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Mike Thompson Cartoon Gallery
[Detroit Free Press](#)

Mayor Weaver: Flint To Stick With New KWA Pipeline

[Detroit Free Press](#)

June 21, 2016

Flint Mayor Karen Weaver said Flint will stay with the new pipeline to Lake Huron and seek better financial and other terms, because the contract is just too hard to break.

Phil Power – Flint: Poison on Tap

[Petoskey News and Review](#)

June 20, 2016

In this editorial, Phil Power says: “We came to the conclusion that the poisoning of Flint is a cautionary tale for our times – not just for Flint but for the countless other communities throughout our land – a tale that questions the assumptions of the effectiveness of government, of a pinchpenny ideology that understood all too well the cost of everything and the value of nothing, and of a political system that insulates bureaucrats and office-holders from accountability.”

Ex-State Water Regulator Takes Fifth On Flint Probe

[The Detroit News](#)

June 16, 2016

The former state drinking water regulator, who was fired for her role in Flint's water switch, asserted through legal counsel her Fifth Amendment right during a court hearing in Detroit.

Official: Flint Will 'Lose Everything' If It Leaves KWA

[Detroit Free Press](#)

June 13, 2016

If Flint resists pressure to recommit the city to the \$285 million KWA pipeline project, the KWA would seize the city's water treatment plant and other assets, plus 25 percent of the city's constitutional revenue-sharing payments from the state.

Victims Of Flint Water Crisis Sound Off On Lack Of Faith In Government

[Mlive](#)

June 14, 2016

A recent survey of 400 Flint residents revealed that 69.9 percent of those residents do not trust government assurances that filtered water is safe to drink.

Michigan Focuses On Safe Drinking Water For All

[The Detroit News](#)

June 10, 2016

Providing all Michigan residents safe drinking water topped a 30-year strategy announced by state officials for Michigan's stewardship of the Great Lakes and inland waters.

Flint Wants To Go Slow On Adding Chemicals To Water

[Detroit Free Press](#)

June 7, 2016

The mayor of Flint and their interim utilities administrator said they don't want to make any hasty moves to add chlorine and other chemicals to the city's drinking water in response to concerns from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Michigan Seeks Solution For Roads, Bridges, Water Infrastructure In State Of Disrepair

[Crain's Detroit Business](#)

June 2, 2016

This article covers many facts and issues related to delaying needed infrastructure repairs. For example, by 2025 poor infrastructure conditions could cost U.S. businesses more than \$7 trillion in sales and 2.5 million jobs.

Poll Of Biz Leaders: Infrastructure Top Issue, Split On How To Pay

[Crain's Detroit Business](#)

June 2, 2016

Metro Detroit business owners and managers believe aging infrastructure is the most pressing national policy issue with economic implications awaiting the next American president, according to a Crain's survey.

Gov. Snyder Asks Auditor General To Suspend Flint Water Crisis Investigation

[Mlive](#)

May 26, 2016

Gov. Snyder is asking that an investigation related to the Flint water crisis be suspended after requests from the U.S. Department of Justice and Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette.

NAACP Sues Michigan Officials Over Flint Water Crisis

[Detroit Free Press](#)

May 19, 2016

The NAACP is suing several state officials and two engineering firms for allegedly poisoning a city with toxic drinking water by failing to detect and report that something was wrong.

Senate Unanimously Approves Michigan Infrastructure Fund

[Crain's Detroit Business](#)

May 18, 2016

The proposed Michigan Infrastructure Fund will potentially be funded with an initial deposit of \$165 million, while a commission works on a statewide infrastructure assessment and recommendations.

Congressman Criticizes Snyder For Answers To Follow Up Questions

[Detroit Free Press](#)

May 17, 2016

A Democratic congressman continued to raise concerns about the governor's answers to questions regarding the Flint water crisis.

Water Lead Tests Spur Debate On Who Should Foot Bill

[The Detroit News](#)

May 17, 2016

School districts across the state are testing their water supplies in the wake of Flint's water crisis and the discovery of dangerous lead levels in Detroit Public Schools.