



MEDIA ADVISORY

THE LAKE HURON PRIMARY WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM

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Transmission Pipeline Repair Completed

The Lake Huron Primary Water Supply System completed a repair of the transmission pipeline in the Denfield area. The transmission pipeline repair operation began at 1:00am on Wednesday February 15th when the water treatment plant was shut down, and crews isolated and drained the transmission pipeline. By 10:00am, crews had completed excavating the pipeline and started the process to cut out and remove the damaged pipes at the two locations.

The removal and replacement of the damaged pipe was completed, and the transmission pipeline was returned to service starting at 8:30pm on Wednesday February 15th.

During this 17.5-hour repair of the transmission pipeline, area municipalities relied upon treated water stored in reservoirs and elevated towers throughout the region. Due to the low system demands in the region, typical of this time of year, and the increased supply from the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System into the City of London, the regional water system was able to recover and refill area reservoirs by noon today; nearly 12 hours ahead of the anticipated schedule.

The Lake Huron Water Supply System is grateful to their staff, the operators of the Ontario Clean Water Agency, and the work crews from L82 Construction, Pure Technologies, Dielco Industrial Contractors, and Stantec Consulting, who worked through snowsqualls, winds gusting to 30kph, and windchills below -14C in order to complete the repair in a timely fashion. The Lake Huron Water Supply System would also like to thank all of the municipal water operators and staff of the eight benefiting municipalities for their cooperation; without which the repair would not have been successful as it was.

Municipalities supplied by the Lake Huron Primary Water Supply System include Bluewater, South Huron, Lambton Shores, Lucan Biddulph, North Middlesex, Middlesex Centre, Strathroy Caradoc and the City of London.

The quality of the water supplied to area municipalities and consumers was not affected.

Photos of the repair have been posted to the water system's Facebook page.

Additional information about the regional water supply system is available at www.watersupply.london.ca and you can now follow us on Facebook! (www.facebook.com/RegionalWaterSupply)

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