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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ARNPRIOR FINED A TOTAL OF \$8,000 FOR VIOLATIONS UNDER THE ONTARIO WATER RESOURCES ACT

RENFREW — The Corporation of the Town of Arnprior has been fined a total of \$8,000, plus a victim fine surcharge, after pleading guilty to violations under the Ontario Water Resources Act (OWRA).

The Town of Arnprior owns and operates a municipal, residential drinking-water system, located at 73 James Street, in the County of Renfrew.

Under the OWRA, the Town is required to collect and analyse 15 samples a month, from the drinking water distribution system for microbiological parameters, such as E-coli. At least one sample must be analysed every week.

The Court heard that between December 1, 2002 and December 31, 2002, only 12 of the 15 required samples were collected and analysed. The Court also heard that from December 20, 2002, to January 7, 2003, no samples were taken from the distribution system, contrary to the minimum of at least one sample per week. In addition, during that same period, no samples were taken from the point at which treated water enters the Water Filtration Plant distribution system.

Following an investigation by the ministry's Investigation and Enforcement Branch, multiple charges were laid.

The Corporation of the Town of Arnprior pleaded guilty to three counts under Section 7(1)(a) of O. Reg. 459/00 of the Ontario Water Resources Act (OWRA) and was fined:

- \$2,000, plus a victim fine surcharge, for failing to ensure that the required number of samples were collected and tested for microbiological parameters;
- \$3,000, plus a victim fine surcharge, for failing to ensure that at least one sample per week was taken from the distribution system to be tested for microbiological parameters; and
- \$3,000 plus a victim fine surcharge, for failing to ensure that at least one sample per week was taken from a point at which treated water enters the distribution system to be tested for microbiological parameters.

Justice of the Peace Barry Morin heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice in Renfrew, Ontario, on February 10, 2006.

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