



February 26, 2025

“VIA EMAIL”

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**Re: Beaconia Pail Fill Semi-Public Water System – Request for Non-Potable System Designation**

Dear Mr. Tattersall,

We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 18, 2025, regarding the Beaconia Pail Fill semi-public water system and the requirement for decommissioning the existing well.

In reviewing our regulatory obligations under *The Drinking Water Safety Act* and *The Drinking Water Safety Regulation*, we understand that the Office of Drinking Water has determined that the Beaconia Well must be disinfected. However, as outlined in Section 18 of the *Drinking Water Safety Regulation*, a semi-public water system is only required to disinfect its water supply if:

1. The source of the water supply is surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water (Section 18(1)), or
2. The system provides water to specific institutions, including hospitals, personal care homes, schools, childcare facilities, and food handling establishments, as listed in Section 18(2).

Based on our review, the Beaconia Well does not fall within these categories, as it does not supply water to any of the institutions listed under Section 18(2), and there is no determination that it is under the direct influence of surface water. Given this, we believe there is an opportunity to exercise the option provided under Section 39(2) of the *Drinking Water Safety Regulation* to reclassify the Beaconia Well as a non-potable water system.

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We formally request approval from the Office of Drinking Water to convert the existing semi-public water system to a non-potable system. We understand that, upon approval, the RM will be required to:

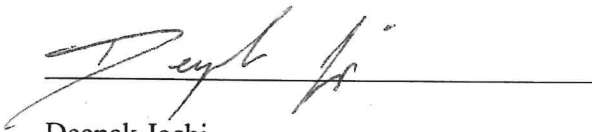
1. Register the Beaconia Well as a non-potable system,
2. Bring the Beaconia Well into compliance with provincial standards including installing a flow control device as per the Groundwater Act,
3. Provide posted site signage and annual written notice to all owners of residences in the RM served by the system, and
4. Submit a copy of the written notice along with a list of notified owners to a drinking water officer.

Additionally, the RM of St. Clements presently conducts quarterly bacterial testing of the well, and we have not recorded any positive bacterial test results from this location in any tests performed in the past. If approval is granted for reclassification, the RM will continue to conduct these quarterly bacterial tests to monitor water quality and ensure that any potential issues are identified to your office.

We request clarification on the process and any additional requirements for obtaining approval to proceed with this reclassification. Please advise on the next steps, including any documentation or application forms necessary to formalize this request.

We appreciate your time and consideration on this matter and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Deepak Joshi', is written over a horizontal line.

Deepak Joshi  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Rural Municipality of St. Clements

cc: K.A Richmond,  
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