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Subject: Thank you and water issue at encampment

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Hello,

I wanted to thank all of you and Warden Ostrander for this recent post. <https://www.northumberland.ca/en/news/statement-by-warden-brian-ostrander-about-recent-online-commentary.aspx> I see the harassment and experience first hand dropping off survival supplies at camp and many residents live in fear down there from the threats they receive from the surrounding community, on top of an already stressful situation of experiencing homelessness. Thanks you for that statement to the community, I hope it helps and stops the planned protest.

I wanted to let you know that water is a serious issue down there. Folks were washing dishes in the river and some were choosing to drink with filtration straws from the river. The fence now blocks the river (perhaps because the water is unsafe for drinking??). As you know there is no potable water on site, as the Brookside water is contaminated. Volunteers drop water and fill containers as much as we can with the help of folks from camp. However, donation money is long gone. And we are depending on community members to provide water and water containers for the 47-50 people currently on site. We do not have enough containers, no where near enough and we have being trying to just refill what they have as it is economical and better for the environment.

Thank you Lucas for confirming that volunteers and people experiencing homelessness can fill up at town taps- I was previously told by Town parks staff that we could not do that and it has since been corrected by the Mayor. Thank you for this.

If the County Social Services or the Health Unit could provide camping water containers folks at camp can walk to public buildings and taps with the carts that have been

provided to fill and volunteers can continue to assist as well. It is going to get quite hot starting next week and we are worried about these folks living outside, many with medical issues.

Thanks again for your time and consideration.

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