

Environmental group pushes N.B. government over trailer park cleanup

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A Moncton-area environmental group is demanding the provincial government ensure the proper cleanup at the Dieppe trailer park that flooded with raw sewage this winter.

The Chartersville Mobile Home Park's owner decided to close the park as a result of the flooding sewage, and served the residents with notices informing them that they have until Oct. 31 to move their homes to another park.

The departments of Environment and Health have both issued orders to clean up the Dieppe trailer park.

If action isn't forthcoming, Tim Van Hinte, the spokesman for the Petitcodiac Riverkeeper organization, said he wants the province to take the owner of the park to court or clean up the mess and send the owner the bill.

"Typically, sewage has a number of different issues with it, most notably public health, potentially drinking water, but also for fish and wildlife," Van Hinte said.

"So you have different things like organic waste, potential pathogens, other bacteria, chemicals from pharmaceutical products or other personal care products that can all get into the water stream."

About 20 people from the trailer park protested outside their local MLA's constituency office last week, demanding that the provincial government help them out.

Laura Walker, who owns a mobile home in the park, said at the rally that the residents shouldn't be forced to pick up the entire tab for the moving costs.

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[jlc123](#) wrote: Posted 2009/05/19

at 1:01 PM ET do the residents have home owners/ renters insurance, or does the owner have some type of landlord/property owners insurance that would help to pay to clean up the mess? What caused the sewage flood? Was it something the owner did, or was it something that was wrong with the infrastructure that caused the backup?

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[pmbarker](#) wrote: Posted 2009/05/19

at 10:04 AM ET I sure hope the provincial government requires a licence / permit to operate a trailer park ... if not, SHAME! And, equally important, as part of the process, insurance for this kind of mishap should be required and up-to-date or the licence / permit revoked ... if not, shame!

In the event there is a default on the part of the owner ... hopefully a very rare event ... the government needs to step in QUICKLY and get the mess cleaned up. I can't believe anyone thinks people should have to wait to have sewage cleaned up ... health compromised ... while government figures out what to do.

Get this done, please!

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[Stuck in the Seventies](#) wrote: Posted 2009/05/19

at 9:26 AM ET The silence from Dieppe City Hall is loud.

Perhaps a class action lawsuit against trailer park owner is in order.

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[clambake](#) wrote: Posted 2009/05/19

at 8:47 AM ET I think it would be helpful to know more details. To form an opinion on who should pay what, the reason for the sewage flooding should be given.

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