

Penman wants Derry Road watermain work to flow faster

Municipal councillor Brian Penman is sick and tired of seeing a Halton regional watermain break along Derry Road in his Ward 1 constituency.

In the last 10 years the pipe has broken 38 times, according to regional figures. The total is 39 according to Mr. Penman's calculations, since it happened again on the weekend, he told town council Monday night.

Based on the current rate of break-down there will be seven more fractures per year in the pipe until repairs begin, Mr. Penman said. Halton has tentatively scheduled the first part of the reconstruction for 1995.

"I would simply plead with my (Milton) regional colleagues to see if there is any way to speed this up," Mr.

Prisoner charged with theft

Halton police have charged a man with theft in connection with a jail break at Maplehurst Correctional Centre.

Three prisoners escaped from the medium-security jail through a vent in the roof November 20.

Police believe the men also stole a pick-up truck from a nearby industrial area and drove to Toronto and London. The truck was recently recovered by London City Police.

Peter White, 24, who was serving time for mischief and break and enter, is charged with theft and escaping custody.

He was arrested by Metropolitan Toronto Police November 29 at the Eaton's Centre.

Penman said. "For a significant portion of the farms, the water supply is in jeopardy. A two-year waiting period is not an acceptable solution."

Milton regional councillor Barry Lee said Halton's planning and public works committee, which he sits on, has asked regional staff to look at bringing the project forward to 1994-95 for stage one. The remainder of the work would be completed the following year.

The pipeline will have to be completely replaced, according to regional public works director Art Leitch, since digging up all the potentially leaky

joints, which are only 4.5 metres apart, would be as expensive as excavating the whole thing. Also, there is no way of correcting the current joint flaws effectively anyway, Mr. Leitch said.

One of the suggested reasons the pipe leaks so much is because the joint compound is lead-sulphur, which was popular in the early 1950s, when it was built. The compound expands when it reacts with water, and was seen as a way of sealing joints without caulking — a time and cost saving. But over the years the compound continued to expand, eventually breaking the pipe.


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