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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This annual performance report was prepared in accordance with Schedule E, Condition 5.2 of the Consolidated Linear Infrastructure Environmental Compliance Approval (CLI-ECA) Number 337-S701, issued April 20, 2023, by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for the Wellington County Stormwater Management (SWM) System. It covers the entire calendar year of 2025.

Condition 5.2 of the CLI-ECA outlines the requirements below in the Annual Performance Report:

- a) a summary of all monitoring data along with an interpretation of the data and an overview of the condition and operational performance of the Authorized System and any Adverse Effects on the Natural Environment;
- b) a summary and interpretation of environmental trends based on all monitoring information and data for the previous five (5) years;
- c) a summary of any operating problems encountered and corrective actions taken;
- d) a summary of all inspections, maintenance, and repairs carried out on any major structure, equipment, apparatus, mechanism, or thing forming part of the Authorized System;
- e) a summary of the calibration and maintenance carried out on all monitoring equipment;
- f) a summary of any complaints related to the Sewage Works received during the reporting period and any steps taken to address the complaints;
- g) Includes a summary of all Alterations to the Authorized System within the reporting period that are authorized by this Approval including a list of Alterations that pose a Significant Drinking Water Threat;
- h) Includes a summary of all spills or abnormal discharge events;
- i) Includes a summary of actions taken, including timelines, to improve or correct performance of any aspect of the Authorized System; and
- j) Includes a summary of the status of actions for the previous reporting year.

1.1. SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

The County of Wellington (The County) covers a large geographical area. As such, the roads and related assets, like the Municipal Stormwater Management (SWM) System are separated into 4 different areas to better assist with the maintenance of these assets. The Municipal SWM System serving the County of Wellington’s drainage area is a separate system for stormwater (i.e. designed not to convey sanitary sewage, combined sewage) within the Great Lakes and the Lower Grand River, Upper Grand River, Maitland River, Credit River, Saugeen River watersheds. The SWM System consists of storm sewers, culverts, ditches, stormwater management facilities and outlets; however, does not currently have any Stormwater Management Ponds or LID Facilities. The County’s SWM System connects to several member and surrounding municipalities.

2.0 MONITORING DATA

The County is currently awaiting the publication of the MECP Monitoring Guidance Document to develop and implement a Monitoring Plan according to Schedule E, Condition 4 of CLI-ECA No. 337-S701. Once the Monitoring Guidance Document is published by the MECP, The County is required to develop and implement a Monitoring Plan within 24 months of publication. Due to the Monitoring Plan not being implemented during the reporting period, the fulfillment of this section cannot be completed with a summary and interpretation of monitoring data.

However, Table 1 describes four programmes implemented in the reporting year to monitor the SWM System and provide details on the state of the infrastructure that comprise the system to help maintain functionality and aid decision-making of Capital works. The frequency of these events have been determined to understand and detect important changes in the network. There are no reports of any Adverse Effects on the Natural Environment of the SWM System. Table 1 in the previous two annual reports from 2023 and 2024 remained unchanged, however a change to the catch basin description has been modified from using a third party to County staff completing the Catch Basin Cleaning programme.

Programme Name	Asset Class	Programme Description	Frequency
Catch Basin Cleaning	Catch basins	County staff complete cleaning and inspections of catch basins in the County.	Annually
Culvert OSIM Inspections	Culverts – width greater or equal to 3 metres	Inspected using Ontario Structure Inspection Manual (OSIM) inspections by a qualified consultant and rated BCI.	Biennially
Storm Sewer Condition Assessment	Storm sewer infrastructure	As outlined in our Asset Management Programme, storm sewer infrastructure is cleaned as needed and rated using NASSCO Pipe Rating System.	Quadrennially
Culvert Condition Assessments	Culverts – width less than 3 metres	Internal condition inspections and operation.	Quadrennially

Table 1: SWM System Programmes

Table 2 displays the overall condition of the infrastructure components of the SWM System using the Asset Management Database internal rating system (Very Good, Good, Fair, Poor and Very Poor) determined in the Asset Management Programme. For more information regarding the condition of the SWM System, please visit [Asset Management | Wellington County](#).

Asset Class	Overall Average Condition	Source
Storm sewer pipes, manholes, catch basins, outlets, inlets, OGS.	Good	2025 Asset Management Plan*
Culverts – greater or equal to 3 metres in width	Good	2025 Asset Management Plan*
Culverts – less than 3 metres in width	Good	Internal inspections

*2025 Asset Management Plan contains the actual values as of December 31, 2024.

Table 2: Asset Condition Values

3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL TRENDS

There were no environmental trends based on the monitoring information described in Section 2 of this report. This section will be populated after the implementation of the Monitoring Plan as described in Schedule E, Condition 4 of CLI-ECA No. 337-S701.

4.0 OPERATIONAL ISSUES AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

There were no operating problems encountered during the reporting period throughout 2025 out of what is described in Section 7.

5.0 MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

This section aims to summarize all inspections, maintenance and repairs carried out on any major structure, equipment, apparatus, mechanism or thing forming part of the Authorized System. Since the County does not require any equipment or apparatus for the system, this section will largely be concentrated on summarizing the inspection, maintenance and repairs on components of the County’s SWM System.

5.1. INSPECTIONS

As mentioned in Section 2 of this report, there are four programmes in 2025 that inspect elements of the SWM System at varying frequencies; storm sewer pipes, catch basins and culverts. Table 3 displays the latest inspection instance along with the next inspection year.

Programme Name	Latest Inspection	Next Inspection Year
Storm Sewer Condition Assessment	2025	2029
Catch Basin Cleaning	Fall 2025	2026
Culvert OSIM Inspections	2025	2027
Culvert Condition Assessments	2023	2027

Table 3: SWM System Inspections

5.2. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

The Catch Basin Cleaning programme described in Section 2 occurs every year and inspects all the catch basins owned by the County and serves as a maintenance activity by cleaning the catch basins during the inspections. The County Roads staff also assist in the ongoing maintenance and repairs of various elements of the system to ensure it remains in good working condition. Roads staff create work orders (WO) using the Computerized Maintenance Management Software (CMMS) under the Work Order Type, “Drainage & Structure Maintenance” when performing maintenance on the SWM System.

Shown in Table 4 below is a summary of the number of WO Road staff created during the reporting period. A total of 126 work orders were created from January 1 to December 31 in 2025. Six of those WO correspond to cleaning culverts, 36 were created for placing and replacing culverts, 46 are related to ditching activities, 22 are associated with manhole and catch basin repairs or cleaning and 16 work orders are related to other drain and structures. All Work Order Types experienced decreases from the previous year, except for the MH & CB Repair & Clean. The increase to the MH & CB Repair & Clean can be attributed to County staff completing the Catch Basin Cleaning Programme in 2025 and reporting and completing improvements during the programme.

Work Order Type	Number of Work Orders
Culvert Cleaning	6
Culvert Place/Replace	36
Ditching	46
MH & CB Repair & Clean	22
Other Drain & Structures	16
Total	126

Table 4: Number of SWM System Related Work Orders

6.0 CALIBRATION OF MONITORING EQUIPMENT

The County of Wellington does not have any equipment to monitor the SWM System, therefore there are no calibration and maintenance records.

7.0 COMPLAINTS RELATED TO SEWAGE WORKS

Complaints related to sewage works are recorded in the County’s CMMS. They are assigned a service request number and sent to pertinent County staff for resolution. In total, there were 16 complaints received involving drainage issues of SWM System components; see Table 5. All complaints received were reported to be scheduled for an upcoming date or reported to be resolved. In addition to the 16 complaints recorded in Table 5, fifteen other records were recorded in the CMMS as service request type “Bridges, Culverts and Drains”. These are regarding bridge-related concerns, questions, inquiries unrelated to drainage, drainage issues outside the County’s jurisdiction and private property unrelated to sewage works. All fifteen

calls deemed unrelated to sewage works were followed up with the resident and further action provided.

Service Request No.	Date	Description of Complaint	Action
SR-3508	April 3, 2025	Concerned with culvert drainage	Ditch maintenance completed.
SR-3511	April 3, 2025	Concerned with culvert drainage	Ditch maintenance scheduled.
SR-3513	April 3, 2025	Concerned with culvert drainage	Culvert blockage resolved.
SR-3520	April 3, 2025	Concern with catch basin drainage	Catch basin was cleared of debris
SR-3523	April 4, 2025	Concerned with culvert drainage	Ditch maintenance and culvert flushing scheduled.
SR-3524	April 4, 2025	Concerned with culvert drainage	Culvert blockage resolved.
SR-3561	April 10, 2025	Concerned with culvert drainage	Ditch maintenance completed.
SR-3727	May 7, 2025	Concerned with culvert drainage	Ditch maintenance complete and culvert replaced.
SR-3728	May 7, 2025	Concerned with ditch drainage	Ditch maintenance completed.
SR-3756	May 9, 2025	Concerned with culvert drainage	Culvert maintenance scheduled.
SR-3768	May 13, 2025	Concerned with culvert drainage	Ditch maintenance completed.
SR-3769	May 13, 2025	Concerned with culvert drainage	Ditch maintenance complete and culvert flushed
SR-3854	May 26, 2025	Concern with ditch drainage	Ditch maintenance completed.
SR-3891	June 3, 2025	Concern with pooling water	Grass ridge was removed for better drainage.
SR-4313	Sept 4, 2025	Concern with culvert drainage	Ditch maintenance and culvert replaced.
SR-4353	Sept 12, 2025	Concern with culvert drainage	Ditch maintenance completed.

Table 5: SWM System services request during the reporting period.

8.0 ALTERATIONS TO THE AUTHORIZED SYSTEM

There were three Alterations to the Authorized System commencing within the reporting period as shown in Table 6. Alterations were a result of intersection improvements and the requirement of roadside environments to move from ditch drainage to underground storm sewer assets. There were no additions to Stormwater Management Facilities or Third Pipe Collection. None of the below projects pose a Significant Drinking Water Threat and no addition SWM components have been assumed by the County. Table 6 provides more information, including the name of the project with a brief description.

Project Name	Project Description	Significant Drinking Water Threat
Wellington Road 8 and Wellington Road 9 Roundabout	Reconstruction of Wellington Road 8 and Wellington Road 9 resulted in the addition of storm sewer assets at the location.	No
Wellington Road 18 Intersection Improvements	Reconstruction of Wellington Road 18 at Wellington Road 26 and Wellington Road 18 resulted in the addition of storm sewer assets at the location.	No
Wellington Road 35	Reconstruction of Wellington Road 35 and Concession 2 resulted in addition of storm sewer assets at the location.	No

Table 6: Alterations that pose a Significant Drinking Water Threat

9.0 SPILLS OR ABNORMAL DISCHARGE EVENTS

There were no known spills or abnormal discharge events occurring in the reporting year.

10.0 SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

There were no additional actions taken outside of maintenance activities and alterations to the County's SWM System described in Sections 5 and 8.

11.0 STATUS OF ACTIONS

There were no actions required in the previous reporting year to provide a status update.