

Band Council Resolution (BCR)

We realize that to produce safe and potable drinking water, which Canada's First Nations deserve according to Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, many upgrades to plants and new plants need to be built. To do this, however, we understand that we need the right tools.

The tools we have now simply cannot be optimized to meet the current Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality. It is similar to us having a tea strainer when, at a minimum, we require coffee filters. It is simply not possible for our water treatment plant operators to produce good quality water with these tools. Conventional treatment works for cities with abundant resources and high quality raw water. First Nations communities have few resources and often have to use source water that can be of more than 10 times poorer quality.

A new tool has been developed in First Nations communities which can turn even the poorest quality raw water into the highest quality drinking water. The drinking water that is produced using this process meets all global guidelines, standards, and regulations. In addition, this process is addressing future concerns in treated water. Only low levels of chlorine, 0.30 mg/L, need to be added to the treated water. At this low level it is not possible to either smell or taste the chlorine, yet it still meets Health Canada guidelines (0.20 mg/L) and even includes a safety factor. This process is called the Integrated Biological and Reverse Osmosis Membrane (IBROM) treatment process. The produced water also tastes great, which is exactly what Prime Minister Trudeau expressed that he wanted for First Nations communities when he talked about potable water.

Therefore, whereas Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has not provided water treatment plant operators in our community with the ability to produce safe and potable drinking water, and

Whereas the federal government still has a "mandate" to correct the above.

Be it, therefore, resolved that:

_____ will not be held liable for the quality of our

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drinking water until we can produce truly safe and potable drinking water for our community. Until such time as we have the tools to produce sufficient safe and potable drinking water we move responsibility and liability for our tap water back to INAC.

The IBROM produces water which is 10 to 100 times better than what conventional treatment can produce. The IBROM was developed with sound science and engineering on Saskatchewan and Alberta water sources. Once our community has the tools it needs in order to produce sufficient IBROM-quality tap water for all of the members of our community on an ongoing basis, we will be happy to again assume responsibility for the safety of our distributed drinking water.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED by

_____ in the presence of:
(Name of First Nations community representative)

Witness Signature: _____

Name

1st Line of Address

2nd Line of Address

(First Nations community representative's signature)

Date Signed