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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Source Water Quality

- In 2020, the turbidity levels of the delivered water met the requirements of the *Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality* (GCDWQ).
- The Capilano supply was in service for the entire year. Heavy rainfall events in early January and late September resulted in Capilano source water turbidity peaking at 7.3 Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU). Even with the higher turbidity, the delivered filtered Capilano water was less than 0.1 NTU as measured by online instruments for the entire year.
- The Seymour supply was in service for the entire year. Heavy rainfall events in January resulted in Seymour source water turbidity peaking at 23 NTU. The delivered filtered Seymour water was less than 0.1 NTU as measured by online instruments for the entire year.
- The Coquitlam supply was in service for the entire year. The unfiltered Coquitlam source water was greater than 1 NTU for 7 days in 2020 and did not exceed 5 NTU throughout the year.
- The microbiological quality of the three source waters was excellent in 2020. The levels of bacteria and protozoa detected were low and indicative of high quality source water.
- Coquitlam source water quality met the bacteriological requirements for avoiding filtration outlined in the turbidity section of the GCDWQ.
- Results of the analyses of the source water for herbicides, pesticides, volatile organic compounds and radionuclides were all found to be below the recommended limits for these substances as listed in the GCDWQ.

Water Treatment

- The Seymour Capilano Filtration Plant (SCFP) performance, as measured by the quality of the delivered water, was excellent in 2020. The daily average turbidity of water leaving the clearwells to enter the Greater Vancouver Water District (GVWD) transmission system was an average of 0.09 NTU in 2020.
- Turbidity levels for Individual Filter Effluent (IFE) met the turbidity requirements of the GCDWQ.
- Filtration consistently removed iron, colour and organics from the Capilano and Seymour source water.
- Levels of total aluminum in filtered water were consistently below the GCDWQ operational guideline value of 0.2 mg/L for direct filtration plants using aluminum-based coagulants. The maximum value for 2020 was 0.06 mg/L.
- There were no outages of ultraviolet treatment at the SCFP and the Coquitlam Water Treatment Plant (CWTP).
- The SCFP and CWTP operated the full year using sodium hypochlorite for chlorination.
- The secondary disinfection stations boosted chlorine when required.

Transmission/Distribution System Water Quality

- Bacteriological water quality was excellent in the GVWD transmission mains.
- No *E. coli* was detected. The detection of an *E. coli* triggers a protocol which involves immediate notification to health and local government officials, re-sampling, and a thorough investigation into the possible causes.
- Bacteriological water quality was excellent in the GVWD in-system storage reservoirs. There was no *E. coli* detected in any of the associated samples.

- Bacteriological water quality was excellent in the distribution systems of the local governments. Of approximately 20,000 local government samples collected for testing in 2020, a high percentage (99.8%) were free of total coliforms, which was the same as 2019 (99.8%). No *E. coli* were detected in any of the samples taken in 2020.
- The running average levels of the Trihalomethane (THM) group of chlorine disinfection by-products detected in the delivered water in the GVWD and local government systems were below the Maximum Acceptable Concentration (MAC) in the GCDWQ of 100 µg/L (0.1 mg/L). The running average levels for the Haloacetic Acid (HAA) group of chlorine disinfection by-products were below the GCDWQ Maximum Acceptable Concentration (MAC) of 80 µg/L (0.08 mg/L).

ACRONYMS

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| ACU | Apparent Color Unit |
| AO | Aesthetic Objective (characteristics such as taste, colour, appearance, temperature that are not health related) |
| BCDWPR | <i>British Columbia Drinking Water Protection Regulation</i> |
| BHT | Break Head Tank |
| BTEX | Benzene, Ethylbenzene, Toluene, Xylene |
| CALA | Canadian Association for Laboratory Accreditation |
| CRWPS | Capilano Raw Water Pump Station |
| CFE | Combined Filter Effluent |
| CFU | Colony Forming Units |
| CO ₂ | Carbon Dioxide |
| CTD | Conductivity, Temperature, Depth |
| CWTP | Coquitlam Water Treatment Plant |
| DS | Distribution System |
| DBP | Disinfection By-product |
| DOC | Dissolved Organic Carbon |
| DWTP | <i>Drinking Water Treatment Program</i> |
| DWTO | <i>Drinking Water Treatment Objectives (Microbiological) for Surface Water Supplies in British Columbia</i> |
| <i>E. coli</i> | <i>Escherichia coli</i> |
| ERF | Energy Recovery Facility |
| EPA | Environmental Protection Agency (USA) |
| ESWTR | <i>Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (USA)</i> |
| GCDWQ | <i>Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality</i> |
| GVWD | Greater Vancouver Water District |
| HAA | Haloacetic Acid |
| HPC | Heterotrophic Plate Count |
| IFE | Individual Filter Effluent |
| MAC | Maximum Acceptable Concentration |
| MCL | Maximum Contaminant Level |
| MDA | Minimum Detectable Activity |
| MDL | Method Detection Limit |
| mg/L | Milligram per liter (0.001 g/L) |
| µg/L | Microgram per litre (0.000001 g/L) |
| mL | Milliliter |
| MF | Membrane Filtration |
| mJ/cm ² | Millijoule per centimeter squared |
| MPN | Most Probable Number |
| N/A | Not Available |
| NTU | Nephelometric Turbidity Unit |
| PAH | Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons |
| PFOA | Perfluorooctanoic Acid |

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| PFOS | Perfluorooctane Sulfonate |
| pH | Measure of acidity or basicity of water; pH 7 is neutral |
| ppb | Parts per Billion (Equivalent of microgram per litre) |
| ppm | Parts per Million (Equivalent of microgram per litre) |
| RCW | Recycled Clarified Water |
| RWT | Raw Water Tunnel |
| SCADA | Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition |
| SCFP | Seymour Capilano Filtration Plant |
| TS | Transmission System |
| THAA ₅ | Total Haloacetic ₅ Acids |
| THM | Trihalomethane |
| TOC | Total Organic Carbon |
| TTHM | Total Trihalomethane |
| TWT | Treated Water Tunnel |
| UV ₂₅₄ | Ultraviolet Absorbance at 254 nm |
| WHO | World Health Organization |
| WQMRP | <i>Water Quality Monitoring and Reporting Plan for Metro Vancouver (GVWD) and Local Government Members</i> |

WATER SAMPLING AND TESTING PROGRAM

| Water Type | Parameter | Frequency |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Untreated, Source Water | Total coliform and <i>E. coli</i> | Daily |
| | Turbidity | Daily |
| | <i>Giardia</i> and <i>Cryptosporidium</i> | Monthly at Capilano and Coquitlam |
| | Ammonia, colour, iron, organic carbon, pH | Weekly |
| | Alkalinity, chloride, calcium, hardness, magnesium, manganese, nitrate, potassium, phosphate, sulphate | Monthly |
| | Aluminum, copper, sodium, total and suspended solids | Bi-monthly |
| | Trihalomethanes, haloacetic acids | Quarterly |
| | Antimony, arsenic, barium, boron, cadmium, cyanide, chromium, lead, mercury, nickel, phenols, selenium, silver, zinc | Semi-annually |
| | Pesticides and herbicides | Annually |
| | PAHs, BTEXs | Annually |
| | VOC | Annually |
| | Radioisotopes | Annually |
| Treated water | Total coliform and <i>E. coli</i> | Daily |
| | Turbidity | Daily |
| | Temperature | Daily |
| | Ammonia, colour, iron, organic carbon, pH, aluminum at SCFP | Weekly |
| | Aluminum, copper, sodium, total and suspended solids | Bi-Monthly |
| | Trihalomethanes, haloacetic acids | Quarterly at selected sites |
| | Antimony, arsenic, barium, boron, cadmium, cyanide, chromium, lead, mercury, nickel, phenols, selenium, silver, zinc | Semi-annually |
| | | |
| GVWD Water Mains | Total coliform and <i>E. coli</i> | Weekly per site |
| | Heterotrophic plate count | Weekly per site |
| | Free chlorine | Weekly per site |
| | Trihalomethanes, haloacetic acids, pH | Quarterly at selected sites |
| | PAHs, BTEXs | Semi-annually at selected sites |
| GVWD Reservoirs | Total coliform and <i>E. coli</i> | Weekly per site |
| | Heterotrophic plate count | Weekly per site |
| | Free chlorine | Weekly per site |
| Local Government Distribution System | Total coliform and <i>E. coli</i> | Weekly per site |
| | Heterotrophic plate count | Weekly per site |
| | Free chlorine | Weekly per site |
| | Turbidity | Weekly per site |
| | Trihalomethanes, haloacetic acids, pH | Quarterly at selected sites |

1.0 SOURCE WATER QUALITY

The first barrier in place to protect the quality of drinking water supply is the protection of the watershed to ensure the best quality source water. Source water monitoring provides ongoing confirmation that the barrier is effective, identifies seasonal changes and provides the monitoring information necessary to adjust the level of water treatment that is in place. Regular monitoring of the water sources is also a requirement of the *Water Quality Monitoring and Reporting Plan for Metro Vancouver (GVWD) and Local Government Members (WQMRP)*.

1.1. Bacteriological Quality of the Source Water

The bacteriological quality of the source water is an important indicator of the degree of contamination, and the treatment required to ensure a safe water supply. *The Drinking Water Treatment Objectives (Microbiological) for Surface Water Supplies in British Columbia* (DWTO) Section 4.3 states “The number of *E. coli* in raw water does not exceed 20/100 mL (or if *E. coli* data are not available less than 100/100 mL of total coliform) in at least 90% of the weekly samples from the previous six months. Treatment target for all water systems is to contain no detectable *E. coli* or fecal coliform per 100 mL.”

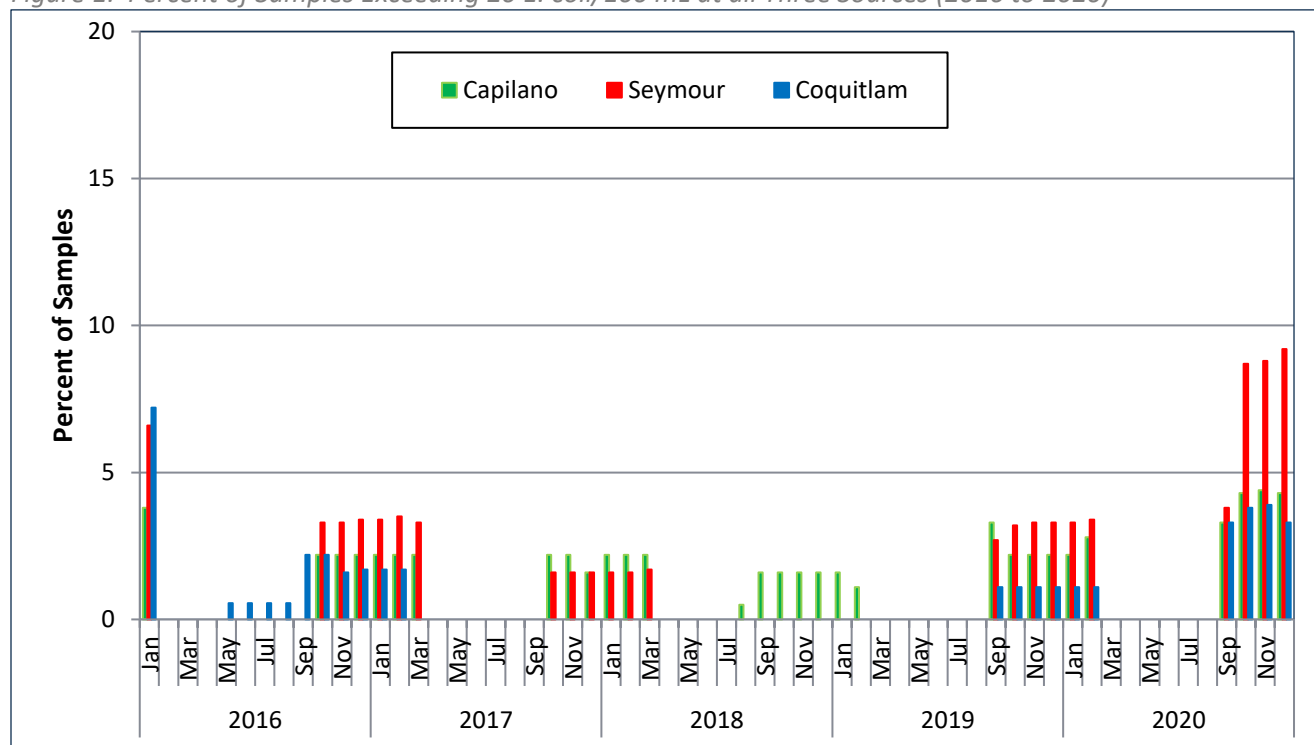
Table 1 summarizes *E. coli* data for all three GVWD water supply sources. The levels of *E. coli* for all three sources were below the 10% limit in the provincial turbidity guideline.

Table 1: Percent of Samples in Six Continual Months with *E. coli*/100 mL Exceeding 20

| | Percent of samples (daily) in a six month period ending on the last day of the month named where <i>E. coli</i> is greater than 20/100 mL | | |
|-------|---|---------|-----------|
| Month | Capilano | Seymour | Coquitlam |
| Jan | 2.2 | 3.3 | 1.1 |
| Feb | 2.8 | 3.4 | 1.1 |
| Mar | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Apr | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| May | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jun | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jul | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Aug | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sep | 3.3 | 3.8 | 3.3 |
| Oct | 4.3 | 8.7 | 3.8 |
| Nov | 4.4 | 8.8 | 3.9 |
| Dec | 4.3 | 9.2 | 3.3 |

Figure 1 shows the results of the analysis of the source water from 2016 to 2020 at all three intakes compared to the limits for source water bacterial levels in the DWTO. As in previous years, all three sources met the limit of not more than 10% exceeding 20 *E.coli*/100mL. As was also the case in previous years, samples collected at the intakes in the fall and winter had the highest *E.coli* levels. Typically, these *E.coli* can typically be traced back to high flow levels at the main tributaries of the supply lakes and a first flush phenomenon after a period of dry weather.

Figure 1: Percent of Samples Exceeding 20 *E. coli*/100 mL at all Three Sources (2016 to 2020)



Note: Metro Vancouver has protected watersheds and therefore the source of *E. coli* is most likely originating from endemic animals in the watersheds.

1.2. Source Water Monitoring for *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium*

Unfiltered surface water supplies have the potential of containing the protozoan pathogens *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium*. Outbreaks of *Giardiasis* occurred in a number of locations in B.C. and Washington State in the late 1980s, and Metro Vancouver has been monitoring raw water for *Giardia* since 1987. Since 1992, Metro Vancouver has participated in a program with the BC Centre of Disease Control Enhanced Water Testing Laboratory, to gather more information about the number and nature of cysts found in the GVWD water supplies. The program involves collecting samples from the Capilano and Coquitlam supplies upstream of disinfection.

At the SCFP, monitoring for *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium* has focused on the recycled water returning to the head of the plant and this monitoring has confirmed that the procedures in place effectively control the levels of *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium* in the recycled wash water from the filters.

The results of the 2020 testing program are contained in the “Report to Metro Vancouver – *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium* Annual Report January – December, 2020”, which was prepared by the BC Public Health Microbiology & Reference Laboratories, Environmental Microbiology, and can be found in Appendix D. Four of twelve (33%) samples collected at Capilano and three of the twelve (25%) collected at Coquitlam were positive for *Giardia* (Table 2).

As discussed previously, Seymour samples for 2020 are all process control samples and not Seymour source water, as they were prior to 2011 (shown as N/A in the table).

Table 2: Percent of Samples Positive for *Giardia*

| | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Capilano | 50 | 75 | 50 | 18 | 18 | 50 | 58 | 33 | 33 | 33 |
| Seymour | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | NA | NA | NA |
| Coquitlam | 51 | 50 | 23 | 8 | 0 | 17 | 67 | 8 | 25 | 25 |

Zero of twelve (0%) samples collected at Capilano were positive for *Cryptosporidium*, and 0 of twelve (0%) were positive at Coquitlam (Table 3). As discussed in the section on *Giardia* above, Seymour samples for 2020 are all process control samples and not Seymour source water, as they were prior to 2011 (shown as N/A in the table).

Table 3: Percent of Samples Positive of *Cryptosporidium*

| | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Capilano | 6 | 16 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 25 | 17 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Seymour | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | NA | NA | NA |
| Coquitlam | 3 | 8 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Year to year fluctuations are demonstrated for *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium* and there has always been considerable variation in the results.

1.3. Turbidity

GVWD water sources have been susceptible to turbidity upsets due to high runoff from storms which can cause slides and stream scouring in the watersheds, or from re-suspension of sediment from the edges of the lakes during periods of low water levels. The DWTO allows a utility to be exempt from filtration if the turbidity does not exceed specific water quality parameters requirements and provided that a number of other provisions, including source water protection and two forms of water treatment requirements, are in place. Historically the turbidity levels on both the Capilano and Seymour sources would not meet these criteria, therefore plans were developed and implemented to filter both supplies.

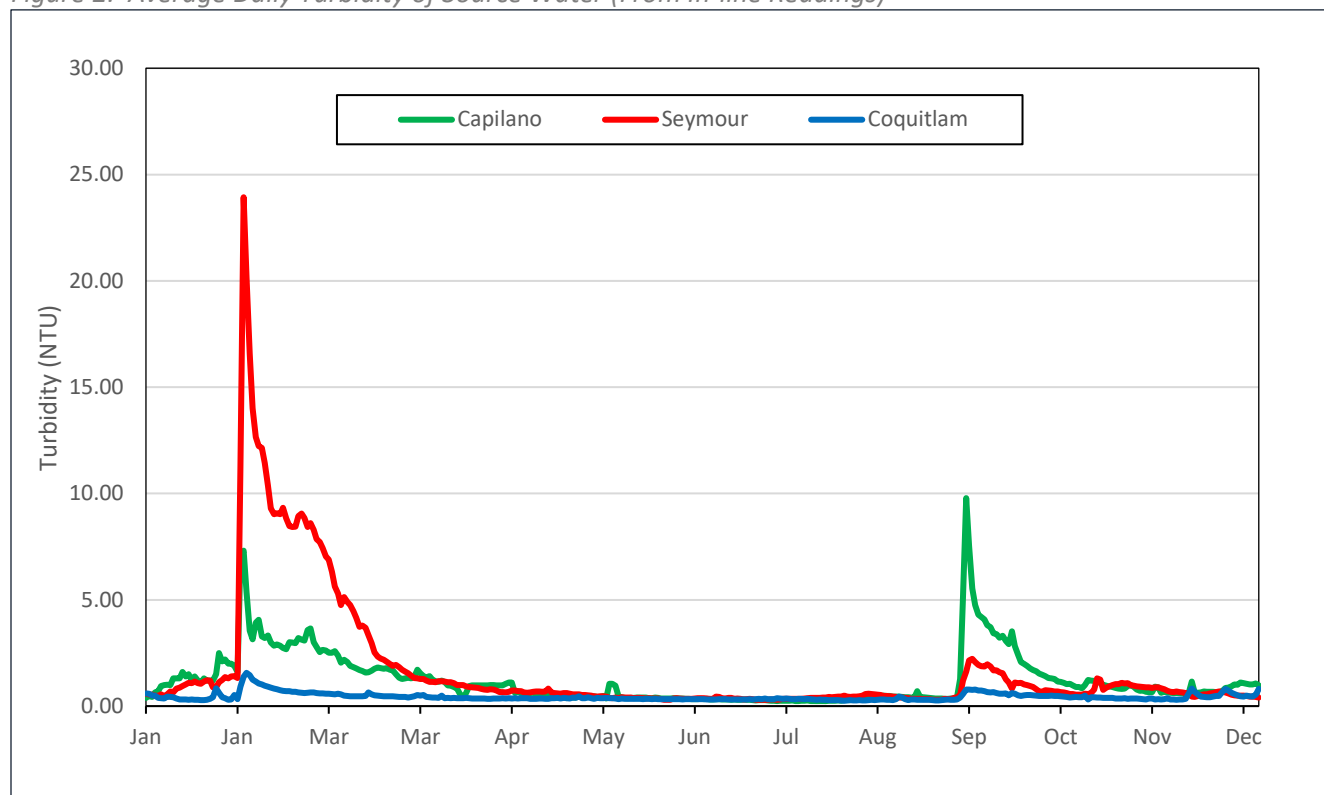
Filtration of 100% of the Seymour supply began in January 2010, and filtration and distribution of the Capilano supply through the Twin Tunnels connecting the Capilano and Seymour source supplies commenced in February 2015. Both the raw and treated water tunnels were fully operational in April 2015.

Section 4.4 of the DWTO (Version 1.1, November 2012) contains the following provision for filtration exemption:

“For nonfiltered surface water to be acceptable as a drinking water source supply, average daily turbidity levels should be established through sampling at equal intervals (at least every four hours) immediately before the disinfectant is applied. Turbidity levels of around 1.0 NTU but not exceeding 5.0 NTU for more than two days in a 12-month period should be demonstrated in the absence of filtration. In addition, source water turbidity also should not show evidence of harbouring microbiological contaminants in excess of the exemption criteria.”

Capilano and Seymour water is filtered so these source water criteria don’t apply to the delivered water. Coquitlam, which is unfiltered, was in service for all of 2020 in accordance with the DWTO.

Figure 2: Average Daily Turbidity of Source Water (From In-line Readings)



1.4. Chemistry

1.4.1. Chemical and Physical Characteristics of Source Water

The chemical and physical characteristics of the GVWD source water are summarized in Appendix A of this report; detailed analytical results are provided in Volume II. The results from the chemical and physical analyses of the source water in 2020 were similar to those for other years.

1.4.2. Herbicides, Pesticides, Volatile Organic Compounds, Radioactivity, and Uranium

Analyses of the source water for a variety of organic compounds, including all of the compounds with an specified MAC in the *Guidelines of Drinking Water Quality* (GCDWQ), is carried out on an annual basis in accordance with the WQMRP. The results are contained in Appendix B of this report and in Volume II. Uranium was the only parameter detected and it was below the applicable GCDWQ health based limits; these levels are indicative of erosion of natural deposits, meaning the contribution to total radiation exposure from our drinking water is low.

1.4.3. PFOS and PFAS

The GCDWQ have added the parameters of Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS) and Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFAS) for testing of the source and treated waters. The results are in Appendix B of this report and in Volume II. None of the chemicals in these categories were detected. Common sources of these synthetic chemicals are from consumer products and fire-fighting foam for their water and oil repellant properties.

1.4.4. Limnology

The *Reservoir Water Quality Monitoring Program* was started in 2014 as a sampling and analysis structure for the limnology (physical, chemical, and biological parameters) of the Capilano, Seymour and Coquitlam Reservoirs. Reservoir monitoring information is important in the proactive management of the GVWD reservoirs, as water quality could be impacted by environmental variability and climate change. This program assists in ensuring that variation and trends in reservoir quality are scientifically tracked over time.

Water sampling of the primary source reservoirs and inflow rivers is conducted between April and November each year. Biological productivity that can influence water quality is the highest during this time of year, making it an important time for sampling and measurements. Monthly sampling of the source water is conducted by Metro Vancouver staff and sample analysis is undertaken by accredited laboratories. Water quality measurements are compiled by arrays of scientific instruments in each reservoir.

The GVWD employs the services of a limnology consultant to review the annual program data, interpret physical, chemical, and biological conditions and examine long term trends. Results in 2020, as in previous years, confirmed the three reservoirs are ultra-oligotrophic (see Appendix C), which means they have low levels of available nutrients and low levels of biological production. This ultra-oligotrophic classification is highly desirable for source drinking water supply and shows that the GVWD watersheds and reservoirs continue to provide a high quality raw water source.

In many parts of North America there is interest in blue green algae (also known as cyanobacteria) in water reservoirs. These algae can produce toxins that are collectively known as microcystins. A common cyanobacterium in GVWD source reservoirs is called *Merismopedia* spp., which is thought to produce these microcystins.

Despite the presence of cyanobacteria, the concentration of microcystins in GVWD source reservoirs remains well below levels known to affect human health and are far below the GCDWQ. This desirable condition is due to the ultra-oligotrophic status of the reservoirs (low nutrient availability to fuel algal growth). Algae blooms have not been observed in the source water supply reservoirs. Metro Vancouver continues to monitor cyanobacteria, including *Merismopedia* spp. as well as processes in the reservoirs that control the growth of cyanobacteria and other algae. This data is used to help predict changes to water quality over time related to climatic and environmental change and aid in making proactive decisions about ongoing reservoir management strategies.

2.0 QUALITY CONTROL ASSESSMENT OF WATER TREATMENT

Water treatment is the second barrier (after source water protection) relied on to assure the quality of the water supply.

Completion of the Twin Tunnels Project in 2015 successfully concluded GVWD's regional long-range water treatment enhancement plans which spanned more than ten years. Each tunnel is 3.8 meters in diameter, 7.1 kilometers long, and 160 to 640 meters below ground level, running beneath Grouse Mountain and Mount Fromme. The water from the Raw Water Tunnel (RWT) is filtered and treated alongside the Seymour source water at the Seymour Capilano Filtration Plant (SCFP). Both treated sources enter the Clearwell at the SCFP for further treatment before the blended water is distributed to the region. Blended treated water returns to Capilano through the Treated Water Tunnel (TWT) and provides high quality drinking water to the Capilano area while the remainder is distributed through the Seymour system.

2.1. Seymour Capilano Filtration Plant

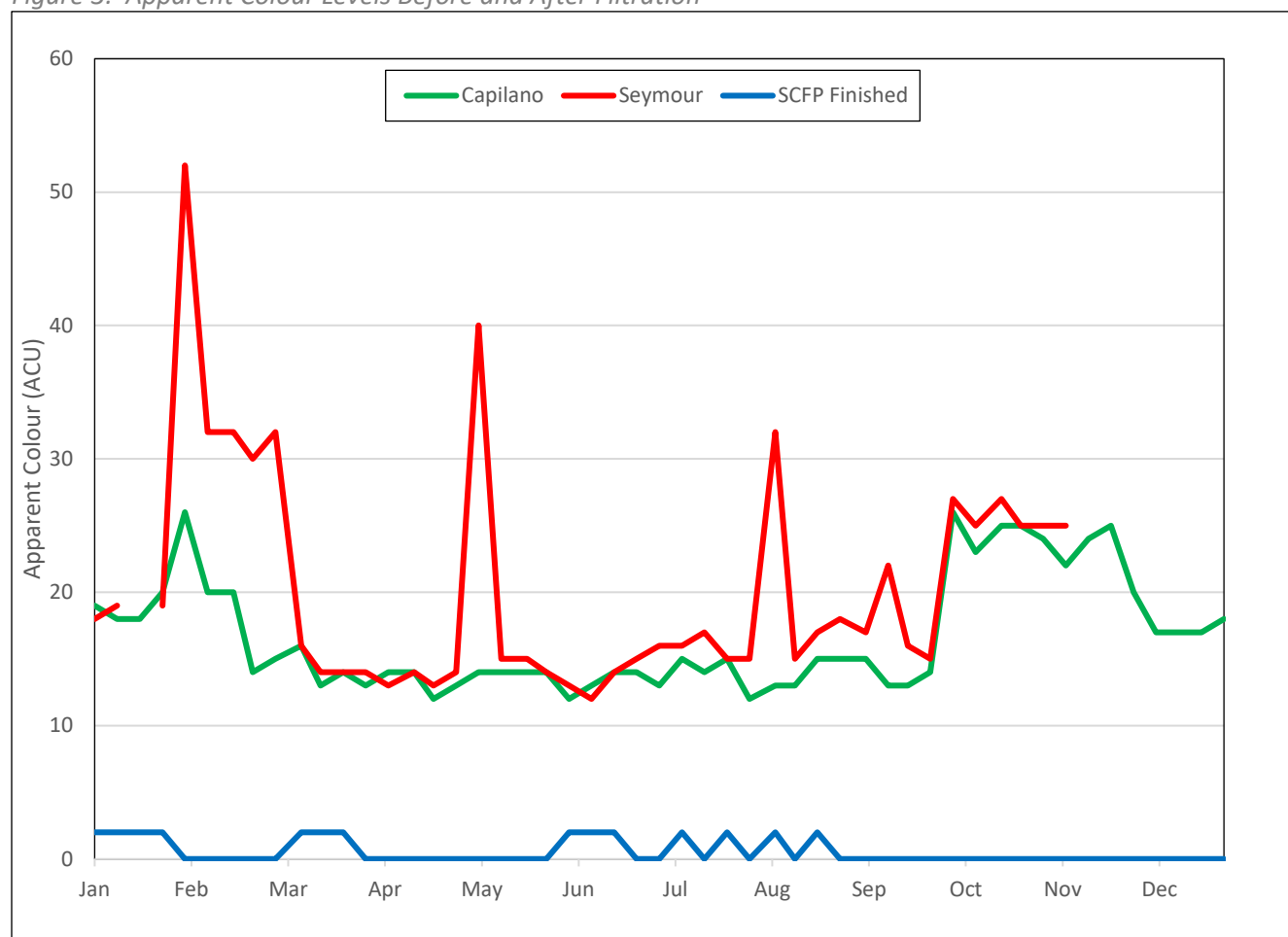
The SCFP is a chemically assisted direct filtration plant which uses poly aluminum chloride as a coagulant with polymers to improve particle removal. These substances help aggregate particles to form visible floc. The flocculated particles are removed by passing this water through a filter medium of anthracite and sand. The result is the production of filtered water which is then exposed to ultraviolet light as the water leaves each filter. Post ultraviolet filtered water has sodium hypochlorite (chlorine) and lime added before the water enters the Clearwells. The West and East Clearwells are large water storage reservoirs that store and allow controlled passage of water with some mixing (or blending) of the lime and chlorine that have been added. Clearwells allow sufficient retention (or contact time) with chlorine to provide any further disinfection required after filtration and ultraviolet light treatment. Carbon dioxide (CO₂) in solution is added to trim pH once the desired alkalinity is reached. After stabilization of the filtered water in the Clearwells, the finished water enters the transmission system at the Seymour Treated Water Valve Chamber. The SCFP has been operational since January 2010 and the quality of the water produced has been excellent.

2.1.1. Filtration

As a result of filtration treatment of the Capilano and Seymour water sources, there have been a number of changes to the characteristics of the delivered water. Some of these changes are visible, and some are not. The most obvious visible change in the water is the decrease in colour and increase in clarity. There is a total loss of brown hue that can sometimes characterize Capilano and Seymour waters before filtration. This improvement in colour is a result of removal of the natural components that cause the brown hue by the filtration process. Suspended particles in water that cause light to scatter (turbidity) are also removed. The end product is water that is very clear. Due to the purity of the water, it may have a slight bluish tinge.

Figure 3 compares the apparent colour of SCFP filtered water and Capilano and Seymour source waters for 2020. During the fall rainfall events, the apparent colour of the Seymour source water feeding the SCFP had a reading over 50 ACU. After the removal of the organic material through filtration, the colour of the filtered water delivered to the public was never greater than 2 ACU.

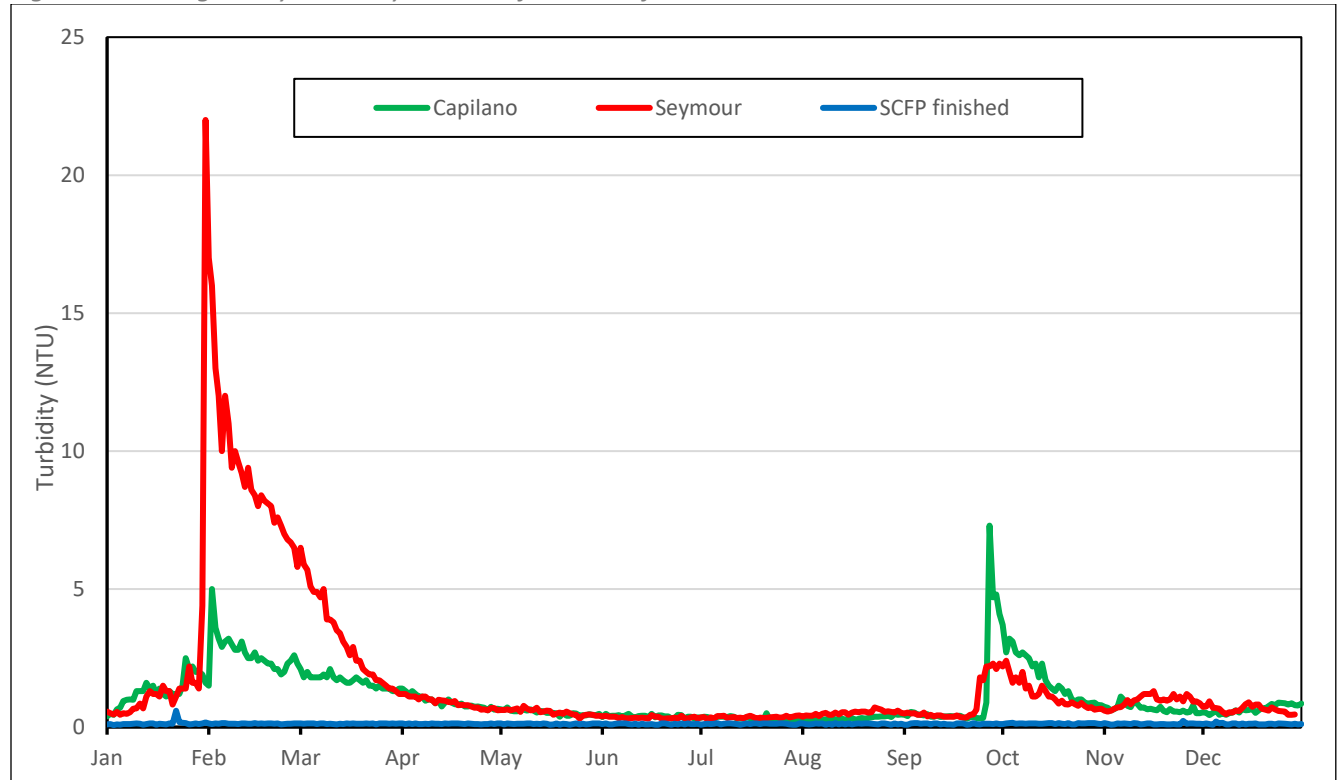
Figure 3: Apparent Colour Levels Before and After Filtration



Note: The Seymour intake sampling site was unavailable due to maintenance from November until year end.

Figure 4 compares turbidity of the two source waters that feed the SCFP to the turbidity level of the finished water. The Seymour source experienced an average daily turbidity greater than 1 NTU for 116 days. The Capilano source exceeded 1 NTU on 114 days. Since both sources were filtered at the SCFP, the maximum average daily turbidity of the delivered water was 0.19 NTU and the average was 0.09 NTU.

Figure 4: Average Daily Turbidity Levels Before and After Filtration



Removal of turbidity in the source water improves the aesthetic qualities of the water, but it also has the benefit of removing certain types of pathogenic microorganisms that may be present. At a minimum, properly run direct filtration plants such as the SCFP will remove up to 2.5 log (two log is a 99% reduction) of *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium* plus 1 log of viruses. To ensure this removal, it is critical that the performance of each filter determined by the turbidity of its effluent is monitored on a continuous basis.

The GCDWQ (2019) states: “For conventional and direct filtration, less than or equal to 0.3 nephelometric turbidity units (NTU) in at least 95% of measurements either per filter cycle or per month and never to exceed 1.0 NTU.”

Ideally the turbidity from each filter would never exceed 0.1 NTU; however, there are rare occurrences of turbidity readings that exceed this ideal level. The turbidity performance of all 24 filters is measured by examining the percent of time that the turbidity of each Individual Filter Effluent (IFE) met the turbidity guidelines of not greater than 1.0 NTU and at least 95% of time less than 0.3 NTU. This is summarized in Table 4. In 2020, there were no incidents where the IFE was greater than 1.0 NTU and the few incidences of filter turbidity readings that were greater than 0.3 NTU, were well within the 95% limit.

Table 4: Monthly Filter Effluent Turbidity Summary

| Month | Occurrence of IFE Turbidity greater than 1.0 NTU (None Allowed) | Percent of Time IFE Turbidity was less than 0.3 NTU (Minimum 95% Required) |
|-----------|---|--|
| January | 0 | 99.99% |
| February | 0 | 99.72% |
| March | 0 | 99.94% |
| April | 0 | 100% |
| May | 0 | 100% |
| June | 0 | 100% |
| July | 0 | 100% |
| August | 0 | 100% |
| September | 0 | 99.99% |
| October | 0 | 100% |
| November | 0 | 100% |
| December | 0 | 100% |

A water treatment facility such as the SFCF should be able to produce a filter effluent that is less than 0.1 NTU. Under normal operating conditions the turbidity of the filtered water at SFCF is less than 0.09 NTU.

All water that flows through the filters immediately passes through the ultraviolet units. The intensity of the ultraviolet lamps automatically increases when there is an increase in turbidity of the water exiting each filter. After ultraviolet treatment, the water is chlorinated as it enters the clearwell, where more than one hour of contact time is provided.

2.1.2. Ultraviolet Treatment

The effluent from each filter is treated with ultraviolet light as the water exits the filter. Ultraviolet treatment is effective in altering the DNA structure of *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium*, thus rendering cysts and oocysts, respectively, of these parasites non-infectious. Other disinfectants, especially chlorine, are ineffective against *Cryptosporidium* oocysts at reasonable dosages. In the unlikely event of a breakthrough of *Cryptosporidium* oocysts, especially at the end of a filter run, ultraviolet light is present to render any parasites that may be present as non-infectious. Oocysts are not able to proliferate inside the intestines of human hosts to cause illness after a sufficient dose of ultraviolet light. The target dosage for ultraviolet light is to achieve 2-Log (99%) *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium* inactivation is 21 mJ/cm².

Under normal operating conditions, two rows of lamps operating at 75% power provide sufficient ultraviolet light to meet the dosage requirement for 2-log reduction of *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium*.

Table 5 summarizes the performance of the SFCF ultraviolet system in 2020.

Table 5: Percent of Volume Meeting Ultraviolet Dosage Requirements at SCFP

| Month | Percent of Monthly Volume \geq 2-log of <i>Giardia</i> and <i>Cryptosporidium</i> Inactivation (95% of monthly volume required) |
|-----------|---|
| January | 99.82% |
| February | 99.89% |
| March | 99.90% |
| April | 99.84% |
| May | 99.91% |
| June | 99.95% |
| July | 99.97% |
| August | 99.95% |
| September | 99.89% |
| October | 99.92% |
| November | 99.92% |
| December | 99.62% |

2.1.3. Chlorination

Chlorination is used for secondary disinfection at the source as well as at secondary disinfection stations to minimize bacterial regrowth in the GVWD transmission and local government distribution systems. Chlorination provides 4-log virus inactivation with liquid sodium hypochlorite.

2.2. Coquitlam Water Treatment Plant

The Coquitlam Water Treatment Plant (CWTP) uses ozonation, ultraviolet treatment, soda ash and chlorination to treat water from the Coquitlam source.

Ozonation provides pre-treatment and helps remove micro-organisms from the water, reduces disinfection by-products and improves water clarity, which increases the efficiency of the subsequent ultraviolet process. Ozonation provides an additional 4-log virus inactivation to chlorination. Soda ash is then added for pH and alkalinity adjustment for corrosion control, followed by chlorination.

2.2.1. Ultraviolet Treatment

Ultraviolet treatment (operational since 2014) provides for primary disinfection, and achieves 3-log inactivation of chlorine-resistant micro-organisms for *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium*. The water is directed into 8 ultraviolet units, each containing 40 ultraviolet lamps encased in protective sleeves. Ultraviolet light emitted from the lamps passes through the water. The US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) requires that the ultraviolet disinfection process results in target *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium* inactivation in at least 95% of the treated water volume on a monthly basis, which is summarized in Table 6. The USEPA standard is used because there is no Canadian standard.

Table 6: Percent of Volume Meeting Ultraviolet Dosage Requirements at CWTP

| Month | Percent of Monthly Volume \geq 3-log <i>Giardia</i> and <i>Cryptosporidium</i> Inactivation (Minimum 95% Required) |
|-----------|--|
| January | 99.87% |
| February | 99.88% |
| March | 99.89% |
| April | 99.85% |
| May | 99.87% |
| June | 99.85% |
| July | 99.85% |
| August | 99.81% |
| September | 99.81% |
| October | 99.90% |
| November | 99.82% |
| December | 99.91% |

2.2.2. Chlorination

Chlorination is used for secondary disinfection at the source as well as at secondary disinfection stations to minimize bacterial regrowth in the GVWD transmission and local government distribution systems. Chlorination provides 4-log virus inactivation with liquid sodium hypochlorite, which replaced the compressed chlorine gas system in 2017. Table 7 summarizes the performance of all the Coquitlam disinfection systems in 2020.

Table 7: Performance of Coquitlam Disinfection Facilities

| Facility | Performance | Discussion |
|---------------------|--|---|
| Ozonation | Operated 99.6% of time | Acts as a pretreatment, enhancing the removal of organics and increasing the UV Transmittance making Ultraviolet treatment more effective. Ozone outages were due to electrical or instrument maintenance, ozone outage test, or ozone generator faults. |
| Ultraviolet | No loss of ultraviolet in 2020. 99.86 % of volume was treated to ultraviolet specifications | UV performance met USEPA requirements. (95% of monthly volume required). |
| Chlorination | 100% of water was chlorinated | This facility uses chlorine as a secondary disinfectant except during an outage of the ultraviolet system when it is used for primary disinfection. |

2.3. Secondary Disinfection

There are 8 secondary disinfection stations operated by Metro Vancouver. The purpose of these stations is to increase the chlorine residual in the water transmission and distribution systems to meet a target residual based on a number of factors, including source water turbidity, the amount of bacterial regrowth detected in the local government distribution system samples and the chlorine demand in the water. The rate of chlorine decay is lower in the areas receiving filtered water from the SCFP and consequently, lower chlorine dosage levels are required to maintain desired chlorine residual levels. The target chlorine dose leaving the secondary facilities receiving SCFP water is 0.8 mg/L. These facilities frequently have an incoming chlorine residual high enough that boosting is not required. The target chlorine dose leaving the secondary facilities receiving CWTP water ranges from 1.20 to 1.50 mg/L.

Table 8 summarizes the performance of the secondary disinfection facilities in 2020.

Table 8: Performance of Secondary Disinfection Facilities

| Facility | Branch Main | Average Free Chlorine (mg/L) | Range of Free Chlorine (mg/L) | Discussion |
|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Clayton | Whalley/Clayton | 1.22 | 1.09-1.36 | Supplied by Coquitlam water. |
| | Jericho/Clayton | 1.24 | 1.11-1.38 | Jericho/Clayton was out of service commencing November 3 for the Jericho Reservoir Tie-In. Will be returned to service in 2021. |
| Chilco/Alberni | Capilano No. 4 and 5 | 0.74 | 0.67-0.84 | Supplied by SFCF water. No operational issues. |
| Pitt River | Haney Main No.2 | 1.20 | 0.88-1.39 | Supplied by Coquitlam water. March through June, in and out of service due to replacement of pipes and instruments in various sections of the station. |
| | Haney Main No.3 | 1.24 | 1.00-1.38 | |
| Newton | Surrey Hickleton Main | 0.88 | 0.58-1.18 | Primarily supplied by SFCF water. No operational issues. |
| Kersland | Capilano No. 4 and 5 | 0.89 | 0.83-0.96 | Supplied by SFCF water. No operational issues. |
| Central Park | South Burnaby Main No.1 | 0.82 | 0.65-0.96 | Primarily supplied by SFCF water. |
| | South Burnaby Main No.2 | 0.91 | 0.74-1.14 | No operational issues. |
| Cape Horn | Coquitlam Main No.2 | 1.25 | 1.10-1.36 | Supplied by Coquitlam water. |
| | Coquitlam Main No.3 | 1.25 | 1.10-1.36 | No operational issues. |
| Vancouver Heights | Boundary Road Main No. 5 | 0.84 | 0.75-0.92 | Supplied by SFCF water. No operational issues. |

2.4. Corrosion Control

Metro Vancouver's Corrosion Control Program began in the 1990s and involves several steps to reduce pipe corrosion. As part of the current Corrosion Control Program: Copper Pipes Protection initiative, further proposed changes in pH and alkalinity in 2021 will reduce pipe corrosion through the addition of natural minerals.

The untreated water from all three sources had a pH lower than the aesthetic limit of the GCDWQ of pH 7.0.

In the SFCP process, filtered water is dosed with hydrated lime (calcium bicarbonate) to raise its pH and alkalinity before it enters the clearwells. To achieve the desired alkalinity, the resultant pH is trimmed using CO₂ to bring it down to target levels. Since 2015, by way of the Twin Tunnels, Capilano raw source water is transferred to the SFCP for treatment.

At the Coquitlam source, the commissioning of the CO₂ system at the CWTP began in 2019 and continued in 2020. When it is fully operational, the CO₂ system with the addition of soda ash will allow the GVWD to meet new target pH and alkalinity values across the entire system. Similar to the SFCP, the CO₂ system is used to trim the resultant pH to desired target levels.

The average pH of the treated water leaving Seymour Capilano and Coquitlam Water Treatment Plants was 7.7 and 7.8, respectively, during 2020, which met the aesthetic objective of the GCDWQ.

Performance of the corrosion control facilities is summarized in Table 9.

Table 9: Performance of Corrosion Control Facilities

| Facility | Performance | Discussion |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| SFCP Corrosion Control | pH ranged from 6.9 – 9.0 | <p>The annual average pH was 7.7 and was continually monitored with online instrumentation.</p> <p>The pH fluctuated in March from 6.9 to 9. During this time one clearwell was being bypassed for maintenance resulting in pH fluctuations while bringing this clearwell back into service.</p> |
| CWTP Corrosion Control | pH ranged from 6.8 – 9.6 | <p>The annual average pH was 7.8.</p> <p>On a couple of occasions in January the pH was <7.0 for a short period due to a soda ash equipment fault.</p> <p>In January and also in June the pH was > 9 for a short period related to testing of the soda ash system.</p> |

The chemical and physical characteristics of the GVWD treated water are summarized in Appendix A of this report and detailed analytical results are provided in Volume II.

3.0 TRANSMISSION/DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WATER QUALITY

Schedule A of the *BC Drinking Water Protection Regulation* (BCDWPR) contains standards for the bacteriological quality of potable water in the Province. There are three components of this standard that apply to large utilities such as GVWD and its members. These are:

Part 1: No sample should be positive for *E. coli*.

Part 2: Not more than 10% of the samples in a 30-day period should be positive for total coliform bacteria when more than 1 sample is collected.

Part 3: No sample should contain more than 10 total coliform bacteria per 100 mL.

The BCDWPR does not contain any water standards other than the three limits for *E. coli* and total coliform bacteria. Information on the significance of the detection of these organisms can be found in the GCDWQ – Supporting Documents, specifically:

“E. coli is a member of the total coliform group of bacteria and is the only member that is found exclusively in the faeces of humans and other animals. Its presence in water indicates not only recent faecal contamination of the water but also the possible presence of intestinal disease-causing bacteria, viruses and protozoa.”

“The presence of total coliform bacteria in water in the distribution system (but not in water leaving the treatment plant) indicates that the distribution system may be vulnerable to contamination or may simply be experiencing bacterial regrowth.”

To summarize, the detection of an *E. coli* bacteria in a sample of treated water is an indication of a potentially serious risk. The detection of total coliform bacteria may indicate intrusion into the system, or it may indicate that these bacteria are growing in the distribution system itself (regrowth).

The number of *E. coli* detected in both the GVWD and the local government drinking water samples is typically very low. Out of more than 27,000 samples collected from the GVWD and local government systems analyzed in 2020, no samples were positive for *E. coli*. The detection of an *E. coli* triggers a protocol which involves immediate notification to health and local government officials, re-sampling, and a thorough investigation into the possible causes.

In the GVWD transmission system, only 27 out of the approximately 7,100 samples collected, tested positive for total coliforms. Only 38 of the approximately 20,000 samples collected from the local government distribution systems tested positive for total coliforms in 2020. The majority of the coliforms (67%) in the local government system appeared in the warmer water months of June through October.

The most likely source of these organisms can be attributed to bacterial regrowth. It should be emphasized that 99.8% of the samples in 2020 had no coliforms present, which is a good indicator of effective water treatment and good transmission/distribution system water quality.

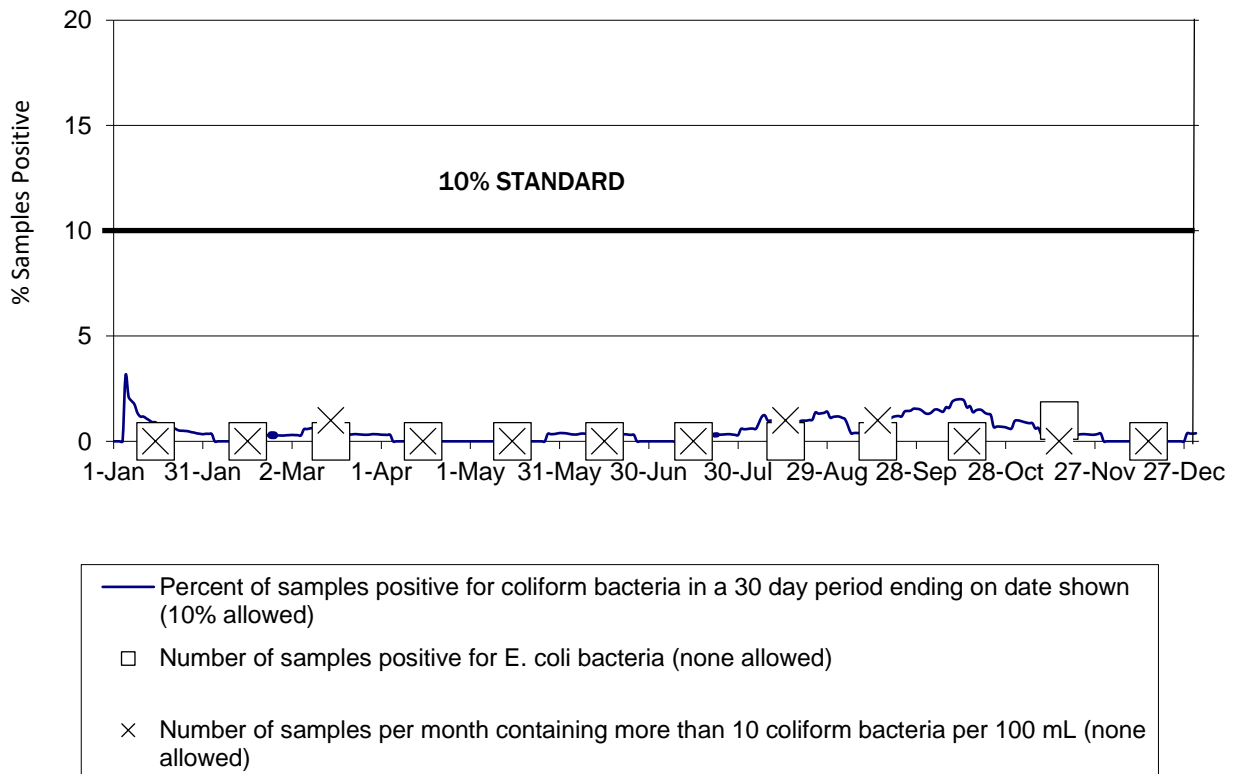
3.1. Microbiological Water Quality in the GVWD System

3.1.1. GVWD Water Mains

Water quality in water mains is monitored from the point leaving the source and throughout the transmission system. In 2020 there were approximately 5,080 samples collected and tested for the presence of indicator bacteria. The percentage of samples from the GVWD water mains that were positive for total coliform bacteria was very low, well below the 10% standard. Of the approximately 5080 samples processed, only 21 samples tested positive for total coliforms and no samples were positive for *E. coli* bacteria. The compliance of monitoring results from GVWD transmission mains with the criteria in the BCDWPR is shown in Figure 5.

There were another 540 samples collected from stations where only chlorine residuals are measured. In addition, there are inline stations collecting data every 10-minutes after chlorination at each source, but these samples are not included in the calculations for compliance monitoring.

Figure 5: Bacteriological Quality of Water in GVWD Mains

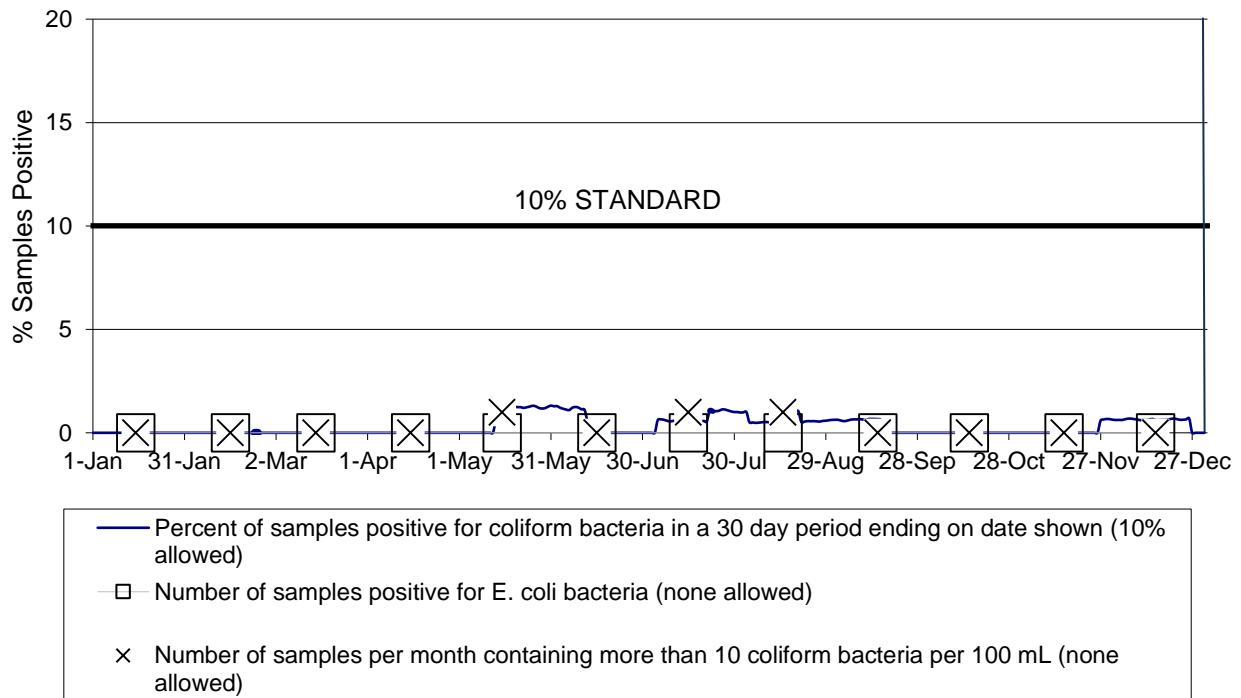


3.1.2. GVWD Reservoirs

In 2020, over 2,000 samples were collected from 21 reservoirs and tanks that are located throughout the GVWD water system. Only 6 samples were positive for total coliforms. No sample from a reservoir was positive for *E. coli*.

The compliance of 2020 monitoring results from GVWD reservoirs with the criteria in the BCDWPR is shown in Figure 6.

Figure 6: Bacteriological Quality of Water in GVWD Reservoirs



Reservoir water quality is optimized by the use of secondary disinfection coupled with an active reservoir exercising program that includes a minimum of weekly monitoring of chlorine residuals and bacteriology results, which can result in changes to filling levels, if necessary.

Table 10 provides an overview of the status of the GVWD reservoirs from 2017 to 2020. During certain times of the year, it is not possible to cycle reservoirs as much as would be desired due to operational constraints. Despite these constraints, water quality as determined by coliform bacteria, was satisfactory in all reservoirs.

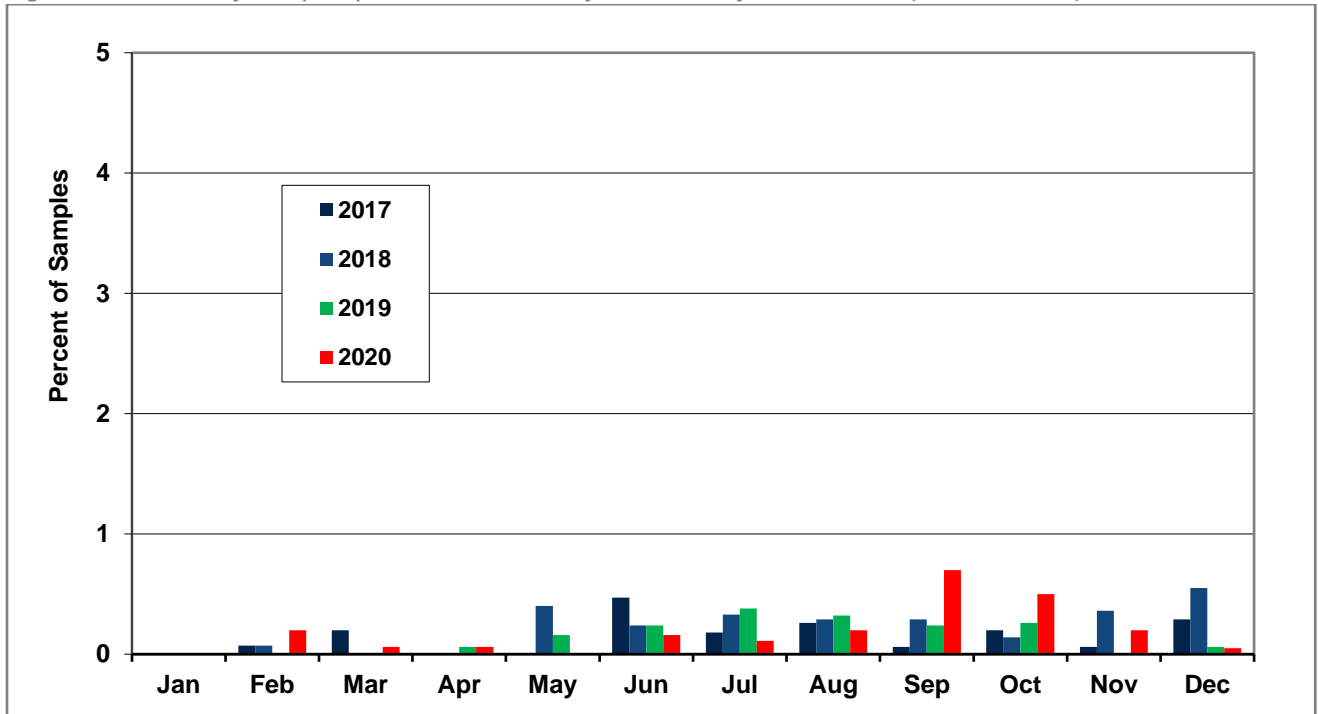
Table 10: Status of GVWD Reservoirs (2017-2020)

| Reservoir (Capacity in Million Litres) | Average Free Chlorine (mg/L) | | | | Discussion |
|---|------------------------------|------|------|------|--|
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | |
| Burnaby Mtn. Reservoir (14.1) | 0.44 | 0.49 | 0.53 | 0.57 | No operational issues |
| Burnaby Tank (2.4) | 0.53 | 0.54 | 0.58 | 0.60 | The tank was cleaned March 30-April 3 while remaining in service. |
| Cape Horn Reservoir (42.2) | 0.53 | 0.78 | 0.61 | 0.78 | No operational issues |
| Clayton Reservoir (22.4) | N/A | 1.1 | 1.02 | 1.08 | Drainage improvement project was completed in January. Cell 1 removed from service in the fall to reduce low use season storage. |
| Central Park Reservoir (37.0) | 0.54 | 0.53 | 0.51 | 0.66 | No operational issues |
| Glenmore Tanks (1.0) | 0.64 | 0.66 | 0.68 | 0.77 | No operational issues |
| Grandview Reservoir (14.3) | 0.71 | 0.71 | 0.73 | 0.80 | No operational issues |
| Greenwood Reservoir (9.2) | 0.63 | 0.66 | 0.68 | 0.75 | No operational issues |
| Hellings Tank (4.4) | 0.45 | 0.47 | 0.48 | 0.54 | No operational issues |
| Kennedy Reservoir (17.3) | 0.52 | 0.56 | 0.52 | 0.58 | No operational issues |
| Kersland Reservoir (78.7) | 0.56 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.66 | No operational issues |
| Little Mountain Reservoir (177.4) | 0.66 | 0.64 | 0.67 | 0.72 | No operational issues |
| Maple Ridge Reservoir (24.2) | 0.52 | 0.53 | 0.52 | 0.44 | New sampling kiosk installed in July. |
| Newton Reservoir (33.6) | 0.56 | 0.45 | 0.46 | 0.55 | No operational issues |
| Pebble Hill Reservoir (44.8) | 0.64 | 0.63 | 0.60 | 0.66 | Cell 1 taken out of service in the fall to reduce low use season storage. |
| Prospect Reservoir (4.6) | 0.63 | 0.64 | 0.66 | 0.76 | No operational issues |
| Sasamat Reservoir (27.6) | 0.52 | 0.54 | 0.54 | 0.65 | No operational issues |
| Sunnyside Reservoir (28.8) | 0.65 | 0.58 | 0.47 | 0.73 | Upgrade work on cell 1 and 2 throughout the year. |
| Vancouver Heights Reservoir (45.6) | 0.68 | 0.66 | 0.75 | 0.82 | No operational issues |
| Westburnco Reservoir (77.1) | 0.50 | 0.58 | 0.58 | 0.64 | No operational issues |
| Whalley Reservoir (35.7) | 0.46 | 0.60 | 0.59 | 0.73 | No operational issues |

3.2. Microbiological Water Quality in Local Government Systems

For samples collected from local government systems, the percent positive per month for total coliform bacteria from 2017-2020 is shown in Figure 7.

Figure 7: Percent of Samples per Month Positive for Total Coliform Bacteria (2017 to 2020)



The percentage of samples positive for total coliform bacteria in 2020 remained relatively similar as compared to 2019.

Schedule A of the BCDWPR contains standards for the bacteriological quality of potable water in the Province. There are three components of this standard that apply to local governments:

Part 1: No sample should be positive for *E. coli*.

Part 2: Not more than 10% of the samples in a 30-day period should be positive for total coliform bacteria when more than 1 sample is collected.

Part 3: No sample should contain more than 10 total coliform bacteria per 100 mL.

For samples from local government systems, this requirement was met in 2020 with the following exceptions:

- Two samples in June contained more than 10 total coliform bacteria.
- Three samples in September contained more than 10 total coliform bacteria.
- Two samples in October contained more than 10 total coliform bacteria.

Table 11 shows the compliance with the bacteriological standards (3 parts) in the BCDWPR for samples taken within the distribution systems of the 20 local governments that are supplied with GVWD water.

Table 11: Local Government Water Quality Compared to the Provincial Bacteriological Standards

| Month | Number that met Part 1 | Number that met Part 2 | Number that met Part 3 | Number that met all requirements |
|-----------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| January | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| February | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| March | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| April | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| May | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| June | 20 | 20 | 18 | 18 |
| July | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| August | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| September | 20 | 20 | 17 | 17 |
| October | 20 | 20 | 18 | 18 |
| November | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| December | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |

3.3. Disinfection By-Products in the Transmission/Distribution Systems

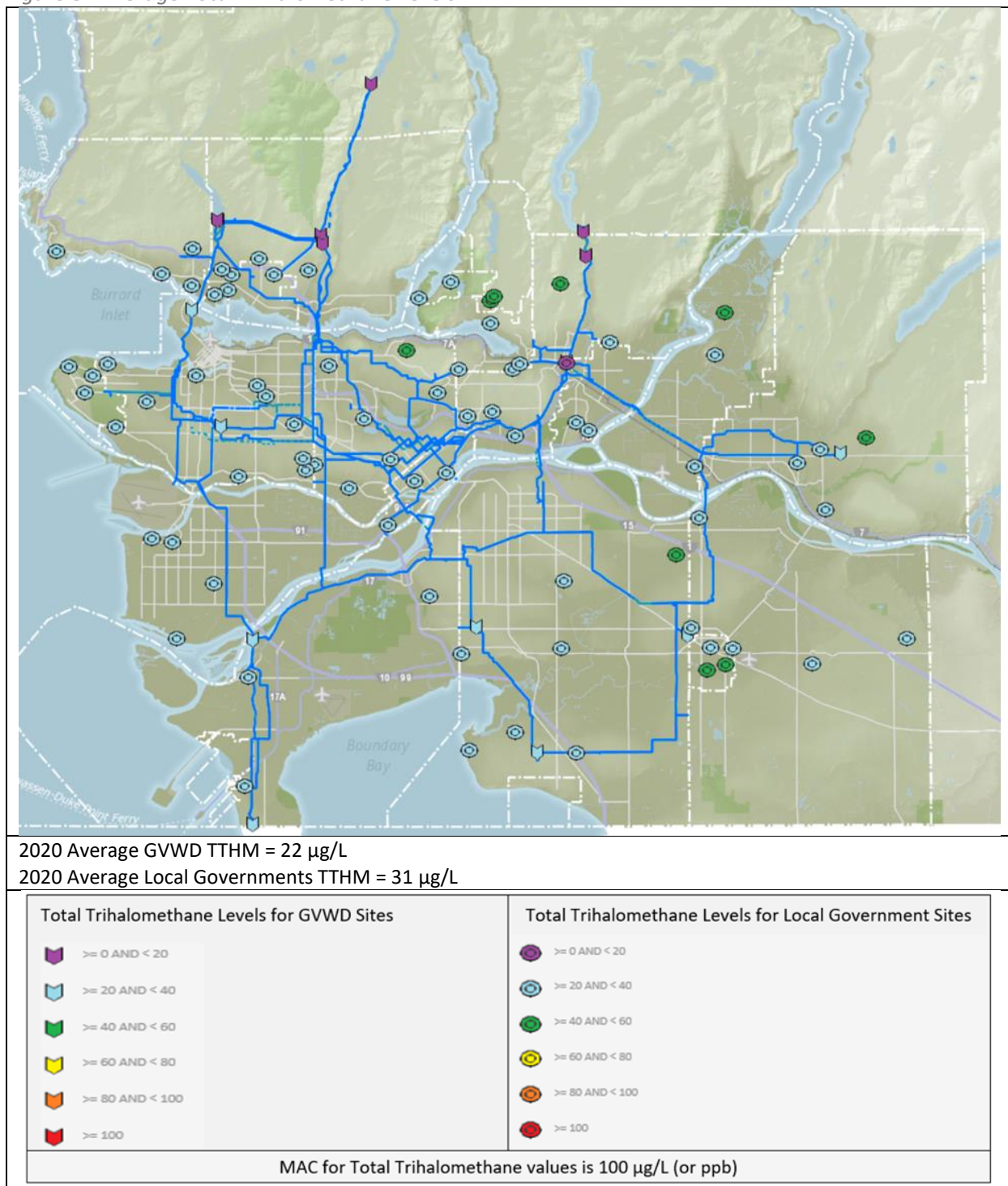
As the treated water moves through the GVWD Transmission system and into the local government distribution system infrastructure of pipes and reservoirs. Changes in water quality occur mainly due to the reaction between the chlorine in the water (added during primary and secondary disinfection) and naturally occurring organic matter in the water.

One of the most significant changes is the production of chlorinated disinfection by-products (DBPs). DBPs is a term used to describe a group of organic and inorganic compounds formed during water disinfection.

Reactions between dissolved natural organic matter and chlorine can lead to the formation of a variety of halogenated DBPs. There are two major groups of chlorinated DBPs: The Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) and the Total Haloacetic Acids (THAA₅). Factors that affect DBP formation include: amount of chlorine added to water, reaction time, concentration and characteristics of dissolved organic materials (precursors), water temperature, and water pH. In general, DBPs continue to form as long as chlorine and reactive DBP precursors are present in water.

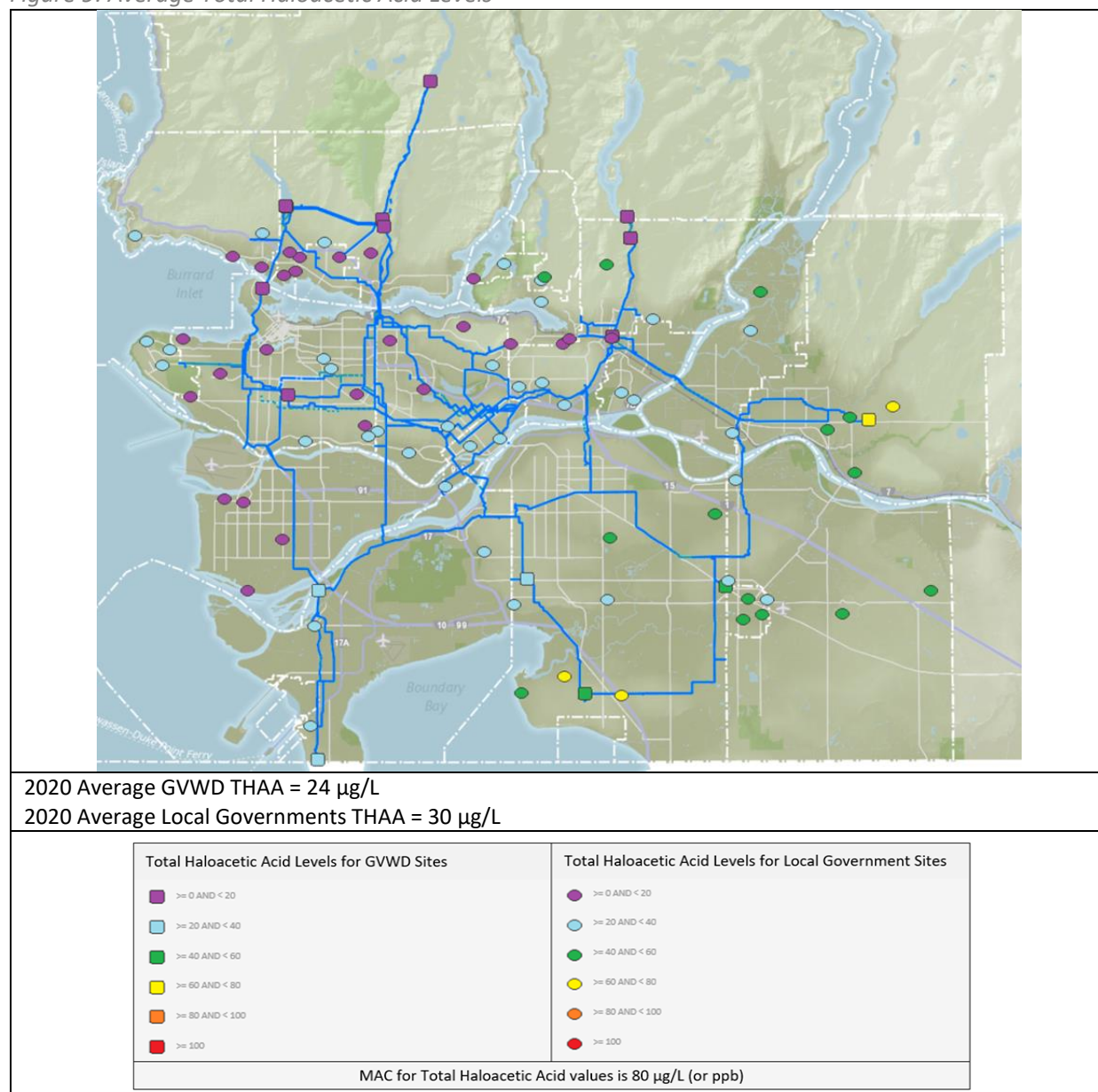
The Maximum Acceptable Concentration (MAC) in the GCDWQ for TTHMs is a locational yearly running average of 100 µg/L (0.1 mg/L) based on quarterly samples. A comparison of TTHM levels in the GVWD and local government systems in 2020 is shown in Figure 8. All THM results from GVWD water mains and local government systems were below the MAC of 100 µg/L.

Figure 8: Average Total Trihalomethane Levels



The other group of disinfection by-products of interest is the Total Haloacetic Acid (THAA₅) group. Comparison of THAA₅ in the GVWD and local government systems in 2020 is shown in Figure 9. In 2020, eight locations had a single quarterly sample with THAA₅ readings above 80 µg/L. The MAC is calculated on a locational yearly running average based on quarterly samples and despite the higher single readings, no location exceeded the yearly 80 µg/L MAC.

Figure 9: Average Total Haloacetic Acid Levels



4.0 QUALITY CONTROL/QUALITY ASSURANCE

In 1994, as required by a new BC Ministry of Health program, the bacteriology section of the GVWD Laboratory received approval from the Provincial Medical Health Officer to perform bacteriological analysis of potable water as required in the BCDWPR. An ongoing requirement of this approval is successful participation in the provincial Clinical Microbiology Proficiency Testing Program or its equivalent. Representatives of the Approval Committee for Bacteriology Laboratories have carried out an inspection of the GVWD Laboratory facilities at the Lake City Operations Centre in February 2019 as part of the process leading up to approval of the laboratory by the Provincial Health Officer. The next inspection is scheduled for 2022.

In addition to the approval process discussed above, the GVWD Laboratory is accredited by the Canadian Association for Laboratory Accreditation (CALA) for the analysis of parameters for which the laboratory

has requested certification. The GVWD Laboratory has been inspected by representatives from CALA bi-annually since 1995.

Accreditation for the laboratory from the Standards Council of Canada was first received early in 1996 and continued until the middle of 2005, when accreditation was granted by CALA directly.

The most recent on-site audit took place in November 2019, and CALA issued accreditation approval in February 2020. The next CALA inspection will take place in the fall of 2021.

APPENDIX A — CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL ANALYSIS SUMMARIES

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Physical and Chemical Analysis of Water Supply

2020 – Capilano Water System

| Parameter | Untreated | Treated | | Canadian Guideline | | |
|--|-----------|---------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| | Average | Average | Range | Days Exceeded | Limit | Reason Established |
| Alkalinity as CaCO ₃ (mg/L) | 2.9 | 10 | 5.8-12 | | none | |
| Aluminum Dissolved (µg/L) | 81 | 29 | 20-48 | | none | |
| Aluminum Total (µg/L) | 143 | 29 | 18-58 | | none | |
| Antimony Total (µg/L) | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | 0 | 6 | Health |
| Arsenic Total (µg/L) | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | 0 | 10 | Health |
| Barium Total (µg/L) | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.1-3.6 | 0 | 1000 | Health |
| Boron Total (µg/L) | <10 | <10 | <10 | 0 | 5000 | Health |
| Bromate (mg/L) | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | 0 | 0.1 | Health |
| Bromide (mg/L) | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | | none | |
| Cadmium Total (µg/L) | <0.2 | <0.2 | <0.2 | 0 | 5 | Health |
| Calcium Total (µg/L) | 1160 | 4180 | 2460-4640 | | none | |
| Carbon Organic - Dissolved (mg/L) | 1.9 | 0.7 | 0.4-1.0 | | none | |
| Carbon Organic - Total (mg/L) | 1.9 | 0.7 | 0.5-1.0 | | none | |
| Chlorate (mg/L) | <0.01 | 0.02 | 0.02-0.03 | 0 | 1 | Health |
| Chloride (mg/L) | <0.5 | 2.5 | 2.0-3.2 | 0 | ≤250 | Aesthetic |
| Chromium Total (µg/L) | <0.07 | <0.05 | <0.05 | 0 | 50 | Health |
| Cobalt Total (µg/L) | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | | none | |
| Color - Apparent (ACU) | 17 | <2 | <2-2 | | none | |
| Color - True (TCU) | 12 | <1 | <1-1 | 0 | ≤15 | Aesthetic |
| Conductivity (µmhos/cm) | 10 | 32 | 22-37 | | none | |
| Copper Total (µg/L) | 3.1 | <0.5 | <0.5 | 0 | ≤1000 | Aesthetic |
| Cyanide Total (mg/L) | <0.02 | <0.02 | <0.02 | 0 | 0.2 | Health |
| Fluoride (mg/L) | <0.05 | <0.05 | <0.05 | 0 | 1.5 | Health |
| Hardness as CaCO ₃ (mg/L) | 3.6 | 11.1 | 6.7-12.3 | | none | |
| Iron Dissolved (µg/L) | 34 | <5 | <5-8 | | none | |
| Iron Total (µg/L) | 91 | <5 | <5-14 | 0 | ≤300 | Aesthetic |
| Lead Total (µg/L) | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | 0 | 5 | Health |
| Magnesium Total (µg/L) | 167 | 171 | 122-200 | | none | |
| Manganese Dissolved (µg/L) | 3.8 | 1.7 | 0.9-3.7 | | none | |
| Manganese Total (µg/L) | 5.1 | 2.9 | 1.9-5.2 | 0 | ≤120 | Health |
| Mercury Total (µg/L) | <0.05 | <0.05 | <0.05 | 0 | 1 | Health |
| Molybdenum Total (µg/L) | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | | none | |
| Nickel Total (µg/L) | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | | none | |
| Nitrogen - Ammonia as N (mg/L) | <0.02 | <0.02 | <0.02 | | none | |
| Nitrogen - Nitrate as N (mg/L) | 0.07 | 0.06 | 0.03-0.12 | 0 | 45 | Health |
| Nitrogen - Nitrite as N (mg/L) | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | 0 | 1 | Health |
| pH (pH units) | 6.5 | 7.4 | 7.2-7.7 | 0 | 7.0 to 10.5 | Aesthetic |
| Phenol (mg/L) | <0.005 | <0.005 | <0.005 | | none | |
| Phosphorus Dissolved (µg/L) | <10 | <10 | <10 | | none | |
| Phosphorus Total (µg/L) | <10 | <10 | <5-10 | | none | |
| Potassium Total (µg/L) | 159 | 170 | 153-200 | | none | |
| Residue Total (mg/L) | 18 | 28 | 23-32 | | none | |
| Residue Total Dissolved (mg/L) | 10 | 20 | 20-30 | 0 | ≤500 | Aesthetic |
| Residue Total Fixed (mg/L) | 8 | 20 | 14-24 | | none | |
| Residue Total Volatile (mg/L) | 10 | 8 | 6-11 | | none | |
| Selenium Total (µg/L) | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | 0 | 50 | Health |
| Silica as SiO ₂ (mg/L) | 3.4 | 3.4 | 2.5-3.9 | | none | |
| Silver Total (µg/L) | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | | none | |
| Sodium Total (µg/L) | 595 | 1580 | 1290-1800 | 0 | ≤200000 | Aesthetic |
| Sulphate (mg/L) | 0.7 | 1 | 0.7-1.4 | 0 | ≤500 | Aesthetic |
| Turbidity (NTU) | 1 | 0.12 | 0.08-0.21 | | none | |
| Turbidity IFE (NTU) | - | - | - | 0 | ≤ 1.0 | Health |
| UV Absorbance 254 nm (Abs/cm) | 0.08 | 0.011 | 0.008-0.021 | | none | |
| Zinc Total (µg/L) | <3 | <3 | <3 | 0 | ≤5000 | Aesthetic |

These figures are averaged values from a number of laboratory analyses done throughout the year. Where the range is a single value no variation was measured for the samples analyzed. Average values containing one or more results below the detection limit are preceded with "<" symbol. Minimum range values than "<" denotes not detectable with the technique used for determination. Methods and terms are based on those of the most current on-line version of "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Waste Water". Untreated water is from the intake prior to the raw water tunnel, treated water is from a single site in the GVWD distribution system after the treated water tunnel and before the breakhead tank. Guidelines are taken from the most current Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality summary table updated in September 2020. Capilano Source was operational for 365 days in 2020. ¹Treated turbidity guideline and the number of exceedances applies to Individual Filter Effluent readings; measured in events and not days.

Physical and Chemical Analysis of Water Supply

2020 – Seymour Water System

| Parameter | Untreated | Treated | | Canadian Guideline | | |
|--|-----------|---------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| | Average | Average | Range | Days Exceeded | Limit | Reason Established |
| Alkalinity as CaCO ₃ (mg/L) | 3.6 | 10 | 5.9-12 | | none | |
| Aluminum Dissolved (µg/L) | 70 | 30 | 19-57 | | none | |
| Aluminum Total (µg/L) | 199 | 29 | 18-66 | | none | |
| Antimony Total (µg/L) | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | 0 | 6 | Health |
| Arsenic Total (µg/L) | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | 0 | 10 | Health |
| Barium Total (µg/L) | 3.7 | 3 | 2.1-3.5 | 0 | 1000 | Health |
| Boron Total (µg/L) | <10 | <10 | <10 | 0 | 5000 | Health |
| Bromate (mg/L) | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | 0 | 0.1 | Health |
| Bromide (mg/L) | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | | none | |
| Cadmium Total (µg/L) | <0.2 | <0.2 | <0.2 | 0 | 5 | Health |
| Calcium Total (µg/L) | 1670 | 4210 | 2420-4820 | | none | |
| Carbon Organic - Dissolved (mg/L) | 1.7 | 0.7 | 0.5-1.0 | | none | |
| Carbon Organic - Total (mg/L) | 1.7 | 0.7 | 0.5-1.0 | | none | |
| Chlorate (mg/L) | <0.01 | 0.02 | 0.02-0.03 | 0 | 1 | Health |
| Chloride (mg/L) | <0.5 | 2.5 | 2.0-3.2 | 0 | ≤250 | Aesthetic |
| Chromium Total (µg/L) | 0.06 | <0.05 | <0.05 | 0 | 50 | Health |
| Cobalt Total (µg/L) | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | | none | |
| Color - Apparent (ACU) | 19 | <2 | <2-2 | | none | |
| Color - True (TCU) | 12 | <1 | <1-1 | 0 | ≤15 | Aesthetic |
| Conductivity (µmhos/cm) | 13 | 32 | 22-36 | | none | |
| Copper Total (µg/L) | 19.9 | <0.5 | <0.5-0.7 | 0 | ≤1000 | Aesthetic |
| Cyanide Total (mg/L) | <0.02 | <0.02 | <0.02 | 0 | 0.2 | Health |
| Fluoride (mg/L) | <0.05 | <0.05 | <0.05 | 0 | 1.5 | Health |
| Hardness as CaCO ₃ (mg/L) | 4.9 | 11.2 | 6.6-12.9 | | none | |
| Iron Dissolved (µg/L) | 80 | <5 | <5-7 | | none | |
| Iron Total (µg/L) | 214 | <6 | <5-11 | 0 | ≤300 | Aesthetic |
| Lead Total (µg/L) | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | 0 | 5 | Health |
| Magnesium Total (µg/L) | 182 | 173 | 121-204 | | none | |
| Manganese Dissolved (µg/L) | 5.5 | 3.9 | 2.4-7.8 | | none | |
| Manganese Total (µg/L) | 11.4 | 4.6 | 3.4-8.4 | 0 | ≤120 | Health |
| Mercury Total (µg/L) | <0.05 | <0.05 | <0.05 | 0 | 1 | Health |
| Molybdenum Total (µg/L) | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | | none | |
| Nickel Total (µg/L) | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | | none | |
| Nitrogen - Ammonia as N (mg/L) | <0.02 | <0.02 | <0.02 | | none | |
| Nitrogen - Nitrate as N (mg/L) | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.03-0.12 | 0 | 45 | Health |
| Nitrogen - Nitrite as N (mg/L) | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | 0 | 1 | Health |
| pH (pH units) | 6.5 | 7.4 | 7.2-7.6 | 0 | 7.0 to 10.5 | Aesthetic |
| Phenol (mg/L) | <0.005 | <0.005 | <0.005 | | none | |
| Phosphorus Dissolved (µg/L) | <10 | <10 | <10 | | none | |
| Phosphorus Total (µg/L) | <10 | <10 | <5-10 | | none | |
| Potassium Total (µg/L) | 188 | 175 | 142-203 | | none | |
| Residue Total (mg/L) | 20 | 25 | 23-27 | | none | |
| Residue Total Dissolved (mg/L) | 10 | 20 | 10-20 | 0 | ≤500 | Aesthetic |
| Residue Total Fixed (mg/L) | 12 | 17 | 14-20 | | none | |
| Residue Total Volatile (mg/L) | 9 | 8 | 5-11 | | none | |
| Selenium Total (µg/L) | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | 0 | 50 | Health |
| Silica as SiO ₂ (mg/L) | 3.4 | 3.3 | 2.5-3.9 | | none | |
| Silver Total (µg/L) | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | | none | |
| Sodium Total (µg/L) | 571 | 1580 | 1300-1810 | 0 | ≤200000 | Aesthetic |
| Sulphate (mg/L) | 1.2 | 1 | 0.7-1.4 | 0 | ≤500 | Aesthetic |
| Turbidity (NTU) | 1.6 | 0.12 | 0.07-0.59 | | none | |
| Turbidity IFE (NTU) | - | - | - | 0 | ≤1.0 | Health |
| UV Absorbance 254 nm (Abs/cm) | 0.074 | 0.011 | 0.008-0.016 | | none | |
| Zinc Total (µg/L) | <3 | <3 | <3 | 0 | ≤5000 | Aesthetic |

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¹Treated turbidity guideline and the number of exceedances applies to Individual Filter Effluent readings; measured in events and not days.

Physical and Chemical Analysis of Water Supply

2020 – Coquitlam Water System

| Parameter | Untreated | Treated | | Canadian Guideline | | |
|--|-----------|---------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| | Average | Average | Range | Days Exceeded | Limit | Reason Established |
| Alkalinity as CaCO ₃ (mg/L) | 2 | 8.6 | 7.5-11 | | none | |
| Aluminum Dissolved (µg/L) | 63 | 62 | 59-66 | | none | |
| Aluminum Total (µg/L) | 100 | 96 | 77-166 | | none | |
| Antimony Total (µg/L) | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | 0 | 6 | Health |
| Arsenic Total (µg/L) | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | 0 | 10 | Health |
| Barium Total (µg/L) | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.1-2.5 | 0 | 1000 | Health |
| Boron Total (µg/L) | <10 | <10 | <10 | 0 | 5000 | Health |
| Bromate (mg/L) | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | 0 | 0.1 | Health |
| Bromide (mg/L) | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | | none | |
| Cadmium Total (µg/L) | <0.2 | <0.2 | <0.2 | 0 | 5 | Health |
| Calcium Total (µg/L) | 837 | 834 | 799-873 | | none | |
| Carbon Organic - Dissolved (mg/L) | 1.6 | 1.5 | 0.2-2.1 | | none | |
| Carbon Organic - Total (mg/L) | 1.8 | 1.5 | 1.3-2.1 | | none | |
| Chlorate (mg/L) | <0.01 | 0.06 | 0.04-0.08 | 0 | 1 | Health |
| Chloride (mg/L) | <0.5 | 2.2 | 1.8-2.5 | 0 | ≤250 | Aesthetic |
| Chromium Total (µg/L) | <0.05 | <0.05 | <0.05 | 0 | 50 | Health |
| Cobalt Total (µg/L) | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | | none | |
| Color - Apparent (ACU) | 14 | <2 | <2-3 | | none | |
| Color - True (TCU) | 10 | <1 | <1-1 | 0 | ≤15 | Aesthetic |
| Conductivity (µmhos/cm) | 8 | 27 | 25-33 | | none | |
| Copper Total (µg/L) | 4.2 | <0.5 | <0.5 | 0 | ≤1000 | Aesthetic |
| Cyanide Total (mg/L) | <0.02 | <0.02 | <0.02 | 0 | 0.2 | Health |
| Fluoride (mg/L) | <0.05 | <0.05 | <0.05 | 0 | 1.5 | Health |
| Hardness as CaCO ₃ (mg/L) | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.3-2.6 | | none | |
| Iron Dissolved (µg/L) | 21 | 23 | 15-43 | | none | |
| Iron Total (µg/L) | 52 | 52 | 35-97 | 0 | ≤300 | Aesthetic |
| Lead Total (µg/L) | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | 0 | 5 | Health |
| Magnesium Total (µg/L) | 98 | 97 | 84-109 | | none | |
| Manganese Dissolved (µg/L) | 4.1 | 2.3 | 1.5-3.0 | | none | |
| Manganese Total (µg/L) | 4.6 | 3.2 | 2.4-4.6 | 0 | ≤120 | Health |
| Mercury Total (µg/L) | <0.05 | <0.05 | <0.05 | 0 | 1 | Health |
| Molybdenum Total (µg/L) | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | | none | |
| Nickel Total (µg/L) | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | | none | |
| Nitrogen - Ammonia as N (mg/L) | <0.02 | <0.02 | <0.02 | | none | |
| Nitrogen - Nitrate as N (mg/L) | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.04-0.09 | 0 | 45 | Health |
| Nitrogen - Nitrite as N (mg/L) | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | 0 | 1 | Health |
| pH (pH units) | 6.3 | 7.6 | 7.1-8.1 | 0 | 7.0 to 10.5 | Aesthetic |
| Phenol (mg/L) | <0.005 | <0.005 | <0.005 | | none | |
| Phosphorus Dissolved (µg/L) | <10 | <10 | <10 | | none | |
| Phosphorus Total (µg/L) | <10 | <10 | <5-10 | | none | |
| Potassium Total (µg/L) | 113 | 114 | 106-122 | | none | |
| Residue Total (mg/L) | 14 | 26 | 21-30 | | none | |
| Residue Total Dissolved (mg/L) | 10 | 20 | 8-30 | 0 | ≤500 | Aesthetic |
| Residue Total Fixed (mg/L) | 7 | 16 | 11-22 | | none | |
| Residue Total Volatile (mg/L) | 7 | 10 | 7-12 | | none | |
| Selenium Total (µg/L) | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | 0 | 50 | Health |
| Silica as SiO ₂ (mg/L) | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.4-2.9 | | none | |
| Silver Total (µg/L) | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | | none | |
| Sodium Total (µg/L) | 470 | 5100 | 4640-5650 | 0 | ≤200000 | Aesthetic |
| Sulphate (mg/L) | 0.5 | <0.6 | <0.5-0.6 | 0 | ≤500 | Aesthetic |
| Turbidity (NTU) | 0.49 | 0.42 | 0.19-1.4 | | none | |
| UV 254 - Apparent (Abs/cm) | 0.073 | 0.023 | 0.014-0.059 | | none | |
| UV Absorbance 254 nm (Abs/cm) | 0.067 | 0.019 | 0.015-0.024 | | none | |
| Zinc Total (µg/L) | <3 | <3 | <3 | 0 | ≤5000 | Aesthetic |

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APPENDIX B — ANALYSIS OF WATER FOR ORGANIC/INORGANIC COMPONENTS AND RADIONUCLIDES

Analysis of Source Waters for Herbicides, Pesticides, Volatile Organic Compounds and Uranium

| | Units | Date Sampled | MAC | AO | Capilano | Seymour | Coquitlam |
|---|-------|--------------|------|-------|----------|---------|-----------|
| Atrazine | µg/L | 27-Oct-20 | 5 | | <0.50 | <0.50 | <0.50 |
| Azinphos-Methyl | µg/L | 27-Oct-20 | 20 | | <1.0 | <1.0 | <1.0 |
| Benzene | µg/L | 11-Dec-20 | 5 | | <0.50 | <0.50 | <0.50 |
| Benzo(a)pyrene | µg/L | 16-Jun-20 | 0.04 | | <0.0050 | <0.0050 | <0.0050 |
| Bromoxynil | µg/L | 27-Oct-20 | 5 | | <0.50 | <0.50 | <0.50 |
| Carbaryl | µg/L | 27-Oct-20 | 90 | | <5.0 | <5.0 | <5.0 |
| Carbofuran | µg/L | 27-Oct-20 | 90 | | <5.0 | <5.0 | <5.0 |
| Carbon Tetrachloride | µg/L | 11-Dec-20 | 2 | | <0.50 | <0.50 | <0.50 |
| Cyanobacterial toxins— Microcystin-LR | µg/L | Apr–Nov-20 | 1.5 | | <0.20 | <0.20 | <0.20 |
| Chlorpyrifos | µg/L | 27-Oct-20 | 90 | | <2.0 | <2.0 | <2.0 |
| Diazinon | µg/L | 27-Oct-20 | 20 | | <2.0 | <2.0 | <2.0 |
| Dicamba | µg/L | 27-Oct-20 | 120 | | <1.0 | <1.0 | <1.0 |
| Dichlofop-Methyl | µg/L | 27-Oct-20 | 9 | | <0.90 | <0.90 | <0.90 |
| Dichlorobenzene, 1,2- | µg/L | 11-Dec-20 | 200 | ≤ 3 | <0.50 | <0.50 | <0.50 |
| Dichlorobenzene, 1,4- | µg/L | 11-Dec-20 | 5 | ≤ 1 | <0.50 | <0.50 | <0.50 |
| Dichloroethane, 1,2- | µg/L | 11-Dec-20 | 5 | | <0.50 | <0.50 | <0.50 |
| Dichloroethylene, 1,1- | µg/L | 11-Dec-20 | 14 | | <0.50 | <0.50 | <0.50 |
| Dichloromethane | µg/L | 11-Dec-20 | 50 | | <1.0 | <1.0 | <1.0 |
| Dichlorophenol, 2,4- | µg/L | 27-Oct-20 | 900 | ≤ 0.3 | <0.33 | <0.10 | <0.10 |
| Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid, 2,4-(2,4-D) | µg/L | 27-Oct-20 | 100 | | <1.0 | <1.0 | <1.0 |
| Dimethoate | µg/L | 27-Oct-20 | 20 | | <2.0 | <2.0 | <2.0 |
| Diquat | µg/L | 27-Oct-20 | 70 | | <7.0 | <7.0 | <7.0 |
| Diuron | µg/L | 27-Oct-20 | 150 | | <10.0 | <10.0 | <10.0 |
| Ethylbenzene | µg/L | 11-Dec-20 | 140 | ≤ 1.6 | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 |
| Glyphosate | µg/L | 27-Oct-20 | 280 | | <10.0 | <10.0 | <10.0 |
| Malathion | µg/L | 27-Oct-20 | 190 | | <2.0 | <2.0 | <2.0 |
| 2-Methyl-4- chlorophenoxyacetic acid (MCPA) | µg/L | 27-Oct-20 | 100 | | <2.0 | <2.0 | <2.0 |
| Methyl t-butyl ether (MTBE) | µg/L | 11-Dec-20 | None | ≤ 15 | <0.50 | <0.50 | <0.50 |
| Metolachlor | µg/L | 27-Oct-20 | 50 | | <5.0 | <5.0 | <5.0 |
| Metribuzin | µg/L | 27-Oct-20 | 80 | | <5.0 | <5.0 | <5.0 |
| Monochlorobenzene | µg/L | 11-Dec-20 | 80 | ≤ 30 | <0.50 | <0.50 | <0.50 |
| N-Nitroso dimethylamine (NDMA) | µg/L | 27-Oct-20 | 0.04 | | <0.0021 | <0.0021 | <0.0021 |
| Nitrilotriacetic Acid (NTA) | µg/L | 27-Oct-20 | 400 | | <50.0 | <50.0 | 380 |
| Paraquat (as Dichloride) | µg/L | 27-Oct-20 | 10 | | <1.0 | <1.0 | <1.0 |
| Pentachlorophenol | µg/L | 27-Oct-20 | 60 | ≤30 | <0.33 | <0.10 | <0.10 |

| | Units | Date Sampled | MAC | AO | Capilano | Seymour | Coquitlam |
|-----------------------------|-------|--------------|-----|------|----------|---------|-----------|
| Phorate | µg/L | 27-Oct-20 | 2 | | <1.0 | <1.0 | <1.0 |
| Picloram | µg/L | 27-Oct-20 | 190 | | <5.0 | <5.0 | <5.0 |
| Simazine | µg/L | 27-Oct-20 | 10 | | <2.0 | <2.0 | <2.0 |
| Terbufos | µg/L | 27-Oct-20 | 1 | | <1.0 | <1.0 | <1.0 |
| Tetrachloroethylene | µg/L | 11-Dec-20 | 10 | | <0.50 | <0.50 | <0.50 |
| Tetrachlorophenol, 2,3,4,6- | µg/L | 27-Oct-20 | 100 | ≤ 1 | <0.33 | <0.10 | <0.10 |
| Toluene | µg/L | 11-Dec-20 | 60 | 24 | <0.50 | <0.50 | <0.50 |
| Trichloroethylene | µg/L | 11-Dec-20 | 5 | | <0.50 | <0.50 | <0.50 |
| Trichlorophenol, 2,4,6- | µg/L | 27-Oct-20 | 5 | ≤ 2 | <0.33 | <0.10 | <0.10 |
| Trifluralin | µg/L | 27-Oct-20 | 45 | | <5.0 | <5.0 | <5.0 |
| Uranium (Total) | µg/L | 27-Oct-20 | 20 | | 0.0298 | 0.0231 | 0.0489 |
| Vinyl Chloride | µg/L | 11-Dec-20 | 2 | | <1.0 | <1.0 | <1.0 |
| Xylene (Total) | µg/L | 11-Dec-20 | 90 | ≤ 20 | <1.0 | <1.0 | <1.0 |

Monitoring of Selected GVWD Water Mains for BTEXs

| Parameters | Units | MAC | AO | Maple Ridge Main at Reservoir | | Barnston Island Main at Willoughby PS | | Jericho-Clayton Main | | South Burnaby Main #2 | |
|----------------|-------|-----|-----|-------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|
| | | | | 15-Jun | 23-Nov- | 17-Jun | 25-Nov | 17-Jun | 25-Nov | 18-Jun | 25-Nov |
| Benzene | µg/L | 5 | - | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 |
| Ethylbenzene | µg/L | 140 | 1.6 | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 |
| Toluene | µg/L | 60 | 24 | <0.5 | 0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 |
| Xylenes Total) | µg/L | 90 | 20 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |

Analysis of Source Water for PAH's

| Parameters | Units | Capilano | | Seymour | | Coquitlam | |
|-----------------------------|-------|----------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|
| | | 16-Jun | 24-Nov | 16-Jun | 24-Nov | 16-Jun | 24-Nov |
| Acenaphthene | µg/L | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 |
| Acenaphthylene | µg/L | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 |
| Acridine | µg/L | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 |
| Anthracene | µg/L | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 |
| Benzo(a)anthracene | µg/L | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 |
| Benzo(a)pyrene ¹ | µg/L | <0.0050 | <0.0050 | <0.0050 | <0.0050 | <0.0050 | <0.0050 |
| Benzo(b+j)fluoranthene | µg/L | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 |
| Benzo(b+j+k)fluoranthene | µg/L | <0.015 | <0.015 | <0.015 | <0.015 | <0.015 | <0.015 |
| Benzo(g,h,i)perylene | µg/L | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 |
| Benzo(k)fluoranthene | µg/L | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 |
| Chrysene | µg/L | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 |
| Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene | µg/L | <0.0050 | <0.0050 | <0.0050 | <0.0050 | <0.0050 | <0.0050 |
| Fluoranthene | µg/L | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 |
| Fluorene | µg/L | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 |
| Indeno(1,2,3-c,d)pyrene | µg/L | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 |
| methylnaphthalene, 1- | µg/L | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 |
| methylnaphthalene, 2- | µg/L | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 |
| Naphthalene | µg/L | <0.050 | <0.050 | <0.050 | <0.050 | <0.050 | <0.050 |
| Phenanthrene | µg/L | <0.020 | <0.020 | <0.020 | <0.020 | <0.020 | <0.020 |
| Pyrene | µg/L | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 |
| Quinoline | µg/L | <0.050 | <0.050 | <0.050 | <0.050 | <0.050 | <0.050 |

Analysis of Selected GVWD Mains for PAHs

| Parameters | Units | Coquitlam Main #2 | Westburnco Reservoir | | Barnston Island | | Queensborough | | Whalley Kennedy Link Main | | Haney Main #2 | | 36th Ave Main |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------------------|----------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|---------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|---------------|---------|---------------|
| | | 16-Jun | 25-Nov | 17-Jun | 25-Nov | 18-Jun | 24-Nov | 16-Jun | 23-Nov | 15-Jun | 23-Nov | 17-Jun | 26-Nov |
| Acenaphthene | µg/L | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 |
| Acenaphthylene | µg/L | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 |
| Acridine | µg/L | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 |
| Anthracene | µg/L | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 |
| Benzo(a)anthracene | µg/L | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 |
| Benzo(a)pyrene ¹ | µg/L | <0.0050 | <0.0050 | <0.0050 | <0.0050 | <0.0050 | <0.0050 | <0.0050 | <0.0050 | <0.0050 | <0.0050 | <0.0050 | <0.0050 |
| Benzo(b+j)fluoranthene | µg/L | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 |
| Benzo(b+j+k)fluoranthene | µg/L | <0.015 | <0.015 | <0.015 | <0.015 | <0.015 | <0.015 | <0.015 | <0.015 | <0.015 | <0.015 | <0.015 | <0.015 |
| Benzo(g,h,i)perylene | µg/L | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 |
| Benzo(k)fluoranthene | µg/L | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 |
| Chrysene | µg/L | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 |
| Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene | µg/L | <0.0050 | <0.0050 | <0.0050 | <0.0050 | <0.0050 | <0.0050 | <0.0050 | <0.0050 | <0.0050 | <0.0050 | <0.0050 | <0.0050 |
| Fluoranthene | µg/L | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 |
| Fluorene | µg/L | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.020 | <0.010 | <0.010 |
| Indeno(1,2,3-c,d)pyrene | µg/L | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.000 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 |
| methylnaphthalene, 1- | µg/L | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 |
| methylnaphthalene, 2- | µg/L | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 |
| Naphthalene | µg/L | <0.050 | <0.050 | <0.050 | <0.050 | <0.050 | <0.050 | <0.050 | <0.050 | <0.050 | <0.050 | <0.050 | <0.050 |
| Phenanthrene | µg/L | <0.020 | <0.020 | <0.020 | <0.020 | <0.020 | <0.020 | <0.020 | <0.020 | <0.020 | <0.020 | <0.020 | <0.020 |
| Pyrene | µg/L | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 | <0.010 |
| Quinoline | µg/L | <0.050 | <0.050 | <0.050 | <0.050 | <0.050 | <0.050 | <0.050 | <0.050 | <0.050 | <0.050 | <0.050 | <0.050 |

¹Benzo(a)pyrene is the only PAH compound that has guideline limit. Maximum Acceptable Concentration of Benzo(a)pyrene is 0.04µg/L

Monitoring of Source Waters for PFOS and PFOA ¹

| Parameters | Units | MAC | Capilano | Seymour | Coquitlam |
|------------|-------|-----|----------|---------|-----------|
| PFOS | ng/L | 600 | <0.765 | <0.756 | <0.757 |
| PFOA | ng/L | 200 | <0.765 | <0.756 | <0.757 |

| ANALYTE | Capilano | Seymour | Coquitlam |
|--------------|----------|---------|-----------|
| PFBA | <3.06 | <3.03 | <3.03 |
| PFPeA | <1.53 | <1.51 | <1.51 |
| PFHxA | <0.765 | <0.756 | <0.757 |
| PFHpA | <0.765 | <0.756 | <0.757 |
| PFOA | <0.765 | <0.756 | <0.757 |
| PFNA | <0.765 | <0.756 | <0.757 |
| PFDA | <0.765 | <0.756 | <0.757 |
| PFUnA | <0.765 | <0.756 | <0.757 |
| PFDoA | <0.765 | <0.756 | <0.757 |
| PFTTrDA | <0.765 | <0.756 | <0.757 |
| PFTeDA | <0.765 | <0.756 | <0.757 |
| PFBS | <0.765 | <0.756 | <0.757 |
| PFPeS | <0.765 | <0.756 | <0.757 |
| PFHxS | <0.765 | <0.756 | <0.757 |
| PFHpS | <0.765 | <0.756 | <0.757 |
| PFOS | <0.765 | <0.756 | <0.757 |
| PFNS | <0.765 | <0.756 | <0.757 |
| PFDS | <0.765 | <0.756 | <0.757 |
| PFDoS | <0.765 | <0.756 | <0.757 |
| 4:2 FTS | <3.06 | <3.03 | <3.03 |
| 6:2 FTS | <2.75 | <2.72 | <2.73 |
| 8:2 FTS | <3.06 | <3.03 | <3.03 |
| PFOSA | <0.765 | <0.756 | <0.757 |
| N-MeFOSA | <0.88 | <0.87 | <0.871 |
| N-EtFOSA | <1.91 | <1.89 | <1.89 |
| MeFOSAA | <0.765 | <0.756 | <0.757 |
| EtFOSAA | <0.765 | <0.756 | <0.757 |
| N-MeFOSE | <7.65 | <7.56 | <7.57 |
| N-EtFOSE | <5.74 | <5.67 | <5.68 |
| HFPO-DA | <2.91 | <2.87 | <2.88 |
| ADONA | <3.06 | <3.03 | <3.03 |
| 9Cl-PF3ONS | <3.06 | <3.03 | <3.03 |
| 11Cl-PF3OUdS | <3.06 | <3.03 | <3.03 |

¹Samples analyzed on April 27th.

Analysis of Source Water for Radioactivity

| Radioactivity | Units | Date Sampled | MAC ¹ | Capilano | Seymour | Coquitlam |
|-------------------------------|-------|--------------|------------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| | | | | Activity | Activity | Activity |
| Gross Alpha | Bq/L | 06-Oct-20 | <0.5 | <0.10 | <0.10 | <0.10 |
| Gross Beta | Bq/L | 06-Oct-20 | <1.0 | <0.10 | <0.10 | <0.10 |
| Cobalt-60 | Bq/L | 06-Oct-20 | 2 | <1 | <1 | <1 |
| Cesium-134 | Bq/L | 06-Oct-20 | 7 | <1 | <1 | <1 |
| Cesium-137 | Bq/L | 06-Oct-20 | 10 | <1 | <1 | <1 |
| Iodine-131 | Bq/L | 06-Oct-20 | 6 | <1 | <1 | <1 |
| Lead-210 | Bq/L | 06-Oct-20 | 0.2 | <0.10 | <0.10 | <0.10 |
| Radium-226 | Bq/L | 06-Oct-20 | 0.5 | <1.0 | <1.0 | <1.0 |
| Radon-222 | Bq/L | 06-Oct-20 | None | 16 | <10 | <10 |
| Strontium-90 | Bq/L | 06-Oct-20 | 5 | <0.10 | <0.10 | <0.10 |
| Tritium (H-3) | Bq/L | 06-Oct-20 | 7000 | <20 | <20 | <20 |
| Radon-222 Repeat ¹ | Bq/L | 15-Dec-20 | None | <10 | <10 | <10 |

¹The October 6, 2020 Radon-222 result for the Capilano Source was unusual. A repeat of the test was done with a sample taken on December 15, 2020.

APPENDIX C — ANALYSIS OF SOURCE WATERS FOR THE RESERVOIR MONITORING PROGRAM

Comparison of Water Quality in Metro Vancouver Reservoirs to Standard Water Quality Classifications

| Chemical measurement ² | Average value ³ | | | | | Status of Reservoirs |
|--|---|---|--|---|---|---|
| | Ultra-oligotrophic status defined in the scientific literature ¹ | Oligotrophic status defined in the scientific literature ¹ | Capilano Reservoir 2014 – 2020 (2020 only in brackets) | Seymour Reservoir 2014 – 2020 (2020 only in brackets) | Coquitlam Reservoir 2014 – 2020 (2020 only in brackets) | |
| Total phosphorus (parts per billion) | 5 | 8.0 | 3.0 (3.0) | 3.0 (3.0) | 2.0 (2.0) | Ultraoligotrophic (very high water quality) |
| Total Nitrogen (parts per billion) | 250 | 661 | 126 (118) | 130 (116) | 129 (119) | Ultraoligotrophic (very high water quality) |
| Phytoplankton biomass (parts per billion of chlorophyll-a) | 0.5 | 1.7 | 0.42 (0.39) | 0.56 (0.49) | 0.53 (0.64) | Ultraoligotrophic (very high water quality) |

¹e.g. Wetzel, R.G. 2001 River Ecosystems. 3rd edition. Academic Press. New York.

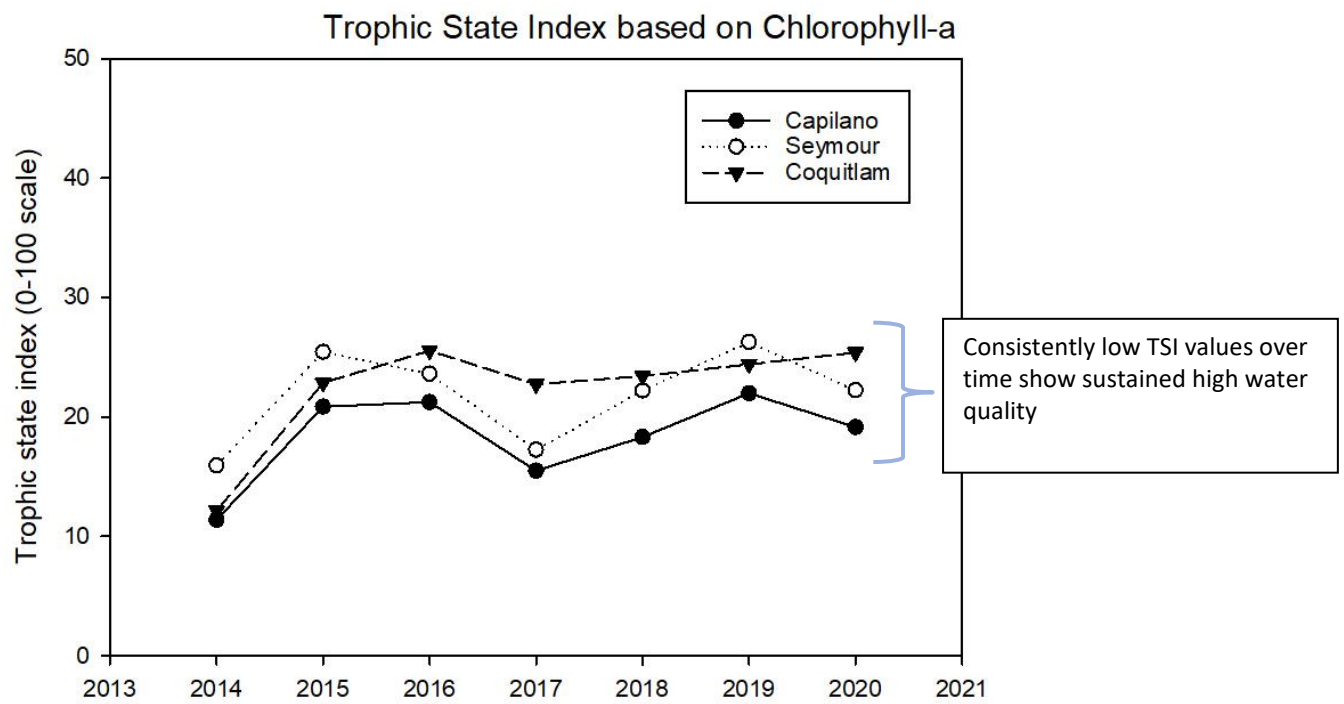
Ultraoligotrophic means very low nutrient content and very low biological production: very high water quality

Oligotrophic means low nutrient content and low biological production (low risk of algal blooms): high water quality

²Chemical measurements are defined as follows:

- Phosphorus and nitrogen are nutrients that primarily control the growth of algae, including cyanobacteria.
- Phytoplankton biomass includes cells of all algae and cyanobacteria species in a reservoir.

³Values are averages from all water depths during April through November of all years. Values in brackets are average values only from 2020.



APPENDIX D — REPORT TO METRO VANCOUVER ON *GIARDIA* AND *CRYPTOSPORIDIUM* STUDY

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Metro Vancouver Detection of Waterborne *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium* January - December, 2020 Annual Report

Purpose

To detect and quantify *Giardia* cysts and *Cryptosporidium* oocysts from Metro Vancouver reservoirs: Capilano and Coquitlam, as well as from the Recycled Clarified Water from Seymour-Capilano Filtration Plant (SCFP-RCW).

Introduction

Giardia and *Cryptosporidium* species are parasites that infect the intestinal tracts of a wide range of warm-blooded animals. In humans, infection with *Giardia lamblia* or *Cryptosporidium* species can cause gastroenteritis. As the cyst and oocyst forms of *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium* are resistant to chlorination, they are of great concern for drinking water purveyors (1-3). On behalf of Metro Vancouver, the Environmental Microbiology Laboratory at BCCDC Public Health Laboratory (BCCDC PHL) examined the source water of Capilano and Coquitlam reservoirs, as well as Recycled Clarified Water (RCW) at the Seymour Capilano Filtration Plant (SCFP) for the presence of *Giardia* cysts and *Cryptosporidium* oocysts. All sample collection, testing, analysis and reporting occurred on a monthly basis using a validated method.

Methods

The Environmental Microbiology Laboratory at BCCDC PHL follows the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Method 1623.1: *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia* in Water by Filtration/IMS/FA (4) for the detection of oocysts and cysts in water. As stated by Method 1623.1, the performance is based on the method applicable for the quantitation of *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia* in aqueous matrices. It requires the filtration of a large volume of water and immunomagnetic separation (IMS) to concentrate and purify the oocysts and cysts from sample material captured. After the IMS purification, immunofluorescence microscopy was performed to identify and enumerate oocysts and cysts. 4'-6-diamidino-2-phenylindole staining (DAPI) and differential interference contrast microscopy (DIC) are used to confirm internal structures of the cysts and oocysts.

Raw water samples were collected by the Metro Vancouver staff at specific sampling sites at the reservoirs and filtration plants. Samples were filtered in the field using Pall Life Science Envirochek HV filters. After collection, filters were then transported to the Environmental Microbiology Laboratory at BCCDC PHL by Metro Vancouver staff, where they were processed and analysed within 96 hours. Negative and positive controls were included for the entire process to assess the performance of the method. Matrix spike testing was also performed at scheduled collection periods, annually for baseline assessment.

Results & Discussions

In 2020, a total of 36 filters were examined (excluding matrix spikes). These included:

- 12 Envirochek filters from the Capilano reservoir
- 12 Envirochek filters from the Coquitlam reservoir
- 12 Envirochek filters from SCFP-RCW

The summary of our findings are presented in Figures 1 - 3 and Tables 1 - 5. An average of 50.0L of raw water was filtered for both the Capilano and Coquitlam reservoirs per month. The average detection limit for Capilano and Coquitlam were <2.0 (oo)cysts per 100L for both reservoirs. The average volume of water filtered and detection limit for SCFP-RCW was 604.2L and <0.41(oo)cysts per 100L, respectively (Appendix A, Tables A1-A3).

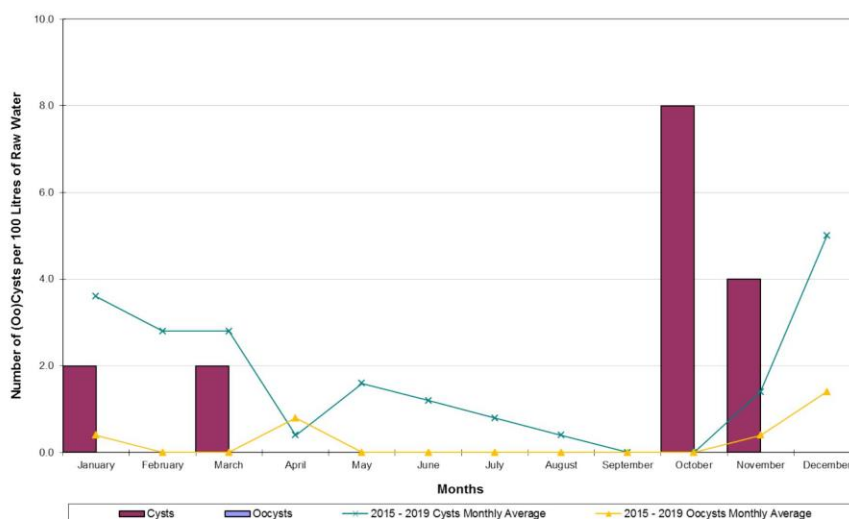


Figure 1: 2020 Capilano Reservoir *Cryptosporidium* Oocysts and *Giardia* Cysts Counts per 100 Litres of Raw Water

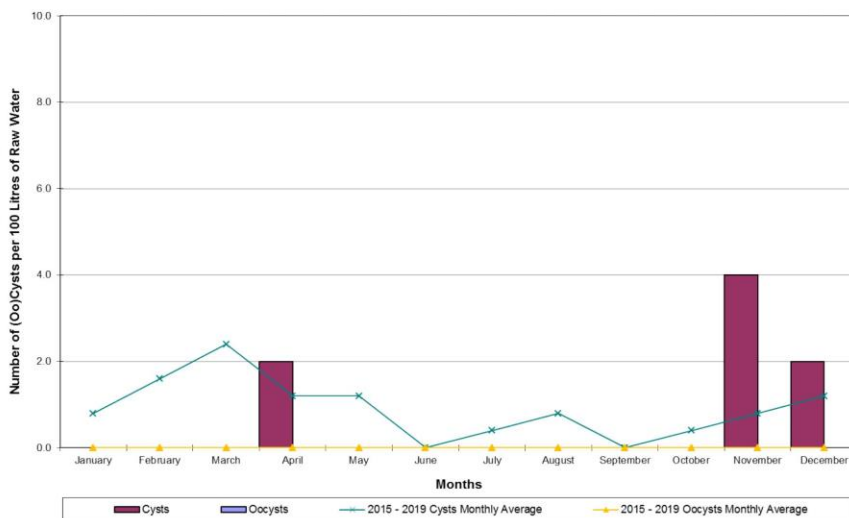


Figure 2: 2020 Coquitlam Reservoir *Cryptosporidium* Oocysts and *Giardia* Cysts Counts per 100 Litres of Raw Water

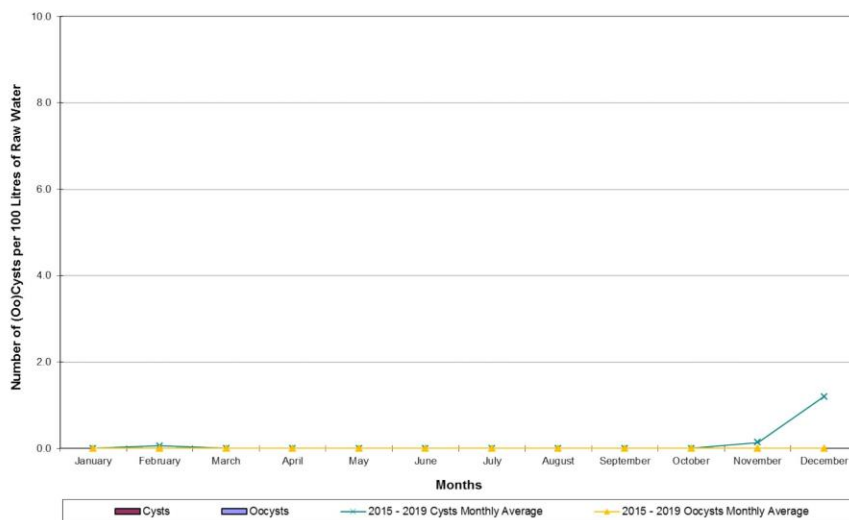


Figure 3: 2020 Seymour Capilano Filtration Plant – Recycled Clarified Water *Cryptosporidium* Oocysts and *Giardia* Cysts Counts per 100 Litres of Raw Water

Overall, similar trends were observed for both *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia* in 2020, in comparison to historical data.

| | Capilano Reservoir | Coquitlam Reservoir | SCFP - RCW |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Number of Water Filter Tested | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| % Filters – <i>Giardia</i> Positive | 33.3% | 25.0% | 0.0% |
| % Filters – <i>Cryptosporidium</i> Positive | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |

Table 1: 2020 *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium* Percent Positives for Metro Vancouver Water Filters

| Sampling Sites | # of Water Filters Tested | Average Detection Limit (oo)cysts/100 L | Max Detection (oo)cysts/100L | Min Detection (oo)cysts/100L | # of <i>Giardia</i> Positive Filters | Max # of <i>Giardia</i> cysts/100L | # of <i>Crypto</i> Positive Filters | Max # of <i>Crypto</i> oocysts/100L |
|---------------------|---------------------------|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| All Sites | 36 | <1.47 | 5.0 | 1.5 | 2.3 | 4.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Capilano Reservoir | 12 | <2.0 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Coquitlam Reservoir | 12 | <2.0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| SCFP - RCW | 12 | <0.41 | NPD* | 0.41 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

*NDP = No Parasites Detected

Table 2: 2020 *Giardia* Cyst and *Cryptosporidium* Oocyst Concentrations for Positive Water Filters

Results for staining by IFA, DAPI and internal morphology, as determined through DIC microscopy, for every identified cyst and oocyst were recorded and summarized in Tables A4 – A9 in the Appendix A.

DAPI staining is used as part of the confirmation of the internal structure of *Giardia* cysts and *Cryptosporidium* oocysts; it is used as an indicator of nuclei integrity by staining the DNA. It can also approximate cysts/oocysts integrity; the absence of nuclei is indicative of an aged, damaged or non-infective cell. A number of cysts (Table 3, 5) and oocysts (Table 4, 5) observed across all sites had no visible nuclei indicating that they were aged and likely subjected to environmental degradation. However, they were likely in previous infective state.

Likewise, DIC microscopy is used primarily for *Giardia* cyst and *Cryptosporidium* oocyst confirmation but it can also serve as an indicator of cysts/oocysts cytoplasm and cell wall integrity. While no median body (or axoneme) was observed for all *Giardia* cysts detected, the cytoplasm was observed indicating that the cysts were not empty and could be viable.

| Site | Total number of cysts | DAPI - | DAPI + | | D.I.C. | | | | |
|-----------|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|----------|
| | | Light blue internal staining, no distinct nuclei, green rim | Intense blue internal staining | Nuclei stained sky blue | Empty cysts (no cytoplasm) | Cysts with amorphous structure | Cysts with internal structure | | |
| | | | | | | | Nuclei | Median body | Axoneme |
| Capilano | 8 | 7 (87.5%) | 0 (0.0%) | 1 (14.3%) | 0 (0.0%) | 8 (100.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) |
| Coquitlam | 4 | 2 (50.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 2 (50.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 4 (100.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) |
| SCFP-RCW | 0 | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) |

Table 3: 2020 Summary of morphological results for *Giardia* cysts observed under fluorescence microscope

| Site | Total number of oocysts | DAPI - | DAPI + | | D.I.C. | | |
|-----------|-------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | Light blue internal staining, no distinct nuclei, green rim | Intense blue internal staining | Nuclei stained sky blue | Empty oocysts | Oocysts with amorphous structure | Oocysts with internal structure |
| | | | | | | | Number of sporozoites |
| Capilano | 0 | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) |
| Coquitlam | 0 | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) |
| SCFP-RCW | 0 | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) |

Table 4: 2020 Summary of morphological results for *Cryptosporidium* oocysts observed under fluorescence microscope

| Number of Nuclei | <i>Giardia</i> Cysts | | | <i>Cryptosporidium</i> Oocysts | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|----------|--------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| | Capilano | Coquitlam | SCFP-RCW | Capilano | Coquitlam | SCFP-RCW |
| 0* | 7 (87.5%) | 2 (50.0%) | - | - | - | - |
| 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2 | 1 (12.5%) | - | - | - | - | - |
| 3 | - | 2 (50.0%) | - | - | - | - |
| 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total # of (oo)cysts | 8 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

* DAPI negative or only intense blue internal staining of cytoplasm.

Table 5: 2020 Comparisons of number of nuclei in each *Giardia* cysts and *Cryptosporidium* Oocysts between different sites

Due to the variations of water chemistry and organic matters between geographical area and temporally within each sampling sites, a matrix spike is performed annually to provide recovery rate estimation from each site. The results of the matrix spike recovery (2007-2020) are compiled in Table 6. Matrix recovery rates fluctuate from year-to-year, even within each site. This variation is not uncommon for the test and has been noted in USEPA's Method 1623.1.

Matrix testing in 2020 was successful on a single sampling event at each site. 50L were filtered from each site and the percentage recovery for *Giardia* cysts and *Cryptosporidium* oocysts were noted.

| Year | Capilano | | Coquitlam | | SCFP-RCW | |
|------|----------|---------|-----------|---------|----------|---------|
| | Cysts | Oocysts | Cysts | Oocysts | Cysts | Oocysts |
| 2007 | 37.4% | 27.6% | 54.0% | 28.0% | - | - |
| 2008 | 55.0% | 25.0% | 39.0% | 28.0% | - | - |
| 2009 | 40.0% | 10.0% | 37.0% | 16.0% | - | - |
| 2010 | 43.0% | 28.0% | 49.0% | 26.0% | 13.0% | 17.0% |
| 2011 | 44.0% | 27.0% | 47.0% | 22.0% | 0.0% | 1.0% |
| 2012 | 76.5% | 38.4% | 49.0% | 35.0% | 13.7% | 7.0% |
| 2013 | 59.4% | 22.4% | 64.4% | 16.3% | 14.9% | 6.12% |
| 2014 | - | - | 39.4% | 55.0% | 14.1% | 18.0% |
| 2015 | 40.4% | 26.3% | 60.6% | 2.0% | 26.5% | 9.1% |
| 2016 | 47.5% | 35.4% | 50.5% | 22.2% | 14.0% | 9.1% |
| 2017 | 38.4% | 20.2% | 21.2% | 22.2% | 2.0% | 0.0% |
| 2018 | 75.8% | 43.4% | 59.6% | 17.1% | 11.1% | 1.0% |
| 2019 | 43.0% | 0.0% | 55.0% | 1.0% | 4.1% | 0.0% |
| 2020 | 37.4% | 5.1% | 59.8% | 8.1% | 4.0% | 0.0% |

- No matrix sample collected

Table 6: Matrix water results from 2007 - 2020

Summary

In brief, we reported that:

1. Overall, a steady positivity rate was observed across all sites for both cysts and oocysts.
2. *Giardia* cysts were detected in filters from Capilano and Coquitlam but not from SCFP-RCW. 33.3% of all filters received from Capilano were positive for *Giardia*, and 25% of all filters received from Coquitlam were positive for *Giardia*, and there were no *Giardia* cysts detected for SCFP-RCW.
3. *Cryptosporidium* oocysts were not detected in Capilano reservoir, Coquitlam reservoir and SCFP-RCW.
4. The highest concentration of *Giardia* cysts detected in 2020 was from Capilano reservoir in January (6 cysts per 100 L).
5. Most of the *Giardia* cysts detected showed evidence of environmental degradation.
6. Matrix recovery for *Cryptosporidium* oocyst continued to be low, which is consistent with previous years. Performing an additional matrix collection to understand the effects of matrix spike recovery when collected in a different season (i.e. spring/summer) is recommended.

These *semi-quantitative* data (reported oocyst and cyst levels) should be interpreted in the context of, and with the understanding that the current standard laboratory method, USEPA Method 1623.1, used for detecting and analysing parasites in water matrices has its limitations, with variable recovery rates depending on the water matrix and environmental conditions.

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Appendix A

| Water Filter # | Site Location | Sampling Date | Month | Detection Limit (per 100L) | No. of Cysts per 100L | No. of Oocysts per 100L | Volume of Water Filtered (L) | 2015 - 2019 Monthly Average | |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | No. of Cysts per 100L | No. of Oocysts per 100L |
| 1 8075 | Capilano Reservoir | January 12, 2020 | January | <2.0 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 3.6 | 0.4 |
| 2 8080 | Capilano Reservoir | February 9, 2020 | February | <2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 2.8 | 0.0 |
| 3 8085 | Capilano Reservoir | March 15, 2020 | March | <2.0 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 2.8 | 0.0 |
| 4 8090 | Capilano Reservoir | April 19, 2020 | April | <2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 0.4 | 0.8 |
| 5 8095 | Capilano Reservoir | May 10, 2020 | May | <2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 1.6 | 0.0 |
| 6 8100 | Capilano Reservoir | June 14, 2020 | June | <2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 1.2 | 0.0 |
| 7 8111 | Capilano Reservoir | July 19, 2020 | July | <2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 0.8 | 0.0 |
| 8 8116 | Capilano Reservoir | August 16, 2020 | August | <2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| 9 8121 | Capilano Reservoir | September 20, 2020 | September | <2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 10 8126 | Capilano Reservoir | October 18, 2020 | October | <2.0 | 8.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 11 8136 | Capilano Reservoir | November 15, 2020 | November | <2.0 | 4.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 1.4 | 0.4 |
| 12 8144 | Capilano Reservoir | December 13, 2020 | December | <2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 5.0 | 1.4 |
| | | | | Averages | <2.0 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 50.0 | |

Table A1: 2020 Metro Vancouver Capilano Reservoir Monthly Filter Results

| Water Filter # | Site Location | Sampling Date | Month | Detection Limit (per 100L) | No. of Cysts per 100L | No. of Oocysts per 100L | Volume of Water Filtered (L) | 2015 - 2019 Monthly Average | |
|----------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | No. of Cysts per 100L | No. of Oocysts per 100L |
| 1 8076 | Coquitlam Reservoir | January 12, 2020 | January | <2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 0.8 | 0.0 |
| 2 8081 | Coquitlam Reservoir | February 9, 2020 | February | <2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 1.6 | 0.0 |
| 3 8086 | Coquitlam Reservoir | March 15, 2020 | March | <2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 2.4 | 0.0 |
| 4 8091 | Coquitlam Reservoir | April 19, 2020 | April | <2.0 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 1.2 | 0.0 |
| 5 8096 | Coquitlam Reservoir | May 10, 2020 | May | <2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 1.2 | 0.0 |
| 6 8101 | Coquitlam Reservoir | June 14, 2020 | June | <2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 7 8112 | Coquitlam Reservoir | July 19, 2020 | July | <2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| 8 8117 | Coquitlam Reservoir | August 16, 2020 | August | <2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 0.8 | 0.0 |
| 9 8122 | Coquitlam Reservoir | September 20, 2020 | September | <2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 10 8127 | Coquitlam Reservoir | October 18, 2020 | October | <2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| 11 8137 | Coquitlam Reservoir | November 15, 2020 | November | <2.0 | 4.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 0.8 | 0.0 |
| 12 8145 | Coquitlam Reservoir | December 13, 2020 | December | <2.0 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 1.2 | 0.0 |
| | | | | Averages | <2.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 50.0 | |

Table A2: 2020 Metro Vancouver Coquitlam Reservoir Monthly Filter Results

| Water Filter # | Site Location | Sampling Date | Month | Detection Limit (per 100L) | No. of Cysts per 100L | No. of Oocysts per 100L | Volume of Water Filtered (L) | 2015 - 2019 Monthly Average | |
|----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | No. of Cysts per 100L | No. of Oocysts per 100L |
| 1 8077 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | January 12, 2020 | January | <0.07 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1460.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 2 8082 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | February 11, 2020 | February | <0.19 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 525.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| 3 8087 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | March 17, 2020 | March | <0.36 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 280.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 4 8092 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | April 21, 2020 | April | <1.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 63.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 5 8097 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | May 12, 2020 | May | <0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 177.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 6 8102 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | June 16, 2020 | June | <0.04 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2608.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 7 8113 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | July 21, 2020 | July | <0.29 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 350.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 8 8118 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | August 18, 2020 | August | <0.17 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 580.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 9 8123 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | September 22, 2020 | September | <0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 338.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 10 8128 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | October 20, 2020 | October | <0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 499.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 11 8138 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | November 17, 2020 | November | <0.64 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 155.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| 12 8146 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | December 15, 2020 | December | <0.47 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 212.5 | 1.2 | 0.0 |
| | | | | Averages | <0.41 | 0.0 | 604.2 | | |

Table A3: 2020 Metro Vancouver Seymour Capilano Filtration Plant – Recycled Clarified Water (SCFP-RCW) Monthly Filter Results

| Lab # | Site name | Date sampled | Giardia | | | | | | | | | | Median Body | Axoneme |
|-------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|---------|
| | | | Object located by FA | Shape (oval or round) | Size L x W (µm) | DAPI - Light blue internal staining, no distinct nuclei, green rim | DAPI + Intense blue internal staining | Number of nuclei stained sky blue | Empty cysts | Cysts with amorphous structure | Number of nuclei | Median Body | | |
| 8075 | Capilano Reservoir | January 12, 2020 | 1 | Oval | 14x7 | P | | | | P | | | | |
| 8080 | Capilano Reservoir | February 9, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8085 | Capilano Reservoir | March 15, 2020 | 1 | Oval | 15x10 | P | | | | P | | | | |
| 8090 | Capilano Reservoir | April 19, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8095 | Capilano Reservoir | May 10, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8100 | Capilano Reservoir | June 14, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8111 | Capilano Reservoir | July 19, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8116 | Capilano Reservoir | August 16, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8121 | Capilano Reservoir | September 20, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8126 | Capilano Reservoir | October 18, 2020 | 1 | Oval | 10x7 | P | | | | P | | | | |
| 8126 | Capilano Reservoir | October 18, 2020 | 2 | Oval | 10x7 | P | | | | P | | | | |
| 8126 | Capilano Reservoir | October 18, 2020 | 3 | Oval | 11x10 | P | | | | P | | | | |
| 8126 | Capilano Reservoir | October 18, 2020 | 4 | Oval | 11x10 | P | | | | P | | | | |
| 8136 | Capilano Reservoir | November 15, 2020 | 1 | Oval | 11x10 | P | | | | P | | | | |
| 8136 | Capilano Reservoir | November 15, 2020 | 2 | Oval | 12x10 | | | 2 | | P | | | | |
| 8144 | Capilano Reservoir | December 13, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |

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Table A4: 2020 Metro Vancouver Capilano Reservoir Slide Examination *Giardia* Results

| Lab # | Site name | Date sampled | Giardia | | | | | | | | | | Median Body | Axoneme |
|-------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|---------|
| | | | Object located by FA | Shape (oval or round) | Size L x W (µm) | DAPI - Light blue internal staining, no distinct nuclei, green rim | DAPI + Intense blue internal staining | Number of nuclei stained sky blue | Empty cysts | Cysts with amorphous structure | Number of nuclei | Median Body | | |
| 8076 | Coquitlam Reservoir | January 12, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8081 | Coquitlam Reservoir | February 9, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8086 | Coquitlam Reservoir | March 15, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8091 | Coquitlam Reservoir | April 19, 2020 | 1 | Oval | 13x7 | | | 3 | | P | | | | |
| 8096 | Coquitlam Reservoir | May 10, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8101 | Coquitlam Reservoir | June 14, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8112 | Coquitlam Reservoir | July 19, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8117 | Coquitlam Reservoir | August 16, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8122 | Coquitlam Reservoir | September 20, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8127 | Coquitlam Reservoir | October 18, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8137 | Coquitlam Reservoir | November 15, 2020 | 1 | Oval | 15x10 | P | | | | P | | | | |
| 8137 | Coquitlam Reservoir | November 15, 2020 | 2 | Oval | 14x9 | | | 3 | | P | | | | |
| 8145 | Coquitlam Reservoir | December 13, 2020 | 1 | Oval | 18x6 | P | | | | P | | | | |

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Table A5: 2020 Metro Vancouver Coquitlam Reservoir Slide Examination *Giardia* Results

| Lab # | Site name | Date sampled | Giardia | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|---------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------|---------|
| | | | Giardia | | | DAPI - | | DAPI + | | DIC | | | |
| | | | Object located by FA | Shape (oval or round) | Size L x W (µm) | Light blue internal staining, no distinct nuclei, green rim | Intense blue internal staining | Number of nuclei stained sky blue | Empty cysts | Cysts with amorphous structure | Number of nuclei | Median Body | Axoneme |
| 8077 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | January 12, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8082 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | February 11, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8087 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | March 17, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8092 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | April 21, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8097 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | May 12, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8102 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | June 16, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8113 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | July 21, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8118 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | August 18, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8123 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | September 22, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8128 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | October 20, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8138 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | November 17, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8146 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | December 15, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | |

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Table A6: 2020 Metro Vancouver Seymour Capilano Filtration Plant – Recycled Clarified Water Slide Examination
Giardia Results

| Lab # | Site name | Date sampled | Cryptosporidium | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| | | | Cryptosporidium | | | DAPI - | | DAPI + | | DIC | | |
| | | | Object located by FA2 | Shape (oval or round)2 | Size L x W (µm)2 | Light blue internal staining, no distinct nuclei, green rim2 | Intense blue internal staining2 | Number of nuclei stained sky blue2 | Empty oocysts | Oocysts with amorphous structure | Oocysts with internal structure, Number of sporozoites | |
| 8075 | Capilano Reservoir | January 12, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| 8080 | Capilano Reservoir | February 9, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| 8085 | Capilano Reservoir | March 15, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| 8090 | Capilano Reservoir | April 19, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| 8095 | Capilano Reservoir | May 10, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| 8100 | Capilano Reservoir | June 14, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| 8111 | Capilano Reservoir | July 19, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| 8116 | Capilano Reservoir | August 16, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| 8121 | Capilano Reservoir | September 20, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| 8126 | Capilano Reservoir | October 18, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| 8136 | Capilano Reservoir | November 15, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| 8144 | Capilano Reservoir | December 13, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | | |

Table A7: 2020 Metro Vancouver Capilano Reservoir Slide Examination Cryptosporidium Results

| Lab # | Site name | Date sampled | Cryptosporidium | | | | | | | | |
|-------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|--|
| | | | Cryptosporidium | | | DAPI - | | DAPI + | | DIC | |
| | | | Object located by FA2 | Shape (oval or round)2 | Size L x W (µm)2 | Light blue internal staining, no distinct nuclei, green rim2 | Intense blue internal staining2 | Number of nuclei stained sky blue2 | Empty oocysts | Oocysts with amorphous structure | Oocysts with internal structure, Number of sporozoites |
| 8076 | Coquitlam Reservoir | January 12, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 8081 | Coquitlam Reservoir | February 9, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 8086 | Coquitlam Reservoir | March 15, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 8091 | Coquitlam Reservoir | April 19, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 8096 | Coquitlam Reservoir | May 10, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 8101 | Coquitlam Reservoir | June 14, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 8112 | Coquitlam Reservoir | July 19, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 8117 | Coquitlam Reservoir | August 16, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 8122 | Coquitlam Reservoir | September 20, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 8127 | Coquitlam Reservoir | October 18, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 8137 | Coquitlam Reservoir | November 15, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 8145 | Coquitlam Reservoir | December 13, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | |

Table A8: 2020 Metro Vancouver Coquitlam Reservoir Slide Examination *Cryptosporidium* Results

| Lab # | Site name | Date sampled | Cryptosporidium | | | | | | | | |
|-------|---------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|--|
| | | | Cryptosporidium | | | DAPI - | | DAPI + | | DIC | |
| | | | Object located by FA2 | Shape (oval or round)2 | Size L x W (µm)2 | Light blue internal staining, no distinct nuclei, green rim2 | Intense blue internal staining2 | Number of nuclei stained sky blue2 | Empty oocysts | Oocysts with amorphous structure | Oocysts with internal structure, Number of sporozoites |
| 8077 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | January 12, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 8082 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | February 11, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 8087 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | March 17, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 8092 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | April 21, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 8097 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | May 12, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 8102 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | June 16, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 8113 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | July 21, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 8118 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | August 18, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 8123 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | September 22, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 8128 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | October 20, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 8138 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | November 17, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 8146 | SCFP - Recycled Clarified Water | December 15, 2020 | 0 | | | | | | | | |

Table A9: 2020 Metro Vancouver Seymour Capilano Filtration Plant – Recycled Clarified Water Slide Examination *Cryptosporidium* Results