

Chippewas of Rama First Nation

**Presentation to:
South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region
Source Protection Committee**

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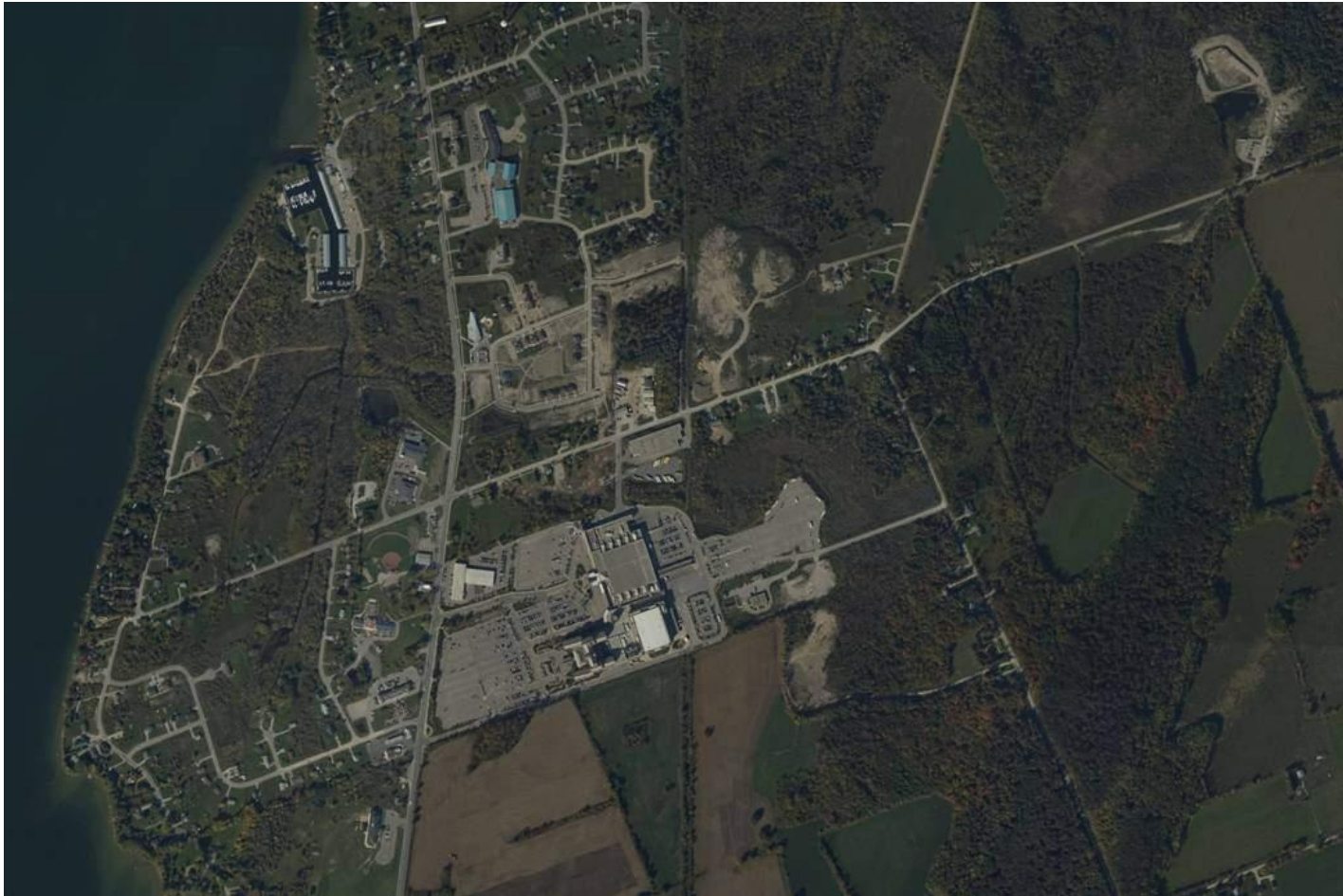


Agenda

- An Introduction to Rama First Nation
Dan Shilling, First Nation Manager
- Chippewas of Rama: Our people, Culture and Traditions
John Snake, Culture Coordinator
- Infrastructure & Operations, Threats & Enforcement
Fred Jahn, P.Eng., Director of Facilities & Operations



A Sustainable Community....





....For a Sustainable Earth





An Introduction to Rama First Nation

Dan Shilling, First Nation Manager

- Chief & Council
- Rama First Nation Administration
- Federal Government: Indian & Northern Affairs Canada
- RFN By Laws and governance
- Our successes and challenges
- Goals and visions of Rama First Nation
- Casino Rama: our partner
- Possible Future development in Rama
- Relationships with our neighbors
- Being part of Source Water Protection Planning



Government Building





Police/ Ambulance





Firehall





Kendaaswin School (MKES)





Health Center





Early Childhood Education Center





MASK Arena





Seniors Complex





Casino Rama





Culture & Traditions

John Snake, Culture Coordinator

- Our historical role relating to the water
- Teachings of the environment and traditional knowledge
- Our cultural heritage
- Education and language
- Passing our culture to next generations



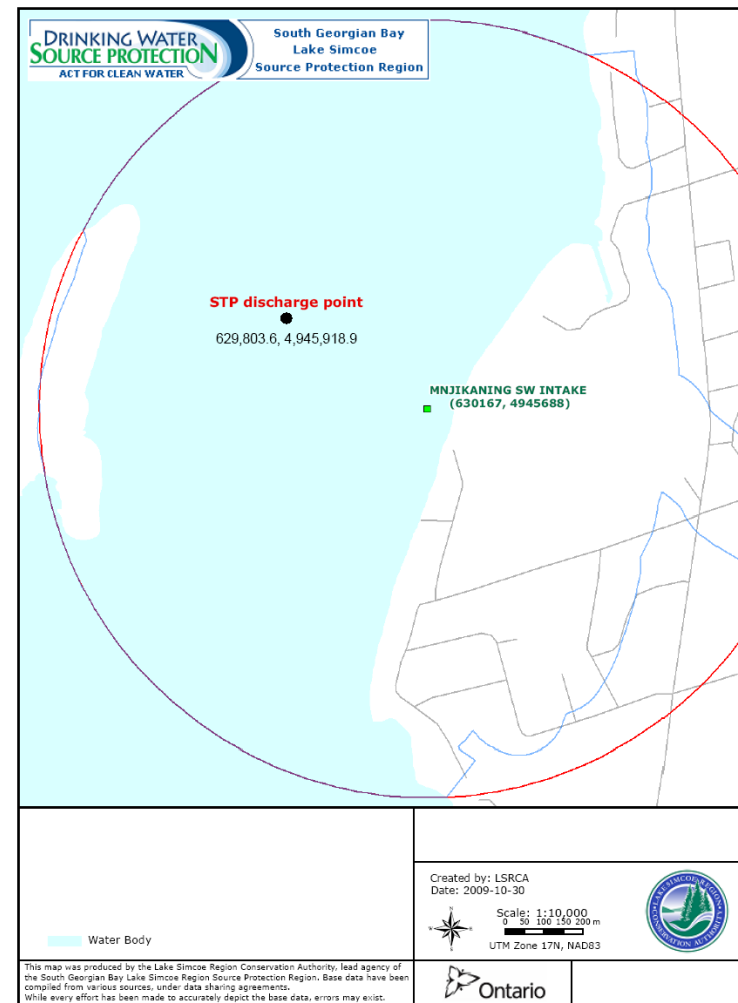
Water/Waste Water Treatment Operations

- Licensed Operators: Class 2 MOE
- Manager & Lead Operators: Water & Waste Water
- 6 Licensed Operators cross trained in water and waste water
- Independent Inspections to MOE standards and best practices
- Engineering Consultants: process or equipment changes
- Chief & Council have overall responsibility for safe drinking water
- Health Canada : Advisory role in water treatment standards
- Environment Canada: Regulations for waste water discharge
- RFN typically adopts the highest standards
- Voluntarily reports any upsets to the MOE
- Sewer Use By Law in development
- Emergency Management Procedures in development



Rama Inlet Protection Zone

- IPZ study: high vulnerability
- Location of STP discharge
- Marina: potential fuel spills
- Storm water management (spills, salt etc.)
- Pathways: Transportation incidents
- Septic systems
- Lake currents change direction
- Emergency measures to isolate intake
- Possible future development (Rama & Ramara Township)





Enforcement: Possible Scenarios

- Chief & Council By Laws: may enact By Laws for enforcement of source water protection On Reserve
- Federal jurisdiction (Health Canada, Environment Canada)
- Indian & Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)
- RFN enforcement to addressing possible drinking water threats originating from our Reserve lands
- First Nation cooperation with Federal and Provincial and Municipal authorities
- Seeking enforcement of threats to First Nation source water



Summary

- Rama First Nation: a proud and progressive First Nation
- Commitment to protecting our Source Water
- Voluntarily seeking assistance from SPC and LSCRA
- Designation of RFN drinking water system under Source Protection Plan
- Inclusion of RFN Reserve Lands in examining threats
- MOE funding for First Nations just announced
- Pleased to be a Member of the Source Water Committee
- Let's work together

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