

## Band Council Resolution

We have in good faith trusted that the federal government has provided us with the tools and resources to produce safe drinking water it has now come to our attention that this is not the case.

Therefore, whereas the federal government has not provided water treatment processes allowing water treatment plant operators in our community the ability to produce safe drinking water, and

Whereas the federal government still has a “mandate” to correct the above.

Be it therefore resolved that:

“Name” First Nation will not be held liable for the quality of our drinking water until such time that we can produce truly safe drinking water for our community. The quality of our water needs to meet the full extent of the Canadian Drinking Water Quality Guidelines as well as disease-causing microbe regulations enshrined in regulations in the United States and Europe, which are expected to be adopted by Canada as well. Raw water and treated water testing needs to be carried out regularly to ensure that the implemented water treatment processes remain effective.

It is our opinion that it is the federal government’s responsibility, as in our hereditary inherent right as a sovereign nation, to find practical and effective water treatment processes using sound science and engineering that can produce drinking water meeting the requirements we have stipulated above. Once such water treatment processes are implemented in our community and we have been provided with sufficient resources, we will be happy to assume responsibility for the safety of our distributed drinking water.