

CSL's new pumps prevented flooding: Erdelyi

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Côte St. Luc's new pump stations at the Cavendish Blvd. and Westminster Avenue underpasses prevented flooding after a recent intense rainstorm, councillor Steven Erdelyi told the July city council meeting.

In previous years, intense rains caused floods at the underpasses in recent years, and especially in summer 1987, when much of the island and numerous were flooded. The rain that year brought focus on the need for another access route out of Côte St. Luc.



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Erdelyi pointed out that an intense rainstorm took place Friday July 9, which did lead to flooding in locations like the L'Acadie underpass.

"In a matter of 25 minutes, the city received 62 mm of rain, which is a huge amount for such a small period of time" the councillor explained. "The nice thing is that the new pump stations at the Cavendish and Westminster underpasses, built in 2008 and 2009 respectively.

"The new pumps both performed as expected and there was not even a moment where we had any water blocking either of the underpasses. This was money well spent and it prevented any situation where we could have had residents cut off from the rest of the island. I'm happy to report this."

Erdelyi also said Côte St. Luc has relined 8.1 percent of its pipes to prevent breaks, which have been a common occurrence during winters in the past several years.

"This year, we'll be doing 10 more sections, and I believe we are the leader on the island and possibly the province with the percentage of our pipes we are relining. This will add roughly 50 years to their life and an estimated cost reduction of almost \$30,000 in the amount of water otherwise wasted because of pipes cracking."