



MEDIA ADVISORY

THE LAKE HURON PRIMARY WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM JOINT BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

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All Water Use Restrictions Lifted at 6:00p.m

Water use restrictions imposed as a result of the pipeline failure which occurred early Wednesday morning are lifted for all municipalities supplied by the Lake Huron Primary Water Supply System, including the City of London, at 6:00p.m. Saturday May 26th. All area storage reservoirs have been replenished to near normal operating conditions.

Although water use restrictions which were imposed as a result of the recent pipeline failure have ended, the Lake Huron Primary Water Supply System continues to encourage all consumers to conserve and use water wisely in their homes and businesses on a daily basis.

Background

In the coming weeks, the Lake Huron Primary Water Supply System will continue to investigate the cause of the May 23rd pipeline failure, the condition of the pipelines, as well as work with impacted landowners to repair the farmlands affected by the rupture and compensate for crop damages and losses.

The success of the repairs and recovery would not have been possible without the assistance provided by:

- American Water Canada Corp. – LHPWSS operations
- L82 Construction – earthworks
- Dielco Industrial Contractors – pipeline welding, pipe repair piece delivery, valve operation
- City of London, Water Operations Division – pipe installation and repair
- McCann – aggregate supplier
- Hanson Pipe – pipe supplier and installation oversight
- Pure Technologies – visual and electromagnetic inspection of pipe, forensic analysis of failed pipe
- G-Tel – emergency utility locates
- Fanshawe College, Emergency Management Office – Incident Command Vehicle
- Coldstream Concrete – filter fabric
- Pachaco – Vacuum excavation
- Municipality of South Huron – initial discovery of the pipe rupture, road closure/traffic management, municipal drain inspection and clean-up
- Lake Huron & Elgin Area Water Supply System member municipalities – operational coordination

...and most of all,

- Approximately 500,000 consumers supplied by the Lake Huron & Elgin Area water system, reducing consumption to ensure adequate water supply during this incident.

Approved in the 2012 Capital Budget, the Lake Huron Primary Water Supply will begin construction of additional twinning of the transmission pipeline in the Shipka and Ailsa Craig areas, which will provide additional pipeline pressure relief and security of supply to the region.

Also approved in the 2012 Capital Budget, the water system will undertake a comprehensive condition assessment of the original transmission pipeline constructed in the mid-1960's between the water treatment plant near Grand Bend in South Huron, and the terminal reservoir near Arva in the municipality of Middlesex Centre.

Additional information about the regional water supply system is available at www.watersupply.london.ca and on Facebook.

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