

Burst pipes flood Milton Mall

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Last Thursday (January 6) a water pipe in Milton's Royal Bank branch burst leading to extensive damage throughout a portion of the Milton Mall. Local people were surprised to see the Royal Bank closed and the extent of the water damage at the mall. Shop owners affected by the burst pipe were open again the next day but only to count up drenched inventory and to contact their insurance agents.

"We had a flood overnight in the Royal Bank caused by a sprinkler," explained Mall Management. "Water spread into the mall causing damage to various stores. Currently we are waiting for our insurance investigators to find the underlying cause. Everyone is just busy cleaning up and getting on with their regular day."

Sarah Arthurs, spokesperson for the Royal Bank said she received a call around midnight from Chubb Security that there was a water problem in the branch. "When I arrived, police and fire were here and water was pouring out of the branch. I came in to open the sliding doors and the water was up to my knees. I was here to 2:30. We had to wait for Halton Region to turn the water off."

An eight-inch water pipe had burst, spewing forth water into the branch after closing and into the night. As well as water damage to the interior of the branch, there was damage to the instant banking machines. Friday morning was a scene of some confusion. Royal Bank employees came into work, gathered around the destruction and helped their clients by directing them to the closest branch outside of Milton. "There was

extensive damage done to our branch. In 2003 we had a full renovation and now it's all gone," Sarah Arthurs said.

Randy Howse of The Key Centre was one of the unfortunate store owners affected by the flooding. "We had over an inch of water in our store. The carpet in our store is gone, our displays and stock was damaged, and we have to calculate that now."

This week the mall was open and cleaning was near completion. Some stores have been working with professional restoration companies trained to respond to flood emergencies and ensure subsequent permanent repairs are conducted properly. For now, it is just a matter of clean up. Business in the mall is back to normal after Thursday night's damage.



Muddy floors and soaked carpets were just some of the damage done to the Milton Mall when a pipeline burst late Thursday evening.

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