



Fort Chipewyan Water Treatment Plant Update

(Fort Chipewyan, AB – July 17, 2026) – Operators at the Fort Chipewyan Water Treatment Plant have completed additional water testing and continue to optimize the treatment process after reports of discoloured water were received from residents earlier this week.

Tap water can continue to be used normally as comprehensive water testing indicated all results are within the health parameters in the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality from Health Canada.

Test results show the levels of naturally occurring metals such as manganese, aluminum and iron are higher than average at this time of year but are well below the health parameter. Manganese, which is a naturally occurring element found in rocks and soil, is slightly above the aesthetic parameter. Elevated levels of these metals are caused by high sediment levels in Lake Athabasca, which are increased by spring runoff and the large amounts of precipitation in areas of Alberta.

If you are experiencing discoloured tap water, please run your cold taps for 10-15 mins. If the water doesn't clear and you have questions or need assistance, please call Fort Chipewyan Municipal Contact Office or Pulse at 780-743-7000, toll free at 1-800-973-9663 or at rmwb.ca/pulse.

The additional enhanced testing is continuing at the Fort Chipewyan Water Treatment Plant, with test results shared with the Nations and available at rmwb.ca/waterupdate.

