

## CITY OF MIRAMICHI TAP WATER WINS 'BEST OF THE BEST' IN NORTH AMERICA

The City of Miramichi's tap water has been declared the "best of the best" tasting in North America.

The city was awarded first place in the tap water taste test at the American Water Works Association annual conference and exhibition on June 13. Director of Engineering, Darren Row and Director of Public Works, Jay Shanahan accepted the award on behalf of their departments and the City.

The Best of the Best Water Taste Test is determined by a panel of judges that included trained water flavour profilers.

The municipality's tap water placed first out of 31 entries for the competition.

This is the first time the city's tap water has won this award. It has been named first in the Atlantic Canada Water Works Association three times and a second place since 2016 with the most recent first place in 2022.

As a result of being last year's regional winner, the city qualified for this year's competition.

"I would like to give thanks to all the water operators and public works employees for their dedication to provide the citizens of Miramichi with the best tasting water," said Row.

The City operates three separate water systems with each source from 19 active ground wells. Fifteen of the wells are fed directly into the distribution system and are disinfected by chlorine.

"Having a consistent source of safe, clean drinking water has never been more important. In recent years, we've been investing significantly in renewing our water systems," said Mayor Adam Lordon.

"These investments are making sure our system is safe and efficient and the water tastes great. Now we have the best of the best tasting water in North America to add to the amazing quality of life we offer here in Miramichi."

Here are the winners:

First Place - City of Miramichi, NB Atlantic Canada Section

Second Place - Grand Junction, CO Rocky Mountain Section

Third Place - Raleigh Water, NC North Carolina Section

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