



MEDIA RELEASE

Shelburne awarded M.O.E. funding for Well Head Protection project

Shelburne, September 29, 2010:

The Town of Shelburne has completed the [Well Head Protection Project](#). The Town was awarded funding for this project from the Ministry of Environment under the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program on March 15, 2010. This \$45,200 project is in cooperation with the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and Ministry of Environment (M.O.E.).

The funding enabled the Town to implement several improvements to enhance the security of municipal drinking water sources, thereby preventing potential contamination or unauthorized entry to municipal wellheads and wellhead buildings. The M.O.E. granted \$38,000 towards the project, with the Town of Shelburne providing \$7,200 in in-kind hours.

With the completion of this project we feel confident that this a step forward with Source Water Protection as it is the first line of defense in a multi-barrier approach to safe drinking water, followed by treatment, distribution, training, testing and monitoring. The three-part project will under take the following activities:

- installation of security fencing around all 3 municipal wells;
- installation and/or door upgrades and including new locks, closure mechanism, etc
- improvements also included upgrade of exterior lighting to new energy efficient LED
- various site works such painting of doors, new weather stripping, keying doors and gate locks together, etc

“Water is critical to all aspects of our lives. Protecting the sources of our water is important to ensure that there is enough safe water for all our uses – now and in the Future” -- Conservation Ontario

“Shelburne is undertaking this project in order to safeguard public health and ensure there is healthy drinking water for all residents.” – Scott Wheeldon, Director of Public Works

The project started in mid May and was completed by July 31, 2010. A final report is being submitted to MOE as per the grant requirement.

We would like to thank all the involved parties.

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