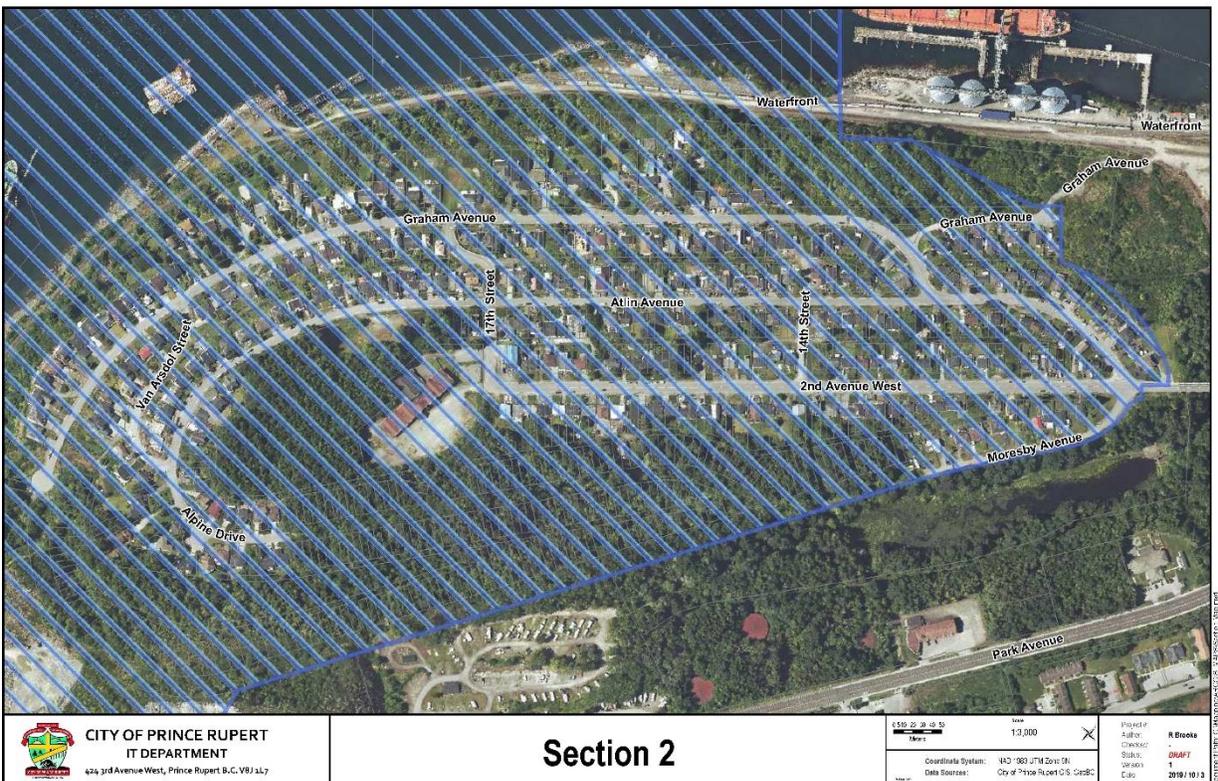




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## WATER QUALITY ADVISORY ISSUED FOR SECTION 2

SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – PRINCE RUPERT, B.C. – Please be advised that areas of the City consisting of the 1400 block to 1900 block of 2nd Avenue West, Graham Avenue, Atlin Avenue, Moresby Avenue, Van Arsdol Street, Alpine Drive, and 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th streets (also known as ‘Section 2’ identified in the map below) are now subject to a Water Quality Advisory. Northern Health recommends that children, pregnant women, the elderly and persons with weakened immune systems drink boiled water at this time.



A Water Quality Advisory is a precautionary measure issued to residents considered most ‘at risk’. A Water Quality Advisory indicates a level of risk associated with consuming the drinking water, but the conditions do not warrant a boil water notice or do-not-use water notice. It is the lowest level notification, and is issued as a precautionary measure (particularly to those with compromised immune systems that they should take appropriate steps, such as boiling their water prior to consuming).

For these sensitive users, as a precaution, all water intended for the following uses should be boiled for 1 minute, then cooled and placed in a food grade storage container before

- Drinking
- Washing fruits and vegetables

- Making beverages or ice
- Brushing teeth

There is currently no evidence of increased risk to water users, and additional testing is being conducted to continually monitor water quality and adjust recommendations accordingly. This advisory remains in effect until another public notice, amendment or rescindment is directed by the Drinking Water Officer at Northern Health Authority.

Heavy rainfall, as well as the current reliance on the City's secondary water source at Shawatlans Lake are believed to be contributing factors to increased incidences of elevated turbidity. The City of Prince Rupert is working diligently with Northern Health to rectify this situation as soon as possible. We will be performing flushing of the water mains in the area over the next few days in order to refresh the system. We believe, as in the past, this water quality issue is related to low flows, oversized piping in that area, as well as recent storm surges.

We thank you for your patience with this matter and will provide updates on our progress as soon as they are available.

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