



Greetings,

## **2018 Third Quarter Communication**

We would like to provide an update to our status under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (CCAA) and the current environmental assessment, monitoring and remediation activities that are ongoing in the Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill Community (HH-BH).

### **CCAA Proceedings**

Sears has nearly completed the sale of its remaining assets and is in the process of reviewing and finalizing claims made by creditors for amounts owed by Sears. Once this process is finalized, our court-appointed Monitor (FTI Consulting Canada), and the Ontario Supreme Court, will make decisions on how to distribute the funds from Sears' liquidated assets to its creditors. Until then, the Monitor continues to have oversight of our operations, including approving all our expenditures. We remain under court-ordered protection from our creditors. For more information on the CCAA, you can visit the Monitor's website at [www/cfcanada.fticonsulting.com/searscanada](http://www/cfcanada.fticonsulting.com/searscanada)

### **Environmental Update**

When we last communicated with you in August 2018, we informed you of the Environmental Protection Order (EPO) issued against Sears and Concord North Hill GP Ltd., the owner of the former Sears department store in the North Hill Centre, by Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) to continue with the existing Site Management Plan previously approved by AEP. Since then, a third party, Suncor, who subleased the former gas bar from Sears as Sunoco, has been additionally named in the EPO.

Sears remains in compliance with the EPO, and continues to engage its consultant Clifton to perform the field work and reports required to satisfy the requirements of the EPO. This past quarter Clifton completed a new pilot study using a remediation technology called "PlumeStop" around one of the monitoring wells on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This technology has been used by Clifton in previous pilots and learnings from the original pilot were used in the most recent one in order to facilitate the sampling. The sampling results from the most recent pilot show positive signs and will likely be used in the remedial action plan going forward. Further to this work, Clifton undertook another round of groundwater sampling in October and into November and expects to issue a report by the middle of December 2018. Soil vapour monitoring is also scheduled for December 2018 to January 2019; this is being done as an additional means of assessing the risk to human health within the Community. The previous soil vapour monitoring did not produce results that would indicate any changes to previous assessments and risks to human health remain low and unlikely. All of these reports (once completed) will be made available to the relevant stakeholders, including AEP and the Community.

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The Dual Phase Vapour Extraction System (DPVE) has been in operation, but shut down during the groundwater sampling period. It will be reinstated once the sampling is complete and some minor repairs are maintenance are completed. .

We intend to continue to communicate quarterly to residents, by way of written update posted on the Sears North Hill website, and more frequently should significant new developments arise. Sears and Clifton appreciate the opportunity to provide this update to the residents of the HH-BH Community. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact one of the Sears or Clifton representatives listed below.

Yours sincerely,

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