

2016 Change of Ownership for Willowbrook Water System



In 2016 the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen assumed ownership and took over operations of the Willowbrook Water System. Numerous deficiencies have been identified in the system's infrastructure and a master plan has been prepared to achieve the current standards for drinking water.



The Willowbrook Water System has been on a Boil Water Notice (BWN) since February 10, 2017 when a loss of positive system pressure occurred due to a power outage. Total coliform and background bacteria counts were being found sporadically in samples throughout the distribution system at that time.

Shortly after this BWN was issued, an assessment completed by the Interior Health Authority deemed that the water system source well and ground water were 'Ground Water at Risk of containing Pathogens' (GARP). Due to this classification, disinfection measures must be implemented in order to satisfy the requirements of the Drinking Water Protection Regulation.