



Notice to Property Owners

Request for Volunteers – Environmental Site Investigation

The Village of Tahsis has received funding to undertake an environmental site investigation within portions of the community where historical sawmill wood waste (commonly referred to as “hogfuel”) and mineral fill is known to have been placed many years ago before residential and commercial development occurred. Buildings and other improvements were subsequently constructed over these deposits.

The purpose of the investigation is to better understand the location, depth, extent, and composition of the fill materials and to use this information to seek regulatory approvals in support of facilitating future development.

What is involved?

The Village is seeking volunteers who are willing to allow qualified environmental professionals (consultants) to complete one or more small boreholes on their property.

The investigation would typically involve:

- A drilling rig accessing a suitable location on the property;
- Drilling a narrow borehole to collect soil samples and install a groundwater monitoring well, and soil vapour probe. Groundwater and vapour testing will occur at a later date following the installation of well;
- Recording the depth and characteristics of any buried hogfuel encountered;
- Laboratory analysis of selected samples;
- Once complete, a small, at grade, well casing would remain at the surface of your property and provide access to the well in the future, if ever needed.

The completion of the borehole and installation of the well is expected to be completed in a few hours. Follow up work requiring access to the well/probe would be expected to take less than 2 hours during follow up events. Every effort will be made to minimize disturbance to landscaping, driveways and other property features which can be discussed in advance. Consultants have been asked to discuss the proposed borehole location with the property owner before any work begins.

Cost to Property Owners

There is **no cost** to participate in the investigation. All work will be funded through a provincial grant received by the Village.

Participation is Voluntary

Participation is entirely voluntary. No work will be carried out on private property without the owner's written permission.

The Village hopes to obtain participation from properties throughout the investigation area (commonly known as "the valley") so that sufficient information can be gathered to better understand subsurface conditions in this area.

Confidentiality

Information collected during the investigation will be used as part of the overall environmental assessment. Individual property information will be handled in accordance with applicable legislation and professional reporting requirements. Results may be incorporated into technical reports prepared for the Village by its consultants, Active Earth Engineering.

Interested in Participating?

If you are willing to allow environmental investigators access to your property, or if you would like additional information before deciding, please contact the Village office:

Phone: (250)934-6344

Email: reception@villageoftahsis.com

A member of the project team will contact you to discuss the proposed work, answer any questions you may have, and arrange a convenient time should you decide to participate.

The Village appreciates your consideration. The success of this project depends on the cooperation of property owners, and your participation will help improve our understanding of historical site conditions and support future development, including new residential and commercial construction.