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GREG HARE FINED \$21,000 FOR ENGAGING IN WELL CONSTRUCTION WITHOUT A LICENSE

CAMBELLFORD – Greg Hare has been fined a total of \$21,000, plus a victim fine surcharge, after an *ex parte* trial was held.

The Court heard that Mr. Hare had entered into contracts with five individuals between April 29, 2006 and July 8, 2006 to drill wells. It was determined that Mr. Hare's well contractor's license and well technician license had both expired on March 31, 2006.

Mr. Hare was charged following an investigation by the Ministry of the Environment's Investigations and Enforcement Branch.

Mr. Hare was found guilty of engaging in the business of constructing wells without a well contractor license, constructing a well without a well technician license, and failing to cover the open end of a well securely when the well was under construction. All of these offences are contrary to subsection 107 (1) of the Ontario Water Resources Act. Mr. Hare was fined \$21,000 in total, plus a victim fine surcharge, and given 30 days to pay. In addition, Mr. Hare was placed on probation for two years, with standard conditions and the additional requirement that he not engage in well drilling until he has the required licenses.

Justice of the Peace Allison Forestall heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice in Campbellford, Ontario, and imposed sentence on January 24, 2008.

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