

# Sherkston Community Centre Cistern System Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

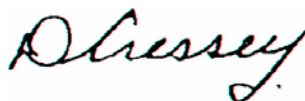
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July 8, 2011 to December 31, 2011

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Drinking Water System number: 260092963  
Drinking Water System category: Small Municipal Non-Residential  
Owned and operated by: The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne

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## Introduction

The City of Port Colborne is required, under O.Reg.170/03 - *Drinking Water Systems*, to prepare an annual report detailing the operation of the Sherkston Community Centre Cistern System (SCCCS). The regulation specifies in Section 11 what the report must contain, and sets a February 28 deadline for having the report prepared and made available to the public.

Therefore, to ensure compliance with the regulation, this report is prepared in accordance with Section 11, and is available to the public on the City's website at [www.portcolborne.ca](http://www.portcolborne.ca), under the Water Quality link

## Water Supply and Distribution

The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne (City) is the Owner of the Sherkston Community Centre Cistern System, which was the drinking water system for the City-owned Sherkston Community Centre (SCC) from July 8, 2011 to December 31, 2011. The City leases the SCC to the Sherkston Neighbourhood Recreation Committee, who leases the facility to the District School Board of Niagara (DSBN). The DSBN operates the "Sherkston BRIDGE" program at the facility; during the 2011-12 school year, there were twelve (12) grade 7 and 8 students and two (2) teachers at the facility on normal school days and times.

Prior to July 8, the facility drinking water was provided by a dug well and a separate report for that system, Sherkston Community Centre Well Supply (SCCWS), 260092495, has been issued.

The SCCC system consists of the following:

- One (1) Wilkinson Heavy PreCast Ltd. 9.7 m<sup>3</sup> (3,500 USG) pre-cast concrete potable water cistern with stainless steel locking access hatch complete with perimeter gasket to provide positive seal against infiltration; a sufficient quantity of risers to provide positive assurance of protection from 100 year flood elevation; 1 ¼" 100 psi CSA Poly Pipe (ANSI/NSF 61) water supply line from the cistern to the building; 1 ½" PVC electrical conduit from the electrical panel to the cistern;

- One (1) NSF certified ultraviolet (UV) disinfectant system (Trojan UVMaXPro10 with “cool touch fan” with optional solenoid valve), complete with an ANSI/NSF certified 5 micron sediment and grit removal filter to protect the quartz sleeve from abrasion and to ensure high transmissivity of the water. System includes: continuous UV intensity monitor; fail-safe solenoid valve (emergency shut-off valve) (alarm condition); thermal protection to prevent nuisance alarms and overheated water supply and; local display indicating status with audible alarm;
- One (1) submersible pump, ¾ HP, 10 gpm, 8 stage, 230 volt complete with cradle and with pressure switch suitable for use with hydropneumatic pressure tanks for pump operational control;
- One (1) 35 gallon capacity hydropneumatic pressure tank
- One (1) electrical powered autodialler that monitors the water level in the cistern, the UV system status, power supply etc. and automatically dials key City contacts in the event of an alarm.

Once the new system became operational on July 8<sup>th</sup>, the existing dug well was decommissioned in accordance with O.Reg. 903/90, by a licensed well technician.

## Water Quality Monitoring

The City of Port Colborne is required to supply safe drinking water that meets the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act and associated regulations. To ensure the City meet these requirements, the City has assigned the following individuals as responsible persons for the SCCCS:

Table 1: Sherkston Community Centre Cistern System Responsible Persons

Position	Name	Phone number
Director of Engineering and Operations	Ron Hanson	905-835-2900 ext. 222
Utilities Supervisor	Doug Cressey	905-835-5079
Environmental Compliance Supervisor	Darlene Suddard	905-835-2900 ext. 212

The City has identified the Engineering and Operations Department as being responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Sherkston Community Centre Cistern System (SCCCS). The Public Works, Water Department operates under the Engineering and Operations Department, and is specifically responsible for the daily operation of the SCCCS. As such, the Water Department is responsible for assigning Certified Water Operators or MOE Trained Persons to conduct both the routine water quality sampling and testing and to conduct non-routine sampling (i.e., responding to adverse water quality incidents (AWQI)). These activities ensure the water quality

meets the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards (O.Reg. 169/03) at all times and under all conditions. The Water Department also ensures that the Operational Checks, Sampling and Testing requirements specified in the Drinking Water Systems Regulation (O.Reg. 170/03) are conducted and recorded. If it is determined that the water quality or an operational parameter does not meet the regulated requirements or exceeds the regulated limits, Certified Operators or MOE Trained Persons immediately implement corrective action to ensure the continued supply of safe drinking water. The operational checks, sampling and testing requirements which the City must conduct are outlined in Table 3.

## **Water Quality Test Results**

As per the sampling and testing requirements detailed in Table 3, the City conducted the following sampling in the period of July 8, 2011 to December 31, 2011:

### **Microbiological Analysis**

A total of 12 samples were collected and analyzed for the presence of *E.coli* and Total Coliforms (Table 4). *E.coli* and Total Coliforms were not detected in any of the treated water samples (collected from the kitchen sink).

### **Operational Checks**

On a twice-weekly basis, the City performed a site visit to monitor the system and ensure there were no issues. The cistern hatch was checked to ensure it was secure, the UV system was checked and UV statistics (lamp hours etc) was recorded, the system pressure was recorded and the pump status (idle vs. running) was noted.

### **Lead Testing (Schedule 15.1) Results**

The City is not required to test for lead, as the designated facility falls under the requirements of O.Reg. 243/07; as such, the DSBN is responsible for all lead testing activities at the facility.

## **Regulatory Non-Compliances**

As it was determined in 2010 that the drinking water system was not in compliance with O.Reg 170/03, steps were taken to install a water system that would comply with the requirements of the regulation and ensure the facility users were receiving a safe drinking water supply.

## Water System Upgrades

As described above, the drinking water system at SCC was upgraded to a cistern system, complete with UV at a total expenditure of \$33,860.30. An autodialler, that provided remote notification of an alarm status was installed at a cost of \$4,195.00

Additionally, as the existing dug well could not be upgraded to meet the requirements under the Wells regulation (O.Reg. 903/90, the well was abandoned in accordance with the regulation, by a licensed well technician, at a total cost of \$6,875.00

## Where to Obtain Additional Information

Copies of this annual report are available, free of charge, at the Engineering and Operations Department, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall - 66 Charlotte Street. It can also be downloaded from the internet at [www.portcolborne.ca](http://www.portcolborne.ca), under the “Water Quality” link. Copies may also be obtained by contacting the City numbers listed below.

Additionally, all laboratory test results are available either at the Engineering and Operations Department or at the Public Works office at 11 King Street. Copies may also be obtained by contacting the City numbers listed below.

Table 2: Contact Information for the City

Organization	Department	Phone Number
City of Port Colborne	Engineering and Operations Department	905-835-2900
	Public Works	905-835-5079

Table 3: Sherkston Community Centre Cistern System - Water Quality Sampling and Testing Requirements

Parameter	Sampling and Analysis	Water Quality Standards	Comments
Microbiological	As this system is supplied by transported water, that is stored in a sealed cistern, there is no regulatory requirement to collect samples for microbiological analysis. However, the City continues to collect a minimum of 2 samples of water per month and test for total coliforms and/or <i>E.coli</i> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>E.coli</i> – NONE detected</li> <li>• Total Coliforms – NONE detected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 samples per month</li> <li>• Samples sent to an accredited laboratory for analysis</li> <li>• Adverse results are immediately reported by the lab to the City</li> </ul>

Table 4: Sherkston Community Centre Cistern System - Water Quality Sampling and Testing Results  
July 8 to December 31, 2011

Parameter	Requirement	Number of samples	Results			Comments
			Range	Unit	Exceedances	
<b>Microbiological Analysis</b>						
<i>E. coli</i>	ND	12	ND	cfu/ 100 mL	0	Presence of <i>E.coli</i> indicates presence of fecal matter
Total Coliforms	ND	12	ND	cfu/ 100 mL	0	Presence of Total Coliforms indicates possible presence of pathogenic bacteria

ND = non-detectable