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UPDATE: Bruce County Affordable Housing Units Recovery Continues

Walkerton, Ontario: Evacuation for the residents at Bruce County's Affordable Housing Units in Mildmay, Ontario remains in effect.

Bruce County staff are working with a restoration company, environmental engineers and the Public Health Department to address all safety concerns.

Warden Paul Eagleson stated, "This has been a very unfortunate situation particularly at this time of year. The goal of staff is to return the residents to their homes as soon as possible. I am very proud and pleased with the work of our staff. The team has been diligent in ensuring that all health precautions have been taken prior to the tenants returning."

Staff have been working closely with environmental engineers and a restoration firm to ensure the property is fully restored and that residents can return without risk. The Bruce Grey Health Unit has been consulted throughout the restoration process. The water leak has been repaired and the water system will be properly flushed to ensure potable water is present. The water break was confined to the basement (crawl space) and did not cause damage to any of the housing units. Kelley Coulter, CAO for Bruce County explains, "The Housing team are working with the tenants to ensure that they are able to return to their homes as soon as possible. The County organized and retained the short term housing for the tenants and we are appreciative of their understanding as we work to resolve this unexpected mechanical failure."

The County continues their internal review to ensure all properties in the housing portfolio are protected against a similar incident.

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