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August 31, 2021

Susan Brechmann
Otter Lake Development Corporation
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Re: Drinking Water Quality Advisory Issued – Otter Lake Resort Public Water System

Dear Susan Brechmann:

Please be advised that on December 3, 2020, Manitoba adopted Health Canada's health based standard for manganese in drinking water of 0.12 milligrams per litre (mg/L).

The Office of Drinking Water is working with Manitoba Public Health to assess water systems that exceed the new standard.

Test results conducted on August 12, 2021 show the level of manganese in your water is 1.53 mg/L which is much higher than the new health based standard of 0.12 mg/L

As such, in consultation with the Office of Drinking Water, I am requiring the following actions to be taken:

- Immediately advise all water users of the water quality advisory by hand delivering the attached Notice to all cottage owners (including those on private wells), site users, and staff;
- Provide a copy of the attached Notice to all individuals entering the cottage development; and
- Post a copy of the attached Notice in common areas with water access e.g. all spigots, washrooms, and at all un-used serviced sites are to be posted with the tap water sign provided.

The tap water should not be used for drinking, preparing food or beverages, including ice and infant formula. Accidently consuming small amounts of water is unlikely to pose an increased health risk.

The water may be used for general domestic purposes including hand washing, washing dishes, bathing and showering (provided the water is not swallowed), flushing toilets and laundry. However, if the water is discoloured, it may stain clothing and other items washed in the water.

The advisory will remain in effect until manganese levels in the treated water are below 0.12 mg/L, either by changing the source water or by installing an approved treatment process.

Should you have any questions, please contact Danica Wotton, Regional Drinking Water Officer at

204-761-6085.

Sincerely,



Dr. Mahmoud Khodaveisi

Medical Officer of Health
Prairie Mountain Health

cc: Dr. Amy Frykoda – Medical Officer of Health, Prairie Mountain Health
Dr. Susan Roberecki – Medical Officer of Health, Manitoba Health and Seniors Care
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