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Knowledge-Driven Results

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Mr. John West
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Dear Mr. West:

**Re: Surface Water Runoff/Seepage Sampling Results
Heritage Middle School
Anmore, BC
Project No. 10988**

Keystone Environmental Ltd. (Keystone Environmental) was requested by Coquitlam School District No. 43 to conduct sampling of surface water runoff and groundwater seeps present at the Heritage Middle School development in the Village of Anmore, BC (the Site). The sampling was conducted in response to a suspected septic field discharge being directed onto the Site from an adjacent property (Anmore Estates) present within Strata Plan LMS 3080 as shown on Figure 1 (attached). This letter provides a summary of sampling efforts undertaken at the Site, and provides recommendations regarding the future management of the storm water from adjacent properties on-Site.

Keystone Environmental has collected surface water samples from various sampling locations and during varying rainfall frequencies on-Site since March 26, 2013, to assess the potential for faecal contamination exposure to Site workers and visitors. The various sampling locations and frequency of the sampling events were based on varied conditions during Site development, and the presence of surface water flow and/or seeps, in addition to the catch basin along the eastern edge of the Site.

Samples were submitted for laboratory analysis of Total and Faecal Coliforms, and *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*). Analytical results for all sampling dates are provided in Table 1 (attached), with sampling locations shown on the Site diagram (Figure 1).

The analytical results for surface water samples collected were compared against the BC Water Quality Guidelines (BCWQG) for Primary (PCR)- and Secondary-Contact Recreation (SCR) activities. Each of the locations sampled (CB IN, CB IN 2, SW-13-D, SW-13-F) indicated presence of fecal below the BCWQG, PCR and SCR criteria for *E. coli* and faecal coliforms.

The BCWQG PCR and SCR guidelines are based on the use of the geometric mean (Table 2). Using the geometric mean for comparing all data for the remaining three

surface water locations (SW-13-D, SW-13-F, and CB Out), there are no exceedances of the PCR or SCR criteria. The only individual exceedances noted at sample locations where surface water accumulates following construction activities (Table 1) were of the PCR guidelines for samples within the catch basin (CB OUT, CB IN).

Table 2 Geometric Data for Surface Water Locations

Location	Parameter	<i>n</i>	Geometric Mean	BC WQG PCR	BC WQG SCR	PCR Exceedances	SCR Exceedances
SW-13-D	<i>E. coli</i>	8	3.5	77*	385*	0	0
	Fecal coliforms	8	5.3	200*	n/g	0	0
	Total coliforms	8	1100	n/g	n/g	-	-
SW-13-F	<i>E. coli</i>	6	10.3	77*	385*	0	0
	Fecal coliforms	6	14.0	200*	n/g	0	0
	Total coliforms	6	833	n/g	n/g	-	-
CB Out	<i>E. coli</i>	9	18.1	77*	385*	1	0
	Fecal coliforms	9	54.1	200*	n/g	2	0
	Total coliforms	9	3067	n/g	n/g	-	-

Health Canada recommends a 30 day sampling program be undertaken based on a minimum of five samples collected. Table 2 outlines the geometric mean of remaining sample locations following the April 2013 – Jan 2014 sampling events. Monthly sampling frequency is less than the Health Canada recommendation, however, additional sampling was undertaken for the purpose of characterizing event-driven episodes that may affect the water quality (i.e., immediately following period of heavy rainfall), which complies with Health Canada frequency of microbiology sampling.

Based on the lack of exceedances for both PCR and SCR criteria using the geometric mean for the remaining surface water locations, and the efforts by the Site contractor to restrict access to the catch basin along the Strata boundary, Keystone Environmental recommends discontinuing water treatment efforts for faecal contamination at the Site. It is recommended that re-sampling be undertaken during the summer months when fecal coliforms and *E. coli* were previously identified on-Site. Increase of faecal coliforms and *E. coli* during summer months may be directly related to an increase in use of nearby trails by pets and wildlife. It is also recommended sampling be conducted if surface water flow conditions are significantly altered on the eastern portion of the Site.

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If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Keystone Environmental Ltd.

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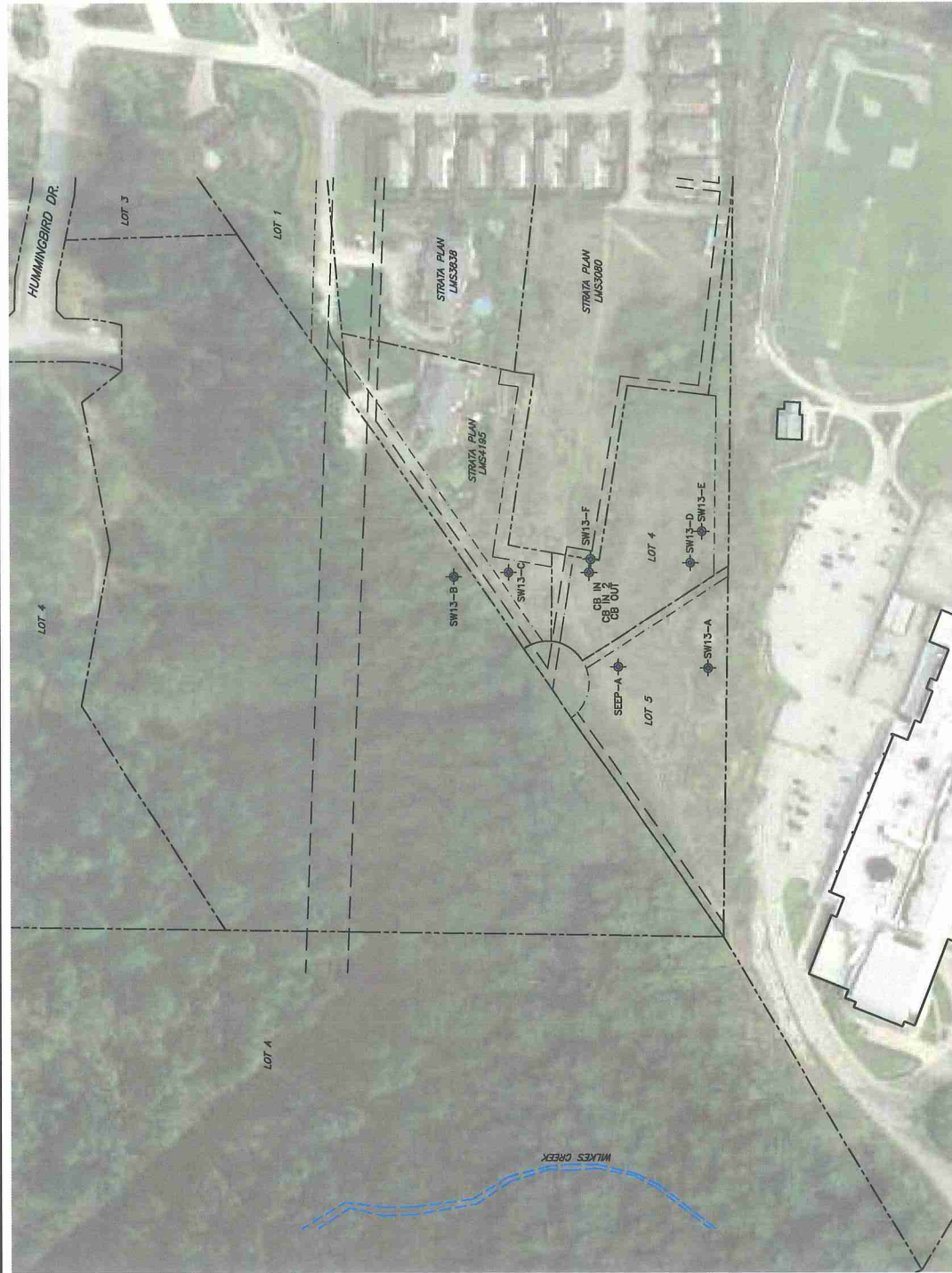
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ATTACHMENTS:

- Figure 1: Sample Location Plan
- Table 1: Surface Water Analytical Results

cc: Mr. Frank Giampa, Coquitlam School District No. 43

FIGURE 1: SAMPLE LOCATION PLAN



- LEGEND**
- PROPERTY OUTLINE
 - SEWER RIGHT OF WAY
 - EASEMENT
 - CREEK
 - ◆ KEYSTONE SURFACE WATER SAMPLE (2013)

Figure 1
Sample Location Plan

Heritage Middle School
Annmore, B C

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15m 0 75m
SCALE: 1:1500(approx.)

NOTE: THIS DRAWING IS FOR GENERAL INFORMATION ONLY.
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TABLE 1: SURFACE WATER ANALYTICAL RESULTS

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NOTES: All concentrations are in colony forming units per liter (CFU/L), unless otherwise specified.

BCWQS British Columbia Water Quality Guidelines

PICK Primary-Contact Irritation

NOG No guideline for this constituent

Inf Less than reported detection limit

Boiled Exceeds BCWQS (PCK) standard for this sample

Boiled Exceeds BCWQS (SCB) standard for this sample

Standard should be compared with the geometric mean from at least 5 samples over a 30-day period

Water Res. Lab. All residue data are taken from Environment Canada's Como Lake weather station in Ogishkem, B.C.