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### **CERTIFICATE ASSURES SAFE WATER ALTERNATIVE FOR KAMLOOPS**

VICTORIA – An environmental assessment certificate for a new collector well that could give the City of Kamloops an alternative safe water supply has been approved by George Abbott, Minister of Sustainable Resource Management, Bill Barisoff, Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection, and Murray Coell, Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services.

The ministers approved the certificate for the \$5-million Kamloops Groundwater Project on recommendations from the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO).

The project includes a collector well, pump house, disinfection and fluoridation system, approximately 650 metres of water main to connect the well to the city's central water supply system, hydro connection, vehicle access road and parking.

The new well has the potential to serve as an alternative water source for the city's main system or provide a backup or emergency supply system to augment the city's water system.

The project application triggered the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA). The environmental assessment report, submitted by the City of Kamloops, met the requirements of a Comprehensive Study Report under the CEAA and an application under the British Columbia Environmental Assessment Act. The application received prior CEAA approval.

During the review process, the EAO consulted with local, provincial and federal governments, the public and First Nations. Issues considered include the project's effect on the North Kamloops aquifer, the Thompson River and wildlife habitat adjacent to the proposed site.

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