



CITY OF QUESNEL NEWS RELEASE

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City getting set to bring water to South Quesnel neighbourhood

QUESNEL, B.C. – The City of Quesnel will turn on water to residents of the Stenersen (DVC) water system on February 20. This comes after a lengthy process involving the City taking over a private water system and connecting it to the City's main water supply after it had been abandoned by its owner.

While this is an exciting time for property owners, there are a few important pieces of information to relay to the system's residents. The City's utilities division will require at least three hours to complete the transition and flush the lines, starting at 8:30 a.m. on February 20.

In order to make the transition, the City asks that residents follow these guidelines:

- Do not use water for any reason between 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on February 20. Even if there is water available during that time, it will likely be dirty and unfit for your needs.
- Monitor your home's plumbing system, check for leaks and listen for sounds of running water. Call 992-6330 immediately if you notice anything unusual (pooling water on roads or yards, running water sounds, rattling pipes).
- Ensure you are home at 8:30 a.m. to monitor your home to avoid potential damage caused by sudden water pressures.

Residents may also notice turbid or dirty water after the transition period. That can be alleviated by running a cold water tap for a few minutes.

It is also very important that residents have had a pressure reducing valve installed on their systems if they are connected to the Stenersen (DVC) water system. The water pressure in the City's distribution system is considerably higher than the pressures experienced before this transition.

Residents may call 992-6330 if they have any questions.

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