

## Oil slick

An event of potentially monumental importance is taking place next week that could have a significant impact on everything from our property values to our water table but traditional channels for disseminating information arising from this little happening are being stymied by the party organizer.

The National Energy Board (NEB) is coming to town and don't feel bad if you're not invited - neither are we. Following news that NEB representatives will be meeting with area mayors, councillors, and staff of the Municipalité régionale de comté Vaudreuil-Soulanges (MRC-VS), it comes as an unexpected and, honestly, a rather rude surprise to discover that local media outlets will be refused access.

Could it have anything to do with the fact that we've been regularly following developments in the Enbridge 9B Pipeline reversal plan, including the fact that five mayors have recently approved resolutions demanding hydrostatic testing be carried out on the 40-year-old pipeline before any oil goes through?

Could it be that two other MRCs in the province - Laval and Argenteuil - have adopted similar resolutions and the NEB is on the defensive?

Or could it have anything to do with the fact that the 2014 world oil market freefall left all that federal investment into the Alberta oil sands project precariously perched on a financial precipice?

Maybe, maybe not. How would we know?

After all, we're just a local newspaper.