**Blackout – Town suffers!**

More than 2 000 homes were without power in the town of Cranville last night when the city’s main power grid failed at about 6:45 pm. People were in the dark for as long as six hours as ENERGEX workers battled to solve the problem.

Traffic lights were out, as well as street lights, making peek hour traffic conditions dangerous. Businesses getting ready for late night shippers were forced to close down. Only those with emergency poser generators such as the Cranville Hospital could function.

“We found it very inconvenient with a family of six to feed. No stores were in operation and we couldn’t cook a meal,” a Cranville resident reported this morning.

“I saw two cars collide at the South Road intersection where the lights were out. No police were on duty. It was chaotic!” a motorist claimed.

Ron Maloney of ENERGEX calmed any fears of a repeat of the incident. “We’ve isolated the fault and installed new circuitry. It’s something that only happens in rare circumstances.”

Town police sergeant Harvey O'Donnell warned residents that in the case of a blackout, remain off the road. “If you can get home and keep your car off the road, the chances of dangerous traffic conditions are minimized.