



## CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

### **Kam Lake Sewage Spill (January 2018) Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **What happened?**

A sewage force main (pipe) ruptured on Kam Lake road in the vicinity of Ron's Auto on Monday, January 15 at approximately 8:30 a.m. The rupture was repaired at 11 p.m. the same day. Effluent travelled to Kam Lake via the City's drainage channel that runs from Kam Lake Road to Kam Lake. Some neighbouring properties have also been affected.

The City is currently assessing the situation and has initiated clean-up activities. The City has met with both Fisheries & Oceans and GNWT – Department of Environment and Natural Resources to discuss a detailed clean-up plan.

#### **What should I do?**

The City is in the process of assessing the impact of the spill. City representatives are also contacting owners of properties that the City has identified as being impacted.

If you believe your property has been impacted and you have not been contacted by the City please contact us at 920-5637. We also suggest you contact your insurance company to let them know what has happened.

#### **Who is responsible for the clean-up of my property?**

The City is committed to cleaning up the spill. If you believe your property has been impacted and you have not been contacted by the City please contact us at 920-5637.

#### **What is the City doing to mitigate negative affects to Kam Lake?**

The City is working with the GNWT – Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) and the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) on a clean-up plan that includes removing the frozen effluent and transporting it to the City's lagoon.

#### **Is Grace Lake affected?**

No, water travels from Grace Lake into Kam Lake.



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### **What are the next steps?**

The first step is removing all the contaminated snow and sewage slush that was trapped by snow berms. We need to allow the sewage effluent to freeze and solidify so that it can be excavated and hauled by truck to the sewage lagoon.

Then we will concentrate on removing the spill overflow on Kam Lake. This requires the ice to be thick enough to allow for heavy equipment to safely work on the ice.

Once the major removal is done, further assessment and testing will be completed to determine if additional removal is required or if disinfection using "lime" will eliminate any remaining contaminants.

### **Can I speak to someone in person?**

A community meeting is in the process of being organized. In the meantime, please contact our Director of Public Works & Engineering at [dkefalas@yellowknife.ca](mailto:dkefalas@yellowknife.ca) or by phone at 920-5637.