

ORDER OF AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER Boil Water Order

To: The Prairie Creek Inn Ltd.
"the Owner"

RE: The Drinking Water Supply located in Clearwater County, Alberta and municipally described as: The Prairie Creek Inn, SW 04-38-07 W5.

WHEREAS I, an **Executive Officer** of **Alberta Health Services**, have received reports about the above noted drinking water supply pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Act, RSA 2000, c. P-37, as amended;

AND WHEREAS such reports disclosed that the following conditions exist in and about the above noted drinking water supply which are or may become injurious or dangerous to the public health or which might hinder in any manner the prevention or suppression of disease, namely:

- a. The water serving The Prairie Creek Inn may be unsafe for human consumption due to the presence of Total Coliform bacteria in drinking water samples collected on July 29, August 4 and August 12, 2026.

AND WHEREAS such report disclosed that the following breaches of the Public Health Act Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation, Alberta Regulation 243/2003 exist in and about the above noted Drinking Water Supply, namely:

- a. The water serving The Prairie Creek Inn may be unsafe for human consumption due to the presence of Total Coliform bacteria in drinking water samples collected on July 29, August 4, and August 12, 2026. This is in contravention of the Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation Section 11, which states "Where a person provided a source of water that the person intends to be used or realizes or ought to realize will be used by the public for human consumption, the person shall ensure that the water is potable". Additionally, this also is in contravention of the Food Regulation Section 17 (1) (f), which states that "An operator must ensure that, before operation of the commercial food establishment commences, the commercial food establishment is (i) supplied with hot and cold running water that is safe for human consumption and available in quantities sufficient to meet the needs of the commercial food establishment."

AND WHEREAS by virtue of the foregoing, the above noted Drinking Water Supply is hereby declared **unfit for human consumption**;

NOW THEREFORE, I hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT**:

1. That the Owner immediately issues a Boil Water Advisory to all users of the above noted Drinking Water Supply.
2. That the Owner immediately undertake and diligently pursue the completion of the following work in and about the above noted drinking water supply, namely:

- a. Advise all affected users of the water supply that water used for drinking, making infant formulas and juices, cooking, making ice, washing fruits and vegetables, brushing teeth must be boiled for at least 1 minute prior to use.
 - b. Post clear signage at all locations where water from the supply is accessible to the public, advising users that the water is not safe for consumption. Additionally, provide hand sanitizer containing 60% to 90% alcohol at all handwashing stations.
 - c. Ensure that only potable water from an approved source, or water that has been brought to a rolling boil for a minimum of one minute, is used for all food processing and preparation.
3. Shock chlorinate the well and thoroughly flush and disinfect all water lines in the distribution system.
 4. Once the above work has been completed, submit two (2) sets of microbiological water samples to the Provincial Laboratory of Public Health from representative locations throughout the distribution system. The samples must be collected at least 24 hours apart. All water sample results must be satisfactory and confirm the absence of Total Coliforms and E. coli.
 5. That, until such time as the work referred to in paragraph 2 is completed to the satisfaction of the undersigned, or an executive officer of Alberta Health Services, that this order shall remain in effect.

The above conditions were noted at the time of receipt of the reports and may not necessarily reflect all deficiencies. You are advised that further work may be required to ensure full compliance with the Public Health Act and regulations, or to prevent a public health nuisance.

DATED at Sylvan Lake, Alberta, August 13, 2026.

Confirmation of a verbal order issued to Courtney Warren on August 13, 2026.

(Original Signed)
Bomi Ncube, CPHI(C)
Executive Officer
Alberta Health Services

If you have any questions regarding the order, contact Environmental Public Health at 1-833-476-4743 or https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/eph/eph.aspx
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You have the right to appeal

A person who is directly affected by a decision may appeal the decision by submitting a Notice of Appeal form within ten (10) days after receiving the order to:

Public Health Appeal Board
c/o Central Reception
Main Floor, ATB Place North Tower
10025 Jasper Avenue NW
Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 1S6
Phone: 780-222-5186
Fax: 780-422-0914
Email: HealthAppealBoard@gov.ab.ca
Website: <https://www.alberta.ca/public-health-appeal-board.aspx>

A Notice of Appeal form may be obtained by contacting the Public Health Appeal Board or visiting their website.

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