



COMMUNITY NOTICE

Update on Fort Chipewyan Water Treatment Plant – May 12 | 2023.

The Intake has been closed since April 20, 2023, and no raw water has been diverted from Lake Athabasca. Raw water is currently being supplied to the water treatment plant through storage Ponds 2 and 3, while storage Pond 1 remains isolated from the others.

Although we have enough water for several more weeks, it has been decided to begin transferring raw water from Pond 1 to Ponds 2 and 3 starting today (May 12, 2023). This earlier transfer allows for ample time to address any potential issues that may arise.

The overland pumping operation will continue until the storage level in Ponds 2 and 3 reaches optimal operational levels. We anticipate achieving this target by Monday, May 15, 2023. Once the target level is reached, transferring to Ponds 2 and 3 will stop and continue to be isolated, while we commence filling storage Pond 1 with raw water from Lake Athabasca using the lake intake, also scheduled to begin on May 15, 2023. The diversion process is expected to take around five days, concluding by May 19, 2023.

Subsequently, Pond 1 will be sampled according to the parameters outlined in our freshet monitoring and operation plan. We will refrain from transferring water from Pond 1 to Ponds 2 and 3 until we have received the final results from the samples taken after Pond 1 has been filled.

Information and test results will continue to be shared with the community, as increased monitoring and testing is ongoing. Visit www.rmwb.ca/water for the latest information on the Fort Chipewyan Water Treatment Plant

