



Okanagan Indian Band

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September 15, 2023

Dear OKIB member,

Re: Tie In and Commissioning of New Water Service

As you may know, the Okanagan Indian Band (OKIB) is currently working with Wayne Watson and Urban Systems on a new water service for Mervin Louis. We have completed construction on a new watermain pipeline, which means we will now start the commissioning stages of the project. A necessary part of commissioning is combining the water systems together so that clean water can flow from the 6 Mile water treatment plant to Mervin Louis. However, as a result of this work, there will be impacts to water availability in different sections of sixmile **over a 8 hour period**. The OKIB Fire Department has been notified of this work, and water will be monitored to ensure fire protection of the community.

The 8 hour period of water service interruptions will likely occur during September 19, 2023. We plan that the water interruptions will fall on the date outlined below; however, the exact dates of the water service interruptions depend on water testing and conditions. The final dates will be communicated on the OKIB Facebook pages, and website.

September 19, 2023: Tie-In

Impact to: community members on Band water systems who reside at the following address: 12,8,4 Bonneau Rd, 15 Royal, 29 Marchand, 11322, 11316, 11307, 11304 Westside Rd.

Impact: full interruption of water service for approximately 8 hours starting at 8:30am

Why this impact is necessary: this allows for construction and flushing activities. Our construction team will be completing the tie-in of the 300mm new water pipeline in parallel with the existing 150mm waterline.

Once water service resumes, affected residents should flush their water system by running all their taps (e.g., kitchen tap, bathroom tap, shower heads, bathtub taps) for approximately 10 minutes at a low rate to allow for air removal and new water introduction.

To prepare for this water interruption, please have additional water storage on hand for activities like hand washing, drinking, and cooking of small items. Please be aware that activities with high water usage, such as showering, watering plants, etc., will not be feasible during the water interruption hours. We acknowledge that this is a disruption to your day-to-day living, and we appreciate your patience and understanding. This is one of the most critical steps to the project, and we look forward to completing it. Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns to share please reach out to Jolene Vincent (OKIB's Director of Public Works) at jolene.vincent@okanagan.org

Thank you,

Jolene Vincent
Public Works and Housing Director

CC: Urban Systems Ltd.

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