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Statement re: Post Tropical Storm Fiona

Oxford Town Council would like to provide the following statement to clarify the misinformation regarding the water service over the past weekend.

Council and staff were surprised that Oxford did not have water. The process is to turn on the generator and water should flow (not at full capacity but flow nonetheless).

The lack of water was baffling for many, as protocol was followed. Staff, Council, the REMO, our local MLA, and the province were investigating our water crisis.

Friday, September 23 – Public Works started the generator at Well 2 and it seemed to be working properly.

Saturday, September 24 - the generator seemed to be working but the water was not flowing as it should.

Saturday, September 24 and Sunday, September 25 - With the assistance from REMO and the MLA, contact was made with Nova Scotia Power to make Oxford a priority for electrical repairs.

Sunday, September 25 - Thanks to combined efforts and the cooperation of Nova Scotia Power the electricity was restored, resulting in the Town having full water service. The generator was not repaired at this time.

Monday, September 26 – A service company investigated the generator and discovered a wire had been moved, causing the generator to work with reduced power, in a potential act of vandalism. Public Works stated they did not change the wiring on the generator. At some point between our last storm in February to Friday, September 23, it appears that someone with keys had gained access to the locked building and rewired the generator.

RCMP has been contacted regarding this incident as we need to protect the integrity of our water system. Locks have been changed and other security measures are in place. If you have any information regarding this vandalism, please contact the RCMP 902-447-2525.

On behalf of Oxford Town Council,

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