

Chair Gary Carr
Regional Municipality of Halton
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Subject: Directors Award from the American Water Works Association

Dear Chair Carr:

On behalf of the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee I wish to congratulate the Region of Halton on being the first Canadian municipality to earn the Directors Award from the American Water Works Association, in recognition of optimized plant performance and high quality drinking water beyond regulatory requirements.

As you are aware, our multi-stakeholder Committee has developed a source protection plan, in collaboration with our municipalities, to protect municipal drinking water sources in the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Region. The Committee relies on the watershed expertise of Conservation Halton and the Hamilton Conservation Authority.

When the Honourable Justice Dennis O'Connor wrote his report and recommendations on the Walkerton tragedy that took place in 2000, he stressed the need for a multiple barrier approach to protecting drinking water supplies and safeguarding human health. This included effective and robust measures dealing with source water protection, water treatment, distribution, testing and training.

Again, we congratulate the Region of Halton upon your significant achievement in ongoing plant optimization and supplying residents and businesses with the highest-possible drinking water quality! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your staff's active and valuable involvement on the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee.

Yours truly,



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