

November 23, 2009

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Dear Ms. Teed:

RE: Part VIII of the Ontario Building Code 350/07 – Septic System Inspection Programme

Thank you very much for your letter of 10 November 2009, concerning the Septic System Inspection Programme under the Building Code Act that is currently provided by KFL&A Public Health.

At this point, our agency is conducting a review to ascertain whether it continues to make sense for us to be involved with this programme. This review has been undertaken because, with the codification of Part VIII of the Building Code Act, namely septic systems, the expertise of a Public Health Inspector may no longer be needed. In most areas of Ontario trained building inspectors provide this programme. In fact, KFL&A Public Health is one of the few local public health agencies that is still involved in this programme across the province.

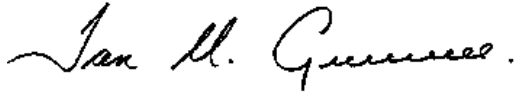
I also want to let you know that we have not made a decision, nor has the Board of Health considered this change. We are conducting at this time an analysis of the programme for efficiency and the appropriateness of this agency to carry out the programme. We are soliciting advice from the local municipalities and are grateful for the advice that your association has provided. All of these opinions will go into the analysis that we are conducting. Let me assure you as well that one important consideration will be that we are satisfied that this programme will be conducted in the best possible way, regardless of who provides the service.

I do appreciate your writing and the comments that you have provided. I have asked Mr. Gardner, our Manager of Environmental Health, to ensure that they are part of the consideration in the analysis that is being done.

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Thank you very much for your comments.

Yours truly,



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