

The Regional Municipality of Durham

Beaverton Drinking Water System 2023 Annual Report

Drinking Water System Number: 220004929

Municipal Drinking Water Licence Number: 003-107

Drinking Water System Owner: The Regional Municipality of Durham

Drinking Water System Category: Large Municipal Residential

This Annual Report for the calendar year 2023 is designed to inform you about your drinking water system. This report has been prepared to satisfy Section 11 of Ontario Regulation (O. Reg.) 170/03. O. Reg. 170/03 sets requirements for drinking water systems with regard to sampling and testing, levels of treatment, certification of staff, and notification of authorities and the public about water quality. Hard copies of this report and the Schedule 22 Summary Report are available at the Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters office that is located at 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby. The annual report is also available on the [Region of Durham's website](http://www.durham.ca) at www.durham.ca. Further information regarding the Drinking Water Regulations can be found on the [Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks 's website](http://www.ontario.ca/ministry-environment-conservation-parks) at www.ontario.ca/ministry-environment-conservation-parks.

Drinking Water System Process Description

General

The Beaverton Drinking Water System provides potable water to consumers in the Community of Beaverton in the Township of Brock. The water supply plant is a Class Three Water Treatment Plant with an approved capacity of 7,300 cubic metres per day (m³/d). The Beaverton Water Supply Plant feeds a Class One Distribution Subsystem and Class One Trunk Distribution Subsystem. The treatment and distribution subsystems are owned and operated by the Regional Municipality of Durham.

The source water for the treatment process is drawn from Lake Simcoe. The water supply system includes the following processes:

- Zebra mussel control (chlorine),
- Screening,
- Low lift pumping,
- Coagulation (aluminum sulphate),
- Flocculation,
- Direct filtration,
- Residual Management,
- Disinfection (chlorine),
- Ultraviolet (UV) disinfection,
- High lift pumping, and

- Distribution system.

Raw Water Supply

Raw water is drawn from Lake Simcoe through a 500 millimetre (mm) diameter intake pipe extending 985 metres (m) into the lake. The intake structure is located at a depth of approximately 4.6 m. The intake pipe is equipped with two 31 mm diameter internal lines. The water is drawn into the raw water well by low lift pumps where screening takes place to remove large solids. One line is used for raw water sampling while the other line is dedicated to the delivery of chlorine solution to a chlorine diffuser that is used for control of zebra mussels. The free chlorine residual and turbidity are continuously monitored by online analyzers as the raw water enters the treatment plant.

Coagulation/Flocculation

The water flows through a traveling screen to remove large solids and continues towards the low lift pumps. Raw water is pumped through the plant by the low lift pumps. Aluminum sulphate (alum) is added to the incoming water upstream from the flocculation tanks. Gentle mixing of the alum with the water occurs as the water passes through a static mixer to the three sets of hydraulic spiral up-flow flocculation tanks. Each tank contains two flocculation cells.

Direct Filtration

Particulate matter present in the raw water is captured by the flocculation process and deposited on the top of the filters. The water supply plant has two filters to remove flocculated particles. Both filters are dual media containing granular activated carbon and sand. Each filter is equipped with two surface water agitators as well as a shared backwash pump.

Residual Management

The filter backwash treatment includes isolation of the filter cell, reversal of flow through the media and surface water agitation. The backwash system consists of one celled backwash tank and one constant head tank that discharges the backwash water to the sanitary sewer system.

Disinfection and High Lift Pumping

Disinfection is achieved by the addition of chlorine at multiple application points throughout the plant. In addition to chlorination, ultraviolet disinfection is applied to the filter effluent. Consistent disinfection is ensured by continuous online monitoring of the free chlorine residual and UV transmittance.

The water then flows to a high lift pumping station equipped with four constant speed pumps that deliver the water to the distribution system.

Distribution System

The distribution system delivers the treated water through approximately 30 kilometres of watermains in a single pressure zone with a 1,717 cubic metre standpipe for storage and pressure equalization.

Major Monetary expenses (above \$10,000)

Under Section 11 of O. Reg. 170/03, a description of any major expenses incurred during this reporting period to install, repair or replace required equipment must be included in the annual report. The details of major expenses for this drinking water system are as follows:

Watermain replacement and construction - \$4,088,998

Phase 2 fuel tank compliance - \$89,125

Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) removal and disposal of existing material and replacement of sand and GAC – \$95,095

Tables

For a description of terms and abbreviations in all tables, refer to the glossary at the end of the report.

Beaverton Drinking Water System (DWS) Table 1

Summary of all Adverse Water Quality Incidents in 2023 Reported to Spills Action Centre in Accordance with Schedule 16-3 and 16-4 of O. Reg. 170/03.

Incident Date	Parameter	Result	Corrective Action	Corrective Action Date
April 4	Lead (Distribution)	0.0123 Milligrams per Litre (mg/L)	Hydrant repaired, flushed and resampled. Results met Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards (ODWQS).	April 4
September 21	Lead (Distribution)	0.017 mg/L	Hydrant repaired, flushed and resampled. Results met ODWQS.	September 22
November 9	Total Coliforms (Distribution)	1 colony forming unit (CFU)/100 mL	Hydrant repaired, flushed and resampled. Results met ODWQS.	November 9 and November 11

Beaverton DWS Table 2

Microbiological Membrane Filtration (MF) Testing Under Schedule 10 of O. Reg. 170/03.

Type of Sample	Number of Samples	Range of <i>Escherichia coli</i> MF Colony Forming Units per 100 Millilitres	Range of Total Coliforms MF Colony Forming Units per 100 Millilitres
Raw	52	Non-Detect (ND) – Overgrown (OG)	ND - OG
Treated	0	Not Applicable (N/A)	N/A
Distribution	20	ND	ND - 1

Beaverton DWS Table 3

Microbiological Presence Absence (P/A) Testing Under Schedule 10 of O. Reg. 170/03.

Type of Sample	Number of Samples	<i>Escherichia coli</i> P/A per 100 Millilitres	Total Coliforms P/A per 100 Millilitres
Treated	52	Absence (A)	A
Distribution	207	A	A

Beaverton DWS Table 4

Microbiological Heterotrophic Plate Count (HPC) Testing Under Schedule 10 of O. Reg. 170/03.

Type of Sample	Number of Samples	Range of HPC Samples Colony Forming Units per Millilitre
Treated	52	Non-Detect (ND) - 3
Distribution	124	ND - 57

Beaverton DWS Table 5

Operational Testing Under Schedule 7 of O. Reg. 170/03.

Test	Number of Samples	Range of Results	Unit of Measure	Parameter Description
Turbidity - Filter Effluent	Continuous	0.03 - 0.30*	Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU)	Turbidity is a measure of particles in water.
Free Chlorine – Plant	Continuous	1.06 – 1.97*	Milligrams per Litre (mg/L)	Must be sufficient to ensure disinfection has been achieved.
Free Chlorine - Distribution	Continuous	0.10 – 1.64*	mg/L	Recommended level of at least 0.20 mg/L in the distribution system to maintain secondary disinfection, 0.05 mg/L is the minimum required.

*Results include all analyzers and grab samples.

Beaverton DWS Table 6

Summary of Additional Testing and Sampling Carried Out in Accordance with the Requirement of an Approval, Order or Other Legal Instrument.

Type of Sample	Parameter	Number of Samples	Result	MAC	Unit of Measure
Raw Water	Microcystin (Total)	22	Non-Detect (ND)	1.5	ug/L
Treated Water	Microcystin (Total)	22	ND	1.5	ug/L

Beaverton DWS Table 7

Summary of Treated Water Chemical Parameter Testing Under Schedules 13 and 23 of O. Reg. 170/03.

Parameter	Number of Samples	Results Range	MAC	Unit of Measure	MAC Exceedance	Potential Sources*
Antimony	14	Non-Detect (ND)	0.006	Milligram per Litre (mg/L)	No	Fire retardants, ceramics, electronics, solder.
Arsenic	14	ND	0.01	mg/L	No	Mining.
Barium	2	0.0269 – 0.028	1.0	mg/L	No	Metal refineries, oil drilling.
Boron	2	0.021 – 0.0218	5.0	mg/L	No	Industrial.
Cadmium	14	ND	0.005	mg/L	No	Industrial.
Chromium	14	ND	0.05	mg/L	No	Industrial.
Total Haloacetic acids - Distribution (annual average)	12	35.3	80	Microgram per Litre (ug/L)	No	By-product of chlorination of drinking water.
Mercury	2	ND	0.001	mg/L	No	Industrial.
Selenium	14	ND	0.05	mg/L	No	Refineries, mines, chemical manufacturing.
Sodium	12	31 – 34.2	Not Applicable**	mg/L	Yes (12)***	Storm water runoff including road salt.
Total Trihalomethanes - Distribution (annual average)	12	82.9	100	ug/L	No	By-product of chlorination of drinking water.
Uranium	2	ND – 0.0002	0.02	mg/L	No	Power generation.
Fluoride	12	ND – 0.06	1.5	mg/L	No	Mining
Nitrite	12	ND	1.0	mg/L	No	Agriculture runoff, landfill leachate and animal waste.
Nitrate	12	ND	10.0	mg/L	No	Fertilizer.

* Parameters may occur naturally in the environment.

** Sodium does not have a Maximum Acceptable Concentration (MAC); only an aesthetic objective of 200 mg/L. Sodium results exceeding 20 mg/L are to be reported to the Medical Officer of Health as per Schedule 16-3 (8) of O. Reg. 170/03.

*** Number in parenthesis represents number of exceedance(s) above 20 mg/L. For Sodium, regulations require reporting when results exceed 20 mg/L if it has not been reported in the preceding 57 months.

Beaverton DWS Table 8

Summary of Lead Testing Under Schedule 15.1 of O. Reg. 170/03.

Location Type	Number of Samples	Range of Lead Results Milligram per Litre	MAC	Number of Exceedances	pH	Alkalinity Milligram per Litre
Plumbing	Not Required (N/R)	N/R	0.01	N/R	N/R	N/R
Distribution	8	Non-Detect (ND) – 0.017	0.01	2	7.30 - 7.50	95.7 - 113

Beaverton DWS Table 9

Summary of Treated Water Organic Parameter Testing Under Schedule 24 of O. Reg. 170/03.

Parameter	Number of Samples	Results Range	MAC	Unit of Measure	MAC Exceedance	Potential Sources
Alachlor	1	Non-Detect (ND)	5	Microgram per Litre (ug/L)	No	Agricultural herbicide.
Atrazine + N-dealkylated metabolites	1	ND	5	ug/L	No	Agricultural herbicide.
Azinphos-methyl	2	ND	20	ug/L	No	Insecticide.
Benzene	2	ND	1	ug/L	No	Plastics manufacturing, leaking fuel tanks.
Benzo(a)pyrene	2	ND	0.01	ug/L	No	Formed from the incomplete burning of organic matter.
Bromoxynil	2	ND	5	ug/L	No	Agricultural herbicide.
Carbaryl	2	ND	90	ug/L	No	Agricultural, forestry, household insecticide.

Beaverton DWS Table 9 continued

Parameter	Number of Samples	Results Range	MAC	Unit of Measure	MAC Exceedance	Potential Sources
Carbofuran	2	Non-Detect (ND)	90	Microgram per Litre (ug/L)	No	Agricultural insecticide.
Carbon Tetrachloride	2	ND	2	ug/L	No	Chemical and industrial activities.
Chlorpyrifos	2	ND	90	ug/L	No	Agricultural, household insecticide.
Diazinon	2	ND	20	ug/L	No	Agricultural, livestock, operation, residential insecticide.
Dicamba	2	ND	120	ug/L	No	Agricultural herbicide
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	2	ND	200	ug/L	No	Chemical and industrial factories.
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	2	ND	5	ug/L	No	Chemical and industrial factories.
1,2-Dichloroethane	2	ND	5	ug/L	No	Industrial chemical factories.
1,1-Dichloroethylene (vinylidene chloride)	2	ND	14	ug/L	No	Industrial chemical factories.
Dichloromethane	2	ND	50	ug/L	No	Pharmaceutical and chemical factories.
2,4-Dichlorophenol	2	ND	900	ug/L	No	Industrial contamination, reaction with chlorine.
2,4-Dichlorophenoxy acetic acid (2,4-D)	2	ND	100	ug/L	No	Agricultural, residential herbicide.

Beaverton DWS Table 9 continued

Parameter	Number of Samples	Results Range	MAC	Unit of Measure	MAC Exceedance	Potential Sources
Diclofop-methyl	2	Non-Detect (ND)	9	Microgram per Litre (ug/L)	No	Agricultural herbicide.
Dimethoate	2	ND	20	ug/L	No	Agricultural, livestock, operation, residential insecticide.
Diquat	2	ND	70	ug/L	No	Agricultural, aquatic herbicide.
Diuron	2	ND	150	ug/L	No	Agricultural, industrial herbicide.
Glyphosate	2	ND	280	ug/L	No	Agricultural, forestry, household herbicide.
Malathion	2	ND	190	ug/L	No	Pest control insecticide.
2-Methyl-4-chlorophenoxyacetic acid (MCPA)	2	ND	100	ug/L	No	Agricultural herbicide.
Metolachlor	1	ND	50	ug/L	No	Agricultural herbicide.
Metribuzin	1	ND	80	ug/L	No	Agricultural herbicide.
Monochlorobenzene	2	ND	80	ug/L	No	Industrial and agricultural chemical factories and dry cleaning facilities.
Paraquat	2	ND	10	ug/L	No	Agricultural, aquatic herbicide.

Beaverton DWS Table 9 continued

Parameter	Number of Samples	Results Range	MAC	Unit of Measure	MAC Exceedance	Potential Sources
Pentachlorophenol	2	Non-Detect (ND)	60	Microgram per Litre (ug/L)	No	Pesticide, wood preservative residue.
Phorate	2	ND	2	ug/L	No	Agricultural insecticide.
Picloram	2	ND	190	ug/L	No	Industrial herbicide.
Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB)	2	ND	3	ug/L	No	Residue from various industrial uses.
Prometryne	1	ND	1	ug/L	No	Agricultural herbicide.
Simazine	1	ND	10	ug/L	No	Agricultural herbicide.
Terbufos	2	ND	1	ug/L	No	Agricultural insecticide.
Tetrachloroethylene (perchloroethylene)	2	ND	10	ug/L	No	Leaching from PVC pipes; discharge from factories; dry cleaners and auto shops (metal degreaser).
2,3,4,6 - Tetrachlorophenol	2	ND	100	ug/L	No	Wood preservative.
Triallate	2	ND	230	ug/L	No	Agricultural herbicide.
Trichloroethylene	2	ND	5	ug/L	No	Metal degreasing sites and other factories.

Beaverton DWS Table 9 continued

Parameter	Number of Samples	Results Range	MAC	Unit of Measure	MAC Exceedance	Potential Sources
2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	2	Non-Detect (ND)	5	Microgram per Litre (ug/L)	No	Pesticide manufacturing.
Trifluralin	2	ND	45	ug/L	No	Agricultural herbicide.
Vinyl Chloride	2	ND	1	ug/L	No	Leaching from PVC pipes; discharge from plastics factories.

Beaverton DWS Table 10

Inorganic or Organic Parameter(s) that Exceed Half the Standard Prescribed in Schedule 2 of the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards.

Parameter	Result	MAC	Unit of Measure	Date of Sample
Trihalomethane - Distribution (annual average)	82.9	100	Microgram per Litre (ug/L)	Annual Average
Lead (Distribution)	0.0123	0.01	Milligrams per Litre (mg/L)	April 4
Lead (Distribution)	0.017	0.01	mg/L	September 21