Feb. 9th, 2026.

To Mayor Pellegrini and Members of Council,

RE: 8.4 2025 Drinking Water Annual Summary Report

I urge you to look more deeply into these water reports and not just accept them at face value, saying all is well with water in the Township. All is definitely not well with Nobleton's water and has not been well for years. We in Nobleton have been complaining for years and getting the brush off with reports like this.

I urge you to write to York Region to request that all three of Nobleton's wells have iron and manganese removal sooner than 2028. We in Nobleton have suffered long enough. I was surprised to learn in this report (page 7) that Schomberg already has iron and manganese removal, but we just have iron sequestering which keeps it dissolved in the water but does not remove it.

The accepted Canadian aesthetic level for iron is 0.3 mg/L. We have been exceeding that level for years and the level seems to be increasing. The reading in 2025 (second quarter) was 0.787 mg/L This is more than twice the accepted level.

How would you like to offer people a drink of Nobleton's water when it comes out brown? My kettle constantly gets iron sediment in the bottom and needs to have vinegar to get it working again.

Nancy Hopkinson

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On King Township's 2025 Summary Report, page 7,

The Schomberg Distribution System is supplied by groundwater wells owned and operated by York Region. Treatment includes chlorine disinfection and iron and manganese removal, and the system is supported by an elevated storage tank. York Region also provides secondary disinfection. The Township and York Region are actively monitoring nitrification within this system; further details are provided in the Schomberg Nitrification Monitoring Program section of this report.

The Nobleton Distribution System also receives its drinking water from groundwater wells operated by York Region. Treatment consists of chlorine disinfection and iron sequestering processes, and the system includes an elevated storage tank. Secondary disinfection is provided by York Region. Finally, the Ansnorveldt Distribution System York Region's Report on Nobleton's Water Re Iron Levels

I wrote to Councillor David Boyd back in March 2024,

Hi David,

This report shows Nobleton having drinking water of iron of 0.765 mg/L, but the acceptable Canadian level of iron is max of 0.3 mg/L. We need York Region to reduce our iron level. It is the highest in York Region. Mt. Albert is the next closest at 0.443 mg/L.

No wonder residents are upset with our water.

The iron level never gets mentioned in York Region's reports for the Township. Why not? They obviously test for iron. When you Google Nobleton drinking water iron level, you can find the results. We are more than double the acceptable level for iron.

https://www.york.ca/environment/water-and-wastewater/drinking-water-quality-and-monitoring

From: DAVE BOYD <d.boyd@rogers.com>
Date: March 25, 2024 at 11:11:29 AM EDT
To: Nancy Hopkinson <[redacted]
Subject: Re: Drinking Water Quality and Monitoring | York Region

Hello Nancy,

Thanks for sharing this information. The Township has been working with York Region, insisting on increased measures to better manage the iron content in our water.
I have asked Staff to prepare an update, that will be available shortly.

David

On Feb 11, 2025, at 10:05 AM, Kyle Snell [redacted] wrote:

All three well sites that supply the community of Nobleton currently utilize sodium silicate to sequester or keep iron in solution with limited effectiveness. The planned upgrades will remove sequestration or sodium silicate from two of the three well sites and replace it with natural green sand filters. The Regions planned operational strategy once the upgrades are complete is to use the two well sites with iron removal to meet the day-to-day requirements of the Nobleton system. The well site that will continue to use sequestration will only be brought online on as needed basis to meet demand, provide system redundancy and ensure the well site remains functional. There are design considerations in the planned upgrades to allow the remaining well site using sodium silicate to be brought online in future if the water yield or amount of water produced from the well remains stable or viable.

The current completion timelines for the project are Q3 – 2027 for one of the three well systems and Q1 – 2028 for the additional well site that will be brought into the removal works as part of the current project. The timeline was recently revised due to unexpectedly long lead times in obtaining major pieces of equipment necessary to upgrade the works.

Kyle Snell

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2025 Drinking Water Iron Levels (Q2)

Data for the second quarter (Q2) of 2025 indicates the following average iron levels in milligrams per litre (mg/L) across various systems:

- **Nobleton:** 0.787 mg/L (Highest reported in the Q2 sample)
- **Holland Landing:** 0.460 mg/L
- **Queensville:** 0.450 mg/L
- **Stouffville:** 0.358 mg/L
- **Ballantrae:** 0.341 mg/L
- **Ansnorveldt:** 0.243 mg/L
- **Mount Albert:** 0.228 mg/L
- **Schomberg:** 0.194 mg/L
- **Newmarket:** 0.164 mg/L
- **Aurora:** 0.043 mg/L
- **Vaughan (York Water System):** 0.011 mg/L
- **Kleinburg:** 0.005 mg/L
- **Richmond Hill (York Water System):** 0.005 mg/L
- **Georgina/Keswick/King City:** 0.003 mg/L

Key Findings and Updates

- **Nobleton Water Treatment Project:** In response to concerns regarding iron levels in Nobleton, a new water treatment plant project is underway in partnership with York Region.

This project aims to reduce iron and manganese content and improve water aesthetics, with construction beginning in late 2025 and completion expected by 2027.

- **Health and Safety:** The Medical Officer of Health for York Region has indicated that there is no evidence that the concentrations of iron currently present in the drinking water constitute a hazard to human health; it is considered an aesthetic issue (taste, odor, appearance).