June 16, 2009

To: All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Municipal Drinking Water Licensing Plan

At recent meetings of the Township of Stirling-Rawdon Environmental Committee and Council the following resolution was passed:

"The Committee acknowledges receipt of a letter dated May 26, 2009 from Andre Ouellette, OCWA providing an outline of the work required in preparing the Municipal Drinking Water Licensing Plan

and further confirming that the Township of Stirling-Rawdon will be required to submit two separate Operational Plans under the new DWQMS – one for the Water Treatment Plant that OCWA operates and another for the Water Distribution System that the municipality operates

and further providing a cost estimate of $6,000.00 for the Operational Plan for the Water Treatment Plant and $10,000 for the Operational Plan for the Water Distribution System.

whereas it is ultimately the users of the system that are burdened by ever increasing mandated costs

and whereas water is currently tested regularly and meets all regulated requirements

and whereas there are no apparent benefits to the water system in undergoing such licensing plans

therefore be it resolved that the Township is not willing to pay said costs for the preparation of two Operational Plans

and further that this motion be forwarded to Honourable John Gerretsen, Minister of the Environment, Daryl Kramp, MP, Prince Edward-Hastings, Leona Dombrowsky, MPP, Prince Edward-Hastings, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all municipalities in Ontario for support."

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