



CITY OF NELSON

The City of Nelson  
**BOIL WATER NOTICE**  
**[Fecal Coliform Presence]**

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Date: May 4, 2017

Laboratory tests indicated the presence of one (1) colony-forming unit of fecal coliform bacteria in one (1) of the water samples collected on May 2, 2017. **The other four (4) samples tested negative for coliforms.** The City is currently re-sampling because we suspect a sampling error has occurred. Fecal coliform bacteria in drinking water supplies is a serious concern, and we are issuing this advisory as a precaution. We will be flushing and re-sampling our water distribution system to ensure the drinking water is safe.

Fecal coliforms can indicate the presence of organisms such as bacteria, viruses and parasites that can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, vomiting or other symptoms. Boiling the water kills these organisms. People with weakened or undeveloped immune systems are most at risk. This can include elderly people, pregnant women and their unborn, children under two (2) years, people who are immunocompromised from illness or medications such as antibiotics or chemotherapy.

**People are advised to bring all drinking water to a rolling boil for at least one minute and let it cool before using it, or use bottled water.** Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth and food preparation until further notice. We will inform you when you no longer need to boil your water. The City of Nelson is working closely with the Interior Health Authority on a resolution to this issue.

**THIS BOIL WATER NOTICE IS EFFECTIVE MAY 4, 2017 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**ENQUIRIES?**

**City of Nelson – Works & Utilities Complex – 250-352-8238**

**Chris Gainham, Manager of Municipal Services, City of Nelson - 250-551-8103**

**Interior Health, Nelson Health Unit –250-505-7200**

**PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD TO YOUR NEIGHBOURS**

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly [for example: people in apartments, rental units, nursing homes, schools, preschools, churches and businesses]. You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Signature:

Chris Gainham, Manager of Municipal Services