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Dear Members of Regional Council,

Region staff would like to inform you of an opportunity to attend a short (1-hour) online webinar: [“Water 101 for Councillors & Senior Staffers”](#), hosted by the Ontario Municipal Water Association (OMWA) on May 28, 2021 at 11:00 am. This webinar has been customized for Councillors as the Owners of the municipal drinking water systems in Ontario in relation to their legal and ethical responsibilities.



The webinar host, City Councillor (City of Greater Sudbury) Deb McIntosh invites all Municipal Councillors and Municipal CAOs to join her and the Honourable Dennis O'Connor and Carl Kuhnke (Walkerton Clean Water Centre) to gain insights into important requirements of the drinking water legislation with focus on [“Standard of Care” clause of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002](#) that defines the responsibilities of elected leaders and all those with oversight of municipal water systems.

Region of Peel Council plays an important role in the provision of safe drinking water to Peel residents. Staff supports Council in meeting the legislated duties and responsibilities through regular updates and reports that provide Council with information to aid decision making with respect to the ongoing operation, repair and rehabilitation of our drinking water systems.

<https://omwa.org/friday-may-28-2021/>

## Webinar Host:

**Deb McIntosh**  
**OMWA Director, AMO Board Member**  
**City Councillor City of Greater Sudbury**

Deb McIntosh is in her second term on the City of Greater Sudbury City Council representing Ward 9. She also sits on the Board of Directors of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO: 2nd term) and the Ontario Municipal Water Association (OMWA: 1st term) Currently, for the City of Greater Sudbury she chairs the Operations and Audit Committees and vice-chairs the Finance Committee and is past chair of the Planning Committee. An accountant in her pre-council life she makes water quality (both lake/river water and drinking water), one of her main priorities since being elected to serve her community.

## Webinar Speakers:

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### ***The Honourable Dennis O'Connor***

The Honourable Justice Dennis O'Connor, formerly the Associate Chief Justice of Ontario and was appointed to oversee the inquiry into the Walkerton tragedy. The Honourable Dennis O'Connor, formerly the Associate Chief Justice of Ontario, is counsel in the Toronto Office of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP. He was appointed to the Court of Appeal for Ontario in 1998 and served as Associate Chief Justice from 2001 until he retired at the end of 2012. While on the bench Mr. O'Connor wrote numerous judgments dealing with a wide range of issues including public, criminal, commercial, insurance and securities law.

### ***Carl Kuhnke***

#### ***Walkerton Clean Water Centre, President & CEO***

Carl Kuhnke, was appointed the President & Chief Executive Officer of the Walkerton Clean Water Centre in 2017. Carl is the CEO of the Walkerton Clean Water Centre, the Ontario Government Agency that trains drinking water operators and develops technology solutions for drinking water issues in the province, including Ontario's 134 First Nations. After 20 years as a Canadian Ambassador in 5 different countries, and Ottawa, he left for the private sector and co-founded technology firms on the west coast. He returned to public service as the leader of Saskatchewan's Centre of Excellence for Infrastructure, and most recently returned to Ontario to lead the Walkerton Clean Water Centre.

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