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COMPANY FINED \$4,000 FOR NON-COMPLIANCE OF THE ONTARIO WATER RESOURCES ACT

OWEN SOUND — 1512179 Ontario Ltd. has been fined \$4,000 for failing to comply with a Provincial Officer's Order issued under the Ontario Water Resources Act.

In February, 2002, 1512179 Ontario Ltd. purchased The Top Notch Restaurant located in the Township of Georgian Bluffs. On July 24, 2003 an inspection by the Grey-Bruce Health Unit showed that the seating had expanded to 150 from the 100 seats allowed in the restaurant's Certificate of Approval. The system was not upgraded to accommodate the increased sewage flow.

On February 17, 2004, a Provincial Officer's Order was issued requiring the company to submit a consultant's report outlining recommendations on upgrades required to bring the sewage system into compliance by May 31, 2004. The report was not submitted. An investigation by the ministry's Investigation and Enforcement Branch determined that the sewage system was not being operated in accordance with the existing use-permit and a charge was laid.

1512179 Ontario Ltd. was convicted, after an ex-parte trial, of failing to comply with a Provincial Officer's Order contrary to Section 107(2) of the Ontario Water Resources Act, and fined \$4,000 plus a victim fine surcharge.

Justice of the Peace Robert T. Gay heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice in Owen Sound, Ontario, on December 19, 2005.

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