

KERA Winter 2015 Newsletter

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Kingscross Estates explicitly for this Newsletter)**

Seasons Greetings!

At this time of year when family and friends gather to celebrate, your KERA board sends out warm seasonal greetings to everyone. We are grateful to live in this beautiful area with the many natural features that need and deserve our protection. Our neighbourhood is now cloaked in snow and all the different wildlife tracks are clearly visible. We hope you have enjoyed a warm holiday this year unlike last year's ice storm when we had no power. We are reminding everyone to be prepared for power outages and are including again our KERA survival list.

KERA Winter Survival Kit

- Cell Phone: Preferably a smart phone for mapping, internet and extra communication services available through internet access (Skype, Facebook)
- Car battery charger: Can charge your cellphone and other USB devices if compatible
- Wind-up/Battery operated flashlights
- Wind-up/Battery operated radio system
- Battery operated candles: These are overall safer than having many flickering, open flames around the home. Also give more consistent light.
- Batteries: Make sure to check your batteries regularly to make sure they have updated "Best Before" dates.
- Cases of bottled water
- Canned food and manual can opener
- Full tank of gas: Blanket power outages can apply to all nearby gas stations as well
- BBQ-propane or a direct hook-up to a gas line: This is for preparing meals
- Energy efficient wood burning stove: For heat purposes and preparing meals
- Portable solar battery charger for cell phones and lighting.
- An extra step is to purchase a generator powered by gas or diesel, these are an investment but over time may definitely prove useful during the harsh Canadian winter.

Emergency Phone Numbers

King Township:
905-833-5321

Fire Department:
905-833-2800

York Regional Police:
905-881-1221

Mackenzie Health Centre:
905-883-1212

HYDRO 1:
1-800-434-1235

KERA Board Email Adresses

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Meet and Greet, Nov 21st 2014

The KERA board of directors is pleased to announce that the Meet and Greet Nov 21st, 2014 Fundraiser raised approximately \$1600.00 which will help defray our annual operating expenses. We thank everyone for their participation.

We do have a few Kingscross Calendars still available for sale. Please contact Nina Graham by email ngraham@kera.ca.

Entrance Gates

The construction of the Keele Street gates was delayed due to a number of unforeseen issues which prevented the gates from progressing as scheduled. The unexpected issues included tree roots against the foundations, deteriorating supports and two owners of the land - one corner owned by the Region and the other owned by the Township and each with different regulations. The removal of trees and therefore the construction of the gates could not legally proceed until approval was granted from each municipality, and the corresponding tree removal work orders issued plus having underground services located. The old structures have now been removed and both Kingscross signs were sold at the silent auction held in November. Construction of the new gates is being rescheduled for 2015.



Speed Humps

Most of the Kingscross Drive residents individually signed a petition, on their own behalf, to address traffic and safety concerns on their street. Proper procedures were followed in order to have King Township investigate and provide solutions and as a result, the traffic, speeding and safety issues are being dealt with by the King Township Engineering Department. The Township will be sending confidential surveys to each Kingscross households in the near future. King Township will base their decision on the results of their survey expected in early spring 2015. KERA Board has provided members with information as to how to make their views and wishes known at King Township.

The temporary speed humps installed this summer have been removed and residents now have the opportunity to gauge their effectiveness in reducing speeding along Kingscross Drive. One resident has reported that speeding has resumed at the location of the most westerly speed hump as evidenced by the photo showing vehicle tracks that drove over the road sign when it failed to navigate the sharp curve near Snowberry Lane.

Cole Well Water Notice

This Summer is the start of the Mary Lake Estates excavation and construction and Kingscross wells are to be monitored as part of the process.

Cole Engineering Group has been retained to produce our well water surveys in the area south of the site located in the south west corner of the 15th Side Rd. and Keele St. The well survey crew requires permission and access to the well pump inside the residence and to the well head outside to take water samples and to measure baseline conditions. Only a very few wells have been surveyed to date as residents had not made arrangements with Cole for entry. This initial survey is scheduled to end on Friday, December 19, and any well that does not have this survey will not be monitored.

We negotiated the survey to ensure there would be no loss in capacity and no noticeable increase in contamination of our wells. We also asked for this monitoring so that we could be informed of any changes before, during and after the construction process.

It is in everyone's best interest to have as many wells monitored as possible. The developers are paying for the monitoring. If your well is not monitored and problems develop, it may be difficult to prove that the Culotta subdivision was the cause of the problem.

The initial survey schedule ends on December 19th at 5:00PM. Please refer to the attached notice that has been left at some of the affected properties for more details. A map of the area being monitored has also been included

It would also be a good idea to have the residents email us once they have participated in the survey. Please send a short email to info@kera.ca if your well is being monitored.

Yours truly,

KERA Board

Dear Resident:

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**Re: Water Well Door-to-Door Survey
Mary Lake Estates
Our File: EM14-0942**

Cole Engineering Group Ltd. (CEG) has been retained by Monarch Corporation to conduct a door-to-door water well survey in your area. This work is part of the Mary Lake Estates Project. This planned new subdivision will be located south of 15 Sideroad and west of Keele Street. Construction is anticipated to commence in Summer 2015.

The purpose of this first water well survey is to collect information on wells that may be on your property. Field technicians will conduct the survey between Tuesday, December 9th and Friday, December 12th as well as between Tuesday, December 16th and Friday, December 19th between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

This first survey is required to verify groundwater usage and obtain baseline conditions in your well and will be followed by additional surveys on a quarterly basis during pre-construction, construction and post-construction.

Information collected will be used to assess current groundwater usage and flow patterns in your area. It will not be used for any other purpose and will not be made available to the public. Your participation in this survey is voluntary, however, if you do use a private well your input is encouraged as it will help CEG to assess and protect groundwater resources in your area.

If you are not available at the time that CEG representatives are conducting the survey, please take a few minutes to fill out the well survey form that will be left at your property and return it in the enclosed pre-paid self-addressed envelope. If you grant permission for a water sample to be collected, CEG will contact you to arrange a time at your convenience.

Should you have any questions about the well survey, please contact Mirko Schankat at 905-940-6161 ext. 376 or by email at mschankat@coleengineering.ca.

Your time and cooperation is appreciated.

Yours truly,

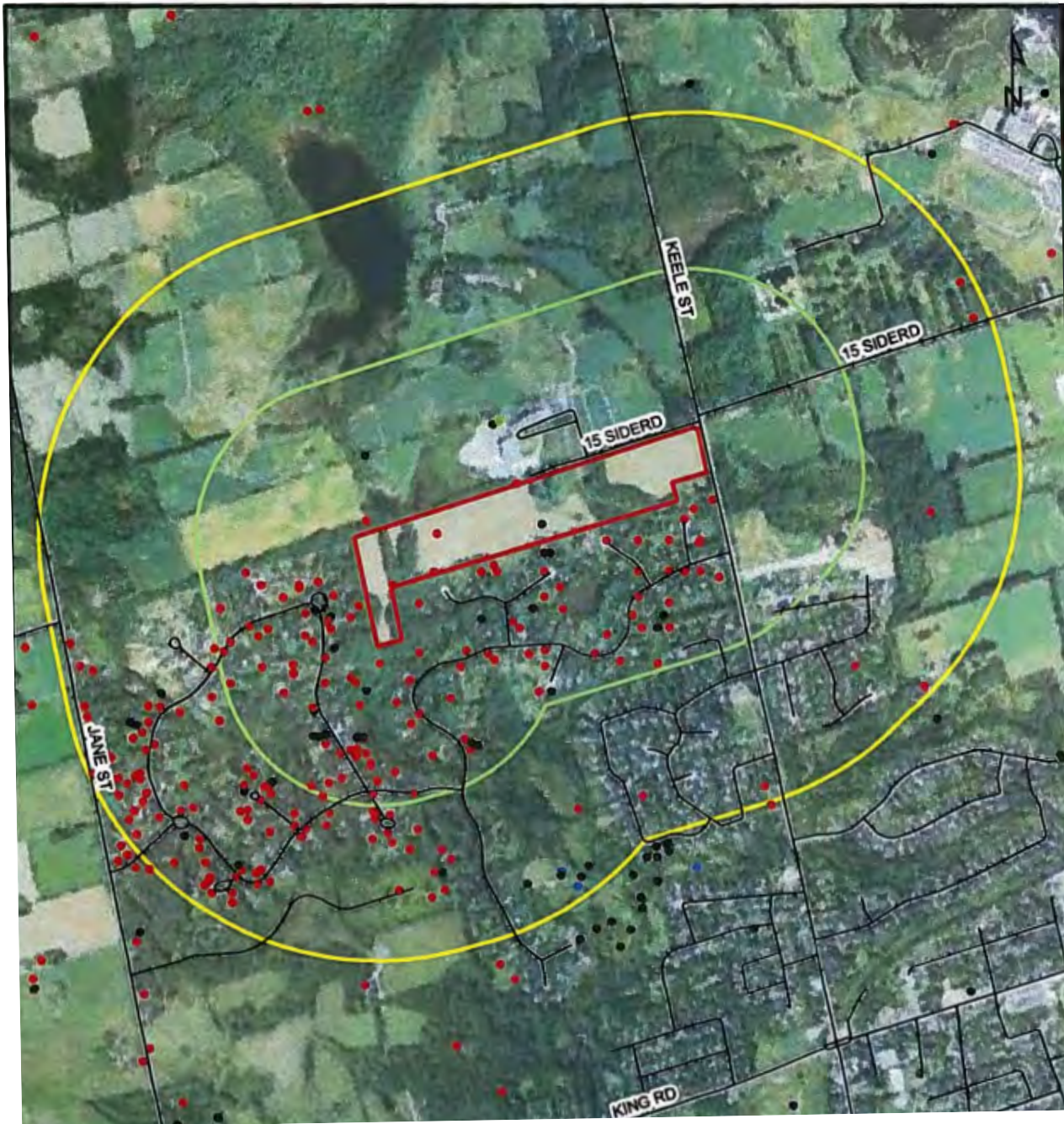
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Legend

-  Site Boundary
-  Road
-  500 m Buffer Around the Site
-  1 km Buffer Around the Site
- Private Well Use Detail**
-  Domestic/Livestock
-  Commercial
-  Municipal
-  Not Used/Not Specified

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