

January 12, 2021



The Mayor and Members of Council
City of Elliot Lake
Municipal Office
45 Hillside Drive North
Elliot Lake, Ontario P5A 1X5

ATTENTION: Mayor and Member of Council

**RE: ELLIOT LAKE WATER TREATMENT PLANT SUMMARY REPORT FOR
MUNICIPALITIES: Municipal Large Residential**

Your Worship Mayor Marchisella and Members of Council:

Please find attached, the 2020 Summary Report for the Elliot Lake Water Treatment Plant. This report has been prepared in accordance to the guidelines set out in Schedule 22 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002 (Ontario Regulation 170/03).

The report covers the period from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Please direct any questions or concerns to the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daryl Halloch", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Daryl Halloch
Director of Public Works

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Elliot Lake Water Treatment Plant 2020 Summary Report

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Water Treatment Plant Summary Report is to provide information to Council and Residents of the City of Elliot Lake, as well as satisfying the regulatory requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) including the Drinking Water Quality Management System (DWQMS)

This report is prepared in accordance with Schedule 22 of Regulation 170/03 of Ontario's Safe Drinking Water Act and ensures that no later than March 31st a summary report is prepared and presented to Municipal Council and covers the reporting period from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

2. SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

The City of Elliot Lake Water Treatment Plant is classified as a Class 2 direct filtration plant. Water is drawn from Elliot Lake through an intake structure, located in approximately 12.2 m (40 ft.) of water and is gravity fed through a 295 m long marine pipeline to the low lift pumping station wet well. The water is then pumped to the main facility at 200 Spine Road. The raw water then passes through a flow meter and into reactor/mixing tanks. At this point Polyaluminum Chloride (PAC) is added to the process to aid in the production of floc. The water then continues into the hydraulic spiral flow flocculation tanks and afterwards passes through three rectangular filters with dual media (anthracite/sand). The filtered water is collected in an underdrain system and enters a 2,300 m³ Clearwell (storage reservoir) on site. Chlorine is added to the treated water as it leaves the filters to achieve required disinfection. Fluoride is also added at this point. Fluoride does not play a role in the treatment process, but rather acts as an agent in the prevention of tooth decay in young children. High Lift pumps pump the now treated water from the Clearwell through a flow meter and into the distribution system. This treated water makes its way to consumers' homes, either directly or from the standpipe storage facilities. Lime is added to the water as it leaves the plant to aid in the prevention of corrosion in the distribution system. The lime is also used for pH and alkalinity adjustment.

The City of Elliot Lake has highly trained staff that specializes in operating and maintaining a water treatment plant, distribution system, a booster station and two elevated water storage tanks (standpipes) with a total storage volume of approximately 9400 m³. Water is supplied to customers by approximately 130km of water main ranging from 150mm to 600mm pipe mainly through ductile iron and cast iron and areas with PVC piping. There are approximately 428 fire hydrants located within the system. As well there are 192 metered accounts and approximately 6500 service connections.

3. Compliance Reporting

The owner and operating authority shall ensure that any person authorized to carry out work on or to operate any aspect of the drinking water system has been informed of the SDWA, and all applicable regulations made in accordance with that act, as well as any other licenses or permits.

3.1 Elliot Lake Drinking Water System

Section 18 of the Safe Drinking Water Act requires the system operator to report adverse test results or conditions immediately after the result is obtained or situation identified. A test result is considered adverse when the sample being tested fails to meet the prescribed drinking water standards. Limits for all parameters being tested under the Acts and Regulations are identified under the various Regulations associated with the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002.

The Elliot Lake Drinking Water System has not had a Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (M.E.C.P.) inspection for the 2020 reporting period.

All chemicals and materials used in the operation of the drinking water system that came into contact with water met all applicable standards set by American Water Works Association (AWWA) and the American National Standard Institute (ANSI) safety criteria standards NSF/60, NSF/61 and NSF/372.

Flow measurement equipment required to record the volume of water taken from the Intake and effluent discharged to the distribution system are verified on a monthly basis and calibrated on an annual basis by a third party.

On-Stream analyzers such as chlorine, pH and turbidity are verified and cleaned on a monthly basis and calibrated by a third party on an annual basis.

3.2 Elliot Lake Distribution System

The Elliot Lake Distribution System was maintained to ensure quality drinking water to consumers. The following operations were done in 2020:

- Annual water flushing was performed in 2020. Records of the flow test and pressures were recorded. As well valves were exercised and their locations recorded.
- There were 27 instances of adverse water quality incidents in 2020 where reports were made to the Public Health Unit and Spills Action Centre in accordance with Section 18 of the Safe Drinking Water Act. There were 23 for water main repairs/replacement these would include the water main replacement on Pine and Poplar, 1 for a low chlorine residual in the distribution system, 1 for microbiological sample adverse results, 1 for analyzer equipment failure and an ongoing adverse with the fluoride analyzer. **(See Table 3 adverse water reports)**
- There were 16 documented water quality complaints ranging from taste and odour to discoloration and pressure issues.

3.3 Permit to Take Water

The Elliot Lake Water Treatment Plant was issued the current Permit to Take Water November 24, 2015 and expires on December 1st 2025. This permit allows the maximum of 19,722 liters per minute and 18,184,000 liters per day. There were no exceedances to report for the 2020 summary report. **(See table 2 for flow rates)**

3.4 Drinking Water License

The City of Elliot Lake Drinking Water License was issued on July 27th, 2016 and expires on June 26th, 2021. This license allows a maximum daily volume of treated water that flows from the treatment plant to the subsystem to not exceed 28,400 m³/day. This maximum rated capacity was not exceeded during the 2020 reporting period.

3.5 Lead Sampling

Lead sampling was conducted as required by O. Reg 170/03 Schedule 15.1 in September at 4 locations in the distribution system. The results were not in exceedance.

4. Regulatory Inspection

The Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (M.E.C.P) has currently not carried out a facility inspection.

5. Identified Terms and Conditions

The Elliot Lake Water Treatment Plant meets the requirement of the Ontario “Drinking Water Standards.” Disinfection of treated water is achieved as per Ministry Procedure B13-3. Required CT was continuously monitored and met at all times ensuring that appropriate levels of disinfection were attained.

Backwash water discharge suspended solids sampling was conducted monthly. The annual average was 16.4 mg/L, which is below the required 25 mg/L annual average.

6. Drinking Water Quality management System (DWQMS)

The Quality Management System (QMS) consists of an Operational Plan that defines and documents the various policies and procedures with respect to water quality management which were established to meet the Province of Ontario standards as identified within the Safe Drinking Water Act. The Internal and Managerial Reviews were all completed in 2020 per the requirements outlined in the Operational Plan found in the Drinking Water Quality Management System.

A third party audit was performed by SAI Global on March 31st 2020 all elements conformed to the DWQMS 2.0 standards.

The Corporation of the City of Elliot Lake conforms to the requirements and reaccreditation was issued on August 26, 2019 with an expiry date of April 27, 2021.

6.1 Operations and Maintenance:

Review and Provision of Infrastructure:

Element 14 of the DWQMS 2.0 requires that an annual review of the Drinking Water System's infrastructure is completed. This pertains to the maintenance necessary in order to operate and maintain the City of Elliot Lake Drinking Water system. This review involves information from a ten year Capital Plan that was revised in 2016, that prioritized road projects by the shape of the infrastructure below them such as water mains. Element 14 requires that the Operating Authority carry out the review and provide a report to the owner. This ensures that the owner is regularly informed of infrastructure needs and can plan accordingly.

Element 15 of the DWQMS maintains a program of the maintenance, rehabilitation and renewal for the infrastructure. The effectiveness of the maintenance system is relayed to the owner in a summary report under Section 22 of Ont. Reg 170/03. Monitoring the effectiveness of the maintenance program is achieved by periodically reviewing the maintenance program and ensuring its effectiveness.

7. Documentation:

Contingency plans, Standard Operating Procedures, the Operational Plan and the Drinking Water Quality Management Standard documents which provide guidance in the event of emergencies, upset conditions and breakdowns are located in the office at the Elliot Lake Water Treatment Plant. Detailed drawings of the facility are centrally located in the control room.

8. Conclusion

The Elliot Lake Water plant has sufficient capacity to treat and distribute projected flows for the foreseeable future. Ongoing plant improvement will likely be necessary during the 2021 planning period due to structure and equipment age. There were no instances of treated water flows exceeding the rated capacity in the Municipal Drinking Water License.

The Elliot Lake Water Treatment Plant was operated in compliance within the conditions of the Municipal Drinking Water License (MDWL), Permit to Take Water (PTW), Drinking Water Works Permit (DWWP) as well as other regulations.

Table 1: Treated Water Annual Quantities and Flow Rates: Maximum 28,400 (m3) per day

MONTH	Minimum Flow / Day (M ³)	Maximum Flow / Day (M ³)	Average Flow / Day (M ³)	Instantaneous Peak Flow (L/s)	Total Flow (M ³)
January	6,651	10,471.5	8,363.9	179.83	272,254.8
February	7,110.6	10,315.4	8,670.8	184.45	265,781.3
March	6,873.5	9,997.8	8,389.9	186.65	275,572
April	6,362.5	9,401.2	7,945.7	181.04	255,586.6
May	5,873.9	9,439.7	8,027.3	177.85	267,147
June	7,035.9	11,802.8	9,246.8	187.08	294,554
July	6,395.3	12,759.5	9,284.5	175.61	305,090.9
August	5,462.1	10,573.3	7,702.5	180.85	252,007.4
September	5,789.3	7,369.9	6,591.8	157.61	209,103.8
October	5,350.5	8,110.4	6,660.4	171.47	219,895.9
November	5,511.3	8,069.4	6,715	171.55	215,158.4
December	5,398.4	8,804.6	7,014.5	182.68	232,130.5
Minimum	5,350.5	7,369.9	6,591.8	157.61	209,103.8
Maximum	7,110.6	12,759.5	9,284.5	187.08	305,090.9
Average	6,151.2	9,759.6	7,884.4	178.06	255,356.9
Total Flow for 2020					3,064,282.6

Comparison of Maximum Daily Flow to Rated Capacity 2020 for Treated Water

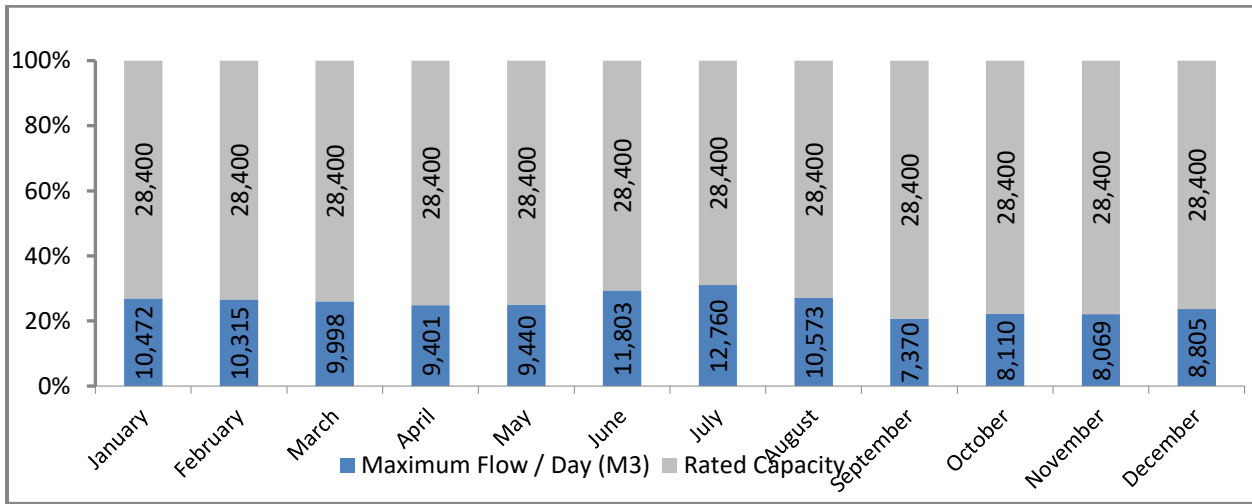


Table 2: Raw Water Annual Quantities and Flow Rates: Maximum 18,184 (m3) per day

MONTH	Minimum Flow / Day (M ³)	Maximum Flow / Day (M ³)	Average Flow / Day (M ³)	Instantaneous Peak flow (L/s)	Total Flow (M ³)
January	7,565.6	11,361.4	9,234	272.33	286,254
February	8,427.6	11,618.4	9,575.8	267.26	277,697.6
March	7,774.4	11,239.4	9,389.9	271.44	291,086.6
April	7,436.5	10,412.3	8,975.6	266.59	269,268.2
May	6,677.1	10,753.6	9,087.5	258.83	281,712.7
June	7,796.3	13,029.5	10,234.2	222.90	307,024.8
July	7,177.9	13,823.4	10,228.4	279.09	317,081.2
August	6,330.7	11,958.2	8,507	275.29	263,716.5
September	6,646	8,000.1	7,416.7	224.08	222,500
October	6,073.5	9,182.6	7,596.6	233.04	235,493.8
November	6,445.8	9,015.9	7,526.6	269.44	225,798
December	6,477.5	9,820.3	7,894.7	251.89	244,736
Minimum	6,073.5	8,000.1	7,416.7	222.90	222,500
Maximum	8,427.6	13,823.4	10,234.2	279.09	317,081.2
Average	7,069.1	10,851.3	8,805.6	257.68	268,530.7
Total Flow M³ For 2020					3,222,369.4

Comparison of Maximum Daily Flow to Rated Capacity 2020 for Raw Water

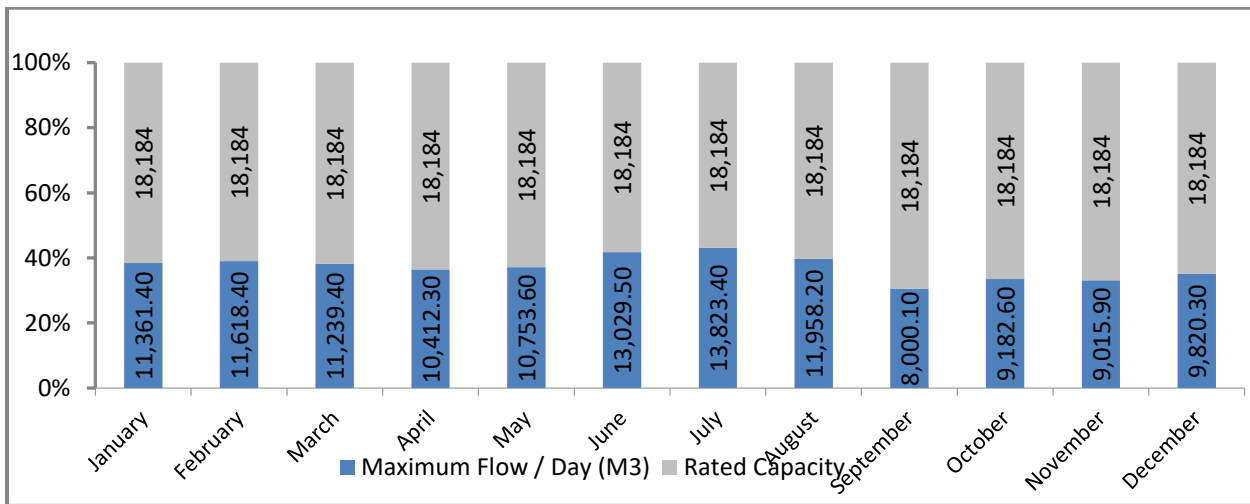


Table 3: Adverse Water Quality Incidents:

Incident Date	Parameter	Results	Unit of Measure	Corrective Action	Corrective Action Date
Oct-21-19	Fluoride Analyzer Reading	Analyzer Reading 1.74	mg/L	Handheld read 0.64 – Fluoride Shut Off	Ongoing
Jan-13-20	Watermain Repair	Pressure Loss	PSI	Boil Water Advisory – Flush and Two Sets of Samples	Jan-17-20
Feb-25-20	Watermain Repair	Pressure Loss	PSI	Boil Water Advisory – Flush and Two Sets of Samples	Mar-02-20
Mar-10-20	Watermain Repair	Pressure Loss	PSI	Boil Water Advisory – Flush and Two Sets of Samples	Mar-17-20
April-20-20	Watermain Repair / Sewage Break	Pressure Loss / Potential Sewage Contamination	PSI	Boil Water Advisory – Flush and Two Sets of Samples	April-27-20
May-05-20	Water Isolated for Connection of Temporary Water Service	Pressure Loss	PSI	Boil Water Advisory – Flush and Two Sets of Samples	May-14-20
May-09-20	Sample Result - Microbiological	2 Total Coliform	CFU/100 mL	Boil Water Advisory – Two Sets of Samples (Re-sample Residence, Sample Upstream and Downstream)	May-14-20
May-23-20	Watermain Repair	Pressure Loss	PSI	Boil Water Advisory – Flush and Two Sets of Samples	May-29-20
May-28-20	Water isolated for new valve installation	Pressure Loss	PSI	Boil Water Advisory – Flush and Two Sets of Samples	June-04-20
June-01-20	Watermain Repair	Pressure Loss	PSI	Boil Water Advisory – Flush and Two Sets of Samples	June-05-20
June-25-20	Watermain Installation	Pressure Loss	PSI	Boil Water Advisory – Flush and Two Sets of Samples	July-06-20
July-16-20	Service Line Replacement	Pressure Loss	PSI	Boil Water Advisory – Flush and Two Sets of Samples	July-23-20
July-27-20	Broken Service Line	Pressure Loss	PSI	Boil Water Advisory – Flush and Two Sets of Samples	Oct-30-20
Aug-18-20	Connection of temporary water supply	Pressure Loss	PSI	Boil Water Advisory – Flush and Two Sets of Samples	Aug-27-20
Aug-20-20	Watermain Repair	Pressure Loss	PSI	Boil Water Advisory – Flush and Two Sets of Samples	Sept-04-20
Aug-27-20	Valve Repair	Pressure Loss	PSI	Boil Water Advisory – Flush and Two Sets of Samples	Sept-04-20
Sept-13-20	#3 Filter Turbidity	Analyzer inoperative from 07:40 – 09:18	NTU	#3 Filter Turbidimeter repaired and back in service at 09:19	Sept-13-20

Sept-22-20	Watermain Repair	Pressure Loss	PSI	Boil Water Advisory- Flush and Two Sets of Samples	Sept-25-20
Oct-05-20	Watermain Repair	Pressure Loss	PSI	Boil Water Advisory – Flush and Two Sets of Samples	Oct-26-20
Oct-05-20	Low Free Chlorine Residual	0.00	mg/L	Boil Water Advisory – Still Active	Ongoing
Oct-14-20	Watermain Installation	Pressure Loss	PSI	Boil Water Advisory – Flush and Two Sets of Samples	Oct-20-20
Oct-16-20	Valve Replacement / Watermain Installations	Pressure Loss	PSI	Boil Water Advisory – Flush and Two Sets of Samples	Oct-26-20
Oct-22-20	Watermain Repair	Pressure Loss	PSI	Boil Water Advisory – Flush and Two Sets of Samples	Nov-03-20
Oct-29-20	Valve Replacement	Pressure Loss	PSI	Boil Water Advisory – Flush and Two Sets of Samples	Nov-05-20
Dec-01-20	Watermain Repair	Pressure Loss	PSI	Boil Water Advisory – Flush and Two Sets of Samples	Dec-10-20
Dec-14-20	Watermain Repair	Pressure Loss	PSI	Boil Water Advisory – Flush and Two Sets of Samples	Dec-18-20
Dec-18-20	Watermain Repair	Pressure Loss	PSI	Boil Water Advisory – Flush and Two Sets of Samples	Dec-24-20