

October 9, 2014

Dear Property Owner:

Re: Mandatory Maintenance Inspection Program – Sewage Systems

The Ontario Building Code (OBC) requires mandatory maintenance inspections to be conducted every five years on sewage systems which fall within specific areas identified through the Ontario Clean Water Act's Drinking Water Source Protection Program.

The enclosed bulletin explains more about the Ontario Drinking Water Source Protection Program and the reason behind the inspections. There are 586 properties in the Callander Bay/Wasi subwatershed which fall within the Mandatory Maintenance Inspection Program.

Your property is located within an identified area and as such falls within the Mandatory Maintenance Inspection Program. The North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority (NBMCA) is designated by the OBC to conduct the inspection.

A NBMCA sewage system inspector will visit your property this fall to conduct the required inspection. Please complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it to the NBMCA in person, by mail, or by fax. The address and fax number are identified on the letterhead below, please return the completed questionnaire within seven days of receiving it. You may also scan and email it to robertp@nbmca.on.ca. You are not required to be present for the inspection, however, if you choose to, please contact the NBMCA to set an appointment.

The goal of the program is to inspect existing septic systems to ensure that they are being operated and maintained in accordance with the Ontario Building Code. The objectives of the mandatory maintenance inspection program is to determine, at the time of inspection, if the existing septic system is showing any obvious or outward signs of malfunction or failure, and determine the location of the sewage system components in relation to wells, watercourses and property lines where feasible.

Initial inspections are designed to be non-intrusive tests and will generally avoid significant disturbance to the system and the surrounding soil area. Where concerns are identified further investigation may follow.

The mandatory maintenance inspection is a visual inspection that requires input from property owners with regard to the sewage system: type, age, and location. Additional information regarding water usage is also requested.

The municipality of Chisholm has chosen to collect the fee associated with this inspection, this service option is the most cost effective option offered by the NBMCA. If you have questions regarding the fee for this service please contact the Chisholm Township office at 705 724-3526.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to call Robert Palin, Manager, Onsite Sewage System Program at 705 474-5420 ext. 2003

Your participation and cooperation in this program is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Palin, I-CBO-SS
Manager, On-Site Sewage System Program

Encl. Questionnaire