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Non-potable water station open for public use

Sechelt, BC – Effective Friday, August 31, 2018, the Sunshine Coast Regional District has announced an escalation of water restrictions to Stage 4: a total ban on all outdoor watering. In an effort to assist residents in watering their gardens, the District of Sechelt will open the non-potable water station.

The District collects ground water and stores it in a tank for use by Parks staff in watering flower baskets as well as other District outdoor water uses. Access to this water will be open to the public beginning Friday, August 31, 2018. The water is non-potable which means it is NOT safe to drink or bathe in but is permitted for watering vegetables and flowers.

The tap is located at 5731 Ebbtide Street which is near the corner of Ebbtide Street and Trail Avenue. There will be signs indicating which gate to drive through to access the tap.

The water is for residential use only and not commercial use. The flow of the tap is similar to that of the average household so citizens are encouraged to only fill a few buckets at a time to avoid lengthy lineups.

Mayor Bruce Mile stated, “I am disappointed that we are, once again, at stage 4 water restrictions due in part to climate change and in part to simply not having resolved our serious water storage challenge. The District of Sechelt will do what we can to assist our citizens by providing this non-potable water for their gardens to help mitigate the impacts of this serious problem.”

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