

Pollution Prevention Policy for the City of Orillia Wastewater System [Collection and Treatment Facilities]

The City of Orillia provides wastewater collection and treatment facilities, which are designed to meet the present and future needs of residents, business and the industrial community. In supplying these services, the City seeks to protect human health and the natural environment.

It is the goal of the City of Orillia to:

- provide efficient wastewater collection and treatment services that include long-term planning and investment strategies to improve treatment capacities and enhance treatment procedures;
- comply with all applicable federal, provincial, and municipal environmental legislation, regulatory and other requirements to which the organization subscribes; and,
- educate, train and motivate employees to understand and undertake their role in minimizing environmental hazards and continuously improving health and safety.

To achieve these, all reasonable efforts will be taken by the City of Orillia to manage its operations in ways that are environmentally sustainable and economically feasible to reduce emissions produced through the transmission and treatment of wastewater, minimize waste production and energy usage, monitor and control industrial discharges and reduce extraneous flows. The City of Orillia is also committed to provide appropriate public information, assistance and education to further reduce impacts to the natural environment.

Wastewater operations will be monitored, measured and documented to promote system efficiency, to protect human health and to protect the natural environment. The City of Orillia will periodically review and update if necessary, the pollution prevention plan to ensure continual improvement. All services will reflect a commitment to pollution prevention.

The Director of Public Works is responsible for the implementation and communication of pollution prevention plan.

The Pollution Prevention Policy will be posted at the City of Orillia Wastewater Treatment Centre and will be made available to the public.

The City of Orillia Council formally adopted this Policy on September 18, 2006.