

COMMUNITY FOR CLEAN WATER

PRINCE RUPERT NEEDS CLEAN WATER FOR EVERYONE

January 19, 2019

Mayor and Council, City of Prince Rupert
City Hall Corporate Administration
424 – 3rd Avenue West
Prince Rupert, B.C. V8J 1L7

Dear Mayor and Council:

Community for Clean Water would like to work with City Hall to help solve the problems faced by many residents during the boil water notice and throughout the rebuilding of the city's public water system. Access to clean drinking water is a human right and city government should therefore ensure that clean drinking water is provided for those who cannot afford to buy water, or who do not have the means to boil water, while the boil water notice remains in effect.

Community for Clean Water requests an opportunity to address City Council at its January 28, 2019 meeting - in order to express why we believe that the City of Prince Rupert should prioritize the provision of accessible and clean drinking water for everyone, and especially for its most vulnerable residents. Elders, infants, people with compromised immune systems, people without adequate housing, and persons with disabilities or medical needs should have access to clean water, even when a boil water notice or advisory is in place.

Specifically, we would like to propose a ***Clean Water Preparedness Plan***, which would include a series of concrete and achievable steps for supporting community engagement to solve these problems together. Such a plan would harness the creativity, unity, and civic spirit that is already so strongly rooted throughout our city - and its connecting villages and neighbouring communities - in order to address the need for everyone to have access to clean drinking water.

Tom Kertes, volunteer organizer of Community for Clean Water, would speak on behalf of this issue. Community for Clean Water is a grassroots organization of Prince Rupert residents who value clean water for everyone, because we recognize that accessible drinking water is a human right. You may reach Tom at communityforcleanwater@gmail.com or by calling 778-884-5343.

Sincerely,

Tom Kertes