

Côte Saint-Luc

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The past 15 months have been a very difficult time for many. At no time since the Second World War was life so thoroughly disrupted. For many, the pandemic was marked by the loss of a job and the stress that produces. At schools children had new rules to follow. Marriages, graduations, and other life events were postponed or done in a different way. And for far too many, there was the loss of a loved one.

Municipal services were disrupted, too, as cities had to adapt to new rules by the Quebec government. We've tried to balance the delivery of our services with the health and safety of our residents. In many cases, our City Council's decision ruled on the side of safety, taking into account our local number of COVID-19 cases in our decision.

At the time of this writing, in late June, 21,623 residents (or 66.6 percent) have received at least one dose of the vaccine, and 8,846 have received two doses. When one takes into account that the vaccine is currently only available to people age 12 and older, that means there are about another 5,000 people eligible for the vaccine who have not yet received it. If you still haven't, I urge you to consider doing so as soon as possible. We produced a video in 13 languages featuring people from our community who encourage you to get vaccinated. You can view it at [CoteSaintLuc.org/videos](https://CoteSaintLuc.org/videos).

During the pandemic, Côte Saint-Luc moved forward on many projects including water sampling, expanding our water filter program, introducing a rebate on the installation of a vehicle charging station at home, and a more robust tree-planting program. A multi-million dollar renovation of Kirwan Park—including \$3.9 million in federal and provincial grants—begins this fall. We're also making improvements at many of our other parks including a new basketball court at Rembrandt Park, new fences, new benches at Trudeau Park, new roofs for chalets, repaved pathways, new tables, new shade structures, and more. New LED street lights have been installed around the city and new poles have been installed in many cases making our streets a bit brighter at night and saving money on our electricity bill. We're standardizing the waste bins used by residents at single-family homes and duplexes, through the introduction of new black bins with a cover and wheels.

One of the largest projects is the replacement of City-owned water service lines near homes built before 1976. In many cases, the water service lines are made of lead. We are changing these to copper ensuring better quality drinking water. This is a huge multi-year project. Côte Saint-Luc will be systematically replacing these pipes as we re-do streets and sidewalks. In the short term, in order to mitigate the potential health risks associated with lead, we are offering affected single-family homes and duplexes a rebate on water filters and under-sink water filtration systems. Remember, if you live in an apartment building, your water service line is not made of lead. If you live in a single-family home or duplex built in 1976 or later, your water service line is not made of lead, either. You can learn about this and some of the other items I mentioned in the pages of this Inside Out newsletter.

We continue to work on our Smart Cities initiatives to help commerce and the elderly, and our Transit First initiatives as we move steps forward towards the Cavendish extension, rapid transit, potential train stations at the Côte Saint-Luc shopping centre and Décarie Square, and the *corridor vert* 27-kilometre pedestrian/bike path that will pass right through our city.

Over the last few months, we have seen the discovery of unmarked graves at residential schools and, across North America, threats directed at the Jewish community, the Asian community, and the horrific attack against a Muslim family in London, Ontario. The pandemic, combined with the economic stresses have made minority communities the target of hate. Côte Saint-Luc is a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, and multi-language community. We will continue to speak out against hatred and intolerance. I have been very vocal on this topic. I will also continue to speak against elements of Bill 96, which threatens minority and individual rights.

I sincerely hope the darkest days of our generation are coming to a close. Just like after the Spanish flu pandemic of 1918, I believe we are entering another roaring twenties period. So, enjoy life to the fullest as the return to normal progresses. If you have any questions or comments on anything, contact me anytime.

**Mitchell Brownstein**  
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(above, top) Mayor Brownstein with Cecile Klein on her 114th birthday, along with her daughter Harriet Nussbaum. (above, bottom) Mayor Brownstein and dozens of other community members encouraged the public to get vaccinated in a June 2021 video, which you can see at [CoteSaintLuc.org/videos](https://CoteSaintLuc.org/videos).

## Oren Sebag Councillor—District 1

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What a year it has been. As the Councillor responsible for Public Safety—and as a nurse—I had the chance to see all facets of this pandemic. We went into action immediately, declaring a state of emergency, prioritizing initiatives to allow all maximum resources. My primary focus was the health and safety of the residents. Still, I also wanted to make sure we could ensure the Public Safety services were done carefully while ensuring our residents get outstanding services.

When most municipal services were put on standby, we worked very hard to make sure our EMS first responder service could come back as soon as possible. I am happy we restored the vCOP program and are allowing more volunteers to join. We also now own and operate a new first responder training school that has become

the envy of most cities. All of this is possible because of the strong governance we have put together. I feel that collectively, the Public Safety Department, from its leadership down to our volunteers, is the best this City has ever had.

As for my district, I continue to work on major files such as the redevelopment of Décarie Square and daily traffic on Vezina St. I also made sure to inform my residents regularly with written newsletters, virtual meetings, and being available every time they call my cell phone.

There is still a lot to do and a lot I would like to see happen before the end of my mandate. On that note I wish all the residents a healthy and fun summer.

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Portfolios: Communications, animal welfare, and sponsorship



Allow me please to begin this message by thanking the frontline staff from our city for the extraordinary job they have done during this pandemic. These remain trying times and we must work together as one community to meet the challenges before us.

During the spring, summer and fall months I have been walking through the streets and parks of District 2, engaging in dialogue from a distance with constituents. In addition, there have been regular Zoom calls and the usual exchange by telephone and e-mail.

I am very proud of the renovation work that was done at Isadore Goldberg Park, which can now be entered via a paved pathway on Marc Chagall Ave. Speaking of which, the square greenspace across from La Marquise is no longer needed as a parking lot for construction workers and we have begun the process of beautifying the area. Lighting and fencing for Isadore Goldberg Park will be installed by the fall. In terms of concerns over traffic safety, the maximum speed on Marc Chagall Ave. has been reduced to

30 km/h. Another exciting new development is the planned long-promised facelift of the Rembrandt Park basketball courts this summer. I have, in fact, created a basketball court advisory committee of users as we look down the line to more improvements.

On The Avenue, we worked with the owners of the apartment building and everyone can see the beautiful greenspace they have created. In addition, the walkway towards Park Place was repaired.

It has now been almost three years since we installed a new stop sign at the corner of Kildare Rd. and Rembrandt Ave. This is something constituents had been asking me for since I was first elected in 2005. Via regular police checks, the measure has been a success and provided hundreds of Rembrandt Ave. motorists with the ability to turn left towards Cavendish Blvd. Please follow my blog at [MikeCohen.ca](http://MikeCohen.ca) for regular updates on District 2 News.



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**Portfolios:** Urban planning, citizen engagement, central city, transportation, Cavendish extension, Meadowbrook, chair of the Planning Advisory Committee

Despite Covid the City runs and I run with it. Here are some of the projects I have been working on.

After many years of discussions with our counterparts in the neighbouring cities, the City of Montreal is presenting the Cavendish extension proposal to the Quebec environmental public office, which is a necessary step to make the project the reality. Alongside Mayor Mitchell Brownstein, I have been driving this project. The public will soon get to see the proposals and give their input. This project is centered on a vision of getting our residents to Décarie Blvd. and the metro station in less than 5 minutes, by all modes of transport. Learn more at [CoteSaintLuc.org/engage](https://CoteSaintLuc.org/engage).

In March 2019, Côte Saint-Luc was one of 10 finalists in the cross Canada Smart Cities Challenge. Our project was entitled the VillAge Initiative, the Future of Aging in Community. Since then, our submission has generated a lot of interest especially in light of the isolation of seniors caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Last month, we were awarded a 3-year grant for our joint research project entitled the Living Lab Senior project in Côte Saint-Luc. Read more about this on page 14.

District 3 is made up of homes mostly built before 1976. As such many have water service lines made of lead. We have embarked on a water testing program over the next two years.

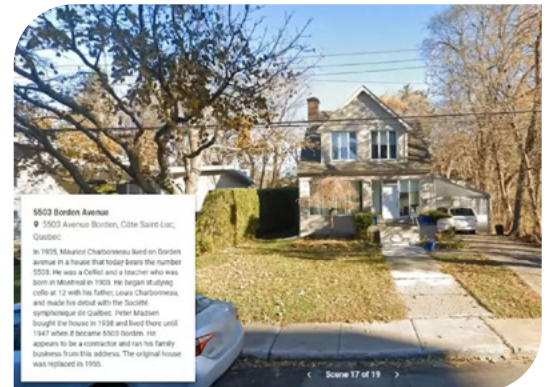
The testing will go on from July to September and you are invited book a water sampling appointment if you have not done so yet. If you don't want your water tested in 2021, there will be another chance in 2022. In the interim, please take advantage of our program for rebates for filters. See page 10.

In early May, I conducted a Jane's Walk virtual tour along with our Library Director Janine West, on the history and architecture of Randall Ave. homes. You can see this tour at [facebook.com/cotesaintluc/videos](https://facebook.com/cotesaintluc/videos).

Further to the complaints of the residents from the Merrimac Rd. and Baily Rd. areas, I along with other city officials are meeting with CP in order to find solutions to the increasing rail noise overnight. This summer we will be receiving new black bins. Like many of you I have chosen the smaller 120 L bin. Try yours for now and see how it goes. We may be making adjustments in the future. But one thing is certain—we all need to do our share to reduce the refuse that goes to landfill. Doing so will result in savings for our city and for you.

There are many issues that residents address with me and I am open to hearing all your opinions and suggestions.

Visit [CoteSaintLuc.org/engage](https://CoteSaintLuc.org/engage) to view information on current and past issues.



Watch the 2021 Jane's Walk at [facebook.com/cotesaintluc/videos](https://facebook.com/cotesaintluc/videos).

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Portfolios: Finance, environmental issues, chair of the Audit Committee

It continues to be a pleasure to serve as your Councillor for District 4. Thank you for your continued support and the confidence you have shown in me.

The last year has been an unprecedented one on so many levels. Early in the pandemic, we could not predict how the City would be affected financially. As the Councillor responsible for the finance portfolio, my priority was to ensure ongoing budget monitoring. Despite the challenges, Côte Saint-Luc finished 2020 with a surplus. Thanks in part to a grant from Quebec to offset costs related to the pandemic, we were able to offer no tax increase for the average residential home. Thank you to those who attended our recent pre-budget consultation.

We are continuing to focus on improvements to city infrastructure. We recently completed the repaving of the southern end of Westluc Ave. and over the upcoming months, the City will continue to prioritize road and water pipe repairs. Côte Saint-Luc has begun switching streetlights to energy-efficient LEDs with more

than 500 completed including many in District 4. This summer, a new shade structure will be installed at Fletcher Park to give children and families another place to relax on hot days.

On the environmental front, from 2007 to 2020, the amount of garbage going to landfill has decreased by 44 percent while the amount of waste diverted has nearly tripled. Later this summer all homeowners will be receiving their new black bins, which will allow Côte Saint-Luc to collect waste more efficiently.

Côte Saint-Luc has been forced to cut down more than 2,000 diseased trees over the last 10 years, mostly due to the Emerald Ash Borer. We are trying to replace the trees as quickly as possible and I'm happy to share that over the next three years, we have doubled the budget for tree planting to catch up.

I look forward to the end of the pandemic allowing us to again use the city services and facilities to the fullest.



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Portfolios: Recreation, special projects, and the CSL Dramatic Society

The year 2020 was a tough one. However, not only is there a light at the end of the tunnel but I'm hopeful and excited for the rest of 2021 in Côte Saint-Luc.

### RECREATION

Our staff will continue to offer an outstanding slate of programming, including the opening of Parkhaven Pool and the start of day camps. I encourage all residents to go get (or renew) your Fun Card and take advantage of all the services we have to offer. I'd also like to thank all our Recreation staff for their continued hard work and creativity throughout the pandemic.

### DISTRICT 5

These are certainly exciting times for our neighbourhood! Côte Saint-Luc was awarded a \$3.9 million grant for the renovation of Kirwan Park from both the federal and provincial governments. Add the \$2.5 million committed from Côte Saint-Luc and this project will be the

biggest investment in our district since the construction of Wentworth Park in the 1960s. I am proud to be part of the team working tirelessly on this project since 2018.

Another local park project will be getting off the ground in the coming weeks as well. Emerald Park on the corner of Wavell Rd. and Emerald Ave. will be getting a much-needed facelift thanks to our incomparable Public Works Department. A new fence, playground equipment and walking path will be installed for the enjoyment of all.

### MONTHLY Q&A



I invite and encourage all residents of District 5 to attend my monthly (and informal!) Q&A sessions on Zoom where all your questions about the goings on in the neighbourhood are welcome. Details are always posted via my Facebook page. As always, I am available for any questions or concerns by email or by phone. Be safe, get vaccinated and see you at the pool or at the park!





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**Portfolios:** Engineering, library, culture, and traffic

I am pleased to share some of what I have been involved in for the district I represent and for the city as a whole. Through my various portfolios I have had the opportunity to make some positive impacts, along with the City Council, on traffic safety throughout the city as well as at our important services at the Library.

The last year has been a difficult one for sure and we have ensured the important services the library offers were maintained as much as possible. We have maintained our pick-up services at the Library and I am very happy that we are proceeding to a gradual opening, keeping everyone safe.

On various traffic files, we have significantly increased pedestrian safety at various inter-

sections and crosswalks. We have managed to reduce the speed of traffic and are working of further methods to ensure pedestrian and cyclists' safety. More work on our collective safety is underway and this includes changes in design of roads as we invest in our infrastructure.

In my role as city councillor, representing our citizens, I also felt it was my role to ensure all segments of our community were safe during the pandemic. Through various community grass roots organizations I initiated and participated in many food delivery programs, care-calls and ensured that basic needs for the most vulnerable were addressed.

The last four years in serving the residents has been an honour.



## Sidney Benizri Councillor—District 7

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**Portfolios:** Public works, inter-community relations, seniors

It is with great pleasure that I have the privilege of writing to you to inform you about the situation of our district, our past actions, and our future projects.

I continue to work in the areas of Public Works, Community Relations and Relations with our Seniors— issues that have always been close to my heart and to which I have committed myself in order to provide concrete and efficient answers throughout my mandate.

The past year has been a difficult one for us, as it has been for all our fellow citizens. However, we have tackled the most urgent tasks in order to bring solutions to the needs of our residents in view of the complex situations they had to face.

This past winter, we built a new toboggan run at Trudeau Park and opened five outdoor skating rinks in the different parks of our city. In the difficult context that we experienced in the face of the confinement, we maintained constant

communications with the various community institutions on our territory in order to always keep communication channels open to deal with the crisis situation.

The situation of our seniors in the face of the pandemic has been a major concern for us and we have taken great pain to help this community, which was more at risk than average residents. Our goal was to get them through the crisis in the safest possible way and help them as best we can in the face of the agonizing challenge of solitude due to confinement.

Today we are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel with the gradual lifting of restrictions. It is therefore with renewed hope that we prepare to face the future with optimism in order to carry out our projects to improve the daily life of our residents who deserve it. As for me, I am fully committed to this.



## Municipal election dates

The Election Period will begin on September 17, 2021, and will continue until Election Day, on November 7, 2021. Advanced Polling is scheduled for October 31, 2021, with the possibility of additional days to be provided to the population by way of Public Notice.

If you wish to submit your candidacy to run in the upcoming municipal election, please note that the application period begins on September 17, 2021, and ends on October 1, 2021. Potential candidates can also be authorized at the present time to incur expenses by submitting their Authorization Forms to the Returning Officer. For additional information, please contact the Elections Office at 514-485-6800 ext. 1704, or by e-mail at [jprevost@cotesaintluc.org](mailto:jprevost@cotesaintluc.org).

## Microchipping of dogs and cats

All Côte Saint-Luc cats and dogs over six months of age must be microchipped. A proof of microchipping will be asked when you renew your annual dog or cat tag.

### What is a microchip?

A microchip is computer chip, the size of a grain of rice, with a serial number associated with the owner's contact details. It is inserted, by a veterinarian, under the skin of the animal.



### Why microchip?

A microchip makes it possible to identify a lost animal and quickly find its owner. The device cannot be lost and accompanies your pet throughout its life. Dog and cat ownership information is accessible to veterinarians. This avoids overloading shelters and most importantly carrying out avoidable euthanasia.

### Where can I get my pet microchipped?

You can get your pet microchipped at your local veterinarian or at the SPCA.

## Long-term overnight parking permit

For security reasons, the City of Côte Saint-Luc prohibits overnight parking between 3 am and 6 am on city streets or city parking lots. However, the city makes exceptions for residents who have no other available parking space. For instance, some residents live in apartment buildings or condos where there are not enough parking spaces to rent. Others live in houses without enough garage or driveway space for everyone in the family. The Long-Term Overnight Parking Permit program is designed to provide these residents with a parking space for their non-commercial vehicle.

To learn how to apply for a long-term overnight parking permit, visit [CoteSaintLuc.org/parkingpermits](https://CoteSaintLuc.org/parkingpermits).

## Become an EMS volunteer first responder

Côte Saint-Luc Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is looking for new members to join its team of volunteer first responders. Members must be active, eager to get involved, ready to learn and enjoy taking on challenges and making a difference in the community. No previous first-aid training is required. EMS courses are offered throughout the year. Students complete in-class sessions and an on-the-road apprenticeship, where they respond to real calls and put into practice the skills they learned in class. Members are encouraged to perform at least one shift per week. To learn more, visit [cslems.org](https://cslems.org).

## Council Meetings

Upcoming meetings in 2021:

- July 12
- August 9
- September 13
- October 4
- November 15
- December 13

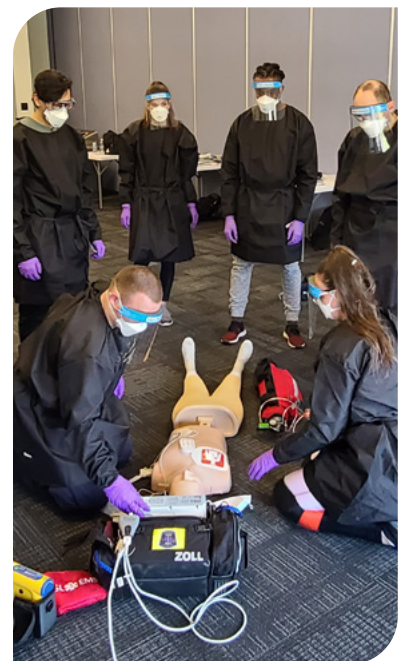
Until further notice, City Council meetings are not open to a live audience, but as a live stream at

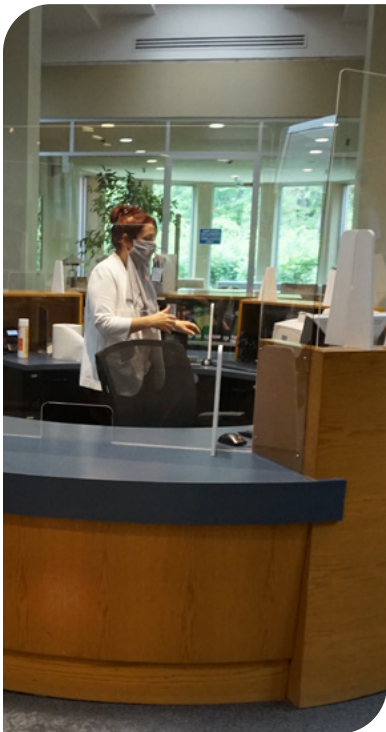
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The public can ask questions before the meeting at

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In case of **emergencies**  
call **9-1-1**

## Municipal building hours of operation

Over the course of the pandemic, the hours of operations for municipal facilities was in flux. As of summer 2021, our facilities are open—although in the case of the Côte Saint-Luc Public Library one needs to make an appointment.

The best way to learn about the hours of operations is to visit [CoteSaintLuc.org/facilities](https://CoteSaintLuc.org/facilities).





The following is a partial list of new, ongoing, and recently completed projects across Côte Saint-Luc.

## Kirwan Park renovation 1

The City will renovate Kirwan Park with work starting in fall 2021. The \$6.5 million project will go towards building a new playground for 2- to 5-year-olds, renovating the playground for 6- to 12-year-olds, installing new water games, building a new pathway, installing exercise equipment, redeveloping the trails with lighting, building a new main chalet, building basketball courts, and developing a dance floor. The City will receive \$3.94 million in grants from the Government of Quebec and the Government of Canada. The official announcement took place at Kirwan Park on April 9, 2021, in the presence of Anthony Housefather, Member of Parliament for Mount Royal, on behalf of the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, Mayor Mitchell Brownstein of Côte Saint-Luc, D'Arcy-McGee MNA David Birnbaum, and District 5 Councillor Mitch Kujavsky.



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## Park upgrades and playground equipment

The City regularly makes small or medium upgrades small to parks in order to refresh older ones. Here are some of the upgrades we have made or are in the process of making this summer and fall.

- ▶ Roback Park: New chain fence
- ▶ Martin Foley Park: New chain fence, installed picnic tables
- ▶ Fyon Park: New roof for chalet
- ▶ Richard Schwartz Park: New roof for chalet, installed picnic tables
- ▶ Emerald Park: New chain fence, tables 2
- ▶ Rembrandt Park: New roof for chalet, bathroom renovations, new basketball court, updated/painted sculptures, new garbage cans
- ▶ Harold Greenspon Park: New benches, tables
- ▶ Prud'homme Park: New tables
- ▶ Zygielbaum Park: Installed picnic tables
- ▶ Brownstein Park: New landscaping, replacement of benches
- ▶ Helfield Park: Replacement of benches, new playground equipment
- ▶ Fletcher Park: Installation of rock climbing equipment, shade structure with platform
- ▶ Earle Park: New trees, shade structure, splash/spray game
- ▶ Rabin Park: New pathway, new benches
- ▶ Shuster Park: New tables, new garbage bins, change bathroom
- ▶ Silverson Park: New crushed stone pathway to the shopping centre, and tables
- ▶ Béland Park: New spray machine
- ▶ Goldberg Park: New shady garden, new garbage bins
- ▶ Singerman Park: Installed picnic tables
- ▶ Trudeau Park: Installed 12 picnic tables, extra benches, railing for stairs, fence at the top of the hill
- ▶ McDowell Park: New pathways

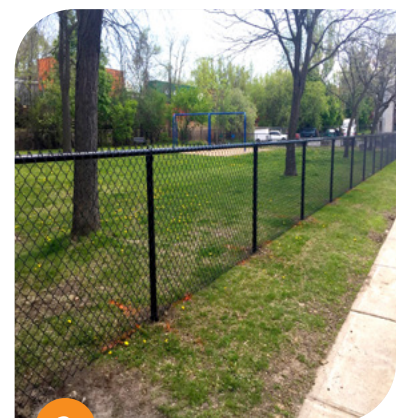


## Road and sidewalk repairs

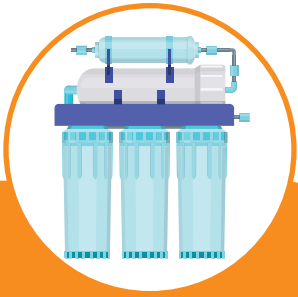
The following streets are being repaired or resurfaced in 2021.

- ▶ Côte Saint-Luc Rd. between Prince of Wales and Alpine Ave.
- ▶ Westminster Ave. between Mackle Rd. and Mather Rd.
- ▶ Davies Ave. between Mackle Rd. and Sir Winston Churchill Ave.
- ▶ Weizmann Rd. between Hartwell Ave. and Sabin Ave.

Over the past five years, the City has replaced approximately 8,260 meters of sidewalk. We are replacing more this summer where it is most needed, and as part of some road reconstruction projects.



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## Water filters

The City of Côte Saint-Luc provides a one-time rebate of up to \$200 towards the purchase and installation of an under-sink water filtration system to every single-family home and duplex built prior to 1976, which are the areas in which the city believes there are water service lines made of lead. The \$200 one-time rebate on under-sink water filtration systems is also offered for systems installed in 2020.

You can apply online using your smartphone or computer at [CoteSaintLuc.org/filters](https://CoteSaintLuc.org/filters).

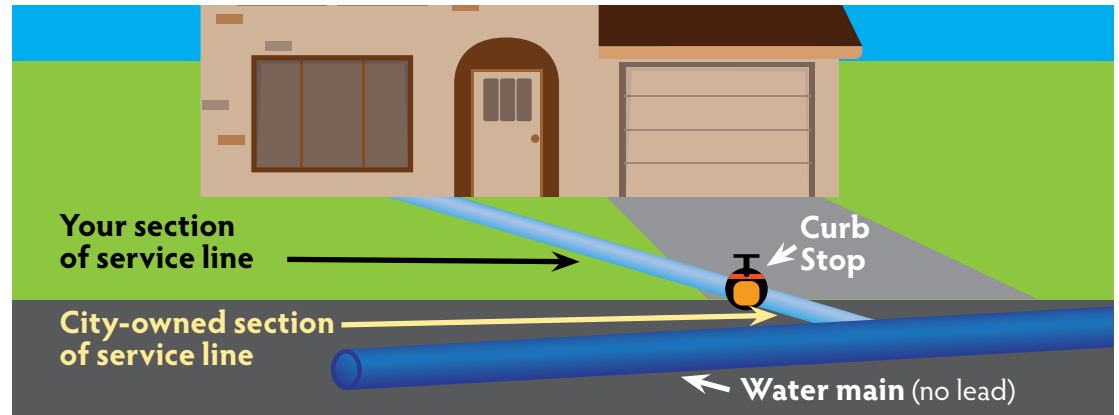
For those who prefer using water filters in their fridge water dispenser or a pitcher-based system, the city also offers a rebate of up to \$50 to every single-family home and duplex built prior to 1976 towards the purchase of water filters.

Take advantage of these rebates. Until the infrastructure is replaced, countertop pitchers with water filters and water filtration systems provide the easiest way to mitigate the risks association with lead.



The Quebec public health authority and Quebec environment ministry have called on municipalities to replace the public section of water service lines made of lead, and to encourage homeowners to do the same. Côte Saint-Luc has an action plan to address this.

Lead was historically used in service lines and in plumbing fittings and solders. Until 1975, lead was an acceptable material in pipes based on the National Plumbing Code of Canada, so it is more likely to be found in older homes and neighbourhoods. Over time, the corrosion of lead pipes and plumbing can cause lead to leach into drinking water. The City's long-term plan is to replace every municipal water service line.



A water service line refers to the underground pipe connecting your home's internal plumbing to the municipal water main. There are two parts to this service line: the municipal portion that goes from the water main to the property line, and the private portion that goes from the property line to the home.

The Côte Saint-Luc action plan involves several steps, from short-term mitigation to long-term solutions.

## Accelerated water testing

Between July 1 and September 30, the City of Côte Saint-Luc will be collecting water samples from single-family homes and duplexes built before 1976. Many homes built before 1976 have water service lines made of lead. The results of these tests will provide the City data to plan the multi-year service line replacement program. If you live in a single-family home or duplex built before 1976, you can book an appointment at [CoteSaintLuc.org/watersampling](https://CoteSaintLuc.org/watersampling). We plan on testing the water at all 3,200 homes between 2021 and 2023. According to Quebec environment ministry protocols, we are limited to doing the tests during the summer months.

## Replacement of water service lines

The third part of our action plan is to accelerate the replacement of the city's portion of the water service line. This is a huge job because it involves tearing up the road surface and/or sidewalk. This project is underway, with portions of Hudson and Westluxe being replaced this summer.

If the homeowner's section of the water service line is made of lead, then the homeowner should replace it with one made of copper. Changing both sections of the water service line to copper will eliminate a possible source of lead in the drinking water. The City is working on a by-law to be tabled in the coming months compelling the owner to replace their lead water service line within a 10-year period following the City replacing its water service line.



## Use the right bin for the right waste



### What to put in your BROWN BIN

- ▶ Fruit and vegetable scraps
- ▶ Pasta, bread and cereal
- ▶ Meat and fish products
- ▶ Dairy products and egg shells
- ▶ Coffee grounds, coffee filters and tea bags
- ▶ Cake, cookies and candy
- ▶ Soiled paper towels and tissues
- ▶ Soiled paper and cardboard food packaging (pizza boxes, popcorn bags, flour bags)
- ▶ Pet waste and other kitty litter
- ▶ Leaf and outdoor waste
- ▶ Household plants
- ▶ Grass clippings, weeds and other yard waste
- ▶ Dead and fallen leaves
- ▶ Flowers and potted plants (including the discarded earth)
- ▶ Bark, wood chips and sawdust
- ▶ Small branches less than 30 centimetres (12 inches) long in bundles of no more than 45 centimetres (18 inches) in diameter



### What to put in your BLUE BIN

#### Fibre

- ▶ Newspapers
- ▶ Flyers and magazines
- ▶ Paper (even with staples)
- ▶ Envelopes (even with windows)
- ▶ Cereal, frozen food, laundry detergent, shoe and other boxes
- ▶ Cardboard boxes (flattened and tied)
- ▶ Cardboard tubes and rolls
- ▶ File folders
- ▶ Paper bags
- ▶ Telephone books
- ▶ Books

#### Metals

- ▶ Tin cans, covers and lids
- ▶ Hangers
- ▶ Aluminum cans
- ▶ Clean aluminum pie plates and foil

#### Glass

- ▶ Bottle and jars of all shapes and colours (no need to remove labels)

#### Hard plastics

- ▶ Bottles from any sort of liquid, including shampoo and laundry detergent
- ▶ Yogurt, margarine, shortening and other similar containers, covers and lids

#### Soft plastics

- ▶ Grocery and other shopping bags
- ▶ Dry-cleaning bags
- ▶ Bread and pastry bags (grease-free)
- ▶ Clean food storage bags
- ▶ Plastic wrappers (from milk, paper towels, etc.)

The Government of Quebec pays cities to produce less *residual waste*, which is a technical term for what we used to simply call *garbage*. This residual waste goes in your trash bin and is collected by the city and is taken to a land fill.

However, estimates are at up to 80 percent of household waste can be recycled or sent to a compost facility instead. To get there, your household needs a system. For instance, your kitchen should have three bins—one for things like food waste and paper towels, another for cans, glass bottles, and cardboard, and finally one for whatever is left, such as the Styrofoam and plastic wrap that your raw chicken came packaged in. Some people put a small bin under their sink for the food waste, another bin in a broom closet for recyclables, and a traditional garbage bin somewhere else for residual waste. However you organize it, having these three bins creates the structure to sort your waste.

Let's be frank. It is easier to throw everything in a single garbage bag. We get it. But consider this: that barbecue chicken (organic waste) you threw away last week is today at a landfill site where over time it releases methane, which is a greenhouse gas. Had you placed your food scraps in your brown bin, today it would be at a compost facility that traps the methane so that it doesn't end up in the atmosphere.



## What to put in your RESIDUAL WASTE (GARBAGE) BIN

### Fibre

- ▶ Soiled or greasy paper or cardboard
- ▶ Wax paper, stickers and wallpaper
- ▶ Photographic paper
- ▶ Foil gift wrap
- ▶ Padded envelopes
- ▶ Composite products (binders)
- ▶ Diapers

### Metals

- ▶ Metal hardware, pipes, nails, screws
- ▶ Pots, pans, muffin tins
- ▶ Small household appliances
- ▶ Toys and tools made from mixed materials
- ▶ Scrap metal

### Glass

- ▶ Drinking glasses
- ▶ Porcelain and ceramics, Pyrex and broken dishes

### Hard plastics

- ▶ All number 6 plastics (polystyrene)
- ▶ Toothpaste tubes and pumps
- ▶ Rubber items (hoses and boots)
- ▶ Tires

### Soft plastics

- ▶ Soiled plastic film
- ▶ Greasy or waxed wrappers
- ▶ Stretch wrap
- ▶ Pool covers and awnings

### Other

- ▶ Diapers and sanitary products
- ▶ Clothing and textiles
- ▶ Wood, ashes and cigarette butts
- ▶ Wax, wax paper and chewing gum
- ▶ Vacuum bags and their contents
- ▶ Hair, pet fur and feathers
- ▶ Cotton balls, makeup removal pads
- ▶ Dryer sheets and lint

## New black bins coming

In August 2021, more than 4,000 wheeled black bins will be distributed throughout Côte Saint-Luc to residents of single-family homes, duplexes, and some townhouses. These black bins will replace your existing garbage bin.

The black bins will be delivered to the front of each home, along with a bag containing an information package. Please note the materials may arrive during the week or weekend between 7am and 8pm.

The new black bin can be emptied into the garbage truck using a lift, so workers are no longer directly exposed to the contents of household waste containers and no longer have to repeatedly lift heavy loads. The collection is therefore faster and safer. The waste materials are in a closed container and out of sight. Finally, the wheels will make it easier to place the black bin at the curb. You can use your new black bin as soon as you receive it.

We will be announcing a date when you can place old bins at the curb to be taken away. However, we encourage residents to clean their existing bin and re-use it to store items in the garage.

Remember, you cannot place garbage bags on the side, as the City will not collect them. Estimates show that about 80 percent of household waste is either recyclable (blue bin) or compostable (brown bin). Only 20 percent is residual waste (black bin). Remember, if you need a larger blue bin or brown bin, the City will exchange it for free.

The black bin should be used only for waste that cannot be reused, recycled, or composted. In general, this is solid, non-hazardous waste that can't be recycled or composted and is not accepted by organizations whose mission is to give a second life to certain objects.

Bulky waste should continue to be placed at the curb on Wednesdays. See the list of accepted bulky waste items at [CoteSaintLuc.org/BulkyWaste](https://www.cotesaintluc.org/BulkyWaste).

On collection day, be sure to place your black bin at the curb, and at least 1 metre away from other bins, cars or other objects. Do not place your bin on the sidewalk or street. Make sure the wheels are facing towards the house. Make sure the lid is fully closed.

For more information, call 514-485-6868 ext. 3106 or e-mail [blackbins@cotesaintluc.org](mailto:blackbins@cotesaintluc.org).





## How to request a tree for your private lawn

The GRAME, in collaboration with the City of Côte Saint-Luc, invite the residents to plant trees on their land to enrich urban biodiversity and increase the canopy cover of their neighbourhood.

Côte Saint-Luc landowners can purchase one or more trees for \$25-55 per tree. Tree species are available, with an average height of 1.5 metre. Quantities of tree species are limited. Order your trees at [unarbrepourmonquartier.org](http://unarbrepourmonquartier.org).

Let's green our city, which enhances its beauty, reduces the heat-island effect, adds much-needed shade for children to play, and improves our quality of life.

## Preserving trees during renovation projects

Home renovation projects can be disruptive. The trees closest to your home may be impacted by equipment, supplies, additional foot traffic and other necessities of construction, all of which can threaten their health. When planning a home renovation project, add one more item to your to do list: have a plan on how to preserve your trees by protecting its roots, trunk and branches.

### Protect the roots

You can easily forget the importance of a tree's root system because it's something you can't see. While a root system can support a mighty oak tree, it's also very susceptible to damage. Construction and excavation should be kept away from the tree's roots. Typically, the roots extend at least to the edge of the drip zone, which is the area that the tree's canopy covers. It's also very important to avoid running heavy equipment over the tree's roots, as the compaction can compromise the tree.

If your tree is in a place where construction will impact the root zone, it's a good idea to consult an arborist. An arborist can advise you on ways to reduce damage during construction and mitigate the damage afterwards. These steps may include addressing compaction with an air spade, root pruning, and canopy thinning.

### Protect the trunk

Tree trunks are easy to damage. All it takes is a glancing blow from a machine operator and a deep cut can open up in the bark, which can be an invitation for disease and insects. Keeping everyone away from trees is your best bet, therefore erect a temporary barrier fence to help protect your tree.

### Protect the branches

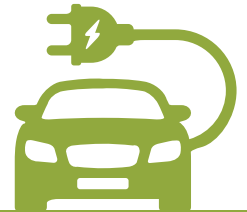
During your renovation project, the most effective way to protect the branches is to keep workers and equipment far away. If that's not feasible, the next best thing, assuming it won't harm the health or appearance of the tree, is to prune any branches that will conflict with the work area. Just like the tree trunk, any wound is an opportunity for insects and disease to get inside. When you reduce the risk of potential damage to your tree, you are protecting your tree.

When planning your home renovation, consider the impact on your existing landscape. Your trees are an integral part of your home, they add value to your property and are most beneficial to the environment. Consult a landscape professional before the work begins, proper planning will go a long way to ensure the health of your trees.



## Côte Saint-Luc public tree campaign

In order to increase the City's tree inventory, we increased our annual tree budget from \$100,000 to \$200,000 for the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. This year we are planting 296 trees on lawns, parks, and other green spaces for all to enjoy. If you would like the City to plant a tree on the public section of your front lawn, send an e-mail message to [cpidgeon@cotesaintluc.org](mailto:cpidgeon@cotesaintluc.org).



## Home electric charging station rebate

The City of Côte Saint-Luc provides a one-time subsidy of up to \$250 towards the purchase and installation of an electric vehicle home charging station. To apply for the rebate, applicants must complete the online application. A paper copy is also available. Full details at [CoteSaintLuc.org/chargingstationrebate](http://CoteSaintLuc.org/chargingstationrebate).

## Support for local business

In 2021, the City of Côte Saint-Luc launched a program to help businesses on our territory get through the pandemic and thrive. With our partners at the PME Montréal, we want local business to take advantage of grants, programs and services offered to businesses. For more information and to register for free with the City, visit

[CoteSaintLuc.org/commerce](https://CoteSaintLuc.org/commerce).

You will be able to:

- ▶ Get information about business support programs
- ▶ Learn about City initiatives to support businesses
- ▶ Learn what City services for businesses are currently up-and-running
- ▶ Make suggestions to the City about business and the economy
- ▶ Respond to requests for information and assistance

The benefits to registering include:

- ▶ Receive information on business support initiatives
- ▶ Provide opinions and feedback to the City
- ▶ Free listing at [CoteSaintLuc.org](https://CoteSaintLuc.org)
- ▶ All businesses operating in Côte Saint-Luc are eligible to register for free.

## Côte Saint-Luc to become a living lab to support isolated seniors

The City of Cote Saint Luc and its research partners at the CIUSSS Centre West and the University of Montreal will receive a three-year grant of more than \$800,000 from the Fonds de recherche du Québec—Société et culture (FRQSC) to fund a joint research proposal to support isolated seniors through technology.

The project is titled *Les environnements intelligents en soutien à l'écosystème des aînés fragiles et isolées : Le Living Lab de la Ville de Côte Saint-Luc* (2022-VILL-308184).

The grant helps the City advance the goal the City set for itself in 2019 when it was one of the 10 finalists in the cross Canada Smart Cities Challenge. The 2019 proposal was called the VillAge Initiative, the Future of Aging in Community. Since then, the Côte Saint-Luc proposal has generated a lot of interest especially in light of the isolation of seniors caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. After months of research, community engagement and pilot projects in the homes of frail and isolated seniors, the City came up with a plan which would allow seniors to live more safely at home and be better connected to health and community services.



At that time, like today the objective was to make the City the epicenter for innovation—a Living Lab where connected technologies will be tested and applied so that seniors can live more safely and independently in their homes and communities.

Over the next 3 years, the *Living Lab* project will work as an incubator to foster the emergence of new inter-sectoral approaches and bring together the community groups, the researchers and the selected participants around the issues of ageing well. It will focus on the development of innovative practices through the involvement of all the stakeholders to apply new technologies to aging in community.

Lead by Mélanie Couture from the CIUSSS Centre West and Natalie Bier and Sylvain Giroux from the University of Montreal, the City of Côte Saint Luc will seek to forge new platform for research and dialogue. Once the project is launched in the fall of 2021 Associate City Manager Tanya Abramovitch and Councillor Dida Berku will invite all the stakeholders and community groups to participate in round table discussions on ways and means to advance the cause of aging in community through technology.