

	WATER QUALITY NOTIFICATION POLICY	
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Policy Statement:

It is the policy of Council to notify users served by the Salmo domestic water system of any water quality problems as soon as the Village becomes aware of a problem or potential problem.

Policy Background:

The Village of Salmo traditionally relied on the provincial Public Health Officer to notify water users of any health problems related to the Salmo water system. With the adoption of the *Drinking Water Protection Act* the Village of Salmo has been assigned the responsibility to test the water and to notify water users of any water related health risks.

Policy Goal:

It is the goal of this policy to maintain a procedure of efficient and effective notification of users of the Salmo water system in the event of a proven or suspected Civic health risk associated with the Salmo water supply and distribution system.

Policy Objectives:

For the purpose of maintaining public awareness of the water safety notification protocol, to distribute a copy of this policy, including schedules, annually to each household and business served by the Salmo water system.

To issue a “Water Quality Advisory” (schedule ‘A’) when any on of the following conditions apply:

1. A leak in a municipal water main line is suspected, but not yet located.

Protocol: posting the notice on the Village and Post Office bulletin boards, and publishing a copy of the notice in the Pennywise newspaper. A leak in a municipal water main line is located.

Protocol: posting the notice on the Village and Post Office bulletin board, and distributing a copy of the notice to residences and businesses served by that water main line.

2. Two or more consecutive samples are reported or with total coliform exceeding 10 per 100 ml or reported as overgrowth.

Protocol: posting the notice on the Village and Post Office bulletin board, publishing a copy of the notice in the Pennywise newspaper, and delivering a notice to local hotels, motels, restaurants, and service stations.

3. To issue a “Boil Water Notice” (schedule ‘B’) when any of the following conditions apply:
An act of nature, e.g., a flood, in the immediate vicinity of one or more of the Village’s wells.

Protocol: posting the notice on the Village and Post Office bulletin board.
A water sample indicating the presence of E. Coli.

Protocol: posting the notice on the Village and Post Office bulletin board, publishing a copy of the notice in the Pennywise newspaper, announcing the notice on a weekly basis on CBC Radio, KBS Radio, and CFAD Community Radio and delivering a notice to local hotels, motels, restaurants, and service stations while the condition prevails.

4. To issue a “Do Not Use Water Notice” (schedule ‘C’) when any on of the following conditions apply:
Possible contamination of an unknown substance due to vandalism, or spill of a hazardous substance, e.g., liquid fuel, chemicals, etc., in the immediate vicinity of one or more of the Village’s wells.

Protocol: notification of Regional Emergency Coordinator, posting the notice on the Village and Post Office bulletin board, publishing a copy of the notice in the Pennywise newspaper, announcing the notice on a daily basis on CBC Radio, KBS Radio, and CFAD Community Radio and delivering a notice to local hotels, motels, restaurants, and service stations while the condition prevails.

Evidence of both unauthorized entry and suspected interference with a critical component of the water system infrastructure, e.g., a well or water storage tank.

Protocol: notification of the RCMP and the Regional Emergency Coordinator, posting the notice on the Village and Post Office bulletin board, publishing a copy of the notice in the Pennywise newspaper, announcing the notice on a daily basis on CBC Radio, KBS Radio, and CFAD Community Radio and delivering a notice to local hotels, motels, restaurants, and service stations while the condition prevails.

Notwithstanding the notification protocols for Water Quality, Boil Water, and Do Not Use Water Notices, copies of all notices issued pursuant to this policy shall be forwarded to the Public Health Officer, the Medical Health Officer, the Mayor and all Councillors.

At any time, and under any condition, if a notice or notification protocol other than the one prescribed in this policy is recommended or directed by the Public Health Officer or the Medical Health Officer, such recommendation or direction shall take precedence over this policy.

When a condition requiring a Notice pursuant to this policy no longer applies, a request to publish a "Water Condition Normal Notice" (schedule 'D') shall be submitted to the Public Health Officer.

When approved by the Public Health Officer, a "Water Condition Normal Notice" shall be issued following the protocol applicable to the Notice to be withdrawn.

The Civic Works Foreman shall be responsible for the administration of this policy.

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