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Mount Pearl Set to Re-Open Power's Pond Boardwalk

Mount Pearl, NL – A section of Power's Pond walking trail closed earlier this summer due to an oil spill is set to re-open on Thursday, July 12th, 2018.

On June 1st, reports of oil in a wetland area west of Power's Pond were received by the City of Mount Pearl Infrastructure and Public Works department. Immediately following these reports, a full clean up and containment procedure was implemented and external parties were notified. Lab results indicate that the product was a mixture of diesel and motor oil, however, the source and cause remain unknown. Environment Canada and Service NL continue to work on the investigation.

"The clean up is a work in progress," said Mayor Dave Aker. "We have removed over 2,000 litres of oil from the wetland area and we will continue to monitor the situation closely over the coming months. We take great pride in our trail system and are fully committed to restoring the Power's Pond boardwalk."

The City cautions trail users that they can expect to see absorbent pads beside and underneath the boardwalk when this section re-opens. The pads are monitored daily and replaced as required. Residents are asked to follow signage and respect the barricades that have been placed over any stained boardwalk planks as a safety precaution. This portion of walking trail may be closed temporarily during the summer to accommodate additional clean-up measures. The City of Mount Pearl plans to replace all stained boardwalk planks by late summer or early fall once clean-up measures have concluded.

The City of Mount Pearl will continue to make updates as they become available.

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