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PROVINCE PRAISES ANNAPOLIS CO. FOR SAFE, CLEAN DRINKING WATER

ANNAPOLIS CO. –The Municipality of the County of Annapolis is very pleased to have received congratulations from the Honourable David Morse, Minister of Environment, on meeting the province’s drinking water treatment standards.

“Over the past ten years the Municipality has invested about five million dollars to upgrade distribution lines, water treatment, testing and monitoring systems. The majority of these investments were done in partnership with Federal and Provincial governments through infrastructure programs,” said Annapolis County Warden Peter Newton.

The Municipality owns and operates three water systems, serving Margaretsville, Granville Ferry and Cornwallis Park. In 1997, the Municipality initiated a long-term plan to upgrade its water systems and to provide high quality water at reasonable cost to the customers of the Utilities. In 2003, the Province adopted higher regulatory standards for Municipal Water Supplies in Nova Scotia to be met by 2008. The upgraded standards were consistent with the Municipality’s objectives and the goal was achieved.

As part of its commitment to the responsible development, operation and maintenance of its water systems, the Municipality has enabled its Public Works staff to get the training and experience required to be fully accredited System Operators. The Municipality has also developed operational and management procedures, including universal metering, to provide for the long-term sustainability of its water works operations.

A letter from Minister Morse states, “Your diligent work and that of your colleagues is instrumental to delivering clean, safe drinking water to your community, and contributes to a healthy Nova Scotia. Again, congratulations on your achievement and thank you for your ongoing leadership.”

“Our staff deserves congratulations for their commitment and dedication to meeting the standards within the time frame provided,” said Warden Newton.

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