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Sixth Line test well ruled out as source for future water

The search for water for future growth in Georgetown will have to continue as Halton Region is expected to not use the Sixth Line well it had been consider-

In a report by Patrick Murphy, the region's commissioner of Planning and Public Works, it's recommended no more effort or money be spent on the well.

"Given the potentially widespread impacts and the high cost of mitigation, regional staff cannot recommend continued funding and effort be expended on the Sixth Line test well," said Murphy.

According to the report, which is to be before Halton's Planning and Public Works Committee at Halton Hills Civic Centre today (Wednesday), it was estimated 145 private wells could be impacted by the municipal well. It could cost the region between \$5.8 and \$6.4 million, including the possibility of providing a municipal water connection, to correct water problems Sixth Line-area residents

may face if the well went into production. The cost of extending the watermains from the well to those impacted is estimated at \$4.6 million, on top of the \$3.3 million to build the pump station and watermain to service Georgetown, bringing the total infrastructure price tag to between \$9.1 and \$9.7 million.

"I'm pleased the region has seen and recognized the impact," said Councillor Bryan Lewis, also a member of the Central Esquesing Ratepayers Association, who intends to speak at the meeting today.

Mayor Kathy Gastle said there will be no immediate impact from the fact the Sixth Line well can't provide water.

"We already have enough water to continue building for the next three to four years so we have the opportunity to continue to investigate for other water sources," said Gastle.

She added there is water set aside in the current supply for industrial/commercial development in town, and for the hamlets.

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Hanging around on a Sunday morning

Members of the Halton Hills Fire Department's Technical Rescue Team got in a little training Sunday at the BASF Canada silos on Todd Road. Team members were trying out their new rescue basket that was presented last month to the department by BASF Canada. (Left photo) Firefighter Mike Wilde hangs onto the basket while Acting Captain Todd McClements (left) and firefighter Clarence Otten look on. (Right photo) Captain Pat Woods (rear) and firefighters Jason Lavery (kneeling) and Mark Musclow secure the lines to a pulley.

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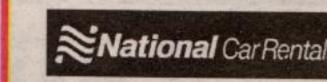


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