

A Tale of Two Communities



Saddle Lake, AB



Kashechewan, ON

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- This reserve, located near James Bay in northern Ontario, has been at the heart of controversy for many years.
- The water in this community is polluted with *E. coli* and is unfit to drink or bathe in, even after heavy chlorination.



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- The drinking water for the community is drawn downstream from where the sewage is pumped out.
- The community had been on a Boil Water Advisory for 2 years prior to 2005.
- Over 1,000 people had to be evacuated from the community for medical treatment.
- The federal Liberal Government finally took action and asked the Canadian Forces to purify the water in Operation CANOPY, which began in the Fall of 2005.



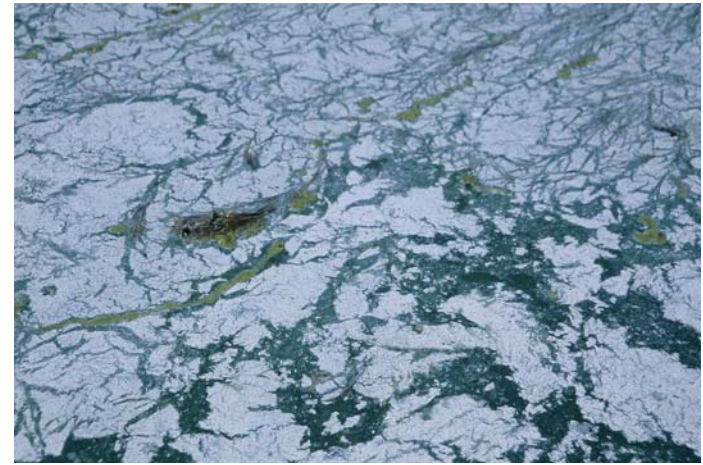
This is the TREATED water from the Kashechewan community. Would you drink that?!?



These officers are holding untreated water and RO treated water.

- The Canadian Forces came to Kashechewan with a ROWPU (**R**everse **O**smosis **W**ater **P**urification **U**nit).
- The ROWPU is capable of providing 5,000 litres of pure water per hour.
- The government has finally agreed to move the community to higher ground.

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- The community of Saddle Lake was suffering from a nearly identical situation as Kashechewan.



- The drinking water was so contaminated that it couldn't be used.
- It was contaminated with blue-green algae, among other harmful substances.
- Even with two treatment plants, the experts were ready to give up.
- A new biological filtration and RO system has improved water quality.

Is this Healthy?



- “Is Canada doing enough to give all people access to clean, healthy drinking water? What can be done to improve the water situation in Canada?”