

## City of Revelstoke Media Release

## Boil Water Advisory to Remain in Effect Through Weekend

**Revelstoke BC,** Earlier today, the City of Revelstoke and Interior Health issued a boil water advisory to residents of Revelstoke that use the city water system. This advisory is expected to remain in effect throughout the weekend.

The advisory was issued due to a broken coupling on a 16 inch steel water main under the filtration equipment inside the Greeley Water Treatment Plant. Staff bypassed untreated water into the distribution system while repairs were underway to ensure that fireflows and system pressures were maintained. City crews were successful in repairing the broken main and we are now delivering filtered, chlorinated water into the distribution system.

Mike Thomas, Director of Engineering and Development Services stated that "utilities crews responded quickly and efficiently this morning, with repairs complete and the plant up and running by 11am. Our buildings maintenance crew assisted with cleanup, as the plant had over an inch of water through the building. This was a real-life test of our emergency response protocols, and while we have identified several opportunities for improvement, I am extremely pleased with staff's response and the assistance we've received from Interior Health."

Crews are already working on flushing the distribution system to remove untreated water and testing for quality. City staff and Interior Health will monitor progress over the weekend, and are hopeful that the boil water advisory can be lifted by Monday, June 8, 2015; however, please check the City's website or with local media for further updates.

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