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Chapter 18, Parks, Culture and Sport – Providing Safe Drinking Water in Provincial Parks, 2022 Report Volume 2

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<p>Outstanding: We recommended the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport document key operational decisions and processes for its drinking-water systems regulated by the Ministry of Health or itself. (2019 Report – Volume 2, p. 184, Recommendation 1; Public Accounts Committee agreement October 19, 2022)</p> <p>Status – Implemented</p>	201	Implemented	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We established a Safe Drinking Water Policy to document expectations and key operational processes related to the provision of safe drinking water in provincial parks. The policy sets consistent, minimum standards that apply to all park drinking water systems, regardless of which organization regulates the system. Training was provided to Park Operations staff and best-practice tools, templates, and procedures were developed to assist park staff with implementation of the policy. The <i>Safe Drinking Water Committee</i> and specialized technical resources (Utilities Technologist, Water and Wastewater Specialist) continue to support Park Operations staff in meeting expectations and policy requirements. 		



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<p>Outstanding: We recommended the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport document routine maintenance expectations for its drinking-water systems (2019 Report – Volume 2, p. 188, Recommendation 3; Public Accounts Committee agreement October 19, 2022)</p> <p>Status – Partially Implemented</p>	203	Implemented	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have implemented the <i>Safe Drinking Water Policy</i> which establishes minimum routine maintenance expectations. • We have developed checklist templates to assist operators with documenting routine maintenance expectations for daily, weekly, monthly, semi-annual, and annual maintenance tasks. 		

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<p>Outstanding: We recommended the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport routinely review key drinking-water system operational records including daily activity tracking sheets and operator logbooks. (2019 Report – Volume 2, p. 189, Recommendation 5; Public Accounts Committee agreement October 19, 2022)</p> <p>Status – Implemented</p>	204	Implemented	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We adopted the Water Security Agency's <i>Monthly Review of Operational Records</i> policy for all drinking water systems. • Park managers (or designate) complete monthly reviews of key operational records, including daily tracking sheets, logbooks, etc. • A checklist is in place to document the monthly reviews. 		

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Outstanding: We recommended the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport update its agreements with municipalities supplying drinking water to provincial parks to set needed water quantity and require municipalities to promptly advise the ministry of breaches in provincial drinking-water standards. (2019 Report – Volume 2, p. 191, Recommendation 7; Public Accounts Committee agreement October 19, 2022) Status – Implemented	205	Implemented	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The agreements with the four utilities supplying drinking water to provincial parks have been updated and include requirements for water quantity and to promptly advise the ministry of breaches in provincial drinking water standards. 		

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