

NEWS & ANALYSIS

Concordia inaugurates world-class green energy lab

By P.A. Sévigny
The Suburban

As of last week, Montreal's Concordia University can now take its place among the nation's leaders in environmental research and solar energy development. Following the opening of its new solar-environmental chamber, Concordia research experts believe the new research facility will establish the university's

leadership in 'green' research while helping to accelerate specific applications required to develop the next generation of 'smart' net-zero energy buildings.

"These projects represent a huge vote of confidence for our work on solar energy and building innovations, said Concordia's President and vice-chancellor, Dr. Frederick Lowy. "Our researchers have long been ahead of the pack in these closely related fields and it is truly won-

derful to receive provincial and national recognition for their efforts."

Once again, while budgets in every sector are getting cut to the bone, Concordia managed to convince both the provincial and federal governments that any kind of investment in the nation's education always ends up being an investment in the nation's future. Apart from the \$4.6 million both Quebec and the federal government contributed to the project,

NDG's Kathleen Weil, Quebec's Minister of Immigration, said the government's contribution is nothing compared to the benefits gained by creating a city which is now one of the leading education centers in North America. With four universities located within a mile of each other, Weil said the city now offers large numbers of research opportunities for inspired intellectual talent who want their work "...to make a difference."

CSL prioritizes Côte St. Luc Road water infrastructure fix

By Joel Goldenberg
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Côte St. Luc has advanced its schedule for water infrastructure repairs for Côte St. Luc Road, in light of a recent flood that hit an apartment building at the intersection with Cavendish and flooded several cars.

Mayor Anthony Housefather said Councillor Steven Erdelyi, who introduced the resolution, said the reshifting was to make the affected section a "top priority" for next year.

"This is Côte St. Luc Road between Randall and Montgomery (a small street near Glencrest, Lyndale and Merton), roughly 500 metres in distance," Erdelyi

said. "We shifted some roads further back on the list, but everything will eventually get done. Some will get done sooner than others."

Councillor Dida Berku said the areas being prioritized are also Côte St. Luc Road between Montgomery and Rosedale, going even further west, as well as other areas such as Glencrest, Hudson, Cranbrooke, Smart, Wavell, Westbrooke, Eldridge, Davies and Emerson.

"These streets are going to be done next year," she explained.

At the time of the flood at Côte St. Luc Road near Cavendish Blvd, Berku told The Suburban that there have been "too many pipes bursting along the Côte St. Luc corridor... ever since the major flood-

ing on Decarie Blvd." this past summer.

"A lot of it has to do with the water pressure," Berku said at the time. "The city of Montreal is not able to properly regulate the water pressure. There are pressure surges... and we get violent breaks. It's the Montreal network, especially along Côte St. Luc Road, and that's why we absolutely need to fix those main lines.

"We must repair this water infrastructure, and more importantly than the repair of the pipes themselves is the repair of the valve which allows the city to regulate the pressure. The valve and valve chambers are so corroded, that they're not able to regulate the pressure."

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