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**TO:** Residents, Town of Rocky Harbour

**FROM:** Town Council of Rocky Harbour

**RE:** Water Quality

In recent weeks, there has been growing discussion about the drinking water quality in the Town of Rocky Harbour. The Town of Rocky Harbour's drinking water has high levels of trihalomethanes (THM's) and haloacetic acids (HAA's) in their water supply, the THM's and HAA's are byproducts of the chlorination (disinfection) process. The Town Council would like to assure residents that we are actively working to address these concerns, and the issue has not been overlooked.

Currently, the Town has submitted a Municipal Capital Works Project proposal to the Province for an alternative water supply source, which is currently under review. If approved, this would allow the Town to begin the process of securing a new water source on Sandy Pond in the near future. The estimated cost of a project of this scale exceeds \$5.5 million and will take multiple years to complete, and without government funding, it would be beyond the Town's capacity to complete this project independently. Should the Town receive MCW funding, the Town will contribute 10% of the project costs, while the Provincial Government will cover the remaining 90%.



It's important to note that this issue has been ongoing for over 20 years. Previous councils have dedicated considerable effort to applying for government funding to secure a new water supply, although these applications have unfortunately been rejected in the past.

An Environmental Health Office from the Government of NL comes down periodically to check the levels of THM's and HAA's. These reports are public and residents can visit the Newfoundland and Labrador Water Resources Portal to find out more about the water quality reports: <https://maps.gov.nl.ca/water/>

If you would like to discuss this further, please reach out to the Town office to discuss this further with one of your council members or Town Manager.

*- Town Council of Rocky Harbour*