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News Release

Do Not Consume Order Lifted

December 10, 2021 – Iqaluit, Nunavut

The City of Iqaluit is advising residents that effective the 10 December, 2021 the Government of Nunavut's Department of Health has lifted its Do Not Consume Order, issued on October 12, 2021. This means that all piped and trucked water can now be used for all potable water uses. The water that is being produced by the Water Treatment Plant meets or is better than the Canadian Drinking Water Guidelines.

As the Do Not Consume order has been lifted by Public Health, the City has suspended all bottled water distribution and closed all water refilling depots effective the 10 December, 2021.

The City would like to thank all those involved in resolving the water quality emergency:

- The Government of Nunavut and the Chief Public Health Officer for their support and assistance throughout this event, particularly with the provision of bottled water to our depots and residents.
- Resident organizations and businesses for stepping up and mobilizing to support their community in various ways.
- City staff, for their dedication, flexibility and ability to respond repeatedly through this emergency.
- The consultant engineers for their diligent efforts to assist the City in meeting the unique Requirements of the Government of Nunavut's Department of Public Health, to lift the Do Not Consume Advisory.
- Local contractors for their quick response to the City's request for services.
- The Canadian Armed Forces for mobilizing their Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Unit, and for their rapid response and hard work, often in inclement conditions, to provide an emergency supply of potable drinking water to residents and businesses.

- Finally and most importantly, the City thanks the residences and businesses of Iqaluit for their resiliency and support as the City addresses this complicated and complex situation.

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