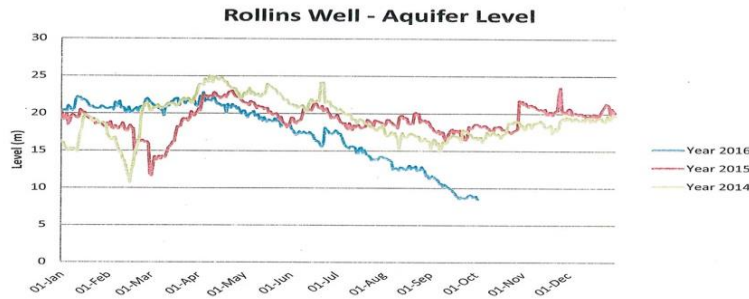




## ALERT – LOW WATER LEVELS CAUSE FOR CONCERN FOR MUNICIPAL WATER USERS



The prolonged low water level continues to have a negative impact on the source of water for the municipal drinking water system in Madoc and your support is required to ensure that a sufficient supply of water continues to be available over the coming winter season.

Council now feels it necessary to pass a by-law for **a complete water ban for non-essential uses** such as watering lawns and gardens; washing of cars, unless at a licensed car wash; until the municipal water supply aquifer returns to a normal level. Council is encouraging residents to conserve as much as possible and strive for 50% reduction on essential uses.

The Municipality will monitor the situation with Ontario Clean Water Agency. This action is required to reduce the non-essential use of water by the users of the system to protect the current low water levels of the municipal wells.

Any person who contravenes the provision of By-Law 2016-54 to be passed at the October 26, 2016 Council meeting is guilty of an offence and shall be charged a \$50.00 surcharge to be added to their water bill.

Members of Council appreciate your co-operation in this very important matter.

### [Tips for reducing Water Use](#)

The greatest water uses in an average home are:

- toilet (45%) • showers (30%) • laundry (20%) • drinking and cooking (5%)

#### [Saving Water in the Kitchen](#)

- Install a low-flow faucet aerator - this will reduce water flow by 25-50%
- Soak dishes in soapy water before washing by hand
- When washing dishes, use the least amount of detergent possible - this minimizes rinse water needed
- Fill a bowl with water to wash fruits and vegetables
- Wash only full dishwasher loads
- Load dishes into the dishwasher without rinsing
- Keep a pitcher of water in the fridge rather than running tap water until it is cool enough to drink
- Insulate pipes carrying hot water
- Do not use running water to thaw meat or other frozen foods - defrost food overnight in the refrigerator or by using the defrost setting on your microwave
- Use the right size pot for the job - an oversized pot means more water being heated and more energy being used to do it

#### [Saving Water in the Bathroom](#)

- Turn the tap water off while brushing your teeth, shaving or washing your face
- Install a low-flow shower head
- Use the minimum amount of water needed for a bath by closing the drain and only filling the tub one-third full
- Check the toilet for leaks: add blue food colouring to the tank and wait 15 minutes, if the bowl is blue, there is a leak
- Install low-flow toilets as they account for 45% of indoor water use
- If the toilet flush handle frequently sticks in the flush position, letting water run constantly, replace or adjust
- When waiting for the shower water to warm up, collect the cold water that precedes the hot in a large bucket then use this water for watering plants or other uses
- Don't flush things down the toilet to dispose of them - throw tissues and other bathroom waste in the garbage can