

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## City of Nanaimo Residents Urged to Conserve Water

Water Treatment Plant is unable to Sustain Production

## **Summary**

The windstorm and power outages have affected the City of Nanaimo's Water Treatment Plant ability to deliver water to the system. As a result, residents and businesses should not use water until further notice.

Update: City pools and arenas are closed until further notice. The pools are unable to meet health and safety regulations people are required to shower prior to entering the pool. In addition, due restrictions, bathrooms are not available at the facilities. The arenas are unable to clean the ice.

The City will update the public as information becomes available. Thank you for your cooperation.

Strategic Link: n/a

## **Key Points**

- City of Nanaimo Water Treatment Plan functionality affected by power outages.
- Residents are advised to NOT USE WATER until further notice. (Note, the water is SAFE TO DRINK.)
- Water must be preserved for fire fighting purposes.

#### **Quotes**

"The City and BC Hydro are working to get the water treatment plant up and running. Residents and businesses should refrain from using any water until we have it fully operational. The system is not running out of water, but it is important to conserve it for life safety measures such as for fire fighting."

Bill Sims Director, Engineering and Public Works City of Nanaimo

#### **Quick Facts**

 The water treatment plant is being serviced by a generator however, functionality within the plant has been affected.

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