

# 2023 Annual Drinking Water System Quality Report for Georgina DWS

Prepared by The Regional Municipality of York pursuant to Section 11 of O. Reg. 170/03.

**Drinking Water System Number:** 260026156

**Drinking Water System Name:** Georgina DWS

**Drinking Water System Owner:** The Regional Municipality of York

**Drinking Water System Category:** Large Municipal Residential

**Drinking Water System Classification:** Water Treatment III

**Reporting period:** Jan 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023

**The Georgina DWS serves approximately 8,620 people.**

(Population is the most recent available estimate based on Statistics Canada census data and building permits)

**List all Drinking Water Systems which receive their drinking water from the Georgina DWS:**

Keswick-Sutton Distribution System (260062686)

This annual report is available to the public at no charge on York Region's website ([york.ca/drinkingwater](http://york.ca/drinkingwater)) and upon request. Accessible formats or communication supports are also available upon request. Please contact [AccessYork@york.ca](mailto:AccessYork@york.ca) or call 1-877-464-9675.

**A copy of York Region's annual report was provided to all Drinking Water System owners that are connected to and receive drinking water from York Region.**

**System users were notified that York Region's annual report is available free of charge by public access and notice through:**

- Media (internet, social media)
- Public requests at any time

**Summary report required under O. Reg. 170/03 Schedule 22 will be available for inspection at:**

The Regional Municipality of York  
Administrative Centre  
Public Works Department  
17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket ON L3Y 6Z1

## Description of the Georgina DWS

### **Introduction:**

The communities of Keswick and Sutton, and other lakeshore communities are located on the south shore of Lake Simcoe. Surface water from Lake Simcoe supplies these communities. The Keswick sub-system supplies the other half of this larger system. York Region operates the water supply, while the Town of Georgina maintains water quality and distributes it to users. The Province governs York Region's operations with Acts and Regulations, a Permit to Take Water, a Municipal Drinking Water License and an operating Permit.

### **Raw water source:**

Lake Simcoe

### **Profile of water in distribution system:**

Lake Simcoe

### **Water treatment description:**

The Georgina DWS includes one water treatment plant and one storage facility. Incoming water is screened and chlorine addition prevents mussel growth. Membrane filtration removes particles. Granular activated carbon improves taste and controls odour. UV light and chlorine are used for disinfection. Fluoride is added at levels recommended by Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health. Operators test the water and inspect the process. Online analyzers continuously monitor treatment and water flow. When a significant process or water quality issue is detected, the system automatically pauses operation until an operator takes action.

### **List of water treatment chemicals used in this system:**

Chlorine gas (for disinfection); Granular activated carbon; Non water treatment chemical: Hydrofluosilicic Acid applied; Filtration membranes cleaned with sodium hypochlorite, citric acid, sodium hydroxide, sodium bisulfite; Dechlorination of membrane filter and GAC washwater with sulphur dioxide.

### **Brief description and breakdown of monetary expenses incurred:**

\$4,042,103 for treatment facility rehabilitation and upgrades, standby power generator upgrades, valve chamber rehabilitation, general maintenance and repairs.

**Notices submitted under Section 18(1) of the *Safe Drinking Water Act* or Section 16-4 of Schedule 16 of O. Reg. 170/03 and reported to MECP Spills Action Centre**

<b>Incident Description</b>	<b>Incident Date</b>	<b>Adverse Test Result</b>	<b>Corrective Action</b>	<b>Corrective Action Date</b>
Fluoride > 1.5 mg/L	May 15, 2023	1.58 mg/L	Flow halted upon alarm and prevented water from entering the distribution system. Operator attended site. Facility returned to normal operation. Compliant grab sample taken.	May 15, 2023

## Microbiological testing completed under Schedule 10 of O. Reg. 170/03

For additional distribution samples collected under Schedule 10, refer to the local municipality.

### Raw Samples

Test Parameter	Count of Samples	Count of Presence
E. Coli	53	0
Total Coliforms	53	8

### Treated Samples

Test Parameter	Count of Samples	Count of Presence
E. Coli	52	0
Heterotrophic Plate Count	52	7
Total Coliforms	52	0

## Operational testing completed under Schedule 7 of O. Reg. 170/03 during this reporting period

Test Parameter	Test Unit	No. of Samples <sup>1</sup>	Average	Minimum	Maximum
Fluoride	mg/L	8,760	0.69	0.20	1.58
Free Chlorine	mg/L	8,760	1.67	0.00	2.50
Turbidity (Raw)	NTU	8,760	0.42	0.00	10.00
Turbidity (Treated)	NTU	8,760	0.03	0.00	5.00

<sup>1</sup> 8,760 is used as the number of samples for continuous analyzers.

## Summary of testing pursuant to Schedule 13 of O. Reg. 170/03 and sampling carried out in accordance with the requirement of an approval, order or other legal instrument

Values with a less than sign (" $<$ ") indicate that the test result is below the method detection limit from the accredited laboratory (i.e. non-detect). Average results include values which were returned as non-detect (i.e. the " $<$ " is omitted) and are rounded to three decimals. For a complete set of results, see the open dataset available at [york.ca/drinkingwater](http://york.ca/drinkingwater).

Test Parameter <sup>2 3</sup>	Test Unit	No. of Samples <sup>1</sup>	Average	Minimum	Maximum
Free Chlorine Backwash	mg/L	8,760	0.006	0	0.173
Haloacetic Acids (Distribution)	ug/L	4**	27.750	23	36
Microcystin (Raw)	ug/L	35	0.150	<0.15	<0.15
Microcystin (Treated)	ug/L	35	0.150	<0.15	<0.15
Nitrate (Treated)	mg/L	4	0.298	0.09	<0.5
Nitrate (Distribution)	mg/L	3	0.367	0.1	<0.5
Nitrite (Treated)	mg/L	4	0.027	<0.003	<0.05
Nitrite (Distribution)	mg/L	3	0.034	<0.003	<0.05
Sodium	mg/L	2	34.600	34.5	34.7
Total Suspended Solids Backwash	mg/L	8,760	1.682	0	40
Trihalomethanes (Treated)	ug/L	13	24.385	10.30	35.90
Trihalomethanes (Distribution)	ug/L	13	42.794	21	57.70

\*Lead testing under Schedule 15.1 is conducted by the local municipality - refer to local municipality reports for results. York Region occasionally collects samples tested for lead for non-regulatory research purposes.

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<sup>2</sup> The Average for Haloacetic Acids and Trihalomethanes is calculated as the running annual average of quarterly results in accordance with O. Reg 170/03. The Minimum and Maximum values reflect individual test results.

<sup>3</sup> Where sampling for 'N-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA)' is required, locations were selected to represent the farthest points in the distribution system. For York DWS and sub-systems, representative sample locations were selected from across the interconnected sub-systems and include at least one facility from every subsystem.

\*\*Q4 2022 results were used for the running annual average per the Ministry's "[Trihalomethane and haloacetic acid sampling and reporting requirements](#)" guidance document as there were no samples in Q4 2023.

**Organic and inorganic parameter(s), from Schedule 23 and 24, that exceeded half the standard prescribed in Schedule 2 of O. Reg. 169/03 Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards**

**Not Applicable**  
**Intentionally blank. There were no applicable test results.**

**Summary of inorganic parameters tested pursuant to Schedule 23 of O. Reg. 170/03**

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<b>Test Parameter</b>	<b>Test Unit</b>	<b>No. of Samples</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>ODWS Limit</b>
Antimony	mg/L	2	0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	0.0060
Arsenic	mg/L	2	0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	0.01
Barium	mg/L	2	0.0272	0.0263	0.028	1
Boron	mg/L	2	0.0256	0.0247	0.0265	5
Cadmium	mg/L	2	0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	0.0050
Chromium	mg/L	2	0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	0.05
Mercury	ug/L	2	0.0500	<0.05	<0.05	1
Selenium	mg/L	2	0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	0.05
Uranium	mg/L	2	0.0005	<0.0005	0.0005	0.02

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## Summary of organic parameters tested pursuant to Schedule 24 of O. Reg. 170/03

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Test Parameter	Test Unit	No. of Samples	Average	Minimum	Maximum	ODWS Limit
1,1-dichloroethylene (vinylidene chloride)	ug/L	1	0.300	<0.3	<0.3	14
1,2-(o-dcb) Dichlorobenzene	ug/L	1	0.100	<0.1	<0.1	200
1,2-Dichloroethane	ug/L	1	0.100	<0.1	<0.1	5
1,4-(p-dcb) Dichlorobenzene	ug/L	1	0.100	<0.1	<0.1	5
2,3,4,6-Tetrachlorophenol	ug/L	1	0.500	<0.5	<0.5	100
2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	ug/L	1	0.500	<0.5	<0.5	5
2,4-Dichlorophenol	ug/L	1	0.700	<0.7	<0.7	900
2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D)	ug/L	1	0.800	<0.8	<0.8	100
2-methyl-4-chlorophenoxyacetic acid	ug/L	1	5.000	<5	<5	100
Alachlor	ug/L	1	0.400	<0.4	<0.4	5
Atrazine + N-dealkylated metabolites	ug/L	1	0.200	<0.2	<0.2	5
Azinphos-methyl	ug/L	1	0.300	<0.3	<0.3	20
Benzene	ug/L	1	0.100	<0.1	<0.1	1
Benzo(a)pyrene	ug/L	1	0.010	<0.01	<0.01	0.01
Bromoxynil	ug/L	1	0.400	<0.4	<0.4	5
Carbaryl	ug/L	1	3.000	<3	<3	90
Carbofuran	ug/L	1	3.000	<3	<3	90
Carbon Tetrachloride	ug/L	1	0.200	<0.2	<0.2	2
Chlorpyrifos	ug/L	1	0.200	<0.2	<0.2	90
Diazinon	ug/L	1	0.200	<0.2	<0.2	20
Dicamba	ug/L	1	0.400	<0.4	<0.4	120
Dichloromethane	ug/L	1	4.000	<4	<4	50
Diclofop-methyl	ug/L	1	0.400	<0.4	<0.4	9
Dimethoate	ug/L	1	0.300	<0.3	<0.3	20
Diquat	ug/L	1	1.000	<1	<1	70
Diuron	ug/L	1	3.000	<3	<3	150
Glyphosate	ug/L	1	25.000	<25	<25	280
Malathion	ug/L	1	0.200	<0.2	<0.2	190
Metolachlor	ug/L	1	0.200	<0.2	<0.2	50
Metribuzin	ug/L	1	0.300	<0.3	<0.3	80
Monochlorobenzene	ug/L	1	0.100	<0.1	<0.1	80
Paraquat	ug/L	1	1.000	<1	<1	10
Pentachlorophenol	ug/L	1	0.400	<0.4	<0.4	60
Phorate	ug/L	1	0.200	<0.2	<0.2	2
Picloram	ug/L	1	0.700	<0.7	<0.7	190
Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)	ug/L	1	0.100	<0.1	<0.1	3
Prometryne	ug/L	1	0.190	<0.19	<0.19	1
Simazine	ug/L	1	0.200	<0.2	<0.2	10
Terbufos	ug/L	1	0.200	<0.2	<0.2	1
Tetrachloroethylene (perchloroethylene)	ug/L	1	0.300	<0.3	<0.3	10
Triallate	ug/L	1	4.000	<4	<4	230
Trichloroethylene	ug/L	1	0.100	<0.1	<0.1	5
Trifluralin	ug/L	1	0.006	<0.006	<0.006	45
Vinyl Chloride	ug/L	1	0.200	<0.2	<0.2	1