

GET THE LEAD OUT OF OUR WATER

PETITION TO THE CITY OF REGINA

- About 3,300 Regina residences have lead water service connections (pipes) owned by the city.
- These city-owned connections are concentrated in the core of the city: Cathedral (21.2% of residences); Heritage (20.5%); Old Lakeview (16.9%); North Central (13.2%); Al Ritchie (10.4%); McNab (9%); Eastview (7.3%); Centre Square (6.5%); Warehouse District (5.2%); Lakeview (4.6%); Downtown (4.6%).
- There are also 7,000 to 8000 residences with lead connections on the private side of the property line.
- A 2019 investigation showed tap water samples from some Regina homes had among the highest levels of lead-tainted water in Canada.
- As Health Canada makes clear, lead in the water is a very serious public health concern:
- “Reduced intelligence in children measured as decreases in IQ is the most sensitive and well- established health effect of lead exposure.” In adults, possible effects include reduced cognition, increased blood pressure, kidney dysfunction, and heart disease. Lead is also believed to be a cause of cancer. “There is no known safe exposure level to lead.”
- In December 2019, Regina City Council voted to fast track the replacement of city-owned lead pipes and get the lead out in 5 years, by 2025. In May 2021, a new Council voted to extend the replacement of lead cityowned connections to 2036.
- 2036—15 years from now—is far too late, endangering as it does the health of Regina residents, especially children. By contrast, Saskatoon is on track to complete the work of replacing city lead connections by 2026.
- Current city policy mandates that homeowners must pay the full cost of replacing lead connections on the private side of the property line.

We, the undersigned, therefore call on the City of Regina to

- Replace all city lead water service connections by 2026.
- Start in low income neighbourhoods and move from one neighbourhood to another until all city connections have been replaced.
- Create a cost sharing arrangement with residents for the replacement of all private lead connections.

All Regina residents of elementary school age or older are eligible to sign.

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