

Aurora Heights homes evacuated following gas leak

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The residents of five homes near Aurora Heights Drive and Delayne Drive received an early wake-up call on Monday morning after a neighbour sounded the alarm of a natural gas leak.

Central York Fire Services received a 9-1-1 call from a neighbour reporting the smell of natural gas on Laurwood Court.

“We attended with three trucks,” said Robert Comeau of the CYFS. “One of the pressure fittings was allowing gas to escape and, as a precaution, we evacuated five homes. Enbridge Gas attended shortly after we arrived, quickly stopped the gas, we cleared, and the homeowners were allowed to re-enter.

“This was just an equipment failure and no person was involved in the failure. Often people are digging and driving a piece of equipment near the meter and they knock something off, but that wasn't the case here.”

Enbridge confirmed that five homes in the area were evacuated, but only one home on Laurwood Court was affected by the leak.

“The [compression fitting] has gone for analysis to find out what was wrong with it, but it doesn't appear anything was wrong with it prior so it was likely as a result of the cold weather,” said Enbridge.