Construction of a new water main

Hello,

The city will soon begin the replacement of the water main on Rue Saint-Antoine, between Avenue Atwater and Rue Rose-de-Lima.

This new water main will ensure the continuous delivery of large volumes of drinking water from production plants or reservoirs.

The work will take about four months.

What the work involves

Damaged by a break in 2016, the 750-mm (30-inch) diameter water main under Rue Saint-Antoine must be rebuilt to secure the water supply to the Saint-Henri, Ville-Émard and Côte-Saint-Paul sectors in Le Sud-Ouest as well as part of Westmount.

In addition to the replacement of the water main, the work will include:

- Installation of a temporary water supply network
- Replacement of lead water service lines
- Dismantling and construction of waterworks system rooms
- Replacement of some fire hydrants
- Reconstruction of part of the sewer

By carrying out this work, we are:

- Improving the reliability of the system and ensuring a continuous supply of quality drinking water in sufficient quantity
- Maintaining the reliability of the fire department
- Eliminating lead in the water
- Maintaining quality service for future generations
- Reducing the frequency of emergency work
- Reducing water main breaks and leaks

Replacement of lead water service lines

This portion of Rue Saint-Antoine is shared by Montréal to the south and Westmount to the north. In order to limit the impact on the neighbourhood and traffic that could be caused by two separate worksites on the same street, Westmount has chosen to integrate its work on the water service lines* with Montréal’s work.

WESTMOUNT SIDE

About 30 water service lines under the public property will be replaced. The private side is not covered by Westmount and no outside contractor can access the site to perform work on private property.

MONTRÉAL SIDE

Approximately 14 water service lines are to be replaced up to the inside of the building in accordance with the by-law 20-030 concerning connections to the waterworks and sewer systems and storm water management.

Affected property owners have already been notified and will be contacted by the contractor as required.

* The water service line is the pipe connecting your building to the public network. It comprises a public portion (under the street) and a private portion that belongs to you (under your property).
Work progress

Before the work starts, you will receive a notice informing you of the upcoming work and its impacts on traffic, access to sidewalks and buildings, drinking water supply, garbage and recycling collection, street parking, public transit and so on.

The entire project team is aware that this work may cause inconvenience, especially if you are home more often during the day because of the pandemic. We will strive to reduce the impacts as much as possible and thank you for your patience and cooperation.

We invite you to stay informed using the following means:

NOTICES AND ALERTS

To receive emails or text messages regarding traffic obstructions or other situations that could affect your daily routine, subscribe to the Notices and Alerts system: montreal.ca/en/notices-and-alerts.

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE REHABILITATION

Visit the montreal.ca website and enter “Rue Saint-Antoine” in the search engine.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

Like a network of roads, the water mains of Montréal's waterworks system criss-cross our subsoil over 5,200 km. Of these, 785 km of pipes ranging in diameter from 35 cm (14 inches) to 2.7 m (108 inches) are used as highways or boulevards. They transport water from the production plants to the 14 reservoirs on the island and then to the various local supply areas. From there, smaller pipes take over to distribute water to homes, institutions, businesses, hospitals and industries; they are to the water system what streets and alleys are to the road system.

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