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Public Service Announcement

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT: STAGNANT WATER

KINGS COUNTY, NS: As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, many buildings have been closed for an extended period of time which can result in stagnant water in waterlines. The Municipality of the County of Kings wishes to advise the public of the impact of stagnant water.

With little or no water running through building water pipes and fixtures for an extended period of time, bacteria such as *Legionella* is more likely to proliferate. Stagnant water conditions can result in discolored water, lower chlorine levels and higher concentrations of heavy metals like lead and copper.

Fresh water should be drawn into building water systems and stagnant water completely flushed out before they are reopened by running taps for a minimum of 15 minutes and flushing toilets. It's important to note, however, that each building's water systems are unique. Building owners and operators should be aware of information provided by Nova Scotia Environment and/or their water utility.

The Municipality reminds the public that all Nova Scotians have a moral and legal obligation to fully adhere to the advice of the Chief Medical Officer.

Further, the Municipality **urges** residents and businesses to continue practicing principles of **self-isolation** as much as possible and **physical-distancing** always. The Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic is a severe public health event and appropriate precautions must be taken seriously by everyone to ensure continued health and safety of our communities.

For information on Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) including social distancing, self isolation, when to get help and more, please visit novascotia.ca/coronavirus.