



## East Scarborough road repairs deserve 'emergency' status: Ainslie

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Part of Military Trail is closed for repairs, but Scarborough East Coun. Paul Ainslie is suggesting it wouldn't be if the road were in downtown Toronto.

During Toronto city council's presummer meeting last week, Ainslie aired his grievance in public.

"Residents are asking me why road work in Scarborough is not a priority," the councillor wrote in an official inquiry to council, which served to put the matter on the agenda.

Toronto Water began relining a water main on Military Trail between East Highland Creek and Neilson Road this spring, but while this was happening, the water main west of the area broke and the road collapsed.

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The city then cordoned off Military Trail between Ellesmere and Highcastle roads, Ainslie said, "closing a major access point to the community for over six months."

In his inquiry, the councillor said residents "are reporting no work is being done on-site," and asked why Military Trail isn't being "deemed an emergency" so it can be repaired immediately.

Responding, senior city staff said the city's "working as expeditiously as possible" to reopen the road.

Full damage from the water main break won't be known until a geotechnical survey is complete, which can't be done until the water main replacement work nearby is finished, they said.

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