

## **Public Notice**



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September 18, 2020

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everywhere, every time.



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To Cowichan Valley Regional District;

Re: Schnitzer Fire and drinking water quality test results

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Huy ch q'u (Thank you),

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