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Village of Burns Lake
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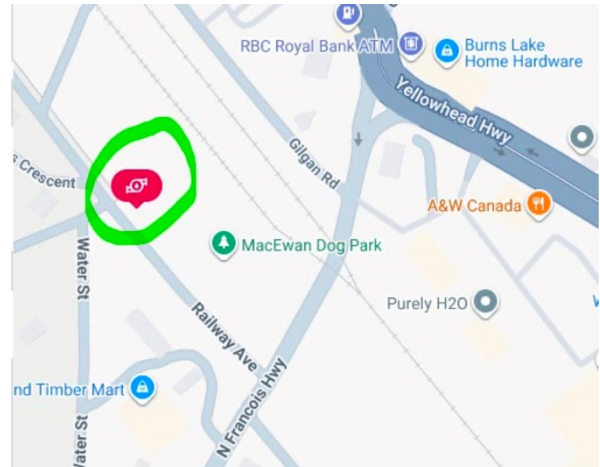
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Water Filling Station Now Available in Burns Lake for Rural Residents

Burns Lake, B.C. – The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako and the Village of Burns Lake are pleased to be partners on the installation of a metered water filling station. This station provides rural residents access to potable water from the Village of Burns Lake's water distribution system.

The system, which is funded through the federal government's Canada Community-Building Fund allocation for Electoral Area B (Burns Lake Rural), is located at the Sani-station on Railway Avenue in Burns Lake. Residents will be able to use the system's on-site point-of-sale with their credit card to access potable water for tanks or other containers for their homes.

Drought conditions across BC in recent years have significantly impacted well reserves for rural residents in Electoral Areas B (Burns Lake Rural) and E (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural). This new automated system, operated by the Village of Burns Lake, will ensure that residents from outside the municipality can access affordable, potable water 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



"Rural communities across British Columbia are experiencing the effects of ongoing drought in very real ways. This filling station will provide residents with a consistent and affordable source of water whenever they need it, which is essential during periods of uncertainty. This support will help the region build long-term resilience and prepare for future climate pressures."

– Patrick Weiler, MP for West Vancouver–Sunshine Coast–Sea to Sky Country, on behalf of the Honourable Gregor Robertson, Minister of Housing and Infrastructure and Minister responsible for Pacific Economic Development Canada

"Year-round access to clean drinking water means peace of mind for residents facing the growing impacts of drought and climate change. By supporting infrastructure that meets real community needs, our government is helping build resilient communities where people have the services they count on, no matter where they live."

– Christine Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs

"Climate change is creating water security issues for rural residents who rely on ground water wells, and we want to ensure that everyone has access to potable water. This automated system will allow residents to fill up water tanks for their homes. It is wonderful to be able to partner with the Village of Burns Lake on this project to support rural residents and address the impacts of climate change in our communities."

- Michael Riis-Christianson, RDBN Director, Electoral Area B (Burns Lake Rural)

"We are delighted our partnership with the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako will provide access to potable water to rural residents year-round. This collaboration reflects our shared desire to improve quality of life for everyone in our community."

- Henry Wiebe, Mayor, Village of Burns Lake

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