

COMMUNITY FOR CLEAN WATER

PRINCE RUPERT NEEDS CLEAN WATER FOR EVERYONE

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With Clean Water Back on Tap for Everyone, Time to Rebuild Trust in City Hall and Public Water

(PRINCE RUPERT, BC) Community for Clean Water - a grassroots organization of residents who are committed to securing accessible clean water for everyone - celebrated today's news that Northern Health has lifted the Boil Water Notice for Prince Rupert's municipal water system.

"Northern Health's lifting of the weeks long Boil Water Notice means that clean water should soon be back on tap for everyone in Prince Rupert, especially once the Boil Water Advisory is also lifted" said Tom Kertes, volunteer organizer of the community group. "Now it's time for City Hall to decide how to stop this from happening again. We can't allow boil water notices and advisories to turn into a recurring nightmare for our community, especially not when we're looking at years of water system infrastructure rebuilds."

Even though Northern Health's boil water notice is lifted, Kertes says that the community organization's work is just beginning. ***"Public infrastructure is about good governance and strong community, not just pipes, roads, and dams. The work of rebuilding trust in this city's public infrastructure is now more important than ever."***

The group's next step will be to reach out to existing community organizations and all levels of government, including First Nations governments, to find how it can best support fair and effective development of public infrastructure that works for everyone. Community for Clean Water calls on the city government to conduct a review, develop an emergency plan, rebuild trust, and strengthen civic engagement.

Community for Clean Water still plans to present a Clean Water Preparedness Plan to the Mayor and Council at the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for 7 PM on January 28, 2019. To learn about the plan visit <http://CommunityForCleanWater.ca>.

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