



**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023**

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Item 7.5 Correspondence dated October 14, 2023, from David and Claire Downey regarding drinking water on Skeena Street.
  
- Item 7.6 Correspondence dated October 15, 2023, from Donald McMillin, regarding drinking water on Skeena Street.

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Would like for this note to be read in your meeting on October 15th at 7pm. Hi! My name is David Downey, I lived in Kitimat for 40 years, living at 99 Skeena street for 16 years, for the time we lived here, we had to run our water every morning for an hour or more before using it for tea, so on, my toilet has never went without a ring around it, and most of the time cloudy, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and has become worse every day, [REDACTED] we have not drank tap water for 7 years, we buy it from the store, witch can become pricey, the only thing we use this water from the tap is for washing our clothes, and in the back yard, I hope that in this meeting you can come together, and find away for giving people of this town safe, and clean drinking water in the near future. Thank you for reading this note at your meeting, witch will take place on the 15th of October 2023, at 7pm. All the best for this coming year. David and Claire Downey

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**From:** [noreply@kitimat.ca](mailto:noreply@kitimat.ca) on behalf of [Don](#)  
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To whom it may concern,

I have owned a home on Skeena street since 2016 and I can confirm that the water quality has been problematic since then.

In 2019 I renovated my home back to the studs and replaced and upgraded all utilities in the home including plumbing throughout. The only original plumbing in my home is the main sewer and the water supply line. I plan to replace both as soon as possible.

It is not only frustrating that the water stains the new tile and tubs in my home, but the constant yellow/brown colour and strong metallic flavour of the water leaves me concerned that it may be unhealthy to drink and bathe in long term. I chose to give new life to an old home and with my wife raise our kids close to the amenities down town and their French immersion school . Over the years my neighbours and I have discussed and agreed that the water quality is bad and we have supported each other to the best of our abilities to raise awareness of this issue. Whether a senior citizen choosing to retire here, or a growing family raising their young, or individuals living and working locally, clean healthy drinking water is a right all of us deserve and should receive. If it requires more taxing to make it achievable sooner then I'd support this.

It is my understanding that council has completed a report of corrective actions for Skeena street specifically and I wish to give my input. As a homeowner and a tradesperson I can attest to the importance on proper planning and execution of maintenance and if required, total replacement of utilities. I chose to replace the 60+ year old plumbing and electrical in my home for the longevity and value of my home, and for the overall safety and betterment of my family. I would recommend that the district choose the long term solution to fix the poor water quality on Skeena street and any other street in Kitimat. Utilities pipes don't last forever, these pipes need replacing. Please don't enact temporary measures.

Thank you

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