

February 2, 2015

Dear Chief Operating Officer,

The [Ontario Municipal Water Association](#) would be pleased and honoured to have you become a member of the OMWA in 2015. Our Board and staff continue to step up our advocacy efforts bringing our member municipalities and their water systems greater value.

In brief, we provide you a strong advocacy voice with the Ministry of Environment & Climate Change and other ministries and agencies involved in municipal water systems, access to OMWA conferences and training sessions at a preferred rate, a comprehensive scan of water related news articles three times per week, eligibility to participate on committees that influence key water issues, the ability to post career opportunities at a reduced rate, and the list goes on and on.

Please find attached for your reference the 2015 membership package, which includes:

- ≡ A letter from our president, Mr. Andrew Henry;
- ≡ Our fee schedule; and,
- ≡ Our membership form.

If our OMWA membership information package has not been received by the person(s) responsible for your municipal water system please redirect to the appropriate staff person and advise us at [admin@omwa.org](mailto:admin@omwa.org).

We thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and look forward to serving you in 2015 and beyond.

Please return the application form(s) and fees to my attention at:  
2593 Tenth Concession  
Collingwood, ON  
L9Y 3Y9

Yours truly,



Ed Houghton, CET  
**Executive Director, Ontario Municipal Water Association**

February 1, 2015

The Ontario Municipal Water Association (**OMWA**) would be pleased to have you become a member in 2015.

Since 1966, the **OMWA** continues to strive to be **The Voice of Ontario's Public Water Authorities**, representing the interests of municipalities and municipally owned water systems across Ontario. On behalf of our municipal members, we look to develop and implement long-term provincial and water sector policies, standards and programs for the benefit of the greater public and ensure sustainable and safe drinking water systems in Ontario, and address our most-pressing issues that we face.

Municipal water systems in Ontario are receiving unprecedented attention, with considerable future implications to the administration and governance of these systems. As a result, it is even more important today for municipalities and municipal water systems to have a clear and strong voice on key water issues. The **OMWA's** role is advocacy on behalf of our members in the development and evolution of provincial policy, legislation, provincial programs and initiatives "policy, politics and governance", as well as provides other general services to our membership.

In recent years, the Board of Directors for the **OMWA** has made great strides to reinvigorate and revitalize the Association in its efforts to represent municipalities. We continue with our ongoing strategic partnerships with the Ontario Water Works Association (OWWA) and the Ontario Water Works Equipment Association (OWWEA), by coordinating activities in areas of mutual interest.

The **OMWA** is primarily focused on governance and administrative issues which directly affect its member Municipalities and their water systems, as well as working directly with the membership and the Province of Ontario in the long-term development of policies to the benefit of municipally owned water supply systems and their Municipal Councils as system owners. The **OMWA** has long been recognized by the Province of Ontario as being the political representative of our municipal members regarding the governance and administration of municipally owned water systems.

The role of Municipal Councils in the ownership and provision of drinking water in Ontario, as well as the municipalities as a whole, continue to change in Ontario and the role of the **OMWA** in representing the interests of municipalities in water system ownership is becoming increasingly more important. This is clearly evident with the evolution of the *Safe Drinking Water Act* and the Standard of Care provisions on not only Municipal Councils, but senior municipal executives and managers as well.

As part of the revitalization effort of the **OMWA**, I would like to encourage you and your Council to consider municipal membership in the Association. For a nominal annual membership fee, the membership benefits the municipal corporation as a whole and extends to all of its employees and elected Council members. Benefits to member municipalities and your staff include: Quarterly issue of Pipeline magazine; Reduced rate Career Opportunity postings; **OMWA** News Updates three times a week; Reduced rate Educational Days (CEU credits for certified operators); and, E-Blast of Career Opportunities in the industry just to name a few.

The Board of Directors of the **OMWA** is comprised of experienced and well-qualified elected officials and senior municipal management, bringing a wide cross-section of expertise and knowledge to the Association, and providing direction and leadership on various policies, legislation and regulatory issues related to the provision of safe, sustainable drinking water. For more details, please visit our website at [www.omwa.org](http://www.omwa.org)

In addition to considering membership in the **OMWA**, I would also like to encourage you, your Council, and municipal staff to become involved in the activities of the Association. Please feel free to contact our Executive Director, Ed Houghton at 1-705-443-7076 or [ehoughton@omwa.org](mailto:ehoughton@omwa.org), if you have any questions about becoming a member and would like to become more involved in the activities of the Association.

Yours truly,



**Andrew J. Henry, P.Eng.**

Division Manager, Regional Water Supply  
Lake Huron & Elgin Area Water Supply Systems  
**President, Ontario Municipal Water Association**

## 2015 Fee Schedule

Due Before April 1, 2015

POPULATION	2015 Fees	HST 13%	TOTAL
Under – 2,500	\$313.95	\$40.81	\$354.76
2,501 – 5,000	\$424.20	\$55.15	\$479.35
5,001 – 10,000	\$540.75	\$70.30	\$611.05
10,001 – 20,000	\$651.00	\$84.63	\$735.63
20,001 – 40,000	\$920.85	\$119.71	\$1,040.56
40,001 – 80,000	\$1,229.55	\$159.84	\$1,389.39
80,001 – 160,000	\$1,533.00	\$199.29	\$1,732.29
160,001 – 320,000	\$1,907.85	\$248.02	\$2,155.87
Over – 320,000	\$2,446.50	\$318.05	\$2,764.55

Where the Region is the wholesaler and retailer, the Regional fee is based on the total population of the Region.

Where the Region is the wholesaler and the individual Municipalities in the Region are retailers, the individual Municipalities pay fees based on their individual populations and the Region would pay 50% of the fee applicable to the total population

**Please Make Cheque Payable To:**

*Ontario Municipal Water Association*

**Send Cheque To:**

Mr. Ed Houghton  
 Executive Director  
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 2593 Tenth Concession  
 Collingwood, ON L9Y 3Y9



Ontario Municipal Water Association

The Voice of Municipal Water Supply

Ed Houghton, CET, Executive Director

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