

Allandale Station Lands: The Facts:

- The City has consulted with the Ministry of the Environment (MOE), the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, and Golder Associates (independent soils consultant) regarding the safety of the Allandale Station lands.
- The Ministry of the Environment (MOE), the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, and the Ministry of Labour are satisfied with the City's handling of the environmental issues at this site, and have no ongoing concerns.
- **The Ministry of the Environment has stated in writing that "In response to complaints the ministry received this past summer in relation to the presence of contaminated soils both in-situ and in relation to the on-site stockpiles on the Allandale Station lands, it was our position that no ongoing off-site adverse effects had been determined".**
- **The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit has stated in writing that they are "confident that the soil or water contamination levels associated with the Allandale Station lands has been dealt with in accordance with MOE requirements and do not represent a risk to the health of the public".**
- In a report from Golder Associates (posted online at www.barrie.ca) soil samples collected from test pits located within the berm along the northern property boundary of the site had reported slight exceedances in the MOE standards in a variety of parameters. Elements were found in boreholes along the old rail bed in front of the Allandale Station, in a single borehole in the old Lawn Bowling area near Essa Road and a single borehole immediately adjacent to the redeveloped GO property.
- As advised by Golder Associates, the Mercury has likely been on site for many years, being associated with the historic use of the property and does not pose a public health concern.
- If the land use of the site changes to a more sensitive land use in the future then the soils would need to be removed, which is a standard requirement of the Ministry of the Environment.
- The construction process was consistent with standard Brownfield redevelopment and is common in historical downtowns in any North American city.
- A temporary stockpile of excess material stored on the Allandale Station lands, which had originated from the development of the GO Station, was removed during the summer of 2012 and properly disposed, and the underlying soils were verified as meeting appropriate standards. City staff liaised with the MOE on site to ensure that the MOE were satisfied with the management of the stockpile pertaining to silt control and prevention of off-site impacts.
- The removal of the berm, containing low levels of contaminants, was completed in early December 2012 as part of the William Street Drainage Outlet Improvements project. The berm materials were piled within a staging area on site, and then trucked off site.
- The City of Barrie has followed normal processes and procedures for dealing with impacted lands and these trace amounts do not pose a risk to public health or safety.
- The City's drinking water has been tested in accordance with applicable legislation and falls within acceptable drinking water guidelines.
- As with any development/project or other initiatives, the City of Barrie makes safety of its residents, businesses, workers and visitors a top priority.