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**\*\*\*Media Update & Official Statement\*\*\***

**Repair Update on Water Main Break at 47<sup>th</sup> Street and  
Niagara Falls Boulevard in City of Niagara Falls**

The Niagara Falls Water Board (NFWB) and CATCO Construction are pleased to report that significant progress on repairing the water main break in the vicinity of 47<sup>th</sup> Street and Niagara Falls Boulevard in the City of Niagara Falls has occurred.

As of Thursday, January 18, 2018, CATCO has successfully repaired the broken valve located at 47<sup>th</sup> Street and Niagara Falls Boulevard and then subsequently isolated that break. With the valve at that location now repaired, CATCO will next excavate near Packard Court in order to more fully evaluate the scope of damage to the adjacent broken pipe. The special order parts needed to repair the pipe have been delivered and are on location. The NFWB and CATCO anticipate that by Friday, January 19, the pipe will be fully replaced and the break at this location will be completely repaired.

In order to successfully and safely repair this pipe near Packard Court, the NFWB will also need to isolate valves on Hyde Park Boulevard on Friday. When the physical repair is complete, required testing of the water will then occur to ensure it meets all safety protocols via the Department of Health. Lab testing will take roughly 48 hours, and once cleared, the NFWB will slowly begin pressurizing the area as is best practice and standard procedure.

Based on hydraulic modeling, the NFWB is optimistic that customers in this vicinity should not notice a difference in water pressure when the valves are isolated. However, there is a chance that customers may experience a slight pressure drop for a very short period of time. The full project is expected to reach completion, with restoration of normal water pressure for ratepayers by mid-to-late next week.

“This has been a really massive break that our team and CATCO have been dealing with for nearly a month now. We’ve been monitoring the progress closely and are pleased with the strides this project has recently made,” said Rolfe Porter, executive director, Niagara Falls Water Board. “CATCO has been working extremely hard on what was a difficult repair and our team at NFWB has been doing an excellent job staying on top of this, along with 21 other repairs that we have tackled this winter.”

The NFWB will continue to provide updates as such information becomes available, via [www.NFWB.org](http://www.NFWB.org).

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