



## Yukon Legislative Assembly

Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

April 13, 2017

Hon. Pauline Frost  
Minister of Environment  
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Dear Minister Frost,

**RE: Environmental impacts of Lodgepole Lane property**

I am writing on behalf of a constituent who is deeply concerned about the environmental impacts of his neighbour's property on Lodgepole Lane.

Mr. Shahram Kazemi owns the property adjacent to the property in question, and he has been in contact with the City of Whitehorse with concerns about the environmental damage occurring as a result of a black sludge or oil being discharged into Porter Creek. To date there has not been cleanup of the site, and as a last resort Mr. Kazemi called CBC, who wrote an article on the situation which will hopefully spark further interest in the need for not only site cleanup of hazardous waste and materials, but remediation to the soils on and surrounding the property. Mr. Kazemi would like to develop his property, but unfortunately is unable to do so as there is no guarantee that the water table has not been affected by the disregard of his neighbor.

While fines and compliance orders have been issued in the past, Mr. Kazemi is concerned that these are not going to result in the cleanup of the area. He would like to see further action taken in the form of assistance for the property owner in question.

Due to the potential impacts to the surrounding environment and to the water table, I would like the Department of Environment to engage in discussions with the City of Whitehorse to see if there is an alternate course of action that could be taken to ensure cleanup and remediation of this property.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Geraldine Van Bibber  
MLA Porter Creek North