

## WHAT DOES ACM LOOK LIKE?



## WHAT IS ACM? (ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIAL)

- A material is considered ACM if it contains more than 1% asbestos by weight.
- The ACM in our situation is from transite cement pipes where the asbestos fibers are encased in cement.
- Transite cement pipes used asbestos in the cement mix to increase the strength of the cement (similar to re-bar in reinforced concrete).
- These fibres are tightly bonded within the pipes and unlikely to release asbestos fibers into the air while intact.
- The soils surrounding the pipes are not impacted by the ACM and the fibres are not known to seep or leach into soils or water
- These fibers stay within the cement pipes unless the pipes are crushed, cut or scraped.

## WHAT IF I FIND A PIECE OF ACM?

LEAVE IT and CONTACT:  
**Public Safety Division**  
Monday to Friday 8:00am -3:30pm  
(450) 632-0635

- An inspector in ACM will come out to your place to identify the pieces, document and ensure they are properly disposed.
- The inspectors remove, track and record all ACM transite pipe pieces.
- Please note there is very low risk of any harm by just uncovering a piece of transite cement pipe because the fibres are encased in the cement and are only dangerous when they are air borne.



Pieces of ACM found  
in Kahnawà:ke



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