Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory

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August 13th, 2025

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(Community Notice)

Precautionary Boil Water Advisory - in an Isolated Area

As a precautionary measure, a <u>Boil Water Advisory</u> is in effect for the following locations only:

- 1. Amikook Elders' Centre
- 2. Naandwechige-Gamig Wikwemikong Health Centre (WHC)
- 3. Hub Centre
- 4. Long-term Care Centre (as a safety measure)

Residential homes in the area are <u>not affected</u> as they are not directly linked to the affected water line.

This advisory will remain in place for at minimum **48 hours** while water quality testing is completed. In the duration of this time, the affected buildings will be closed with the expectation to reopen on **Friday**, **August 15**, **2025**. This is to allow for necessary testing and flushing of their water systems.

These precautionary measures are being taken due to a possible bacteriological contamination. It is suspected that this is a result of sediment in the water line. A valve replacement was required after identifying aging infrastructure at the Band Administration building. To repair the valve, water flow was shut off causing a loss in pressure in the water line, causing a backflow of stagnant water from the fire-hydrants.

In the duration of these closures, please note that:

- Meals on wheels will continue, operating out of the Resource Centre (Daystar).
- Potable water is being provided to the residents of the Long-Term Care building to allow for handwashing and drinking.
- Membership Office is affected by this, due to their temporary office location. They will close and reopen when the WHC reopens.
- WHC is exploring options so patients do not need to reschedule appointments; Staff are
 working with medical health professionals to see if they can maintain appointments from a
 different location or provide follow-up appointments via phone call. For people needing
 assistance with transportation, arrangements are being made in the way of mileage or
 direct transportation. Health Centre staff are calling people directly, if you do not receive a
 call, you can call 705-859-3164.

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Flushing of the lines and water testing will continue; we will continue to provide updates as we receive them.

Miigwech for your cooperation and understanding.

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