

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS AND USERS**  
**OF THE WOODRIDGE SEMI-PUBLIC WATER BULK FILL STATION**  
**aka PUMP HOUSE**  
**(located next to the Community Centre, Denis Street, Woodridge)**

For over 40 years, the Woodridge Community Club has provided community access to a safe & reliable water source for farmers, residents and our fire department via the 'pump house". The community club, since 2018, submits a water sample to a provincially approved laboratory on a quarterly basis. The water sample is analyzed for contaminants including e-coli. We have never failed a test in 6 years and a copy of the results goes to the Regional Office of Drinking Water in Steinbach. Additionally, southeast Manitoba can boast some of the most pristine water in the region because of a protected aquifer found deep in the Sandilands forest. The water from our well is safe and clean. However in 2022, the Province of Manitoba changed the regulations so that all semi-public water bulk fill stations must now install a chlorine injection pump as a secondary source of disinfection. This retrofit of our 'pump house' with a chlorine injection pump is very expensive (\$5,000 - \$10,000). Plus testing and monitoring will have to be submitted monthly (versus quarterly) to the lab in Winnipeg and ongoing maintenance of this system becomes an additional monthly expense and an onerous responsibility for the club and its volunteers. The Regional Office of Drinking Water has given the club a **Letter of Direction and Notice to Comply to install an approved secondary disinfection system (chlorine) by July 10, 2024**. The Woodridge Community Club Board of Directors have met with representatives of the Regional Office of Drinking Water with the support of our MLA for La Vendrye Konrad Narth and the RM of Piney Councillor Ken Prociw. Despite cavalier efforts to make our case we have not been able to come to a satisfactory resolution. Hence we have been left with no choice but to shutdown our semi-public water bulk fill station (aka pump house). We did not make this decision lightly as we know it will have an impact on you and our community. If you want to express your opinion on this matter or have any questions/concerns addressed, please direct them to the following individuals:

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(and Office of Drinking Water)  
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*Respectively Yours,*

*Woodridge Community Club Board of Directors*