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DYNAMITE BLASTS ICE ON CREDIT RIVER TO MITIGATE FLOODING

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The Town of Halton Hills is taking major steps to address the significant ice buildup in the Credit River, with more than 50 sticks of dynamite detonated along the waterway on the morning of Friday, March 8.

For the first time in decades, the municipality had to enlist a company that specializes in explosives to blast the ice jam that's resulted in significantly higher water levels in Glen Williams.

Along Confederation Street, backyards and driveways were flooded by water from the nearby river, with some vehicles frozen to the ground by the flow.

"The river was running through my backyard. If it wasn't for my two pumps running, my basement would be soaked," said Colin McQuattie, whose yard backs onto the river and was covered in frozen water.

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An ice jam along the Credit River in Glen Williams is blasted by dynamite on Friday morning to address rising water and flooding in the hamlet.

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