

Four stores still closed after mall flooding

All but four stores are open for business after a wet Friday at Kingsway Garden Mall.

A main water pipe burst around 1 p.m. that day, flooding the lower level of the shopping centre's southeast side.

Some stores, including McBain Camera, have extensive damage.

McBain Camera is expected to be closed for a minimum

of two weeks.

"(The store) is not functional," said store manager Rene Rodrigue.

"Saying there was panic is an understatement."

Gen Cytko, with Kingsway guest services, said River City Games, Things Engraved and The Disney Store also remained closed on Saturday due to the flooding.

Cytko said she wasn't sure

when they'd re-open.

Mary Martin, owner of Crowley's Jewellers & Goldsmith, said she was impressed with the clean-up efforts after her store was flooded by six-inches of water.

"I'm quite amazed at the work they did," she said. "They took absolute control, and within four hours, the mall was good.

"It was a disaster, but they

handled it well."

Around 50 people worked to clean the mall Friday with assistance from crews from other malls.

Mall spokeswoman Natalie Shewchuk said about 20% of the mall's stores were affected by the flood and an investigation will be launched to determine the cause of the pipe burst.

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