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NEWS RELEASE

Water Main Break Main Street Picton

Picton, ON - A water main break in the area of the Bridge Street/Main Street intersection in Picton has resulted in water leakage into the basement of the North American Building at 303-309 Main Street. As a safety precaution, residents of the building were evacuated and are staying with friends, family or are being housed in the Salvation Army in Picton until it can be determined that the building structure is safe.

The County has engaged a professional structural engineer to provide a full analysis of the North American Building foundation and building integrity. It appears that no other buildings have been affected by the break.

Water and Wastewater Services maintenance staff had isolated and repaired the break by late last evening. Water main breaks are not uncommon in cold weather.

Picton Main Street and Bridge Street are not closed to traffic, however traffic is reduced to a single lane in each direction. The OPP are on the scene to secure the site and reroute traffic.

"Our staff are taking all the necessary precautions to ensure that the site is safe before any residents are allowed back in," said Mayor Leo P. Finnegan. "We would like to acknowledge the timely service of Lennox & Addington and Prince Edward County Social Services and the Salvation Army in seeing to the needs of these displaced residents. Our maintenance staff responded quickly and worked into the night to effect repairs and restore water and sewer services. Our building staff have been in direct communications with the owner of the affected building."

Further information will be provided when available.

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