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POLICY ON WATER-TAKING IN WILMOT TOWNSHIP

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To The Year 1984

1. That the Region of Waterloo goes on record by stating that its goal for water supply is to maximize the use of the river-connected aquifers, and does NOT include pumping additional natural underground water from Wilmot Township.
2. The Region of Waterloo will, therefore, accelerate its development of these river aquifers to their ultimate potential to provide a water supply from this source which will, on an annual basis, exceed the water supply demand of the increasing population.
3. The Region is not considering any new recovery wells in Wilmot during the period covered by this policy statement, with the exception of the test recovery wells at the Brighton site.
4. It is the intention of the Region that by operating the Regional water supply system to obtain the maximum in available volume of water from the river-connected aquifers, and from the urban well fields, the pumping volume for the year 1978 from Wilmot Township shall not be exceeded; and that the annual withdrawal requirement from the Mannheim, Wilmot Centre and St. Agatha aquifers will be reduced.
5. That every effort will be made to keep the maximum monthly volume from Wilmot below the 1978 monthly maximum.
6. In 1983-84, a decision regarding the development of additional water supplies will be made, based upon the following information which will then be available:
  - (a) The viability of the Artificial Recharge System
  - (b) The Grand River Implementation Committee Report
  - (c) Decision regarding West Montrose Dam
  - (d) Actual population growth
  - (e) Effect of resting experiments on Mannheim Aquifer
  - (f) Effect of peaking control regulations and conservation programs
  - (g) Results of Cambridge Groundwater Study
  - (h) Ministry of the Environment Policy with regard to water-taking from the Grand River
  - (i) Latest information on pipeline possibilities.

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7. Any decisions based on the Study of the Artificial Recharge System and/or the effect of resting experiments on the Mannheim Aquifer, will only be made by Regional Council after full and open discussion with the Council of the Township of Wilmot.
8. Regular monthly pumping volume reports for the wells at Mannheim, Wilmot Centre, and St. Agatha will be provided to Wilmot Council by Regional staff, including a comparison of monthly and year-to-date figures back to 1978.

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