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Mr. Brent Shenher  
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Dear Mr. Shenher:

**Re: SaskWater Confidential Water Conservation Notice**

There are significant issues with the water quality in Thomson Lake with high turbidity, total dissolved solids (TDS), Manganese and Iron plugging the membrane filters and creating issues with cleaning them. Additional cleaning of the filters is required in order to ensure the potable water supply can be maintained. The additional cleaning is reducing the effective capacity of the water treatment plant by taking treatment processes offline for extended periods of time each day. The reduced treatment capacity is below the average daily consumption of our customers, which is drawing down the capacity of the potable water storage.

In order to ensure SaskWater is able to maintain adequate storage, we request that the Thomson Lake Regional Park Authority provides notice to its residents to reduce water consumption until further notice. In an effort to increase supply, SaskWater has moved to 24-hour operation of the water treatment plant.

Some suggested water conservation tips for residents are:

**Indoor Water Use**

- take shorter showers and use a low-flow showerhead
- run the dishwasher and washing machine only when they are fully loaded
- turn off the tap while shaving and brushing your teeth
- only flush when necessary and don't use the toilet as a garbage can

**Outdoor Water Use**

- watering your lawn for one hour or less, twice a week is sufficient
- aerate, compost and weed your lawn to increase moisture retention
- collect water in a rain barrel and use it to water outdoor plants
- use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway or sidewalk.

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More strict water usage reductions may be required. SaskWater is expecting the source water quality to improve; however, the timeline is uncertain and may last anywhere from a few days to up to two weeks. After the source water quality improves, we expect to return to normal operations. This situation is very fluid and SaskWater will keep you apprised of the status of the water treatment plant operations on a daily basis. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Best regards,

*Brad Dunlop*

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