



King Township
2585 King Road
King City, Ontario
Canada L7B 1A1

Phone: 905.833.5321
Fax: 905.833.2300
Website: www.king.ca

February 5, 2019

Dear homeowner/resident,

This letter is being sent to update you on a fuel spill that happened on Tues., February 5 in the vicinity of your home.

King Township staff are working with officials from York Region and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) to clean up gasoline that made its way into the storm sewer system near Burton Grove in King City.

The priority has been to eliminate the odour and remove as much of the spill as possible from the storm sewer system and surrounding environment as well as determine the exact source of the gasoline. Although the investigation is ongoing, it's believed the gas may have come from a vehicle with a defective gas tank. The level of gasoline fumes has been deemed not harmful by King Township's Fire Department. King's drinking water system has not been affected.

"We are taking all measures to ensure the safety of residents, identify the source of the contamination and flush the system completely," said Andrzej Drzewiecki, director of King's Engineering, Public Works and Building Department (EPWB).

Some residents in the Burton Grove area called to report the odour of gasoline in their homes on the morning of February 05. King Township Fire and EPWB Departments responded immediately to assess and mitigate/manage this incident.

EPWB and fire department staff attended the site to investigate and confirmed there was a strong odour of gasoline in the area of Burton Grove and Keele. Further investigation indicated the presence of a contaminant—presumed to be gasoline—within the storm sewer infrastructure along Keele Street.

York Region's Spill Response Team and the MECP's Spills Action Centre were notified. The spill was contained and King is co-ordinating with contracted services for the final clean-up of the incident.

The Township is leading this response working with the MECP and York Region to manage this response and complete final clean-up Updates will be provided to the public as work continues.

Residential homes may be connected to the municipal storm sewer system to facilitate site drainage. This connection is typically through Foundation Drain Collectors and access to this infrastructure may be through a drain or access clean-out within the house.



King Township
2585 King Road
King City, Ontario
Canada L7B 1A1

Phone: 905.833.5321
Fax: 905.833.2300
Website: www.king.ca

This connection uses a “pea-trap” or similar structure to prevent the storm sewer gases from entering the home. This structure needs to have water in it to be effective. To mitigate and prevent further impacts from storm sewer impacts and to better protect the air quality within the home the Township recommends the home owners to ensure water is always present within this infrastructure.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John Vandenberg C. Tech, EP, WQA

Environmental Project Manager

Township of King

905-833-4059

jvandenberg@king.ca