

Public Notice

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BERNARD AVENUE REVITALIZATION

Notice of Smoke Testing of Sanitary and Storm Pipes

Smoke testing will be conducted in the storm drainage and sanitary sewer systems on Bernard Avenue on:

**Sunday, February 12, 2012
7 a.m. to noon**

The City of Kelowna and Focus Corporation staff will be performing the smoke test to determine if any cross connections exist and identify any unknown connections.

What is a smoke test?

A special non-toxic smoke will be used in these tests which will be blown into the pipes through access points along Bernard Avenue. This smoke is manufactured for this purpose, leaves no residuals or stains and has no effects on plant and animal life. The smoke has a distinctive, but not unpleasant odour. Visibility and odour last only a few minutes where there is adequate ventilation.

You will observe smoke on the roof lines which is normal and used to spot service connections. Because the plumbing appliances in your building are connected to the sanitary sewer system, some of this smoke may enter the building if the:

- Vents connected to your building's sewer pipes are inadequate, defective or improperly installed.
- Traps under sinks, tubs, basins, showers and other drains are dry, defective, or improperly installed or missing.
- Pipes, connections and seals of the wastewater drain system in and under your building are damaged, defective, have plugs missing or are improperly installed.

All retailers/residents are advised that if traces of this smoke or its odour enter your building, it is an indication that gases and odors from the sewer may also enter.

Sewer gas can be unpleasant and dangerous as well as a health hazard to the occupants. If you notice smoke in the building identify the location of the leak in the plumbing system so that a repair can be made.

While the City will cooperate, the correction of any defects in the pipes and sewer on private property is the responsibility of the owner. The services of a professional plumber is advised if repairs are required.

If you have any questions or require more information, please contact Simon Davis at Focus Engineering at 250-212-9177.

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