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REPORT RECOMMENDATION:

That the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management recommend that Council receive the 2019 Management Review Report of the Drinking Water Quality Management System.

The Committee received a slide presentation overview of the report from Ms Tammy Rose, Director, Water Services, Public Works and Environmental Services Department (PWES) and Mr. Ian Douglas, Water Quality Engineer for the City of Ottawa, PWES. A copy of the presentation is held on file with the City Clerk.

The presentation spoke of the evolution of Drinking Water Quality Management, and covered various aspects of the City's management of its eight water systems. A copy of the presentation is held on file with the City Clerk.

Committee discussions and questions to staff touched upon, but were not necessarily limited to: the details addressed in the staff report and presentation; considerations of permanent barriers around potentially vulnerable infrastructure points (i.e., Lemieux Island); working with interdepartmental partners on vulnerability assessments; and lead pipe replacement and risks associated with lead piping. In response to a request from Councillor Brockington about an outreach to the owners of homes that might still have lead service piping, Mr.

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Douglas said he would send a copy of such communications to the Councillor to provide information for concerned constituents.

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Discussions also touched upon how COVID19 had affected the Department's workforce; contingencies that could be put into effect if the existing situation were to deteriorate, and; ongoing research modelling undertaken by a number of Universities, working with the City, to monitor the presence of COVID19 in wastewater as a way to forewarn of potential transmission impacts.

Members also asked about improvements planned for the Shadow Ridge well system; the availability of personal protection equipment (PPE); ensuring that supply chains can still be relied upon to maintain infrastructure and water quality, and; how best to help promote Ottawa's drinking water not only for its high quality, but as a way to reduce waste from single-use plastic bottles.

Discussions having concluded, the report recommendation was put before the Committee and was 'RECEIVED' and 'CARRIED', as presented.