

NEWS RELEASE

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Drinking water restrictions continue for City of Nanaimo

Summary

As of 4:30 p.m. on December 21, 2018, City crews continue to work to resolve mechanical issues in the water treatment plant. Some water is able to flow through the plant, but residents and businesses are urged to continue to curtail water use. There is no estimated time of restoration of the water treatment plant system at this time.

Some ways to reduce water consumption is to avoid laundry, showers, bathing, washing cars, running dishwashers and other non-essential uses.

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. The arenas are unable to clean the ice.

The City will update as information becomes available. Please check www.nanaimo.ca and follow "CityofNanaimo" on Facebook and Twitter for the latest updates.

Strategic Link: n/a

Key Points

- Water is safe to drink.
- Residents and business are asked to curtail water use to preserve supply for fire protection.
- There is no estimated time of restoration.
- Follow the City's social media channels and check www.nanaimo.ca for updates.

Quotes

"Thanks to the community's conservation efforts, we are able to maintain the City's water supply at its current level. We don't anticipate full operation of the water treatment plant this evening. Please monitor the City's website and social media channels for updates."

Bill Sims
Director, Engineering and Public Works
City of Nanaimo

Quick Facts

- At 4:00 a.m. on December 21, 2018, generators in the City of Nanaimo's water treatment plant suffered a breakdown. Plant operators were able to restore generator power however, a number of critical faults within the plant have been interrupting production.
- The City's Emergency Operations Centre has been activated and staff have prepared contingency plans in the event that the treatment plant does not return to full operating capacity soon.

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