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Health Unit Closes Beaches Due to Small Oil Spill

***Beaches at Rogers Cove and Beavermead Park
Closed Until Further Notice***

The Peterborough County-City Health Unit has temporarily closed the beaches at Rogers Cove and Beavermead Park due to a spill of approximately 80 litres of hydraulic oil into Little Lake at approximately 9:00 a.m. this morning.

The Health Unit was informed about the spill from the Ministry of the Environment. The oil has been contained by booms placed near the marina on Little Lake.

As a precaution, Roger's Cove and Beavermead beaches have been posted with signs indicating it is unsafe to swim in the water until further notice. Residents are advised not to swim in the water in Little Lake and downstream in the Otonabee. The hydraulic fluid is non-toxic. It may be slightly irritating to the skin or eyes, but has no known significant acute or chronic health effects.

Once all of the containment booms are in place, it is expected that beach use may resume.

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