

Lyall Harbour/Boot Cove Water Service

2022 Annual Report

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Introduction

This report provides a summary of the Lyall Harbour/Boot Cove Water Service for 2022 and includes a description of the service, summary of the water supply, demand and production, drinking water quality, operations highlights, capital project updates and financial report.

Service Description

The community of Lyall Harbour/Boot Cove is primarily a rural residential development with community and commercial properties located on Saturna Island in the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area which was originally serviced by a private water utility and in 1978 the service converted to the Capital Regional District (CRD). The Lyall Harbour/Boot Cove water service is made up of 171 parcels (Figure 1) encompassing a total area of approximately 100 hectares. Of the 171 parcels, 155 properties (164 Single Family Equivalent's) are connected to the water system.

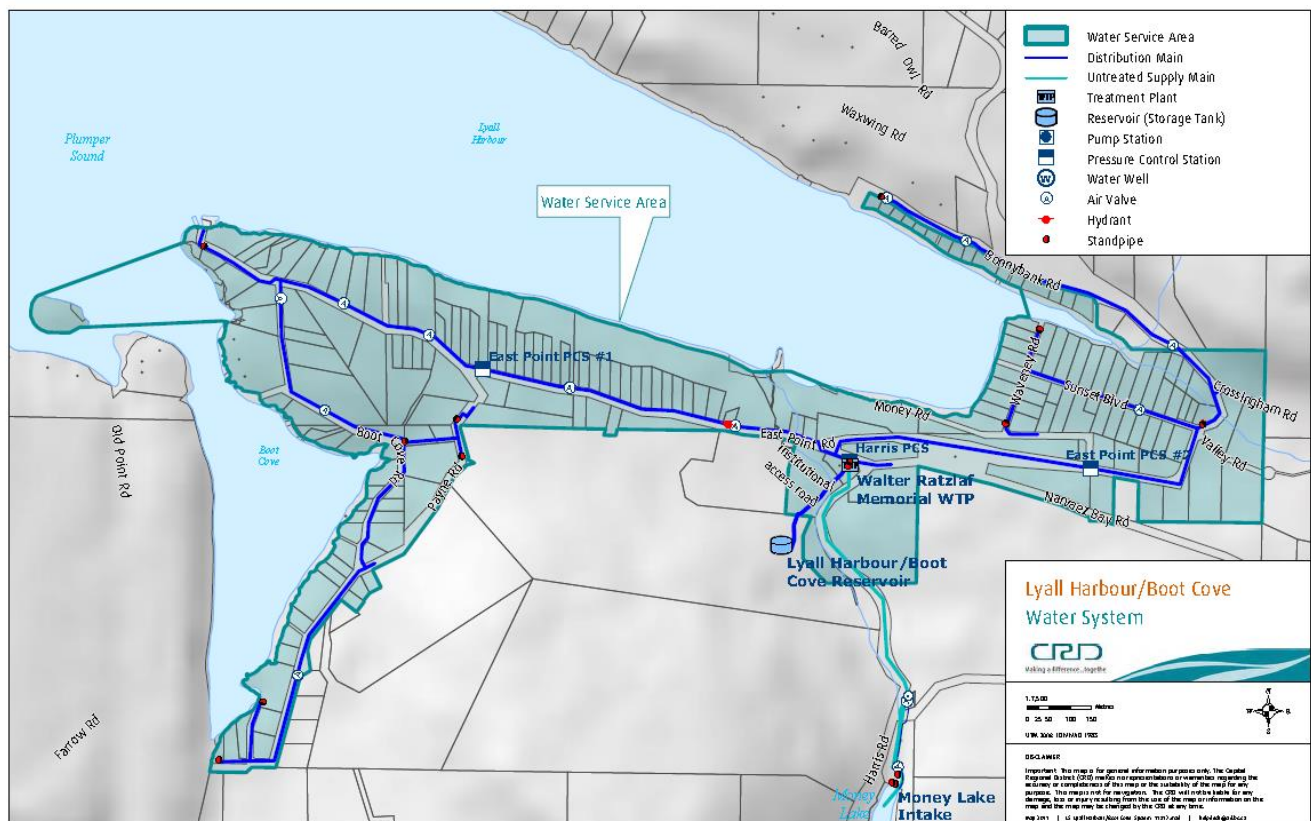


Figure 1: Map of Lyall Harbour/Boot Cove Water System

The Lyall Harbour/Boot Cove water system is primarily comprised of:

- Two raw water sources:
 - Money Lake, a small, impounded, surface water body that lies within a 94 hectare (230 acre) watershed on private and public lands.
 - Ground water spring (seepage pit) located near the base of Money Lake Dam.
- One earthen dam structure, Money Lake Dam No. 1.
- Treatment equipment including ozonation (currently offline), two stages of filtration (granular and absorption), ultraviolet light disinfection and chlorine disinfection.
- One steel storage tank (total volume 136 cubic meters or 36,000 US gallons).
- Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system.
- Distribution system and supply pipe network (8,390 meters of water mains).
- Other water system assets: water service connections and meters, three pressure reducing valve stations, 50 gate valves, 12 standpipes and a small auxiliary generator.

Water Supply

Referring to Figure 2 below, Money Lake monthly water levels are highlighted for 2022. It is important to note that water supply levels in Money Lake, prior to 2008, were historically lower during the summer period. An upgrade to mitigate the low water levels involved the installation of a groundwater seepage spring recirculation pumping system. Excess water from the seepage spring is pumped back to Money Lake in order to keep the Lake as full as possible. The groundwater seepage spring water level is not monitored; however the seepage spring weekly flow rate is monitored to confirm production rate. The seepage spring typically provides 100% of the winter water system demand for the community. Money Lake water is used periodically to supplement seepage spring flows, typically during the summer dry period.

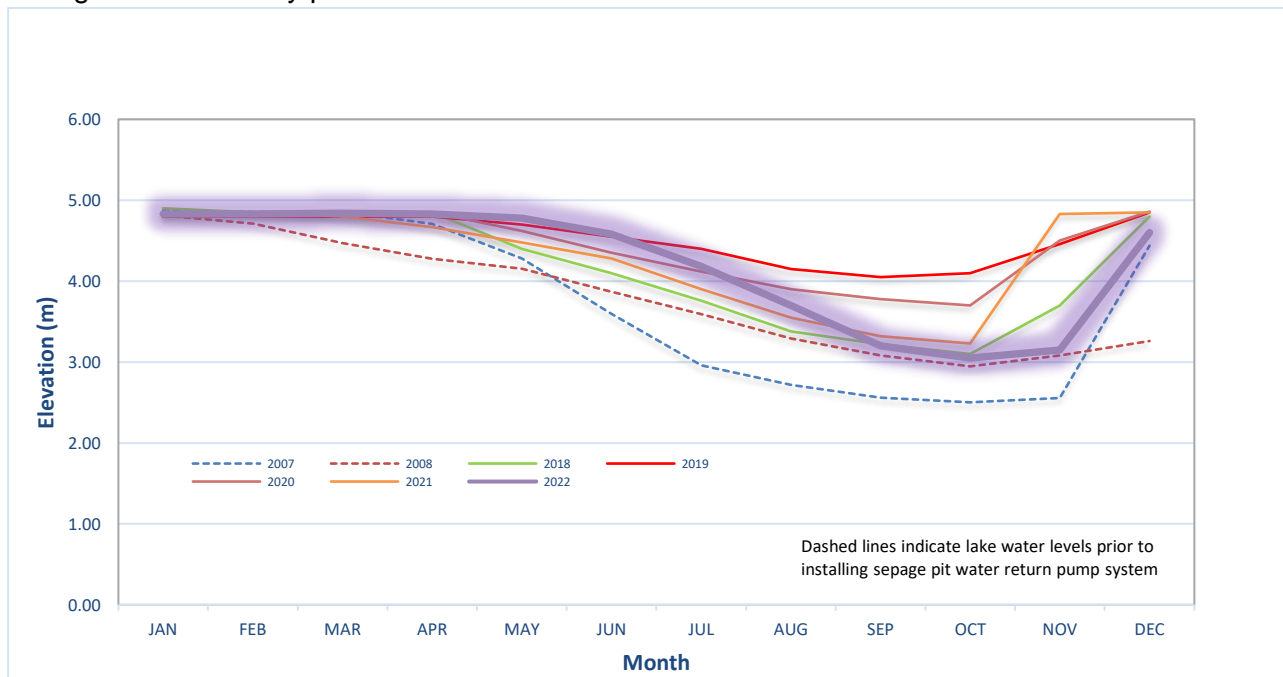


Figure 2: Money Lake Monthly Water Level

Water Production and Demand

Referring to Figure 3, 27,143 cubic meters of water was extracted (water production) from the seepage spring and Money Lake Reservoir in 2022; a 1% increase from the previous year and a 9% increase from the five year average. Water demand (customer water billing) for the service totaled 21,704 cubic meters of water; 1% increase from the previous year and an 18% increase from the five year average.

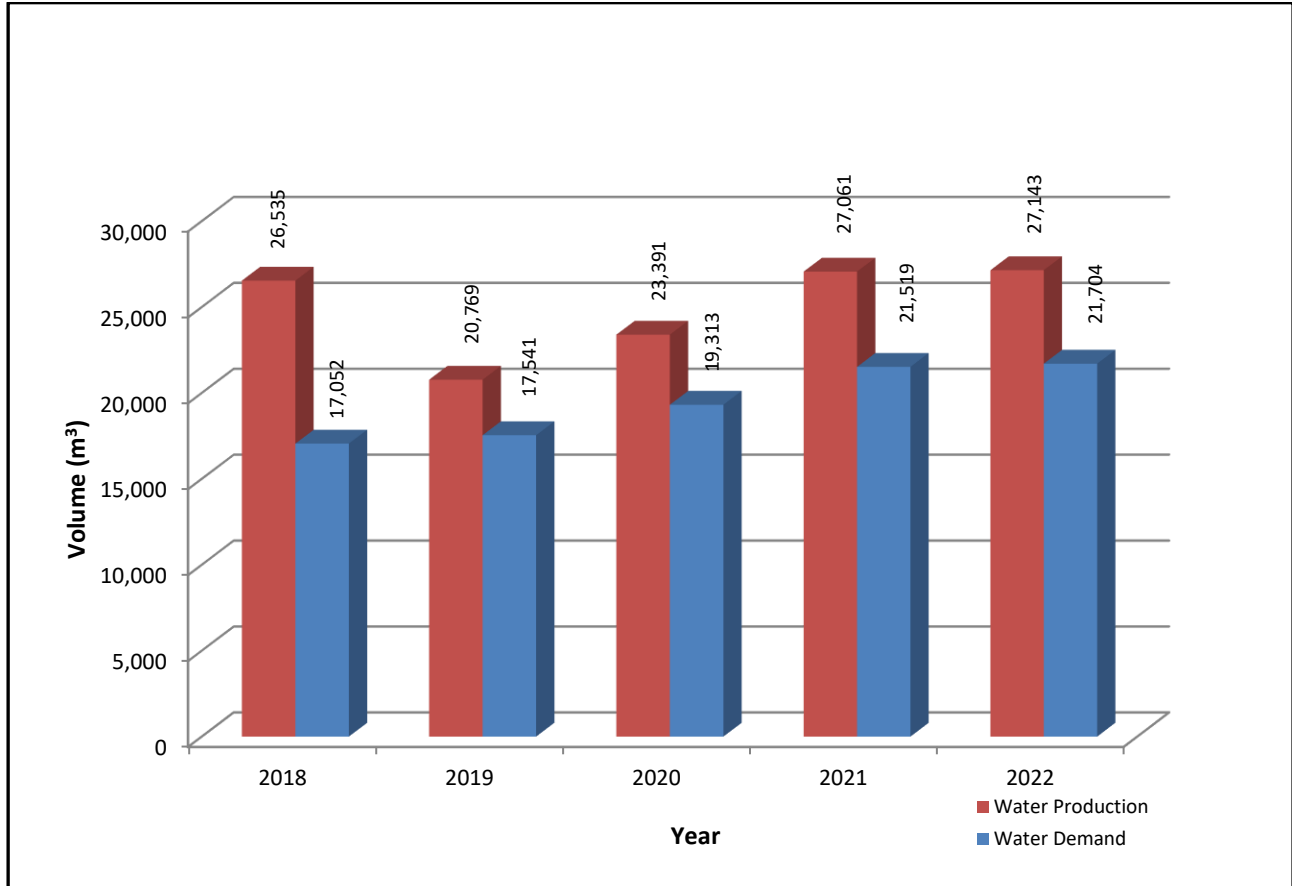


Figure 3: Lyall Harbour/Boot Cove Water System Annual Water Production and Demand

The difference between annual water production and annual customer demand is referred to as non-revenue water and can include water system leaks, water system maintenance and operational use (e.g. water main flushing, filter system backwashing), potential unauthorized use and fire-fighting use.

The 2022 non-revenue water (5,439 cubic meters) represents about 20% of the total water production for the service area. However, almost 12% of the non-revenue water can be attributed to operational use which includes water main flushing to keep chlorine residuals at acceptable levels at the extremities of the water system and water treatment filtration system backwashing activities. Therefore, the non-revenue water associated with system losses is approximately 8% which is considered acceptable for small water systems.

Figure 4 illustrates the monthly water production for 2022 along with the historical water production information. The monthly water production trends are typical for small water systems such as the Lyall Harbour/Boot Cove water system. However, in further review the January and February monthly water production for 2022 is much higher than normal. This is the result of a significant water system leak on the reservoir fill line which was identified and isolated from the system.

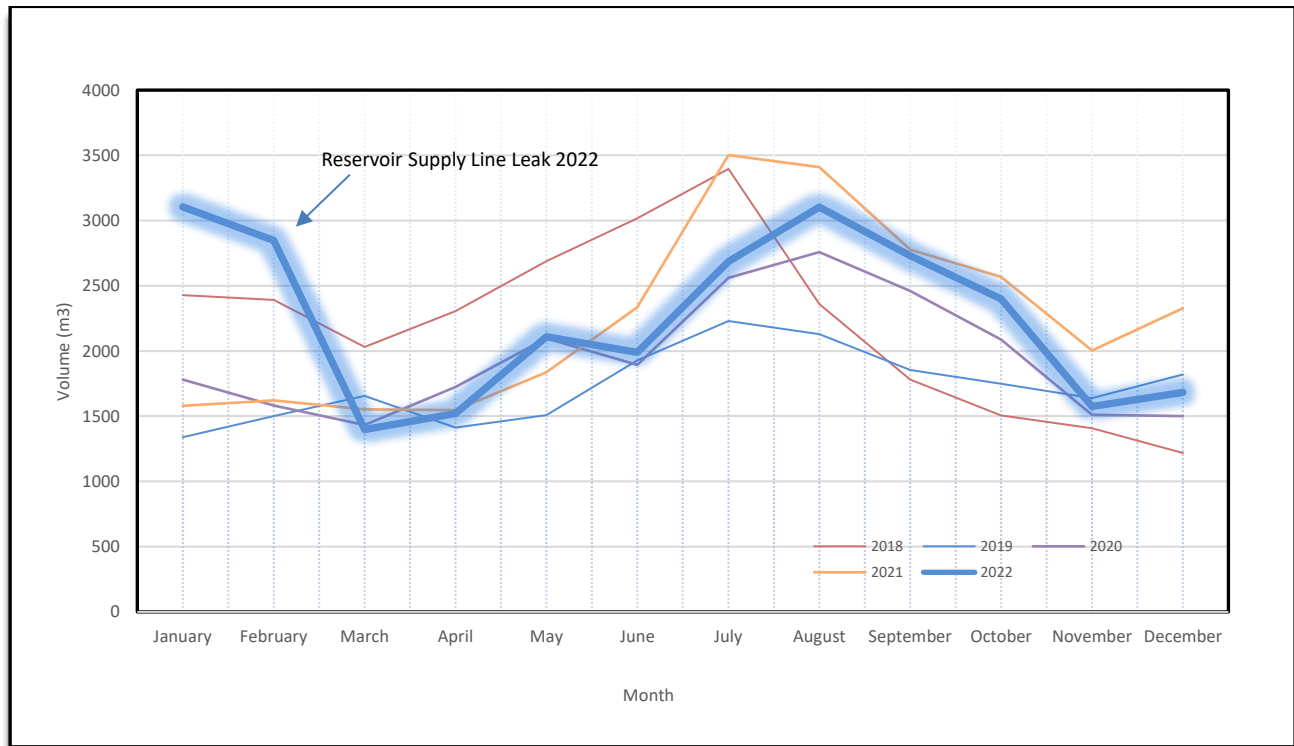


Figure 4: Lyall Harbour/Boot Cove Water Service Monthly Water Production

Drinking Water Quality

The Lyall Harbour/Boot Cove Water System uses predominantly seepage water collected from below the Money Lake dam as the primary raw water source. During the summer months this source is supplemented or completely replaced with flows from Money Lake. During summer and early fall 2022, all source water was supplied by Money Lake only, as the seepage water collection system ran dry. There is sufficient evidence to conclude that the seepage water is hydraulically connected to the lake source.

The Lyall Harbour/Boot Cove Water System experienced another challenging year in 2022. In total, it was under boil water advisories (BWA) for 160 days throughout the year. The first BWA was a continuation of a turbidity related event that has now developed into an annual pattern which sees the treated water turbidity starting to exceed one Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) in late fall and remaining above this threshold until the spring; typically until March. In 2022, this turbidity related BWA lasted until March 26. On October 18, this annual winter turbidity pattern set in again and necessitated another BWA that lasted into 2023. CRD staff, in collaboration with scientists at the University of Victoria, concluded in a 2022 study that turbidity measurement interference likely contributes to this annual turbidity and BWA pattern. The study found evidence that dissolved organic matter interferes with the turbidity readings. CRD staff is working on a solution to this issue.

Between June 27 and September 7, Money Lake experienced a strong cyanobacteria bloom. Multiple cyanotoxin tests did not detect microcystin toxins in the raw water during this bloom. This bloom did not pose a public health risk through the drinking water supplied. The annual average concentration for both regulated disinfection by-products, total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) and Haloacetic Acids (HAA), remained below the maximum acceptable concentration (MAC) in the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality (GCDWQ).

The data below provides a summary of the water quality characteristics in 2022:

Raw Water:

- The raw water exhibited overall low concentrations of total coliform bacteria, with higher concentrations during the summer and early fall months when lake water was the primary water source and water temperatures were high. Throughout most of the year, the raw water entering the treatment plant contained either none or only very low concentrations of *E. coli* bacteria.
- The raw water turbidity ranged from 0.85 to 9.69 NTU. The highest raw water turbidity period was during fall and winter (October to December) coinciding with the wet season. It is suspected that a higher concentration of dissolved organic matter during the wet season is a factor in the higher turbidity measurements. The median annual raw water turbidity was 3.51 NTU. During the spring and summer months the raw water turbidity was consistently lower between 1 and 2.5 NTU.
- No *Giardia* cysts and no *Cryptosporidium* oocysts were detected in two sample sets in 2022.
- The raw water had naturally high concentrations of iron and manganese especially during the fall season. Elevated iron and manganese concentrations are typically released during the fall turnover event in Money Lake and can be compounded by the ground passage of the seepage water. Iron concentrations were especially high on November 16, likely as a result of the lake turnover event and in the wake of the first significant post-summer rainfalls in late October and early November.
- The raw water was slightly hard (median hardness 39.8 mg/L CaCO₃).
- The natural total organic carbon (TOC) in the source water was moderately high (median 4.5 mg/L).

Treated Water:

- Outside the periods with a BWA, the treated water was bacteriologically safe to drink. No treated water sample from the distribution system tested positive for total coliform or *E.coli* bacteria.
- The treated water turbidity was regularly > 1 NTU and caused the three periods with BWAs. Investigations are underway to determine if the turbidity measurements could be affected by dissolved organic matter and whether such effect constitutes a risk to the safety of the drinking water or not.
- The treated water TOC was periodically high within a range from 3.9 to 9.7 mg/L. The annual mean was 4.9 mg/L. There is currently no guideline in the GCDWQ for TOC levels, however TOC levels > 2 mg/L indicate a potential for disinfection by-product exceedances. TOC levels > 4 mg/L are usually a precursor for high disinfection by-product concentrations.
- As a result of a chlorination optimization process, the disinfection by-product (DBP) concentrations remained below the GCDWQ health limits. The annual average TTHM and HAA concentrations were 83 µg/L and 56 µg/L respectively and therefore well below the MAC (100 µg/L and 80 µg/L respectively).

- Iron concentrations in exceedance of the aesthetic objective were found in a distribution system sample from November 16. This was a result of high iron concentrations in the raw water and the lack of adequate treatment for metals. Manganese concentrations, while elevated in the raw water, were consistently low in the treated water. Elevated iron concentrations are not a health concern but can lead to discolouration of the drinking water which can be a nuisance for the customers. The newly established GCDWQ MAC for aluminum was not exceeded in 2022.

Table 1 and 2 below provide a summary of the 2022 raw and treated water test results.

Water quality data collected from this drinking water system can be also reviewed on the CRD website:

<https://www.crd.bc.ca/about/data/drinking-water-quality-reports>

Operational Highlights

The following is a summary of the major operational issues that were addressed by CRD Integrated Water Services staff:

- Unplanned work related to the water treatment plant filtering system carbon media augmentation to address treated water turbidity issues related to the boil water advisory issued in late 2021.
- Several leak investigations that resulted in identifying a significant leak on the reservoir supply line and several leaks identified on the private side of the system.
- Operational effort due to the boil water advisory issued on October 9, 2021 and rescinded on March 26, 2022.
- Replacement of the Money Lake recirculation feed pump due to freezing from the extreme cold weather event in early 2022.
- Service line leak repair on East Point Road.
- Emergency response to a low chlorine alarm. Chlorine line piping was found to be cracked likely as a result of the cold weather event in late December. Additional heating was provided in the chlorine storage space.
- System leak detection activities performed in November because of low reservoir alarms due to high water demands. As a result, several leaks were identified to be on the private side of the system.
- Emergency response to a water system leak(s) by several Saanich Peninsula operations staff beginning December 24 and continued through December 26. Several leaks were found on the private side of the water system because of lengthy freezing weather conditions and improper winterization of external plumbing. The combination of several leaks occurring at the same time resulted in much higher water system demands that resulted in the water tank reaching a critical level. Although the water system did not drain completely the risk was extremely high for this to occur during the emergency response. Emergency bottled water was also delivered to site in the event water service was completely interrupted.

Capital Project Updates

The Capital Projects that were in progress or completed in 2022 included:

1. Completion of the 2022 Dam Safety Review (Audit) Report. This work was funded by Community Works Funds.

2. Dam Improvements – Geotechnical analysis was underway by Thurber Engineering. A seismic performance assessment as well as design memo for filtration blanket were progressed, both of which will be finalized in 2023. Once these deliverables are finalized and reviewed, further assessment will be required to determine construction opportunities and budget availability to execute the suggested works. This work was funded by Community Works Funds.

Financial Report

Please refer to the attached 2022 Statement of Operations and Reserve Balances.

Revenue includes parcel taxes (Transfers from Government), fixed user fees (User Charges), interest on savings Interest earnings), transfer from Operating Reserve Fund and miscellaneous revenue such as late payment charges (Other revenue).

Expenses include all costs of providing the service. General Government Services include budget preparation, financial management, utility billing and risk management services. CRD Labour and Operating Costs include CRD staff time as well as the cost of equipment, tools and vehicles. Debt servicing costs are interest and principal payments on long term debt. Other Expenses include all other costs to administer and operate the water system, including insurance, supplies, water testing and electricity.

The difference between Revenue and Expenses is reported as Net revenue (expenses). Any transfers to or from capital or reserve funds for the service (Transfers to Own Funds) are deducted from this amount and are added to any surplus or deficit carry forward from the prior year, yielding an Accumulated Surplus (or deficit) that is carried forward to the following year.

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Attachments: Table 1
 Table 2
 2022 Statement of Operations and Reserve Balances

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Table 1

Table 1: 2022 Summary of Raw Water Test Results, Lyall Harbour / Boot Cove Water System										
PARAMETER		2022 ANALYTICAL RESULTS				CANADIAN GUIDELINES	2012-2021 ANALYTICAL RESULTS			
Parameter Name	Units of Measure	Annual Median	Samples Analyzed	Range		≤ = Less than or equal to	Median	Samples Analyzed	Range	
				Minimum	Maximum				Minimum	Maximum
ND means Not Detected by analytical method used										
Physical/Biological Parameters										
Carbon, Total Organic	mg/L as C	4.5	12	3.2	6.2		5.4	102	3.27	18
Colour, True	TCU	24	16	10	59		19	46	11	71
Hardness as CaCO ₃	mg/L	39.8	4	39.2	45.2	No Guideline Required	43	69	34.7	52.2
pH	pH units	7.2	1	7.2	7.2	7.0 - 10.5 AO	6.81	27	6.4	7.52
Turbidity, Field Tests	NTU	4.21	112	1.28	9.69		4.04	2	3.43	4.65
Turbidity, Grab Samples	NTU	2.8	17	0.85	6.5		1.95	110	0.2	20.3
Water Temperature	Degrees C	10.5	63	-0.1	24	15°C AO	11	383	4	25.5
Metals										
Aluminum	ug/L as Al	38	4	27.9	156	2900 MAC / 100 OG	77.1	69	8.7	739
Antimony	ug/L as Sb	< 0.5	4	< 0.5	< 0.5	6 MAC	< 0.5	69	0.042	< 0.5
Arsenic	ug/L as As	0.395	4	0.31	0.55	10 MAC	0.4	69	0.22	7.49
Barium	ug/L as Ba	2.75	4	2.1	3.1	1000 MAC	3.4	69	1.47	40.4
Beryllium	ug/L as Be	< 0.1	4	< 0.1	< 0.1		< 0.1	69	< 0.01	< 3
Bismuth	ug/L as Bi	< 1	4	< 1	< 1		< 1	63	0.017	< 1
Boron	ug/L as B	< 50	4	< 50	< 50	5000 MAC	< 50	69	11	420
Cadmium	ug/L as Cd	< 0.01	4	< 0.01	< 0.01	5 MAC	< 0.01	69	< 0.01	< 0.1
Calcium	mg/L as Ca	10.25	4	9.86	11.7	No Guideline Required	10.8	69	8.65	13.2
Chromium	ug/L as Cr	< 1	4	< 1	< 1	50 MAC	< 1	69	0.15	< 10
Cobalt	ug/L as Co	< 0.2	4	< 0.2	< 0.2		< 0.2	69	0.022	< 20
Copper	ug/L as Cu	2.81	4	2.52	3.21	2000 MAC / ≤ 1000 AO	4.17	69	1.34	285
Iron	ug/L as Fe	258	4	125	943	≤ 300 AO	273	71	25.6	1960
Lead	ug/L as Pb	0.3	4	0.25	0.34	5 MAC	0.24	69	0.24	105
Lithium	ug/L as Li	< 2	4	< 2	< 2		< 2	35	< 2	20.1
Magnesium	mg/L as Mg	3.55	4	3.32	3.89	No Guideline Required	3.82	69	2.98	4.67
Manganese	ug/L as Mn	24.75	4	12.2	42.7	120 MAC / ≤ 20 AO	31.35	70	< 1	1370
Molybdenum	ug/L as Mo	< 1	4	< 1	< 1		< 1	69	0.065	< 20
Nickel	ug/L as Ni	< 1	4	< 1	< 1		< 1	69	0.353	< 50
Potassium	mg/L as K	0.642	4	0.494	0.729		0.663	69	0.387	1.36
Selenium	ug/L as Se	< 0.1	4	< 0.1	< 0.1	50 MAC	< 0.1	69	< 0.04	< 0.5
Silicon	mg/L as Si	6915	4	5930	8850		7310	69	2750	19800
Silver	ug/L as Ag	< 0.02	4	< 0.02	< 0.02	No Guideline Required	< 0.02	69	< 0.005	< 40
Sodium	mg/L as Na	8.55	4	8.38	9.19	≤ 200 AO	9.17	69	6.44	13.2
Strontium	ug/L as Sr	92.9	4	87.2	98.4	7000 MAC	96.8	69	70	120
Sulfur	mg/L as S	< 3	4	< 3	3.3		< 3	63	< 3	6.1
Tin	ug/L as Sn	< 5	4	< 5	< 5		< 5	69	0.46	65
Titanium	ug/L as Ti	< 5	4	< 5	8.4		< 5	69	1.44	65
Thallium	ug/L as Tl	< 0.01	4	< 0.01	< 0.01		< 0.01	63	0.008	< 0.05
Uranium	ug/L as U	< 0.1	4	< 0.1	< 0.1	20 MAC	< 0.1	63	0.007	< 0.1
Vanadium	ug/L as V	< 5	4	< 5	< 5		< 5	69	0.5	< 10
Zinc	ug/L as Zn	8.95	4	5.3	11.4	≤ 5000 AO	9.1	69	< 1	258
Zirconium	ug/L as Zr	0.105	4	< 0.1	0.23		0.18	63	< 0.1	0.57
Microbial Parameters										
Indicator Bacteria										
Coliform, Total	CFU/100 mL	62.5	14	9	1000		230	110	<1	9200
<i>E. coli</i>	CFU/100 mL	< 1	14	< 1	1		< 1	112	< 1	29
Hetero. Plate Count, 35C (2 day)	CFU/1 mL	Not tested in 2022					2200	2	1100	3300
Parasites										
<i>Cryptosporidium</i> , Total oocysts	oocysts/100 L	< 1	2	< 1	< 1	Zero detection desirable	< 1	5	< 1	< 1
<i>Giardia</i> , Total cysts	cysts/100 L	< 1	2	< 1	< 1	Zero detection desirable	< 1	5	< 1	< 1
Algal Toxins										
Microcystin	ug/L	Not tested in 2022				1.5 ug/L MAC	<1	27	<1	<1

Table 2

Table 2: 2022 Summary of Treated Water Test Results, Lyall Harbour / Boot Cove Water System										
PARAMETER		2022 ANALYTICAL RESULTS				CANADIAN GUIDELINES	2012-2021 ANALYTICAL RESULTS			
Parameter Name	Units of Measure	Annual Median	Samples Analyzed	Range (Min. - Max.)		≤ = Less than or equal to	Median	Samples Analyzed	Range (Minimum - Maximum)	
ND means Not Detected by analytical method used										
Physical Parameters										
Carbon, Total Organic	mg/L as C	4.15	16	2.8	7.2		4.50	140	1.1	66.9
Colour, True	TCU	8.50	22	< 2	31		6.00	38	<2	40
pH	No units	6.90	2	6.5	6.9	7.0 - 10.5 AO	6.80	18	6.3	8
Hardness	mg/L as CaCO3	39.35	8	38.9	47		43.50	55	37.2	50.1
Turbidity	NTU	0.98	36	0.25	3.7	1 MAC and ≤ 5 AO	0.60	177	0.18	5.3
Turbidity, Field Tests	NTU	0.78	8	0.69	1.1		0.35	8	0.23	0.91
Water Temperature	Degrees C	8.70	151	4.9	18.7	≤ 15 AO	10.50	1787	3	20.8
Microbial Parameters										
Indicator Bacteria										
Coliform, Total	CFU/100 mL	< 1	120	< 1	< 1	0 MAC	< 1	752	< 1	460
<i>E. coli</i>	CFU/100 mL	< 1	120	< 1	< 1	0 MAC	< 1	753	< 1	1
Hetero. Plate Count, 7 day	CFU/1 mL	805	18	20	15,000	No Guideline Required	3000	101	<10	24000
Algal Toxins										
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Microcystin	ug/L			Not tested in 2022		1.5 ug/L MAC	<1	3	<1	<1
Disinfectants										
Disinfectants										
Chlorine, Free Residual	mg/L as Cl2	0.40	149	0.02	5.80	No Guideline Required	0.42	1812	0.01	8.8
Chlorine, Total Residual	mg/L as Cl2	0.53	56	0.10	4.90	No Guideline Required	0.49	1536	0.01	8.8
Disinfection By-Products										
Haloacetic Acids										
HAA5	ug/L	58	4	14	94	80 MAC	52.00	25	< 0.1	160
Trihalomethanes (THMs)										
Bromodichloromethane	ug/L	15.0	4	11.0	18.0		19	44	0.643	40.6
Bromoform	ug/L	< 1	4	< 1	< 1		< 1	44	< 0.1	< 1
Chloroform	ug/L	71.5	4	46.0	82.0		76	44	7.26	250
Chlorodibromomethane	ug/L	1.6	4	1.1	2.0		3	44	<0.1	31
Total Trihalomethanes	ug/L	87.5	4	57.0	100.0	100 MAC	99	44	7.9	280
Metals										
Aluminum	ug/L as Al	16.1	8	7.3	118	2900 MAC / 100 OG	18.5	55	7.3	138
Antimony	ug/L as Sb	< 0.5	8	< 0.5	< 0.5	6 MAC	< 0.5	55	0.035	< 50
Arsenic	ug/L as As	0.35	8	0.25	0.43	10 MAC	0.34	55	0.2	0.8
Barium	ug/L as Ba	2.85	8	2.5	3.1	1000 MAC	2.37	55	1.5	16.1
Beryllium	ug/L as Be	< 0.1	8	< 0.1	< 0.1		< 0.1	55	< 0.01	< 0.1
Bismuth	ug/L as Bi	< 1	8	< 1	< 1		< 1	55	0.005	< 1
Boron	ug/L as B	< 50	8	< 50	< 50	5000 MAC	< 50	55	13	< 50
Cadmium	ug/L as Cd	< 0.01	8	< 0.01	< 0.01	5 MAC	< 0.01	55	< 0.005	0.087
Calcium	mg/L as Ca	10.15	8	9.8	12.3	No Guideline Required	11.1	55	9.55	13.2
Chromium	ug/L as Cr	< 1	8	< 1	< 1	50 MAC	< 1	55	< 0.1	< 10
Cobalt	ug/L as Co	< 0.2	8	< 0.2	0.21		< 0.2	55	0.01	< 0.5
Copper	ug/L as Cu	29.1	8	11.1	52.9	2000 MAC / ≤ 1000 AO	31.7	55	2.14	595
Iron	ug/L as Fe	119.7	8	41	714	≤ 300 AO	118	57	28.8	EXG 1670
Lead	ug/L as Pb	1.025	8	0.5	2.21	5 MAC	0.915	55	<0.2	25.8
Lithium	ug/L as Li	< 2	8	< 2	< 2		< 2	26	1.74	< 5
Magnesium	mg/L as Mg	3.505	8	3.28	3.97	No Guideline Required	3.89	55	3.2	4.53
Manganese	ug/L as Mn	1.95	8	< 1	4.8	120 MAC / ≤ 20 AO	1.6	57	< 1	26.3
Molybdenum	ug/L as Mo	< 1	8	< 1	< 1		< 1	55	0.076	< 1
Nickel	ug/L as Ni	< 1	8	< 1	2.2		1.6	55	0.288	80.9
Potassium	mg/L as K	0.632	8	0.48	0.78		0.681	55	0.479	0.956
Selenium	ug/L as Se	< 0.1	8	< 0.1	< 0.1	50 MAC	< 0.1	55	< 0.04	0.12
Silicon	mg/L as Si	6930	8	5980	8700		7220	55	2970	8850
Silver	ug/L as Ag	< 0.02	8	< 0.02	< 0.02	No Guideline Required	< 0.02	55	< 0.005	< 0.02
Sodium	mg/L as Na	10.6	8	9.95	12.3	≤ 200 AO	11.7	55	9.26	15.6
Strontium	ug/L as Sr	91.9	8	84.8	103	7000 MAC	96.6	55	81.5	121
Sulfur	mg/L as S	< 3	8	< 3	3.5		< 3	55	< 3	5.6
Tin	ug/L as Sn	< 5	8	< 5	< 5		< 5	55	< 0.2	47.8
Titanium	ug/L as Ti	< 5	8	< 5	7.5		< 5	55	0.79	9.3
Thallium	ug/L as Tl	< 0.01	8	< 0.01	< 0.01		< 0.01	55	< 0.002	< 0.05
Uranium	ug/L as U	< 0.1	8	< 0.1	< 0.1	20 MAC	< 0.1	55	0.008	< 0.1
Vanadium	ug/L as V	< 5	8	< 5	< 5		< 5	55	0.48	< 5
Zinc	ug/L as Zn	26.75	8	20.2	44.6	≤ 5000 AO	26.6	55	< 5	102
Zirconium	ug/L as Zr	0.11	8	< 0.1	0.3		0.14	55	< 0.1	0.66