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### **Get to know your H<sub>2</sub>O during Drinking Water Week**

What do you know about our H<sub>2</sub>O?

Find out more and celebrate Drinking Water Week (May 4 to 10) with school watershed tours, a sponsored free swim at Strathcona Gardens and festivities at McIvor Lake Park.

The City of Campbell River and the British Columbia Water & Waste Association (BCWWA) will also share information on how water consumers can get to know their H<sub>2</sub>O.

*“Drinking Water Week is a great opportunity to explore this community resource from source to tap – and to remind ourselves how vital safe drinking water is to our everyday lives,”* says Utilities Project Supervisor Nathalie Viau. *“We often take safe drinking water for granted and just turn on the tap without understanding where our water comes and what it takes to get it to residents and businesses.”*

Fast drinking water facts: Did you know?

- The City of Campbell River draws drinking water from a watershed encompassing 1,822 square kilometers of mountains, lakes, rivers and streams.
- The water is treated and delivered to homes through 290 km of pipe.
- The City treats and distributes the equivalent of 3,410 Olympic-size swimming pools of drinking water.
- The Water Department’s operating budget is funded entirely through user fees rather than through general taxation.

Here’s how you can get to know more about our H<sub>2</sub>O during Drinking Water Week:

May 4 to 8 Watershed School Tours

May 9 City-sponsored free swim at Strathcona Gardens from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

May 10 McIvor Lake guided watershed tours starting at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the main beach  
Activities and goodies for the whole family at the main beach from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, please visit: [www.drinkingwaterweek.org](http://www.drinkingwaterweek.org)

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