

Summary of Incident and Claim

On June 20, 2012, a Saint Paul Regional Water Services crew replaced a lead water service line serving 1299 Reaney Avenue. It was not evident to the crew that their excavation work resulted in damage to the private clay pipe sewer line.

On August 13, 2013, the claimant discovered that sewage had backed up into his basement. He contracted with a drain cleaning service to correct the sewer back-up. The service was unable to clear the obstruction. On August 15, the claimant contracted with Commercial Utilities Inc. to repair the sewer. Commercial Utilities excavated and exposed the sewer line and contacted SPRWS to inspect the damage and investigate the incident. SPRWS representatives concluded that the sewer damage was caused by SPRWS water pipe replacement work of June 2012. Commercial Utilities completed a repair to the sewer and the basement was professionally cleaned.

At this time, Sandra Bodensteiner of Saint Paul Risk Management recommends that the amount of \$7,793.00 be paid to Michael R. Butchko as final settlement of all property damage claims related to this incident.

\$ 800	Drain cleaning
\$5,900	Sewer repair
\$ 446	Basement cleaning
<u>\$ 647</u>	Basement painting
\$7,793	

In accordance with Board policy on claims, any claim greater than \$7,500 requires Board approval.