



# MOHAWKS OF THE BAY OF QUINTE

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### UPDATED NOTICE: MANGANESE TESTING ON DESERONTO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Please be advised that recent sampling conducted by MBQ water operators on **August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**, for the **Deseronto distribution system** have shown that previously elevated levels of **manganese** from the **July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023**, samples **no longer exceed the maximum allowable concentration** set out by the Federal and Provincial governments. Weekly samples will continue to be collected and monitored as per Indigenous Services Canada's recommendation.

Manganese is a mineral found naturally in the environment, including **our source water, the Bay of Quinte**. Although it is an essential nutrient, by Federal standards, **the maximum concentration allowed in drinking water is 0.120mg/L**.

**The water is safe for consumption (including the immunocompromised and elderly)**, but as a precaution, the Senior Environmental Health Officer recommends that **pregnant and/or breastfeeding Mothers, and infants who require baby formula should continue to use an alternate water source (containing less than 0.120mg/L manganese)**, as surface water is constantly changing, and it could potentially appear at random. **Members of the above demographic are at risk of adverse health effects over a period of long-term use, but it is not an immediate threat**. It should also be noted **that boiling the water does not eliminate manganese**.

The **Ridge Road** bottled water filling station is available. It is serviced by the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte water treatment plant, which is regularly tested and safe for consumption. A card is needed to access the point of use system. One has been left on site for community use.

Roads serviced by the Deseronto Municipal Water Treatment Plant are as follows;

- Bayshore Road (including the spigot at the pow wow park)
- Church Lane
- Old Hwy 2
- Hwy 49 (up to 439 Hwy 49)
- Gypsy Lane
- Huron Brant Subdivisions
- Ferry Lane
- Sero's Road
- Johnson's Lane
- Airport Road
- Gussy's Lane
- Cedar Glen Road.

For any questions or concerns, please contact Crystal Maracle at the Community Wellbeing Centre at (613) 967-3603.

Nia:wen for your understanding,

Chief R. Donald Maracle