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Update on water main break at Rockland and Alder

City crews made sure no one was without water and traffic flowed smoothly when they worked to stop a Christmas Eve water main break at the corner of Rockland Rd. and Alder St.

A phone call to the emergency after-hours line the evening of Dec. 24 alerted the City's water department that a break in a 16-inch transmission line was letting water run downhill beneath the Alder St. road surface, buckling the pavement and creating a hole approximately 10 x 6 feet across in the northbound (uphill) curb lane.

The leaking water transmission line was closed off, and barricades were set up immediately to prevent vehicles from traveling over the damaged surface. The hole is being temporarily filled today by Wacor Holdings Ltd.

The road surface outside the barricade is suitable for vehicle traffic, and the road remains open, but the area near the curb where damage occurred will be barricaded until a more permanent repair can be made.

Drivers are asked to use caution in the northbound (uphill lane) while people are working in this area.

While there was no damage to nearby properties, Alder St. shows signs of water flowing beneath the surface along the edge of the road as far as Candy Lane, and crews will work to clean up gravel that has washed down the hill along the curb lane.

The cause of the break is still being investigated, and final road repairs will be scheduled when weather is suitable for paving.

To report problems with water, sewer, roads or other City services outside regular business hours, people can call the emergency after-hours phone number at: 250-287-7444.

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Photo: Barricades are up south of the Rockland Rd.-Alder St. intersection until crews have completed repairs on curbside damage caused by a water line break on Christmas Eve.