



## Report to Council

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**Subject:** Drinking Water System Inspections - 2024

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**Approval:** Pierre Leroux, Chief Administrative Officer

*In agreement with the recommendation based on the contents of this report.*

## **Recommendation**

That Council receive the inspection report conducted by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) concerning the Limoges Drinking Water System and the St-Isidore Drinking Water System, including the audit report from Intertek - SAI Global pertaining to our compliance with the Drinking Water Quality Management Standard (DWQMS) documentation.

## **Financial Considerations**

N/A

## **Context**

In accordance with Ontario Regulation 170/03 under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002, Council is required to ensure that our municipal drinking water systems at Limoges and St-Isidore meet stringent provincial standards for quality and safety. To comply with these regulatory obligations, the MECP conducts routine inspections to assess the operation and management of our water systems. Additionally, the DWQMS mandates our commitment to continuous improvement in water system management, which is verified through audits conducted by third-party organizations such as Intertek – SAI Global. The presentation of the MECP inspection report, alongside the DWQMS audit report by Intertek - SAI Global, is crucial for reviewing our compliance with these regulations and for implementing necessary measures to ensure the safety and reliability of our drinking water supply. This oversight is essential not only for legislative compliance but also for maintaining public confidence in the safety of our local water systems. The municipality operates two (2) water systems: the Limoges Drinking Water System and the St-Isidore Water Distribution System.

## **Report**

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) conducted inspections of the Limoges Drinking Water System on December 8, 2024, and the St-Isidore Drinking Water System on January 20, 2025. Both inspections found no issues, highlighting that the systems are well-maintained and efficiently managed. These positive results reflect our team's dedication to regulatory compliance and to providing reliable, high-quality drinking water. Please see the attached reports for further details.

The Drinking Water Quality Management Standard (DWQMS), mandated by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), serves as a dynamic framework outlining operational plans, document retention, public disclosure, and other regulatory imperatives. This proactive and preventive document ensures that we effectively identify and mitigate risks to public health, with clear roles and documented management procedures.

The 2024 external audit, completed by Intertek – SAI Global in December, confirmed our full compliance with all regulatory requirements and our ongoing commitment to delivering safe drinking water. No non-conformities were identified, and the few Opportunities for

Improvement (OFIs) noted have already been promptly addressed. The detailed audit report attached below.

**Relevance to priorities**

N/A

**Communication Plan**

The Drinking Water Quality Management Standard (DWQMS) report, along with the annual reports for the drinking water systems, is available on the municipal website.

**Other Option/Options to the Recommendation**

N/A

**Attachments**

FINAL 2024-25 Inspection Report of the Limoges Drinking Water System

FINAL 2024-25 Inspection Report of the St-Isidore Drinking Water System

Audit Report DWQMS Final ISG