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Clarification

The article "Claim filed over refinery land" in Friday's newspaper did not clearly state the plaintiffs in the case. The Merchant Law Group filed the statement of claim on behalf of a number of local businesses and property owners in the neighbourhood of the former refinery, including Northern Tar & Tile, Bell Tire, Auto Gallery and Dutch Industries.

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IMPERIAL OIL

Claim filed over refinery land

Leader-Post staff

A statement of claim has been filed against the City of Regina and Imperial Oil Ltd. about further contamination of toxic land caused by the former Imperial Oil refinery property.

The claim, filed on behalf of nearby businesses and property owners, alleges there's continuing danger of contamination caused by the city and Imperial Oil withholding information about the contaminated former refinery property, located along Winnipeg Street and 1st Avenue North.

According to the claim, the city and Imperial Oil were aware of the presence of contaminants on the property and concealed the contamination.

A statement of claim contains allegations that have not been proven in court.

It's alleged chemicals such as hydrocarbons, lead and phenol are present on the site and are being disseminated throughout the neighbourhood.

The claim states contaminants are discharging into the Wascana and Boggy creek ecosystems, posing significant health issues to those who have lived or worked for lengthy periods in the area.

The refinery operated in Regina between 1916 and 1975. The city purchased the property three years later to expand the Ross Industrial Park.

Since 2008, the provincial Ministry of Environment has been working towards having the city and Imperial Oil jointly fund a Phase II environmental site investigation of the entire area, but the claim alleges no assessment has ever been performed.

"The City of Regina failed to inform the class area of the risks associated with the refinery property and chose not to initiate a site characterization study or a risk assessment," the document reads.

THE AREA PROBLEM

How many working or living in the area are aware of how the CONTAMINATION abandoned by the former Regina Imperial Oil Refinery operating from 1916 to 1975 manufacturing leaded gasoline and dangerous hydrocarbons, may have affected your health?

Are you aware that the City Transit Centre, the former Dairy Producers and Staples Call Centre (Wascana Institute), as well as other properties within the area, are sitting on as much as 30 to 40 feet of CONTAMINATED ground and engineer reports have warned of the possibility that pockets of gas could explode and that the inhalation of fumes is a risk to health.

Did you know that property in the area had to be given away and that four .8 acre open lots in the area have been sold for as little as \$1,250 per lot, while another 2.6 acre property is currently assessed at only \$800? Did you know there are 4 acres of contaminated property also in the area that have been up for sale for over 2-years?

Did you know that in 1979 the City of Regina purchased all of the former refinery property running east along Winnipeg Street from 1st Avenue to Ring Road?

Did you know that since the early 80's the City has known a CONTAMINATION problem exists in the area, yet they have failed to implement any profiling or remediation of CONTAMINATION, for fear it would negatively affect their credibility, incur significant liability and nullify their property investment? The City not wanting to know the full extent and repercussions of the problem have acted in a state of wilful blindness for 30-years.

Did you know that most of the refinery's original 60-year old underground structure of liquid filled pipelines, cisterns, tanks and foundations still remain buried throughout the entire area?

Did you know that the City of Regina has been abusing the property assessment process in order to create a valuation distraction?

Did you know that in 2008 Saskatchewan Environment ordered the City of Regina and Imperial Oil to complete a Phase II environmental site assessment of the entire area, however to date nothing has been done?

Did you know that there are numerous CONTAMINATION hot spots scattered throughout the area where hydrocarbons and lead content exceed Commercial/Industrial use limits.

Have you ever "Googled" Lynnview Ridge, the former Imperial Oil Refinery in Calgary?

Area City Councillor: Sharron Bryce 949-5025...Ask her what she is doing?

Did you know that as of September 10, 2010 a group of property owners have filed a CLASS ACTION against the City of Regina and Imperial Oil?

The CLASS ACTION is Requesting your Assistance

Please consider your situation or others experiencing certain health issues that may be attributed to contact and involvement within or adjacent to the former refinery area. We are specifically interested in hearing from former or current employees of the City Transit Centre, Dairy Producers and the Wascana Institute.

Be a conscientious whistleblower and please contact us with any incidences you know of that occurred in regard to CONTAMINATION handling in the area, such as disposal, construction, tests, accidents, spills, cover ups or secretive dealings. **Anonymity Guaranteed**

It would also be helpful if anyone happens to know anything about the disposal activities of refinery wastes in the Pilot Butte area?

You are invited to join the Class Action group and assist us in further research and the distribution of important information.

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