

# WATER USER NEWSLETTER

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## Hydrogeological Assessment

As part of the Township's 2026 Capital Budget focused on improving the drinking water system in the hamlet of Baltimore, the Township will be completing a hydrogeological study. This study examines how groundwater moves underground, as well as quality, quantity, and overall availability in the area. It helps determine where groundwater can be reliably accessed and supported over the long term.

The goal of the assessment is to identify the most suitable location for a new well to support the existing system, which would help strengthen the existing water supply, improve system reliability, and provide additional capacity to support future growth.

## Register to Vote!

All residents of the Township of Hamilton must be on the **Register of Voters** to cast a ballot during the 2026 municipal election.



Visit **RegisterToVoteON.ca** for information on eligibility, registration, and how to confirm, update, or add yourself to the Register.



## 2026 Water User Fees

In February 2026, Council approved a 5% increase to water user fees effective January 1, 2026. This follows extensive review and public engagement and will help fund essential maintenance and improvements to support reliable service and the long-term sustainability of our water supply. For details, visit [hamiltontownship.ca/fees-and-charges](http://hamiltontownship.ca/fees-and-charges).

## Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) Replacement Project

The existing control systems (PLCs) have reached the end of their lifespan and are no longer supported by the manufacturer. After several years of planning, design, and building new control panels off-site, the replacement project will be completed in 2026.

PLCs are the systems that automatically control how the water system operates, including pumps, valves, water quality monitoring, and pressure levels. They allow the system to run safely and efficiently, even when staff are not on site. Installing three new PLCs will help ensure reliable operation and continued delivery of safe, high-quality drinking water for years to come.

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## Water Conservation

As warmer months approach, conserving water indoors and outdoors is essential. Here are some simple ways to make a big difference:

- Fix leaks to prevent water waste.
- Use water-efficient appliances and fixtures and run full loads in dishwashers and washing machines.
- Water outdoor plants early morning or late evening to reduce evaporation, especially when using a sprinkler.
- Install a rain barrel for watering plants or cleaning.

Every small effort, from turning off the tap while brushing your teeth to adjusting garden watering, helps reduce the strain on our water supply.



## GRCA Rain Barrel Sale 2026

Rain barrels are a simple way to conserve water by collecting rain for outdoor use, helping reduce demand on the municipal water system.

Residents can take part in the 2026 Rain Barrel Sale through the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority, offering discounted rain barrels available to order online until June 1, 2026. Order yours by visiting [rainbarrel.ca/grca](https://rainbarrel.ca/grca).

## Water Supply Master Plan

The Township of Hamilton is completing a Class EA Master Plan process to guide future upgrades to water supply, treatment, storage, and distribution systems. The plan considers current conditions and future needs over the next 20 years for the Baltimore/Creighton Heights, Camborne, and Butterfield systems.

The study began in March 2024 and included two public consultation sessions. As of January 5, 2026, the Notice of Water Supply Master Plan and Phase 2 Final Report prepared by J.L. Richards & Associates Limited are available for public review.

The Water Supply Master Plan will be presented to Council on April 21, 2026.