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Water use restrictions for businesses lifted as of today

Good news for local businesses: As of this afternoon, Wednesday, August 31, all water use restrictions for businesses in North Battleford are lifted. The water crane for bulk water sales at the Public Works Shop (6th Avenue) is also operating again.

Outside watering restrictions for residents will have to remain in place until further notice. However, it will only be a matter of days until watering restrictions can be lifted entirely.

Two of the four new wells at the Water Treatment Plant #1 are now temporarily connected to the system. The City is now waiting for the remaining parts to arrive from a supplier in order to permanently connect all four wells to the treatment plant.

“Once the parts arrive, it will take roughly 24 hours to set everything up”, says Stewart Schafer, Director of Operations. “We will then be able to lift the restrictions for households within the City.”

The water use restrictions were put into place after the Husky Energy oil spill into the North Saskatchewan River forced the City of North Battleford to shut down its F.E. Holliday Water Treatment Plant on July 22, 2016. The Plant will remain closed until the Water Security Agency confirms that water can be safely drawn and processed from the River. The temporary water supply from the Town of Battleford will continue until the F.E. Holliday water treatment plant is in operations.

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