

COUNCIL RESOLUTION # 2024- 176

Date: May 30, 2024

Sharer, Jill

MOVED BY: SECONDED BY: Beaucage, Keven Beaucage, Keven A. Pateman, Heather Pateman, Heather Rickward, Michael - Deputy Mayor Rickward, Michael - Deputy Mayor Sharer, Jill Sharer, Jill WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney received Discussion Item 7.10 regarding the Town of Puslinch recommendation to stop the Phase Out of Free Well Water Testing; and WHEREAS the Town of Kearney is in receipt of the February 26, 2024 letter from the Ausable Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee (via the Lake Erie Source Protection Committee Meeting of March 28, 2024) to Honourable Lisa Thompson, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs concerned Public Health Ontario's recommended phase out of free well water testing; and WHEREAS the residents of the Town of Kearney do not have access to a municipal water supply and rely exclusively on well water; and WHEREAS the phasing of free well water testing will impose an additional barrier to ensuring safe drinking water when it is already difficult to encourage residents to test their water; BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Kearney supports the letter from the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee to Minister Lisa Thompson and requests staff to send a similar letter of concern Minister Lisa Thompson, Honourable Sylvia Jones Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, Honourable Andrea Khanjin Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, all Ontario Municipalities, AMO, Hon. Ted Arnott, and MPP Graydon Smith. DEFEATED CARRIED * Recorded Vote Requested by: Opposed Recorded Vote: For Beaucage, Keven Pateman, Heather Philip, Cheryl – Mayor Rickward, Michael - Deputy Mayor