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Fort Chipewyan Water Treatment Plant Update – June 1

Water Conservation Advisory remains in effect. Water quality is not affected.

(Fort McMurray, AB – June 1, 2026) – The Water Conservation Advisory continues to be in effect for all users of the municipal Fort Chipewyan Water Treatment Plant.

Water quality has not been affected – the municipal water treatment plant continues to produce potable water that meets the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality. There is no Boil Water Advisory in effect and tap water can continue to be used for essential needs.

Why the Water Conservation Advisory remains in place

- There is an increase of fine particles and organic material in the raw water, which is creating challenges with the water treatment process and temporarily reducing the volume of water that can be treated.
- If the volume of treated water gets too low, it could damage the system and impact water quality.
- The heavy rainfall and wind that began on the weekend continues to impact the treatment process, leading to challenges again on Sunday evening.
- Crews are working with third-party experts to optimize the treatment process to handle higher levels of fine particles and organic material as well as ongoing fluctuations.
- The treatment process must be monitored to ensure there is enough water being produced consistently before the Water Conservation Advisory can be lifted. The need for the Water Conservation Advisory will be reassessed on Wednesday, June 3.

MCFN providing water from Allison Bay truck fill

Mikisew Cree First Nation has graciously offered the use of the Allison Bay truck fill to users of the municipal water treatment plant. RMWB leadership members remain in close contact with community leadership.

Continue to conserve water at home

Users of the municipal Fort Chipewyan Water Treatment Plant are asked to temporarily limit showering, doing laundry and washing dishes to allow for the water treatment plant to rebuild water levels in the reservoir.



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At this time, do not shut off bleeders. The underground is still frozen in many areas and pipes could freeze, causing more problems.

With community support, we can help ensure enough water is available for essential needs at this time. Do not fill jugs, bathtubs, and other containers with municipal water. This may significantly impact the availability of water for the entire community.

Additional technical experts in the community working to resolve issue

Crews are working around-the-clock to resolve the issue with additional technical experts arriving in the community today to assist. The Municipality continues to work with a third-party expert, to adjust and optimize the treatment process to reflect the changing conditions.

Enhanced water testing ongoing

The enhanced water monitoring and testing program continues to be in place at the Fort Chipewyan Water Treatment Plant. All recent test results confirm that the water being produced at the plant meets the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality. Test results are shared with community leadership and posted on the municipal website.

Regular updates and more information can be found at rmwb.ca/waterupdate.

The next update will be issued on Wednesday, June 3 or earlier if there is new information to share.

For more information, contact Pulse at 780-743-7000 or 1-800-973-9663 or online at rmwb.ca/pulse

