

GN investigates bloodworm solution

Health Minister Ed Picco told the legislative assembly this week that his department and the Department of Community Government are working on solving Gjoa Haven's drinking water problems.

Blood worms or midge fly larvae have shown up in the hamlet's drinking water.

Picco said the departments are investigating the possibility of using fine mesh filters to keep the larvae out. He said his department had determined that the larvae are not harmful to humans, but distasteful nonetheless.

"Nobody wants to see that in their drinking water," said Picco.

Picco said the problem happened because the intake on the hamlet's water pump was placed too close to the river bed that the water is drawn from. He said his department is also trying to find out if it is possible to eradicate the larvae without harming anything else.