

APH Ontario Building Code (OBC) 2015 Annual Report

Algoma Public Health (APH) is Regulated under the Ontario Building Code Act section 1.7.1.1 General. Algoma Public Health is named the principal authority and is one of the northern Health Units responsible for the enforcement of the provisions of the Act and its Code related to sewage systems. The Code and Act can be found at: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/120332> . A provision under the Code is that each principal authority is required to present an annual report; this report will meet this requirement when posted on the Algoma Public Health website and released in the APH Board of Health Report.

APH inspects and approves all sewage systems in the district of Algoma that have calculated daily sewage flows under 10, 000l/day (residential applications). The program is self-funded from the issuance of Building permits and other user paid fees. The following tables highlight the financial statement/revenue for 2014 and 2015 and the current user fees.

Total Revenue for 2014 and 2015:

Revenue: Substantial completion, performance level reviews, Permits , consents, severances and file searches	Sault Ste. Marie	Blind River	Elliot Lake	Wawa	TOTAL
2014 Land Control Total	\$119,850	\$25,771	\$3,700	\$1,650	\$150,971
2015 Land Control Totals	\$146, 070	\$13,975	\$2,970	\$6,100	\$169, 115

Schedule "A" To By-Law 06-01	
As amended on February 18, 2015	
Class 1 - Privy (outhouse, composting toilet, etc.)	No fee
Class 2 – Grey water system (leaching pit)	\$250.00
Class 3 - Cesspool System	\$250.00
Class 4 - Leaching bed system (septic tank and leaching bed)	\$750.00
Class 4 - Tank replacement	\$300.00
Class 4 - Leaching bed replacement / alteration	\$500.00
Class 5 - Holding tank system	\$500.00
Sewage system demolition / decommissioning	\$100.00
Transfer of Permit	\$50.00
Revision of Permit (no inspection required)	\$100.00
Revision of Permit (inspection required)	\$250.00

Staffing for 2015

OBC certified Public Health Inspectors (PHIs) in the program work throughout the district of Algoma. We have a PHI in Elliot Lake working for the east district and a PHI in the Sault Ste. Marie office that also covers the Algoma North (Wawa) area. Additional PHIs are used for back up in the program and during the busy season. Most of the applications are within the Sault Ste. Marie area as indicated above in the revenue. In addition each district office has clerical support; both the District Manager and Environmental Health Manager also spend some time in this program.

Program Expenses

Algoma Public Health purchased a new truck for use in the land control program; the remote construction sites, distance on rural roads and the equipment that must be carried for this program provide the need to have a dedicated vehicle. The total cost for the truck was \$33,704.87

New in 2015 was the initiating of annual fees to support the designation of the Public Health Inspectors (PHIs) in the program. APH and other designated authorities are now required to pay over \$100 per registered PHI to maintain their registration annually. All PHIs with the designation are required to register to ensure we have coverage across the district for this program. See table below:

Number of Certified Building Inspectors at Algoma Public Health	Cost
8	\$107
Total	\$ 856

Highlights:

- 1) In addition to enforcing the OBC for Part VIII APH is also working to comply with local by-laws and regional set back requirements. More municipalities in the Algoma district are implementing additional set back requirements around waterways and lakes. We are attempting to comply with known by-laws and mapping them across the district, however it is the municipality's responsibility to enforce their own by-law.
- 2) In 2015 we met with local representatives from companies that own townships and have tenant occupants. In consultation with the owners of townships and due to the difficulty managing the township applications in unincorporated areas we made changes to our internal forms requiring both the owner and tenant to sign before we will process.
- 3) To be certified to work under the OBC PHIs must pass two exams, one is the technical exam and the second is legal components and this requires attending a training session followed by the exam. For efficiency of time and cost APH arranged training and certification of our uncertified PHIs that was completed locally May, 2016. Our agency is committed to ongoing and continued training.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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