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Tiger Lilly

Keith Houston proudly holds his 1/6th scale P-47 Thunderbolt model aircraft made of wood and fiberglass and bearing a .75cc gas engine. He's a member of the Buzzard Squadron Model Flyers of Campbellville and has been flying radio-controlled aircraft for 25 years. The group had a stationary display at Milton Mall Saturday.

Part of Lower Base Line is splitting and shifting

By JASON MISNER
The Champion

A popular rural road south of town has been closed since March 5 because it's shifting and Milton's engineering experts fear it might slide down an embankment, which hugs Sixteen Mile Creek.

A 40-foot section of Lower Base Line, between Fourth Line and Regional Road 25, is splitting and shifting downward. It appears the ground beneath is loosening because groundwater is infiltrating the base — comprised of low grade gravel, clay and organic material — at a slow rate.

That could mean the road's base has become unstable and causing the slippage, but a consultant's study will provide a clearer picture, said Phil Antoniow, Milton's project coordinator with the engineering services department.

Paul Cripps, the Town's director of engineering, said a consultant has studied the problem and will report back to the department with its findings shortly.

"We're waiting for input from a consultant about what to expect and the alternative solutions to how we can repair it.

"I don't think the rest of the embankment is a problem because when I look along there, I see a lot of mature trees and they're all vertical. I don't get the impression there are others (sections) that are slipping."

Lower Base Line is popular with motorists as an alternative to Hwy. 407, Mr. Cripps said.

It's a boundary road with the Town of Oakville, so there's a financial agreement with

them to split the costs equally to maintain and/or fix the road, Mr. Antoniow said.

He thinks the total costs could be around \$75,000. Not included in the Town's 2004 budget, the fees will come from reserves.

The Town is hoping to have it fixed by early next month, which would mean residents won't have to put up with construction detours for too long.

That suits Bob Cole just fine.

The long-time Lower Base Line resident and former CBC cameraman doesn't live too far from the bend in question.

He said his wife works at a nearby golf course. But Mr. Cole said she would have to go north on Fourth Line, west on Britannia Road and south onto Regional Road 25 to get to work rather than cutting west across Lower Base Line. The detour adds more than 10 km each way.

"It's definitely going to set her back a bit," he said.

Meanwhile, Lower Base Line is scheduled for other planned construction work — to be completed by the fall.

The \$2.2 million road project includes repaving a 3-km stretch of Lower Baseline from Trafalgar Road to just past the hydro corridor, near Hwy. 407.

As well, new lines will be painted along the road and some gravel shoulders will be re-graded so they're not so steep.

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