

This newsletter has been developed to share updates about the on-going environmental work in the Bishop Street Community.

Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Update

The ministry is working to ensure that environmental programs continue to be in place to protect residents from trichloroethylene (TCE) contamination in groundwater resulting from historical manufacturing operations at the former Northstar Aerospace and former Borg-Warner (GE Canada) facilities on Bishop Street. These programs include:

- **groundwater extraction system** to prevent contaminants from moving off the former Northstar site.
- **groundwater and surface water monitoring programs** used to track any changes in contaminant levels and inform decision making about the indoor air programs.
- **indoor air mitigation systems for 197 properties** to reduce concentrations of trichloroethylene in indoor air under the protective level recommended by Region of Waterloo Public Health.

Working With Other Agencies

The ministry continues to meet with the City of Cambridge, Region of Waterloo, Region of Waterloo Public Health, AET Group, and GE Canada on a quarterly basis to share information and discuss updates to the monitoring programs and any concerns received through the Bishop Street Community Information Centre.

More Homes to Receive Free Indoor Air Mitigation Systems in 2026

The ministry provides and maintains indoor air mitigation systems for homes in the Bishop Street Community with elevated levels of trichloroethylene at no cost to the homeowner. Eligible homeowners will be contacted and provided with additional information about installing a new indoor air mitigation system.

Winter Indoor Air Sampling will begin in December 2025

Indoor air testing is offered to more than 400 homes in the Bishop Street Community to help determine which homes need air mitigation systems and confirm the installed systems are working effectively. The next indoor air monitoring is planned for December 2025 to March 2026. Eligible homeowners will be contacted to schedule an indoor air sampling appointment.

GE Canada Update

Since 2009, GE Canada has completed soil and groundwater remedial efforts at 610 Bishop Street North, Cambridge and continues to share in indoor air mitigation efforts in the Bishop Street Community. GE Canada provides support to both indoor air mitigation and monitoring work conducted by the Community Information Centre. GE Canada's remedial efforts of injecting potassium permanganate in the southwestern portion of 610 Bishop Street property from 2009 through 2015 have been effective in destroying trichloroethylene in the soil and shallow groundwater. All ongoing monitoring and mitigation efforts are being conducted in consultation with the ministry.

Region of Waterloo Public Health Update

Mitigation measures in homes continue to be successful at reducing levels of trichloroethylene in indoor air and have resulted in most homes having concentrations of trichloroethylene below 5 micrograms per cubic metre ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$). The long-term goal of this program is to bring all homes down to 0.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ or less. Region of Waterloo Public Health will continue to review the results of the indoor air sampling program, which is carried out by AET Group and overseen by the ministry, to ensure these levels remain low. To access the Public Health Fact Sheet on trichloroethylene or additional information, visit the Region of Waterloo Public Health website on trichloroethylene (www.regionofwaterloo.ca/TCE).

Community Information Centre (CIC) Update

AET Group continues to manage the CIC as a one-window access point for the community. All relevant information pertaining to the Bishop Street Community can be obtained by contacting the CIC through AET Group Inc.

Contacting the CIC

Call the CIC through AET's Cambridge office at 519-653-0680 or email us at info@aet98.com to reach Janet, Matt, Lisa or Dayna.

Selling or Renovating your Home?

- Please contact the CIC if you are selling your home. We can help with information which may be required during property transactions.
- If you are planning a basement renovation (i.e. installing a sump, changing the basement plumbing, adding a bathroom, deepening the basement, etc.) please reach out to let us know.

CIC Reminders

- Check your SSD alarm to ensure it is showing a green light. If no green light is visible, this means there is an issue with the system. Please contact the CIC to let us know.
- If your home is on a SVE system, call the CIC before you dig deeper than 2 feet in your front or back yard.
- CIC staff continue to monitor mitigation equipment located in backyards throughout the year.