

Mandatory Septic Inspections

2014-2015

Why was your septic system inspected?

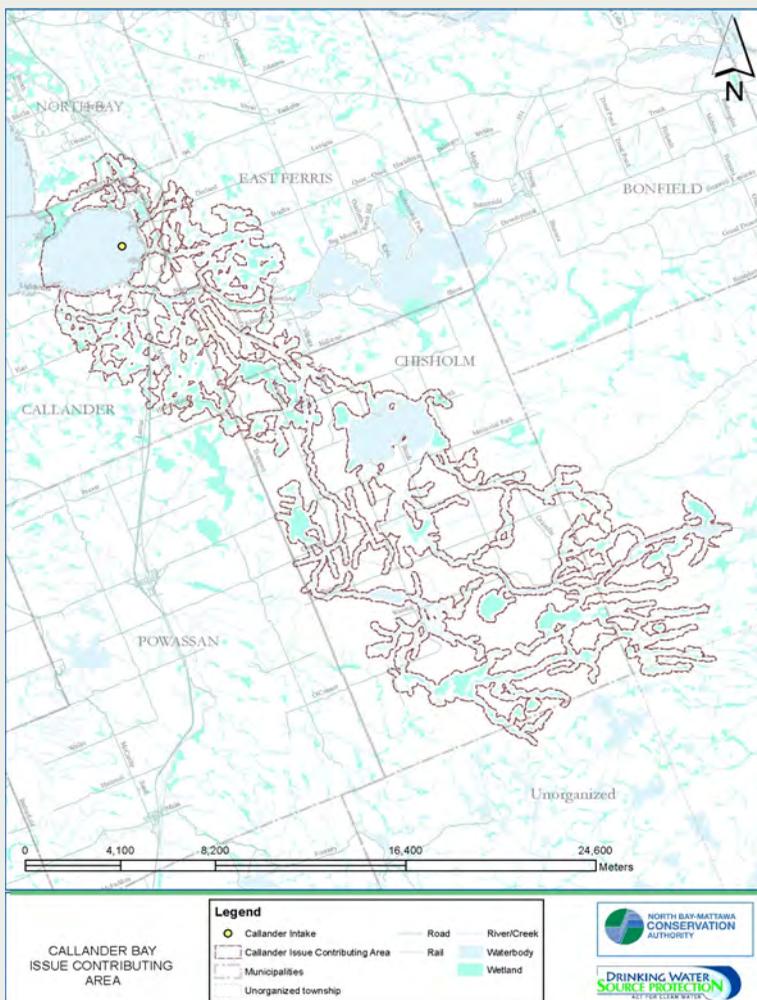
In January 2011, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing revised the Ontario Building Code (OBC), creating “mandatory maintenance inspections” for all septic systems in Ontario identified as a “significant threat” to drinking water sources. This covers more than 8,000 septic systems throughout Ontario, including approximately 600 in the Callander/Wasi subwatershed.

The Drinking Water Source Protection Program identified phosphorus as a contributing factor to the issue of microcystin (produced by blue green algae). Faulty septic systems could contribute phosphorus to the subwatershed and thus contribute to the growth of blue green algae.

The affected properties are those within the “Issue Contributing Area” - defined as within 120 metres of a watercourse that flows into Callander Bay (see map).

OBC requires all septic systems in this area to be inspected every five years and has appointed NBMCA to conduct these mandatory inspections in this region.

The DWSP Program protects municipal drinking water sources from contamination before the water ever reaches a water treatment system or tap.



For more information about the Drinking Water Source Protection (DWSP) Program and the North Bay-Mattawa Source Protection Plan, visit www.actforcleanwater.ca

Your invoice

Your septic system is located within an area subject to the OBC's Mandatory Maintenance Inspection Program and the Drinking Water Source Protection Plan. The enclosed invoice covers the cost of conducting a recent inspection of your septic system.

The fee for Mandatory Maintenance Inspection was approved by the NBMCA Board of Directors to cover expenses incurred in order to conduct the inspection.

The invoice must be paid within 45 days of the date of the invoice. Invoices not paid after 90 days will be charged a \$50 late fee and will then be sent to the Municipality for collection. Consult with your local municipality regarding payment of the outstanding invoice and late fee after 90 days.

Mandatory maintenance inspections will help identify any faulty septic systems that may contribute phosphorus to the municipal drinking water source.

If you think your septic system is located outside the area identified on the map, please contact the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority. We have detailed mapping which will identify what areas of your property are subject to the Source Protection Plan and the Mandatory Maintenance Inspection Program.