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Community Notice
Upgrades to Water Treatment System

We have recently received questions about the water treatment systems servicing our community. We are providing this Community Notice to bring everyone in the community up to date on what steps have been taken to improve our on reserve water quality.

As a starting point, water quality reports were obtained by the First Nation in July 2019 as a part of our effort to get both Provincial and Federal funding put in place so that every housing unit on-reserve could ultimately be supplied with its own water treatment unit. Right now, we have some units on reserve that are not safe for occupancy because of high levels of contamination.

ONS has been approved at the Provincial level for the funding to install new water treatment systems to the homes on reserve. We are currently waiting to hear from the Federal government, on our application for funding. We are actively pressing the Federal Government to move quickly on our funding application.

We made a separate application for funding to install a new water filtration system servicing all ONS public buildings. Our application was approved and funding was received. Our new water filtration system was designed, and installation bids were tendered. The installation work should be completed within a month. This new water filtration system will service the new multiplex, the school and the health centre.

We will continue to update our members with additional information on water treatment issues.

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sent on behalf of Chief Edward Machimity and Council