



*The City of*  
**TIOGA**

WHERE THE RICHES OF THE EARTH ARE MADE USEFUL THROUGH THE INGENUITY OF PEOPLE

October 20, 2016

Dear Tioga Citizens,

The City of Tioga has spent the past few years working to upgrade the deteriorating water system throughout town. To date, we have replaced half of the water mains and constructed a new water tower to secure adequate fire flow, fire storage and pressure in Tioga.

One of the side effects of these improvements is discoloration in the water. When improving a water distribution system, the water will find a different path to move through the pipes creating a change in water flows which can dislodge mineral particles from the old water mains. These particles create the occurrence of the water discoloration. Within a few weeks, the distribution system will stabilize and the particles will settle once again. The City regularly performs tests to ensure compliance with the water quality requirements of the ND Department of Health. The tests are verified by an independent laboratory and sent to the Department of Health to ensure safety.

The new water tower was put into operation last week and within a couple of months the new transmission line will be operational and additional discoloration is expected once this occurs. You can expect to experience water discoloration on and off over the next few months.

We are working to improve our City, but funding availability limits the improvements the City is able to complete each year. We apologize for any inconvenience this creates and we will work to minimize the effects to residents wherever possible. In the meantime, if you are concerned with the discoloration in the water, there are filters that can be installed to capture the particles. Please contact the City Water Department at 701-641-3505 or the City Engineer at 701-664-2807 with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Abby Salinas  
City Auditor

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