

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

Thanks for the opportunity to address you at this time of a lease renewal of McAsphalt Industries at 600 Arcola Avenue. I live approximately 2 ½ blocks south of this facility on Reynolds Street. This information I am about to provide may be totally new to you. It, in my mind, is relevant and important in this request for a lease extension for the following reason:

- a) On March 17, 2007, a spill of approximately 20,000 litres of asphalt emulsions occurred. It is understood that about 6,000 litres of that spill escaped the facility and entered in a storm sewer adjacent to the facility. That spill eventually got to Wascana Lake near the Saskatchewan Science Centre through the storm sewer system during the week of April 3, 2007. It took until July 7, 2007 to fully clean up and monitor the spill such that no further action was seen to be required.
- b) The spill, thankfully, happened in the late winter and was therefore more readily confined in the lake as much of the lake surface was still frozen and thus could be more easily sectioned off with a coffer dam, subsequent pumping and remediation.

This ¾" thick report from the province of Saskatchewan through an access to information request on January 14, 2015 was received on April 6, 2017 provided details of the site through photographs, a chronology and various laboratory analyses of the water and cattails. It does not talk about anything prior to the outfall.

Secondly, it was my understanding from discussions with city staff at the time that the City of Regina was suing McAsphalt Industries to recover the costs of the remediation and cleanup. I am not sure whether that suit has been settled or not or what might have been done to resolve the cleanup.

What became evident at the time of the spill was that there was not sufficient a trap system on the properties of McAsphalt Industries to retain a spill of this size on site and subsequently the spill left the site and got into the storm drain system adjacent to the plant. They, and I quote, made a "premature conclusion that the asphalt emulsion had been contained to the storm sewere system near the McAsphalt facility". It did not.

Similarly, it was also later acknowledged that the city was unaware that this specific storm drain intake went to the outfall near the Saskatchewan Science Centre and again, there were no traps within that route that would have stopped the spill. It is mentioned in the recent report that there have been some investments in the land but the nature of these investments was not made such that one could ascertain whether these were to limit the occurrence of another spill getting into Wascana Lake.

Thank you for your time in hearing a little more history of McAsphalt Industries in Regina.

Jim Elliott