

Collapsed culvert discovered during sidewalk project

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Village of Cremona officials are spending \$11,700 to prevent a road from caving in after a recent sidewalk replacement project lead to the discovery of a crushed culvert.

“When we were doing the sidewalks we had to do some flushing of storm drains and the one storm drain, actually at the corner of the village office, was so full of sand and gravel and when they cleared it out by flushing it they found out that the culvert was collapsed,” explained Luana Smith, village chief administrative officer.

The culvert has “potentially collapsed 25 feet into the road,” she said.

“And it goes right under the whole street, like the stormwater goes into that drain at the bottom of 1st Street East, and then goes underground across Railway Avenue, and then goes into the stormwater pond across Railway Avenue into that wetlands there,” she said.

“And that is crushed quite a few feet. And by cleaning out the gravel, which was basically keeping the road maintained and up, it could now cave in and have a big sinkhole. So we have to repair that before any further damage happens to the actual road.”

Council approved awarding the contract to Gabriel Construction during the Sept. 15 meeting.
