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## Gas Remediation on Coe Hill Drive

**Contract: # 17ECS-MI-02SW**

The City of Toronto is completing work at a closed historical landfill site, along Coe Hill Drive, to install active venting systems to release below-ground gas into the atmosphere. This work involves installing piping and blower enclosure sheds.

This project is part of the Council-approved 2018 Capital Works Program.

### ASBESTOS IN THE ASPHALT ON COE HILL DRIVE

As part of the work, the City's contractor tested the asphalt in seven locations and found trace (less than 0.5%) of asbestos in only one location. This is below levels of concern set by the Ministry of Labour. No asbestos was detected at the other locations.

Asbestos was used in asphalt mixes throughout the 1970s and early 1980s to improve the performance of the asphalt. Air quality monitoring conducted by the City of Toronto at other sites has not detected asbestos fibres in the air as a result of resurfacing of asphalt. The risk of exposure to asbestos for workers and bystanders is low.

#### **As a precaution, the City requires the contractor to follow these steps:**

- Wet the pavement during asphalt cutting, grinding or removal
- Attach dust collecting devices with HEPA filters to equipment, where possible, to prevent dust from becoming airborne
- Provide personal protective equipment, such as disposable coveralls and respirators, to on site workers upon request, and
- Transport and dispose of asphalt containing asbestos at provincially approved disposal sites.

### NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you have questions about the upcoming work, please contact us and quote **Contract #17ECS-MI-02SW**.

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