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AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL
MUNICIPAL AND PRIVATE SEWAGE WORKS
NUMBER 9456-659N92

The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie
P.O. Box 70, 1925 County Road 10
Chesley, Ontario
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Site Location: Tara Sewage Lagoon
Lot Pt Lt 28, Concession 7
Arran-Elderslie Municipality, County of Bruce

You have applied in accordance with Section 53 of the Ontario Water Resources Act for approval of:

the municipal sewage treatment works at the above site location for the collection, transmission, treatment and disposal of domestic sewage with a *Rated Capacity* of 650 m³/d, consisting of the following:

Inlet Forcemain

- approx. 307 m of 200 mm dia. inlet forcemain on site from the property limits to the influent works of the waste stabilization pond;

Waste Stabilization Pond

- a 7.9 ha waste stabilization pond (approx. area at 1.5 m depth) constructed in two equal cells, complete with influent works, interconnecting structures and effluent works, and with phosphorus removal accomplished by injection of phosphorus removal chemical during pump operation at the sewage pumping station located in the Village of Tara;

Outfall Sewer

- approx. 183 m of 400 mm dia. outfall sewer on site and easements from the effluent works of the waste stabilization pond to the Sauble River;

Miscellaneous

- all other controls, electrical equipment, instrumentation, piping, pumps, valves and appurtenances essential for the proper operation of the aforementioned sewage works;

all in accordance with the following submitted supporting documents:

1. Final plans and specifications prepared by Henderson Paddon and Associates Limited.

For the purpose of this Certificate of Approval and the terms and conditions specified below, the following definitions apply:

“*Act* ” means the Ontario Water Resources Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.40, as amended;

"*Average Daily Flow* " means the cumulative total sewage flow to the sewage works during a calendar year divided by the number of days during which sewage was flowing to the sewage works that year;

“*By-pass*” means any discharge from the *Works* that does not undergo any treatment before it is discharged to the environment;

"*CBOD5* " means five day carbonaceous (nitrification inhibited) biochemical oxygen demand measured in an unfiltered sample;

"*Certificate* " means this entire certificate of approval document, issued in accordance with Section 53 of the *Act* , and includes any schedules;

"*Daily Concentration* " means the concentration of a contaminant in the effluent discharged over any single day, as measured by a composite or grab sample, whichever is required;

"*Director* " means any *Ministry* employee appointed by the Minister pursuant to section 5 of the *Act* ;

"*Discharge Season* " means the Spring discharge period commencing after the liquid surface in the lagoon has become free of ice cover, terminating not later than May 14 or the Fall discharge period commencing not earlier than November 1 and terminating not later than December 15 in which discharge of effluent from the *Works* is permitted;

"*District Manager* " means the District Manager of the Barrie District Office of the Ministry;

"*Ministry* " means the Ontario Ministry of the Environment;

"*Owner* " means the Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie and includes its successors and assignees;

“*Rated Capacity* ” means the *Average Daily Flow* for which the *Works* are approved to handle;

"*Regional Director* " means the Regional Director of the Southwestern Region of the Ministry; and

"*Seasonal Average Concentration* " means the arithmetic mean of all *Daily Concentrations* of a contaminant in the effluent sampled or measured, or both, during a *Discharge Season* ;

"*Works* " means the sewage works described in the *Owner* 's application, this *Certificate* and in the supporting documentation referred to herein, to the extent approved by this *Certificate* .

You are hereby notified that this approval is issued to you subject to the terms and conditions outlined below:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

(1) The *Owner* shall ensure that any person authorized to carry out work on or operate any aspect of the *Works* is notified of this *Certificate* and the conditions herein and shall take all reasonable measures to ensure any such person complies with the same.

(2) Except as otherwise provided by these Conditions, the *Owner* shall design, build, install, operate and maintain the *Works* in accordance with the description given in this *Certificate*, the application for approval of the works and the submitted supporting documents and plans and specifications as listed in this *Certificate*.

(3) Where there is a conflict between a provision of any submitted document referred to in this *Certificate* and the Conditions of this *Certificate*, the Conditions in this *Certificate* shall take precedence, and where there is a conflict between the listed submitted documents, the document bearing the most recent date shall prevail.

(4) Where there is a conflict between the listed submitted documents, and the application, the application shall take precedence unless it is clear that the purpose of the document was to amend the application.

(5) The requirements of this *Certificate* are severable. If any requirement of this *Certificate*, or the application of any requirement of this *Certificate* to any circumstance, is held invalid or unenforceable, the application of such requirement to other circumstances and the remainder of this certificate shall not be affected thereby.

2. CHANGE OF OWNER

(1) The *Owner* shall notify the *District Manager* and the *Director*, in writing, of any of the following changes within 30 days of the change occurring:

(a) change of *Owner* ;

(b) change of address of the *Owner* ;

(c) change of partners where the *Owner* is or at any time becomes a partnership, and a copy of the most recent declaration filed under the Business Names Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.B17 shall be included in the notification to the *District Manager* ;

(d) change of name of the corporation where the *Owner* is or at any time becomes a corporation, and a copy of the most current information filed under the Corporations Informations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. C39 shall be included in the notification to the *District Manager* ;

(2) In the event of any change in ownership of the *Works*, other than a change to a successor municipality, the *Owner* shall notify in writing the succeeding owner of the existence of this *Certificate*, and a copy of such notice shall be forwarded to the *District Manager* and the *Director*.

3. RECORD DRAWINGS

(1) A set of as-built drawings showing the works “as constructed” shall be kept up to date through revisions undertaken from time to time and a copy shall be retained at the *Works* for the operational life of the *Works* .

4. BY-PASSES

(1) Any *By-pass* of sewage from any portion of the *Works* is prohibited, except where:

- (a) it is necessary to avoid loss of life, personal injury, danger to public health or severe property damage;
- (b) the *District Manager* agrees that it is necessary for the purpose of carrying out essential maintenance and the *District Manager* has given prior written acknowledgment of the *by-pass* ;
or
- (c) the *Regional Director* has given prior written acknowledgment of the *By-pass* .

(2) The *Owner* shall collect at least one (1) grab sample of the *By-pass* and have it analyzed for the parameters outlined in Condition 6 using the protocols in Condition 9.

(3) The *Owner* shall maintain a logbook of all *By-pass* events which shall include, at a minimum, the time, location, duration, quantity of *By-pass* , the authority for *By-pass* pursuant to subsection (1), and the reasons for the occurrence.

5. EFFLUENT OBJECTIVES

(1) The *Owner* shall use best efforts to design, construct and operate the *Works* with the objective that the concentrations of the materials named below as effluent parameters are not exceeded in the effluent from the *Works* .

Table 1 - Effluent Objectives	
Effluent Parameter	Average Concentration (milligrams per litre unless otherwise indicated)
Column 1	Column 2
<i>CBOD5</i>	25.0
Total Suspended Solids	30.0
Total Phosphorus	0.8

(2) The *Owner* shall use best efforts to:

- (a) maintain the pH of the effluent from the *Works* within the range of 6.5 to 9.0, inclusive, at all times;

(b) operate the works within the *Rated Capacity* of the *Works* ;

(c) ensure that the effluent from the *Works* is essentially free of floating and settleable solids and does not contain oil or any other substance in amounts sufficient to create a visible film or sheen or foam or discolouration on the receiving waters.

(3) The *Owner* shall include in all reports submitted in accordance with Conditions 9 and 10 a summary of the efforts made and results achieved under this Condition.

6. EFFLUENT LIMITS

(1) The *Owner* shall operate and maintain the *Works* such that the concentrations of the materials named below as effluent parameters are not exceeded in the effluent from the *Work* s.

Table 2 - Effluent Limits	
Effluent Parameter	Average Concentration (milligrams per litre unless otherwise indicated)
Column 1	Column 2
<i>CBOD5</i>	30.0
Total Suspended Solids	40.0
Total Phosphorus	1.0

(2) For the purposes of determining compliance with and enforcing subsection (1):

(a) The *Seasonal Average Concentration* of a parameter named in Column 1 of subsection (1) shall not exceed the corresponding maximum concentration set out in Column 2 of subsection (1).

(3) Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) shall apply upon the issuance of this certificate.

7. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

(1) The *Owner* shall exercise due diligence in ensuring that, at all times, the *Works* and the related equipment and appurtenances used to achieve compliance with this *Certificate* are properly operated and maintained. Proper operation and maintenance shall include effective performance, adequate funding, adequate operator staffing and training, including training in all procedures and other requirements of this *Certificate* and the *Act* and regulations, adequate laboratory facilities, process controls and alarms and the use of process chemicals and other substances used in the *Works* .

(2) The *Owner* shall maintain an operations manual, that includes, but not necessarily limited to, the following information:

(a) operating procedures for routine operation of the *Works* ;

- (b) inspection programs, including frequency of inspection, for the *Works* and the methods or tests employed to detect when maintenance is necessary;
- (c) repair and maintenance programs, including the frequency of repair and maintenance for the *Works* ;
- (d) procedures for the inspection and calibration of monitoring equipment;
- (e) a spill prevention control and countermeasures plan, consisting of contingency plans and procedures for dealing with equipment breakdowns, potential spills and any other abnormal situations, including notification of the *District Manager* ; and
- (f) procedures for receiving, responding and recording public complaints, including recording any followup actions taken.

(3) The *Owner* shall maintain the operations manual current and retain a copy at the location of the *Works* for the operational life of the *Works* . Upon request, the *Owner* shall make the manual available to *Ministry* staff.

(4) The *Owner* shall provide for the overall operation of the *Works* with an operator who holds a licence that is applicable to that type of facility and that is of the same class as or higher than the class of the facility in accordance with Ontario Regulation 129/04.

8. SPECIAL OPERATIONS - SEASONAL DISCHARGE

(1) The *Owner* shall operate the *Works* such that discharge is conducted on a semi-annual discharge basis with the effluent being discharged in the spring and the fall as follows:

- spring: discharge commencing after the liquid surface in the lagoon has become free of ice cover, terminating not later than May 14, and
- fall: discharge commencing not earlier than November 1 and terminating not later than December 15.

9. EFFLUENT MONITORING AND RECORDING

The *Owner* shall, upon commencement of operation of the *Works* , carry out the following monitoring program:

(1) All samples and measurements taken for the purposes of this *Certificate* are to be taken at a time and in a location characteristic of the quality and quantity of the effluent stream over the time period being monitored.

(2) For the purposes of this condition, the following definitions apply:

(a) Quarterly means once every three months;

(3) Samples shall be collected at the following sampling points, at the frequency specified, by means of the specified sample type and analyzed for each parameter listed and all results recorded:

Table 3 - Raw Sewage Monitoring	
Frequency	Quarterly
Sample Type	Grab
Parameters	<i>CBOD5</i> , Total Suspended Solids, Total Phosphorus

Table 4 - Lagoon Contents (within one week prior to each seasonal discharge)		
Parameters	Sample Type	Frequency
<i>CBOD5</i>	Grab	once
Total Suspended Solids	Grab	once
Total Phosphorus	Grab	once

Table 5 - Effluent Monitoring (beginning, during and at the end of each discharge season)		
Parameters	Sample Type	Frequency
<i>CBOD5</i>	Grab	2 times a week
Total Suspended Solids	Grab	2 times a week
Total Phosphorus	Grab	2 times a week

(4) The methods and protocols for sampling, analysis and recording shall conform, in order of precedence, to the methods and protocols specified in the following:

(a) the Ministry's Procedure F-10-1, "Procedures for Sampling and Analysis Requirements for Municipal and Private Sewage Treatment Works (Liquid Waste Streams Only), as amended from time to time by more recently published editions;

(b) the Ministry's publication "Protocol for the Sampling and Analysis of Industrial/Municipal Wastewater" (January 1999), ISBN 0-7778-1880-9, as amended from time to time by more recently published editions;

(c) the publication "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater" (20th edition), as amended from time to time by more recently published editions;

(5) The measurement frequencies specified in subsection (2) in respect to any parameter are minimum requirements which may, after 6 months of monitoring in accordance with this Condition, be modified by the *District Manager* in writing from time to time.

(6) The *Owner* shall install and maintain (a) continuous flow measuring device(s), to measure the

flowrate of the influent to the *Works* with an accuracy to within plus or minus 15 per cent (+/- 15%) of the actual flowrate for the entire design range of the flow measuring device, and record the flowrate at a daily frequency.

(7) The *Owner* shall measure and record the flowrate and quantity of effluent from the *Works* during each *Discharge Season* .

10. REPORTING

(1) Ten (10) days prior to the date of a planned *By-pass* being conducted pursuant to Condition 4 and as soon as possible for an unplanned *By-pass* , the *Owner* shall notify the *District Manager* (in writing) of the pending start date, in addition to an assessment of the potential adverse effects on the environment and the duration of the *By-pass* .

(2) The *Owner* shall report to the *District Manager* or designate, any exceedence of any parameter specified in Condition 6 orally, as soon as reasonably possible, and in writing within seven (7) days of the exceedence.

(3) In addition to the obligations under Part X of the Environmental Protection Act, the *Owner* shall, within 10 working days of the occurrence of any reportable spill as defined in Ontario Regulation 675/98, bypass or loss of any product, by-product, intermediate product, oil, solvent, waste material or any other polluting substance into the environment, submit a full written report of the occurrence to the *District Manager* describing the cause and discovery of the spill or loss, clean-up and recovery measures taken, preventative measures to be taken and schedule of implementation.

(4) The *Owner* shall, upon request, make all manuals, plans, records, data, procedures and supporting documentation available to *Ministry* staff.

(5) The *Owner* shall prepare, and submit to the *District Manager* , a performance report, on an annual basis, within ninety (90) days following the end of the period being reported upon. The first such report shall cover the first annual period following the commencement of operation of the *Works* and subsequent reports shall be submitted to cover successive annual periods following thereafter. The reports shall contain, but shall not be limited to, the following information:

(a) a summary and interpretation of all monitoring data and a comparison to the effluent limits outlined in Condition 6, including an overview of the success and adequacy of the *Works* ;

(b) a description of any operating problems encountered and corrective actions taken;

(c) a summary of all maintenance carried out on any major structure, equipment, apparatus, mechanism or thing forming part of the *Works* ;

(d) a summary of any effluent quality assurance or control measures undertaken in the reporting period;

- (e) a summary of the calibration and maintenance carried out on all effluent monitoring equipment; and
- (f) a description of efforts made and results achieved in meeting the Effluent Objectives of Condition 5.
- (g) a summary of any complaints received during the reporting period and any steps taken to address the complaints;
- (h) a summary of all *By-pass* , spill or abnormal discharge events; and
- (i) any other information the *District Manager* requires from time to time.

The reasons for the imposition of these terms and conditions are as follows:

1. Condition 1 is imposed to ensure that the *Works* are built and operated in the manner in which they were described for review and upon which approval was granted. This condition is also included to emphasize the precedence of Conditions in the *Certificate* and the practice that the Approval is based on the most current document, if several conflicting documents are submitted for review. The condition also advises the Owners their responsibility to notify any person they authorized to carry out work pursuant to this *Certificate* the existence of this *Certificate* .
2. Condition 2 is included to ensure that the *Ministry* records are kept accurate and current with respect to the approved works and to ensure that subsequent owners of the *Works* are made aware of the *Certificate* and continue to operate the *Works* in compliance with it.
3. Condition 3 is included to ensure that record drawings of the *Works* “as constructed” are maintained for future references.
4. Condition 4 is included to indicate that by-passes of untreated sewage to the receiving watercourse is prohibited, save in certain limited circumstances where the failure to *By-pass* could result in greater injury to the public interest than the *By-pass* itself where a *By-pass* will not violate the approved effluent requirements, or where the *By-pass* can be limited or otherwise mitigated by handling it in accordance with an approved contingency plan. The notification and documentation requirements allow the *Ministry* to take action in an informed manner and will ensure the *Owner* is aware of the extent and frequency of *By-pass* events.
5. Condition 5 is imposed to establish non-enforceable effluent quality objectives which the *Owner* is obligated to use best efforts to strive towards on an ongoing basis. These objectives are to be used as a mechanism to trigger corrective action proactively and voluntarily before environmental impairment occurs and before the compliance limits of Condition 6 are exceeded.
6. Condition 6 is imposed to ensure that the effluent discharged from the *Works* to the Sauble River meets the *Ministry* 's effluent quality requirements thus minimizing environmental impact on the receiver and to protect water quality, fish and other aquatic life in the receiving water body.

7. Condition 7 is included to require that the *Works* be properly operated, maintained, funded, staffed and equipped such that the environment is protected and deterioration, loss, injury or damage to any person or property is prevented. As well, the inclusion of a comprehensive operations manual governing all significant areas of operation, maintenance and repair is prepared, implemented and kept up-to-date by the owner and made available to the *Ministry*. Such a manual is an integral part of the operation of the *Works*. Its compilation and use should assist the *Owner* in staff training, in proper plant operation and in identifying and planning for contingencies during possible abnormal conditions. The manual will also act as a benchmark for *Ministry* staff when reviewing the *Owner's* operation of the work.
8. Condition 8 is included to ensure that the treated effluent is discharged to the receiver during periods and at rates that minimizes the environmental impact on the receiver.
9. Condition 9 is included to enable the *Owner* to evaluate and demonstrate the performance of the *Works*, on a continual basis, so that the *Works* are properly operated and maintained at a level which is consistent with the design objectives and effluent limits specified in the *Certificate* and that the *Works* does not cause any impairment to the receiving watercourse.
10. Condition 10 is included to provide a performance record for future references, to ensure that the *Ministry* is made aware of problems as they arise, and to provide a compliance record for all the terms and conditions outlined in this *Certificate*, so that the *Ministry* can work with the *Owner* in resolving any problems in a timely manner.

This Certificate of Approval revokes and replaces Certificate(s) of Approval No. 1-704-80-006 issued on July 2, 1980.

In accordance with Section 100 of the Ontario Water Resources Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.40, as amended, you may by written notice served upon me and the Environmental Review Tribunal within 15 days after receipt of this Notice, require a hearing by the Tribunal. Section 101 of the Ontario Water Resources Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.40, provides that the Notice requiring the hearing shall state:

1. The portions of the approval or each term or condition in the approval in respect of which the hearing is required, and;
2. The grounds on which you intend to rely at the hearing in relation to each portion appealed.

The Notice should also include:

3. The name of the appellant;
4. The address of the appellant;
5. The Certificate of Approval number;
6. The date of the Certificate of Approval;
7. The name of the Director;
8. The municipality within which the works are located;

And the Notice should be signed and dated by the appellant.

This Notice must be served upon:

The Secretary*
Environmental Review Tribunal
2300 Yonge St., 12th Floor
P.O. Box 2382
Toronto, Ontario
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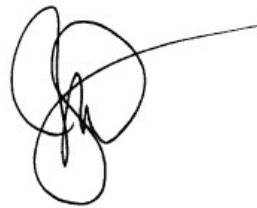
AND

The Director
Section 53, *Ontario Water Resources Act*
Ministry of the Environment
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* Further information on the Environmental Review Tribunal's requirements for an appeal can be obtained directly from the Tribunal at: Tel: (416) 314-4600, Fax: (416) 314-4506 or www.ert.gov.on.ca

The above noted sewage works are approved under Section 53 of the Ontario Water Resources Act.

DATED AT TORONTO this 11th day of January, 2005



Mohamed Dhalla, P.Eng.
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Section 53, *Ontario Water Resources Act*

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