision as it relates to ensuring we get the best return on our investment.

As part of this work, the Township of Mapleton initiated a Condition Assessment study of the water system assets and a Master Water Servicing study to address the existing deficiencies in the municipal water systems and to accommodate future growth within its urban boundaries.

The report outlined several deficiencies ranging from seals on doors to corrosion on several of the valves and fittings. We understand this report has caused our residents to question the safety of the plant and the quality of the water, **we want to assure you that your water is 100% safe to consume and poses no threat to human health.** In fact, we have received 100% ratings from the MECP inspections. Below is a table demonstrating our inspection ratings.

MECP Inspections	Drayton DWS	Moorefield DWS
2020	100%	100%
2019	100%	100%
2018	99.3%	100%
2017	100%	100%

We have invited Ontario Clean Water Agency to come discuss the findings at our next council meeting. We want to ensure there is an opportunity to discuss the results and ensure we have a complete understanding of the next steps in the expansion of our water plant.

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Moving forward, we will continue to work on our treatment system, and we will keep you informed about our water quality and our efforts to bring you the most protectively treated drinking water into our homes, schools, and businesses.

We want to thank everyone who provided feedback and shared their views and suggestions regarding the water reservoir, clearly it shows our residents take great pride in their community, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 519-638-3313 ext. 024 if you have questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Manny Baron  
Chief Administrative Officer