

Water Services in Your Community

The Community of Behchokò is working with the Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) to plan for upgrades to the water services infrastructure in our community.

- Equipment failure at the Edzo water treatment plant (WTP) resulted in low treated water reservoir levels.
- The WTP has been repaired and the reservoir level is back-up to normal operational levels. Minor repair works are continuing.
- The Community Government is actively identifying and repairing leaks throughout the water distribution piping and notifying households with high water usage, which may indicate potential leaks within the house.
- Some water service lines in Edzo have been replaced with temporary surface lines. Permanent repairs will be completed this summer.
- The Community Government has retained a contractor to update a 2019 water and sewer infrastructure conditions assessment report. The updated report will be used to develop a new capital replacement plan.
- The Community Government will work with MACA to identify funding programs for the new capital replacement plan.
- Replacement of water and sewer mains will be a multi-year project and is expected to begin in the summer of 2022.

We all have a role in ensuring safe drinking water

Community Government of Behchokò	Department of Municipal and Community Affairs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Owns and operates water and sewer infrastructure• Plans and allocates funding for water and sewer capital projects• Approves rates for water and sewer services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides annual funding for capital projects, including water and sewer• Provides technical support for water plant teams• Trains and supports water plant operators• Facilitates access to federal funding programs

For a full list of roles and responsibilities, visit: <https://www.maca.gov.nt.ca/en/services/drinking-water-nwt/roles-and-responsibilities>

How can you help ensure safe drinking water?

Contact the community government right away if your service line freezes or you notice any other problems.

You can help by:	How does this help?
Do not leave taps running	Running taps wastes water, which can prevent houses at the end of the piping system from getting water
Maintain your household plumbing	Prevent leaking taps and running toilets saves water and helps avoid freeze-ups in your sewer line
Look after any circulation pumps	Circulation in the water lines prevents freeze-ups
Clean your water tank annually	Keeps your water clean and prevents bad tastes and odors

