



Cherokee Canada Inc.
141 Adelaide St. W., Suite 703
Toronto, ON M5H3L5
Office: (416) 364-3389
Fax: (416) 866-2156
www.cherokeecanada.com

August 28, 2022

Important Update about Verte Homesteader Community Remediation to Begin in Coming Days

Dear Resident of the Community of Hermitage:

As you will recall, in December of 2021, the Government of Alberta's Ministry of Environment and Parks (AEP) established a safe residential dioxin level for soil as part of its review of the community of Verte Homesteader:

<https://www.alberta.ca/contaminant-management-domtar.aspx>

In addition to the over 800 soil samples undertaken by Cherokee in advance of the development of the community, in 2020 AEP undertook hundreds of additional soil testing in both developed and undeveloped areas of Verte Homesteader. The results from this testing confirm:

1. **No** areas of the existing recently developed areas of Verte Homesteader exceed the residential dioxin levels and confirm and that there are **no** health concerns in the soil of homeowner's properties in the neighbourhood.
2. In the **undeveloped** area of Verte Homesteader, a small percentage of the total area requires remediation to meet residential guidelines prior to redevelopment. The bulk of the identified impacts requiring removal are located in surface soil less than one metre deep.

In June of this year, Cherokee received approval of the Reclamation and Remediation Plan which was followed by approval on July 21, 2022, of the Risk Management Plan. Although we are still waiting for review of the Long-Term Management Plan, Cherokee is now in a position to return to the community and undertake site remediation and we have quickly mobilized to begin the process. The entirety of the work involves the removal of topsoil from select areas. This work will require truck movement from the site to 127 Avenue and then south onto 50 street. Remediation is scheduled to begin in early September and will weather permitting, will be complete by the end of October, 2022.

Fencing

Many people have asked about the removal of the fencing. We have raised this issue with officials many times and it is our hope that once remediation is complete, the fencing will be removed.

We are hopeful that the site remediation can be completed before winter although the work can be impacted by weather. We want very much to complete this work so that we can re-open the site to residential development. We are currently working on a plan to re-begin the development work and we are optimistic that 2023 will allow to us to continue the development of the area as we had planned.

We are committed to keeping you informed of our progress, and we encourage you to visit our website www.homesteaderresponds.ca for updates. In addition, please do not hesitate to send any questions you may have directly to me. We are continually updating our **Frequently Asked Questions** section on the website and will add responses to your questions as received.

Sincerely,

John Dill, Managing Partner
Cherokee Canada Inc
jdill@cherokeecanada.com