

Metcalfe condo developer removing controversial 'advert car'

BY MICHAEL MOORE

The developer of the new Metcalfe Ave. condo project is recalling the advertising car that has vexed Greene Ave. merchants for the last two months.

"The car was a marketing strategy that didn't work. It won't be in the area beginning [this week]," EMD Construction Inc. vice-president Francis Charron told the *Independent*.

The vintage car, sporting an EMS Construction logo and an ad for the Metcalfe project, had frequently been parking on the commercial street for days on end to promote the new condo building, scheduled to open in fall 2014.

Often laden with multiple \$52 parking tickets, the car had been tying up one of Greene Ave.'s already limited number of parking spots, a perennially contentious issue among the street's merchants.

Charron told the *Independent* the issue was brought to his attention by Westmount Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier on November 15 and he intended to have the car removed from Westmount as soon as possible.

"We're there to work with the community, so we're going to fix the problem," said Charron.

According to Greene Ave. Merchants' Association vice-president Glenn Neven, the street's merchants had been losing 10 parking clients each day the car sat in one of the spots.

"We're already stressed enough about the [park- continued on p. 19

New view from Westmount



The MUHC super-hospital has taken shape in southeastern NDG, on Westmount's border. Some of the site's land is in Westmount, but no permanent buildings currently are. This November 8 westward view from St. Catherine near the arena/pool is one new perspective that has appeared. Photo: Robert J. Galbraith.



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Sports and Rec offices to move Nov. 25

Schools using rinks all day, murals, sculpture installed

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

As workers continue to fine-tune the new Westmount recreation centre, the last of the landscaping sod and the pool fence were installed last week, and Sports and Recreation officials said they were planning to move into their new offices at the facility November 25.

Meanwhile, the commissioned artwork has been hung, the Lansdowne entrance opened for use at all times and the day-

time use of the ice rinks by four Westmount schools is in high gear.

Hockey teams from St. Marcelline, ECS and St. George's use them every afternoon after 3 pm for their after-school programs, said assistant director Dave Lapointe. Selwyn House plays mornings and afternoons.

Now that the murals and sculpture by well-known Quebec artists have been installed, "It's exactly the look we wanted," said continued on p. 3

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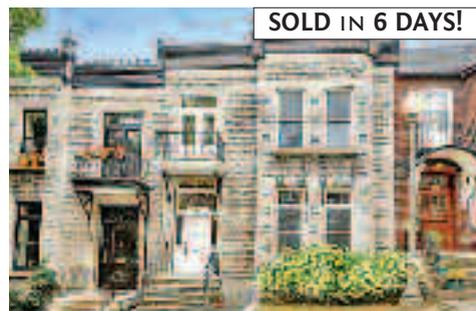
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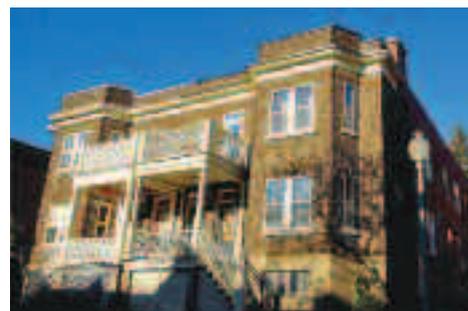
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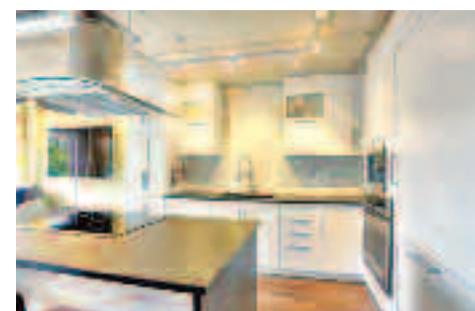
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Rinks, cont'd. from p. 1

Councillor Nicole Forbes, who headed the selection committee. "It reflects, in contemporary art, what Westmount is all about."

The series of five large painted aluminum murals by Daniel Langevin in blues, whites and grey represent ice and water, she said. With four of five hung last week, they now adorn the walls at all levels, including at both entrances.

The hanging sculpture by Eric Sauvé is a mobile of 65 shimmering pieces of shattered glass suspended from the ceiling of the pavilion to the agora. Round in shape, "everyone is calling them the hockey pucks," Forbes said.

Commissioned at a cost of \$192,000, the six pieces of art represents one percent of the government grant, a common benchmark for government-sponsored facilities.

While the rec centre's exercise rooms are now completed, they are not expected to be in full use until the new year when winter programming kicks in. For now, most of those programs taking place at Victoria Hall are to remain at that location.

Man tries to retrieve socks

A woman living in an apartment at St. Catherine and Hillside called Public Security at 5 am on November 11 to report someone knocking at her door. As officers were responding, the dispatcher was asked to call her back for additional information, Public Security officials said in relating the incident.

When no answer could be obtained, however, police were called for assistance and together officers went to her door where they found a man in the hallway.

He was taken down to a police car to be checked out, claiming he and the woman had been drinking downtown and went back to her place to continue the party.

At one point, the woman "kicked him out" but he didn't have his socks and insisted on getting them back. The woman again failed to answer the door and the shoe but inebriated man was told to leave the area.

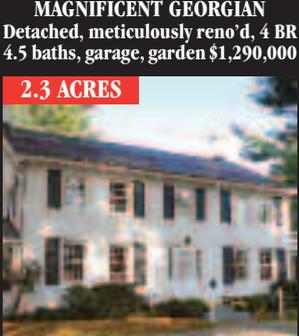







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The city's pilot program reported by the *Independent* a year ago proved so successful that Public Works is now installing the side and rear cameras on all 14 Public Works trucks, according to department director Marianne Zalzal. This includes salt trucks and those used in snow removal as well as sweepers, garbage, tanker, flusher and dump trucks. Each truck costs about \$1,000 to outfit. The cameras (see story and photo December 4, 2012, p. 8) enable the driver to see blind spots and add a new safety feature to the side-guards piloted by Westmount on some of its own trucks four years ago to help prevent someone from slipping under the wheels (see story November 17, p. 3, 2009).

Since Councillor Patrick Martin's last report to city council October 1, five new cheques have been issued to contractor Pomerleau Inc. for the Westmount recreation centre totalling \$7,212,161, including taxes. He was expected to provide the update at the November 18 council meeting, he said.

Included in this amount are two cheques totaling \$874,510 to cover the removal, transport and disposal of contaminated soil. The ultimate responsibility for this portion is not yet determined, he added. The new cheques covered work in July, August and September.

This brings the total Pomerleau payments to date to \$37,652,881, of which

\$1,637,437 is returned to the city through the GST rebate for a net total of just over \$36 million. These amounts exclude the 10 percent of each invoice the city holds back until completion of the project.

Truck obstructs bike path

Workers, whose asphalt truck was obstructing the bike path on de Maison-neuve, November 8, were ordered at 10:48 am to use two flagmen to direct safe passage for cyclists, Public Security officials said. The work involved repaving a driveway on the south side of the street just west of Metcalfe.

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New councillors mingle with invited guests at swearing-in

Council priorities: infrastructure, traffic, pension, aggro

BY LAUREN SWEENEY

Infrastructure renewal and the application of the city's master traffic plan were announced November 11 as priorities of the new council on the local front, while at a higher level, it expects to focus on the "very serious" problem of escalating pension deficits and will seek improvement in the way the agglomeration council operates.

Mayor Peter Trent presented the council's priorities for the next four years at the swearing-in of the six recently elected councillors at a celebration attended by some 75 invited guests.

"One of the top issues we've talked about – certainly Councillor (Patrick) Martin has been talking about – is this whole infrastructure issue," he said, referring to upgrades to crumbling streets as well as water, sewer and hydro networks. This was also a priority that made it onto almost all candidates' electoral platforms.

He described the implementation of the traffic master plan as a "tricky" chal-

lenge. "It's one thing to set out principles. It's another to apply them without upsetting people."

At the agglomeration level, there was now a golden opportunity to seek changes in the way the island-wide council works given that Montreal, which controls it, is under "new management," Trent explained.

The pension problems facing Westmount and other municipalities throughout Quebec are a very serious issue, according to Trent, that must be resolved at the provincial level. The most important goals, he said, would be for Quebec to provide enabling legislation requiring that municipal employees bear a greater share of pension-plan costs and to increase retirement age from the current 55 in most cases. In Westmount and Montreal, "We've reached the tipping point where the number of pensioners equals active employees," he said.

While Trent as well as the two acclaimed councillors – Victor Drury and Nicole *continued on p. 8*



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How (and how not) to dispute rental issues

BY STEPHANIE O'HANLEY

For a residential tenant in eastern Westmount, the issue is heating. In an October 24 email to the *Independent*, she wrote "even as it dips below freezing, my elderly

neighbours and I have no heat." According to her, "each day the concierge says she will come up to check the radiators," but fails to keep her promises.

She also wrote in her email that she pays nearly \$1,000 a month in rent, but

when she related her concerns about "basic irregularities concerning the wiring and ventilation" to a city inspector, she was told "that the former was no longer the responsibility of the city."

She did not return voice mail messages and emails from the *Independent* requesting further comment.

What claims should go to Régie du logement?

Tenants' rights advocate Arnold Bennett said in an email that claims by tenants may include: a "specific performance order" (e.g. to solve a problem, such as repairs, heating, noise, vermin), rent reduction for the same reasons, punitive damages for harassment, material damages (e.g. water damage), damages for loss of peaceful enjoyment, exemplary damages under the Quebec Charter of Rights for illegal entry, opposition to conditions of major repairs that don't involve an "evacuation" or involve a brief one.

Under Quebec's Civil Code, tenants are required to advise landlords of any defects or deterioration they notice, Véronique Lamarre, spokesperson for the Régie du logement, said in an email. Landlords must make all necessary repairs with the exception of minor maintenance (e.g. changing a light bulb). A tenant can open a file with the Régie and there are a number of possible recourses, including the landlord may be ordered to do repairs; the tenant may receive a green light to deposit rent with the Régie; and/or the tenant could receive a rent reduction, end a lease, or receive damages and interest, Lamarre said.

What issues should go to cities?

Fire hazards, vermin and such Housing Code violations as insecure doors, dangerous balconies or stairs, falling bricks and unsanitary conditions can lead to a city condemning apartments or buildings, Bennett said.

"We oversee inspections associated with the building, plumbing, sanitation, fire safety and other municipal by-laws," said Joanne Poirier, director of Urban Planning for the city of Westmount, in an email. "We ensure that projects are carried out in conformity with approved plans," Poirier said.

Poirier noted that a by-law requires that apartment buildings "have a heating system capable of heating the building, but if the owner fails to keep the heat on (for whatever reason) the tenant's recourse is either through the rental board or the city's Urban Planning department."

The city inspector could be asked to inspect to "confirm the temperature and fol-

lowing measurement, he will recommend to the owner to adjust the temperature so that it be at a minimum of 21°C (reference as per the sanitation by-law) inside individual apartments."

Asked whether the city's had received a complaint about "basic irregularities concerning the wiring and ventilation" at the email sender's address, Poirier said she could not answer.

What claims should go to Régie du Batiment du Québec (RBQ)?

Bennett said these would include anything regarding electrical safety, elevators, plumbing and anything involving downtown high-rises. The RBQ also has overlapping jurisdiction with cities on other problems, he said.

Resident's options

If heating is included in the eastern Westmounter's lease, as Lamarre points out, tenants are responsible for informing landlords of repairs needed, defects and deterioration in their dwellings.

She should write her landlord about the heating problems and send the letter by registered mail.

If her landlord does not fix the heating after being informed of the problem, she may file urgent complaints with the city of Westmount's Urban Planning department and with the Régie du logement.

For the Régie, Lamarre said the standard for a minimum indoor temperature is between 20°C and 21°C, however, when outdoor temperatures are extremely cold, say -33°C, a tenant is expected to tolerate a minimum temperature of 18°C indoors.

Tenants' advocate Ted Wright of the Westmount Legal Clinic advised that she buy some thermometers. "What you do is you buy three thermometers," said Wright. The thermometers need to be placed in the middle of the room one metre from the floor, and at the room's extremities, he said. "You keep track three times a day of the temperature outside, inside and the heating temperature."

With that information, a tenant in the eastern Westmounter's situation will have proof that her apartment is not heated adequately, Wright said.

If the heating problems are related to electrical wiring, she must inform her landlord, ideally in writing and by registered mail. If her landlord does not repair the wiring, based on the *Independent's* research, she may file complaints with Westmount's Urban Planning department, with the Régie and with the RBQ.

She can take a similar approach to resolving the ventilation problems that she mentioned in her email.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CORRECT TIMES FOR DRAMATIS' NOT AS IT SEEMS

Please allow me to correct some information presented in last week's paper on the infoWestmount page posted by the city of Westmount.

Dramatis Personae is very happy that the city promotes its productions in Victoria Hall. Unfortunately, the actual times of the performances are different from those in the notice. The correct times are Saturday, November 30 at 7:30 pm, Sunday December 1 at 3:00 pm and 7:30 pm and Monday, December 2 at 8:00 pm.

We hope you can find some time in your busy lives to relax for a little over an hour in the Lodge Room of Victoria Hall and be amused and intrigued by this selection of five short plays titled *Not as it Seems* presented by Dramatis Personae, Westmount's community theatre. Visit our website www.theatrewestmount.com for more information about the group.

ANN ELBOURNE, SOMERVILLE

NO HELMET? NO PROBLEM

In her letter of November 12 (p. 6), Carrie Mazoff asks, "Where's the [bike] helmet?"

The safety provided by a cyclist's helmet is a myth. There is absolutely no protection for the face, the most important and vulnerable part of the head. In many decades of cycling, I have never worn a helmet. And I have never met with an accident. Because I always go slow and exercise great care and caution.

Had I worn a helmet, I would most likely have an accident because I would have gone faster and would be less safety conscious. Even if it was mandatory by law for a cyclist to wear a helmet, I would not wear one. If prosecuted, I would win the case by telling the judge I have cycled for many years without a helmet. And that, by compelling me to wear one, he would legally have to face the responsibility for any injury or the death of the cyclist.

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Westmount on Two Wheels

Profile of a cyclist: Tobias Garrett

BY MARILYNN GILLIES, WESTMOUNT
WALKING AND CYCLING ASSOCIATION

Occupation: Student

Age: 11.

How long have you been cycling? I learned to bike when I was 7, but I did not start biking around the city until I turned 11 this year.

Where did you learn to bike? I learned in front of Westmount Park School. It is a good place to learn because there are no cars. I know my hand signals and feel confident on my bike. I wear a helmet.

How often do you cycle? I cycle every day to school and to rock climb every week, a very long distance. My mother rides with me to school and to rock climbing. I don't know when I will be able to bike to school on my own.

Why do you like to bike? It is fun, fast and free. I don't need to take a bus, so I don't have to walk to the bus stop and wait for a crowded bus.

Do you cycle on the streets or on bike paths? I ride on bike paths or very quiet streets. I don't feel safe biking with cars.

How do you feel about having concrete

protection along the bike path? I like it because it makes sure that cars can't get on the bike path.

What are the problems with biking? It takes energy to bike up hills, especially around the mountain.

Will you ride your bike in winter? No, I don't ride when it gets really cold, but I like to ride my bike in the rain. All I need is a raincoat.

Do your friends bike? A couple of my friends bike to school. Probably more would bike to school if they knew how much fun it is.

Where do you park your bike? There are bike racks in the courtyard at school and there are racks next to the rock climbing centre. I always lock my bike.

Do you worry that your bike might be stolen? This year, my bike was stolen. I had locked it [in the morning] and when I returned at the end of the day, the wire lock had been cut and was on the ground next to where my bike was parked. That made me sad because I liked my bike. I took the bus home. Now I use my mom's bike and she has borrowed one from a friend.

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What would make cycling better for you? I would like it if more kids biked and if the bike path was less crowded or bigger.

Do you ever ride your bike on the sidewalk? I know I am not supposed to, but sometimes I do bike on the sidewalk if the street I am taking is busy and does not feel safe. But I ride slowly to not bother people walking.

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Among many invited guests at the swearing on November 11 were three past councillors, from left: retired judge Daniel Tingley and Peter Duffield from the councils of mayors Brian Gallery (1983-1987) and May Cutler (1987-1991), and David Carruthers, who served with Mayor Donald MacCallum (1975-1983). Behind them is George Bowser, councillor from 2005 to 2009 during Mayor Karin Marks' term.

Council, cont'd. from p. 5

Forbes - had already taken oaths of office October 9, the recent election winners sworn in were incumbents Patrick Martin, Cynthia Lulham and Theodora Samiotis along with newcomers Philip Cutler, Ros-

alind Davis and Christina Smith.

They had been inducted into "a noble profession" of politics as practised in Westmount as community service, Trent explained.

"We are proud of what we do. We are proud of our city. We don't have the prob-



From left, new councillors Christina Smith, Philip Cutler and Rosalind Davis

lems other cities have had. It's something within the spirit of Westmount that we all want to give back to our community."

Trent paid tribute to three outgoing councillors: Kathleen Duncan, noting her work in the demerger movement; Tim Price who had led the recreation centre's \$6-million fundraising effort; and Gary Ikeman, whom, he noted, had come to council four years ago "from the other side" (as an outspoken opponent on issues surrounding the Westmount recreation centre plan and traffic).

The rec centre, Trent said, was the outgoing council's "crowning achievement" that "will go down in history as the first arena under ground." He thanked all involved, singling out the contributions of Martin, an engineer, who is chair of its building committee.

He acknowledged the roles also played over the years by incumbent councillors Lulham and Forbes, in their demerger roles along with himself, saying that moving forward, "our group of nine" on the current council would also make important achievements.

New councillors speak

"I hope to do my best to serve over the next four years," said Philip Cutler, the first of the newcomers to speak.

"Ditto," said Rosalind Davis, adding, "I'm happy to be here and look forward to the next four years."

"Ditto," repeated Christina Smith, who thanked supporters and her family, saying she was excited to be "part of the team of the mayor and other councillors."

At 8 pm, the first official meeting of the new council took place - but only as a formality and just long enough to postpone the regular monthly meeting, initially scheduled for that night to November 18.

The designation of commissionerships is scheduled to be announced at that time (see story p. 9).

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Council appointments on tap for Nov. meeting

Commissioners, committees reflect new priorities

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

In a tweaking of council members' roles and responsibilities by Mayor Peter Trent, a number of changes were expected to be adopted at the November 18 council meeting, after press time Monday.

"Like all positions of this nature, it's a bit of a juggling act to exploit people's backgrounds or interests and have the structure better reflect the four years ahead," Trent told the *Independent*.

A new council standing committee on Finance and Administration (F&A) is being resurrected from four years ago when the traditional standing committees were abolished. This committee, on which Trent himself will sit, will oversee key issues including the pension problem.

Pensions are one of four announced council priorities along with infrastructure, application of the traffic plan and aglo operation.

Unexpected among the commissionerships is the switch of Councillor Cynthia Lulham from the former position of Urban Planning and Parks (including dogs) to a new position of Sustainability

and Parks. She also moves onto the Demolition committee, replacing Patrick Martin, and becomes its chair.

Replacing her in the Urban Planning portfolio is Councillor Theodora Samiotis who was previously in the Sustainability position. This comes as the city moves to update the city's urban plan for the south-east sector, mostly concerning District 8, which she represents.

Martin continues to sit with Trent on the steering committee for the Westmount recreation centre at a time when final arrangements and negotiations with contractor Pomerleau Inc. will take place.

Commissionerhips:

Public Works: Patrick Martin

Public Security: Philip Cutler

Finance: Victor Drury

Sports and Recreation: Rosalind Davis

Administration: Christina Smith

Cultural Events: Nicole Forbes

Sustainability and Parks: Cynthia Lulham

Urban Planning: Theodora Samiotis

Committees:

Finance and Administration (new):

Trent, Drury, Smith

Planning Advisory (PAC): Trent, Samiotis (chr), Lulham (alternate)

Demolition: Lulham (chr), Samiotis, Drury

Public Library: Forbes, Davis

Healthy Cities: Lulham (chr), Forbes, Samiotis

Horticultural Advisory (HAC): Lulham (chr)

Summit Woods Advisory (SWAC): Lulham (chr)

Community Events (CEAC): Forbes (chr), Davis

Centre local de développement (CLD): Smith, Forbes

Westmount Railway Advisory: Samiotis, Lulham, Smith

Pension Plan: Drury

Administrative Traffic (ATC): Samiotis, Martin, Cutler

Westmount Recreation Centre Steering: Trent, Martin (Julia Gersovitz, arch., chr).

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October sales: Tired of waiting

Mood of the Market

ANDY DODGE, CRA

ready, grew tired of waiting and finally accepted what agents call "realistic" offers. The waiting ballooned the days-on-market to an average 278 days, the longest average monthly waiting time since March of 2000, when there were very few listings and vendors were holding out for higher prices.

This time, it becomes apparent that there are plenty of buyers, but it has taken some time to convince vendors to lower their sights. Among the 14 sales, only three were listed for less than 100 days, and in fact those three were quickly snapped up in 16, 22 and 27 days respectively. Five had been on the market more than a year - one for more than two years, according to our records - and two more for more than 200 days.

This affected the price-to-valuation ratio only slightly, in fact, with the average mark-up being 28 percent, down only slightly from September and just about equal to the cumulative average for the year so far. This is compared to the 2011 valuations. The new ones come into force only in January and quite a few of the current sales will register lower than the new tax assessments.

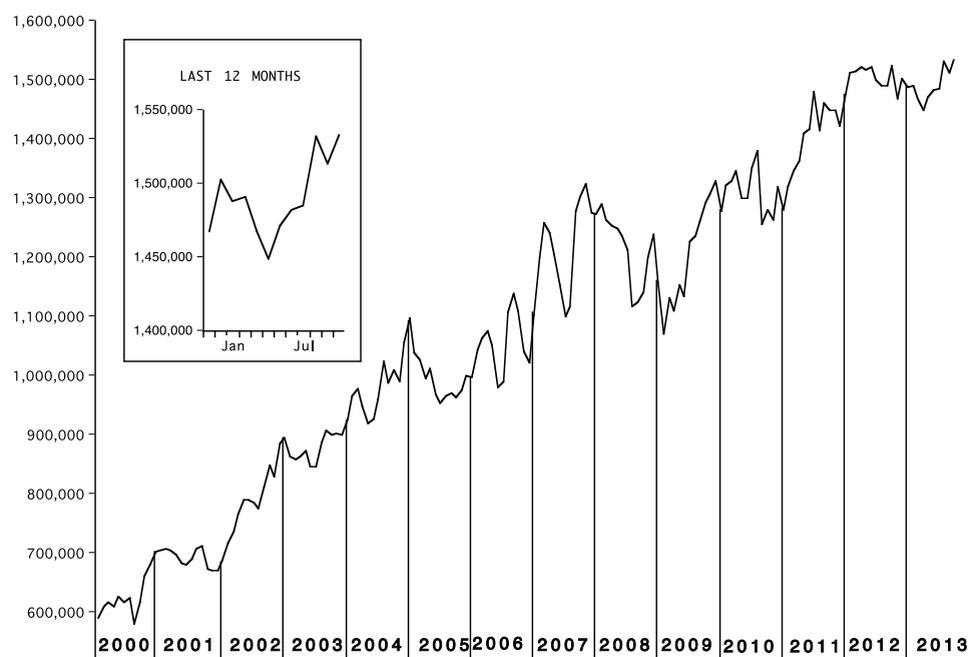
Only two condomin- *continued on p. 12*

The following article relates to offers to purchase Westmount residential dwellings that were reported by local real estate agents as having been accepted in October 2013. Because they are not final registered sales, the addresses and prices cannot be made public, but give a good idea of current trends in local real estate activity. The graph at right offers a picture of these trends over time.

Just as we wrote that September saw no Westmount sales over \$2 million, buyers were negotiating transactions on no less than four houses at prices reaching between \$2 and just over \$3 million, the latter for one of Westmount's newest houses. Volume has returned to normal as well, with 14 sales of which all but four were under \$1 million. The buyers, it appears, grew tired of waiting and worrying about the future.

Sellers, too, who had lowered their asking prices three and even four times al-

Average adjusted price of a 'typical' Westmount home by month from January 2000 to October 2013 based on accepted offer dates



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ium sales were negotiated in October, one a duplex-type condo and the other an apartment. Three other sales were co-ops, two in Westmount Square and the other in a duplex. So far this year, condo sales volume is off substantially from 2012, but average mark-ups are almost exactly the same as last year.

October was busy in adjacent-Westmount areas, with six sales overall including three sales on Marlowe and Vendôme avenues. So far this year, mark-ups are lower than last year in virtually every dis-

trict of adjacent-Westmount, in varying degrees by district.

Very little new product came on the market last month, helping the vendors who are still waiting. Volume dropped to 149, of which 62 are over \$2 million, compared to 165 and 66 as the respective figures for September.

Level is constant

Overall, it is safe to say the prices are at about the same level they have been for the past two years, but it may take longer than usual to get that price.

Target opens at Alexis Nihon



A Target store opened on November 13 at Place Alexis Nihon. Members of the media were invited to tour the new facility the day before, at which time regional manager Jean-Sébastien Thériault was photographed in front of the store's Apple display. Photo: Ralph Thompson.

Minneapolis-based Target Corporation has 1,797 stores in the US, 91 stores in Canada and will shortly have 25 stores open in the province of Quebec, including one in the Place Alexis Nihon. It opened on November 13.

The chain has taken over the former Zellers location in the basement, which it has completely refurbished.

The store occupies 111,000 square feet and employs 210 people.

Location, location

Target regional manager Jean-Sébastien Thériault stated "this is a great location and the store has been adapted to the specific requirements of the location, i.e. both large and smaller containers of products facilitate users of public transportation."

Due to space constraints, there will not be a pharmacy at the store.

Thériault went on to say "we have adapted to the more confined space, but the range of products and services is vast. Many of the Target brand names are avail-

able including [C9 by] Champion, Circo, Archer Farms, Market Pantry and up & up. [We also have] exclusive, limited-time collaborations with Beaver Canoe (a member of the Roots Canada family); and ongoing collaborations such as the Nate Berkus Collection, the Sonia Kashuk Collection, Giada De Laurentiis for Target, and Shaun White apparel."

Noisy Willow party still going at 4:22 am

A noisy party on Willow November 9 generated two complaints from a neighbour on Westmount Ave., according to Public Security officials. One was logged at 3:50 am, another at 4:22 am.

While "lots of people" could be seen through a window when patrollers first responded, no noise could heard.

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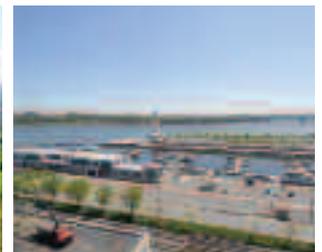


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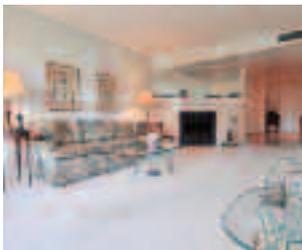
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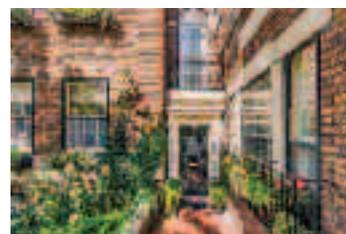
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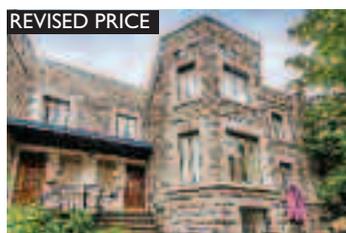
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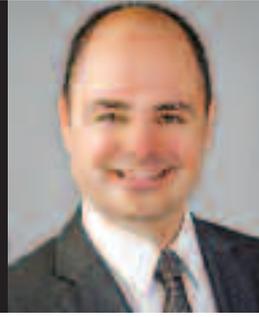
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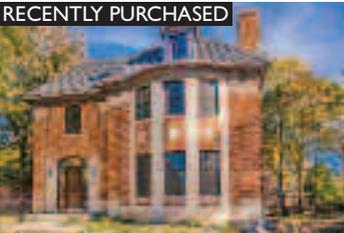


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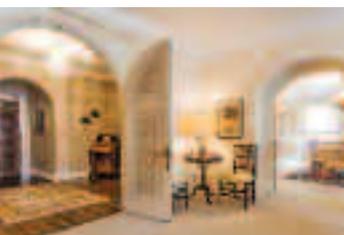
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Grade 3 student Jacqueline Seitz presents lemon poppy seed cookies and a "recipe for peace" written by her class to, from left, Phil Scott, Francis Badley, Patricia Durocher, Debra Viskelis, former Priory teacher Sheila Waite, Roger Agnassi and bagpiper Graham Batty.

Photos courtesy of The Priory.

The Priory school held a Remembrance Day ceremony on November 8. Students from kindergarten to grade 6, along with

guests poppy campaign chair Francis Badley, World War II veteran Phil Scott, widow of a World War II veteran Patricia Durocher and service officer (provincial command) Debra Viskelis sang the national anthem.

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105 Sunnyside: Top of the hill



History by the house

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divided lots in the original Cadastre 218, north of Côte St. Antoine Rd.

In 1899, Alan Phillips sold four sections of land comprising 59 building lots along the planned Grosvenor and Roslyn avenues to James Baillie, a local realtor, for \$42,860.68.

He immediately (the same day) turned them over to Westmount Land Company for the same amount. The deed mentions the planned extensions of The Boulevard and Westmount Ave. An 1893 map shows both streets already planned, but apparently not yet constructed. Now, with the subdivisions in place, the question of designing and developing the individual houses was left to history.

Ridgeway considers development

Real estate agent Thomas R. Ridgeway was the first to consider developing the land above The Boulevard. He bought four of the lots along the east side of Roslyn at the top of the mountain, as well as three lots reaching into Côte des Neiges, for 20 cents per square foot. The stipulations in the deed include that “any buildings that may be erected on said lot (sic) shall be first class dwellings, detached or semi-detached, with stone or solid brick fronts on

The semi-detached house at 105 Sunnyside Ave., corner Roslyn Ave., was a long time in the planning stages before it was finally built.

As we learned last month (October 22, p. 10), back in the 1850s Charles Phillips had purchased the strip of farmland in the area that has now become Grosvenor and Roslyn avenues, running all the way up the hill from bottom to top, even spilling over slightly into the (then) town of Côte des Neiges.

Phillips died in 1872, leaving the vacant land to his wife and nephew.

Circumstances resulted in a long court battle that lasted for at least a decade, during which time the land lay barren. Following resolution of the estate, the property was subdivided and lots were apportioned to various members of the Phillips family, with Alan Arthur Phillips obtaining title to many of the newly-sub-



105 Sunnyside.

stone foundations only, and of the value of not less than four thousand dollars each...”

Apparently something went wrong in the planning or financing stages, and almost the entire area remained undeveloped, though a few houses were built on

Grosvenor Ave. above The Boulevard between 1912 and 1916.

In 1911, the name of Sunnyside Ave. appears in Lovell's Directory, but it is described as a street stretching only from Belvedere to Bellevue Ave. Two addresses

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between Lexington and Upper Belmont Ave. appear in the 1918 Lovell's, then in 1919 Ridgeway sold Lot 218-212 to Clarence Thomson, described as a manufacturer, for 71 cents per square foot. The adjacent lot, 218-211, had by now become a part of Sunnyside Ave., and the sold lot is described as "the northeast corner of Sunnyside Ave. and Roslyn Ave."

Even then, nothing happened until finally, in October 1925, the lot was sold to David Farrell, a builder, for 65 cents per square foot, meaning Thomson actually had to sustain a \$333 loss on his investment.

Houses built

Farrell split the lot in two and constructed 103 and 105 Sunnyside, semi-detached houses, with the drain for 103 Sunnyside running under the neighbouring house to the sewer line on Roslyn Ave., a servitude that is mentioned in every deed after that.

The reason for this state of affairs was, of course, that the lot was originally designed to front on Roslyn with a 50-foot width and 111-foot depth. The two semi-detached houses fronting on Sunnyside only had a 50-foot depth at the rear. This was not too bad at the time, since there were no houses to the north on Roslyn, but once those were built in 1932, things became very tight, especially for 105 Sunnyside.

The new house (105) at the corner was sold to James G. Fitzpatrick, a "bond salesman," in March 1926 for \$20,000. He and his family lived there for more than 30 years, during which time he transferred half the title to his wife, but they did not sell until August 1957.

The buyer was Louise S. Stern, wife of Lieut-Col. Alexander Archavsky, an engineer.

The couple lived there only four years before selling to David Roderick Farrell, identified in the deed as an employee of the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada Limited, unfortunately telling us nothing of his relationship (if any) to the original builder of the

Condo contractor warned not to block westbound traffic

A contractor working on the St. Catherine side of the 215 Redfern condo project was told November 8 to place the orange cones so that one westbound lane remained open, Public Security officials said. Officers met with the contractor after a complaint from Public Works at 12:24 pm that the cones were not being kept in accordance with a permit issued.

house.

He purchased it for \$45,800, more than 50 percent more than the Archavskys had paid for the property, but after seven years of ownership the sale price was only \$4,200 more than he paid.

1989 was a peak

The new buyer was Barbara Hughes, wife of Dr. H. Alfred Warner, who paid a flat \$50,000 for the property and lived there for 12 years. They were the parents of former city councillor Kathleen Duncan. Their sale to Joyce Ostroff, wife of Clifford Postelnik, for \$102,000, began a series of sales through the 1980s as the price grew to \$415,000 by 1989, close to the peak of the Westmount market for the time.

A recession in the early 1990s, followed by the election of a new Parti Québécois government in 1994 and the referendum of 1995, kept the price low through the decade until finally Alice O'Brien was forced to take a loss on the property, selling to Lizanne Gingras in 1998 for \$375,000.

Only six years, but quite a number of renovations later, the small house jumped in value to \$975,000 in May 2004. From then until January 2006, its value gained only \$25,000, and in fact the penultimate owners had to take a loss in May of 2009, when they sold for only \$859,138, having already moved back to Egypt. The house had been on the market since the previous June.

Metcalfe, cont'd. from p. 1

ing] situation and now we have a permanent car here. It's removing a parking spot all day long and the businesses here are suffering for sure," said Neven, who saw the car parked in front of Fiora International all of last week

Public Security had been aware of the car, which has also been spotted parked on other streets in Westmount, and officers had been regularly ticketing it, according to assistant director Greg McBain.

But while the car may have been an inconvenience to business owners, as long as the parking tickets were paid, there hadn't been much else Public Security could do without the cooperation of Charron, he said.

"They have to pay the parking meter and respect all parking by-laws. I know our officers do ticket the car regularly," he said.

According to Charron, the company may re-introduce the car to the area next year, but they would first to consult the Greene Ave. merchants to best suit both parties.

"We want to work together with the merchants, not to create a problem by taking away parking," he said.



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Friends of the Westmount Library book sale, Victoria Hall, 10 am to 5 pm.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Friends of the Westmount Library book sale, Victoria Hall, 10 am to 5 pm.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

The Cummings Centre's presents "I'm a Believer," a performance of 60s and 70s music. \$5. Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm Ave. 7 pm.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Dramatis Personae is performing five short plays under the title *Not as it Seems*. Lodge Room of Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St. 7:30 pm. Also Sunday, December 1 at 3 pm and 7:30 pm and Monday, December 2, at 8 pm.

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Hill appointed Batshaw executive director

Lesley Hill has been appointed as Batshaw Youth and Family Centres' new executive director. She will succeed Margaret Douek, who retires in January.

Hill joined the Batshaw staff in May 2012 as assistant executive director.

"Through her participation on the Batshaw Management Committee, the Clinical Vision and Intervention in Re-

adaptation Workgroup, the Clinical Integration and Coherence Committee, and the Quality and Performance Committee, she provided leadership and showed an understanding of the complexities of our work," said board president and chair of the selection committee Judy Martin.

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They are both very healthy youngsters, affectionate and playful. They are also quite social with people, other cats and dogs. If you would like more information on them and wonderful photographs, please do not hesitate to contact Anouk on her cellular at 514.234.2668 or by email at anoukle-compteremax@sympatico.ca. The rescue's website is aurepitolamontagne.com.



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Police Report

Licence plate goes missing from Mountain Ave. car

BY MICHAEL MOORE

The following news stories are based on information from police reports provided by a Station 12 constable in an interview with the reporter.

A Mountain Ave. resident discovered their licence plate had gone missing sometime overnight from Nov. 9 to 10, according to Station 12 constable Adalbert Pimentel.

The resident reported to police that the

plate went missing from the car while it was parked on the street sometime between 6 pm on Nov. 9 and 8:30 am the following morning. There is no video of the incident and police have no suspects, said Pimentel.

Pimentel stressed the importance of immediately reporting an absent plate as soon as it is noticed missing. Though the cause could be as innocuous as the plate simply falling off, he said stolen plates can also be used to more nefarious ends.

"It all depends on the intent. People can take a licence plate maybe to commit a crime. They can put the plates on their own car and drive around with it," said Pimentel.

In those cases, the thief would likely be planning on using the plates shortly after taking them, according to Pimentel.

"They know they won't be able to commit a crime one week later with that plate because it would come up stolen," he said.

According to Pimentel, the first stop for drivers who notice their plate missing should be their local police station.

"You have to make a report and we have to cancel that licence plate. That way you aren't responsible if somebody using that

plate gets a parking ticket or fine," he said.

"Afterwards if they have to drive to work or to the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec then the officer would give them a document saying they filed a report. But obviously you can't do that for three days; you have to get a new plate promptly," he added

Woman falls face first, taken to hospital

A 74-year-old Westmount woman was transported to hospital by Urgences Santé November 11 after falling face first on the sidewalk at the southeast corner of Victoria and Sherbrooke, Public Security officials report.

She was spotted by a parking inspector at 9:40 am, who called for assistance. Public safety officers attended to her until the arrival of an ambulance. The woman, who had been walking with a cane, was found bleeding at the mouth from a cut lip and possibly a broken tooth. She also complained of pain in the back and arm. She was believed to have tripped on an uneven part of the sidewalk.

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AVIS PUBLIC RÉSULTATS DE L'ÉLECTION

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que, après avoir pris connaissance des résultats complets de l'élection, les personnes suivantes ont été proclamées élues aux postes ci-après mentionnés :

- ➔ maire : **Peter F. TRENT**;
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- ➔ conseiller du district n° 2 : **Philip A. CUTLER**;
- ➔ conseiller du district n° 3 : **Victor M. DRURY**;
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- ➔ conseillère du district n° 8 : **Theodora SAMIOTIS**.

DONNÉ à Westmount, le 19 novembre 2013.

Viviana ITURRIAGA ESPINOZA
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PUBLIC NOTICE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that, after having examined the complete results of the election, the following persons were declared elected to the offices mentioned below:

- ➔ Mayor: **Peter F. TRENT**;
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- ➔ Councillor of district No. 8: **Theodora SAMIOTIS**.

ISSUED in Westmount on November 19, 2013.

Viviana ITURRIAGA ESPINOZA
Returning Officer



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PREMIER PROJET DE RÈGLEMENT 1456
LE JEUDI 28 NOVEMBRE 2013 – 19 h**

À TOUTES LES PERSONNES INTÉRESSÉES PAR LE PREMIER PROJET DE RÈGLEMENT N° 1456 INTITULÉ « RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1303 CONCERNANT LE ZONAGE – CABINETS DE MÉDECINS ET CLINIQUES MÉDICALES » :

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné par la soussignée, greffière de la Ville de Westmount, de ce qui suit :

1. Lors de sa séance ordinaire tenue le mardi 1^{er} octobre 2013, le conseil a adopté par résolution le premier projet de règlement n° 1456 intitulé « RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1303 CONCERNANT LE ZONAGE – CABINETS DE MÉDECINS ET CLINIQUES MÉDICALES ».
2. Conformément à la *Loi sur l'aménagement et l'urbanisme* (chapitre A-19.1), une assemblée publique de consultation aura lieu le **jeudi 28 novembre 2013 à 19 h**, à la salle du conseil de l'hôtel de ville située au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest.

Cette assemblée publique de consultation a pour but d'expliquer le premier projet de règlement n° 1456 dont l'objet vise à modifier le Règlement 1303

concernant le zonage afin de régir la constitution de nouveaux cabinets de médecins et de cliniques médicales à l'égard de la superficie totale, et le nombre total de cabinets de médecins et de cliniques médicales, dans les zones C5-20-01, C5-20-02, C5-20-03, C5-20-04, C5-20-05 et C17-20-06, ainsi qu'à définir « cabinet de médecin » et « clinique médicale ».

3. Au cours de cette assemblée, la personne qui préside expliquera le premier projet de règlement et entendra les personnes et organismes qui désirent s'exprimer.
4. Le premier projet de règlement comporte des dispositions propres à un règlement susceptible d'approbation référendaire.
5. Le premier projet de règlement s'applique aux zones concernées C5-20-01, C5-20-02, C5-20-03, C5-20-04, C5-20-05 et C17-20-06.
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7. Toute personne intéressée peut consulter le premier projet de règlement n° 1456 et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffe situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, du lundi au vendredi, de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 19 novembre 2013.

Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza
Greffière de la Ville

**PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING
FIRST DRAFT BY-LAW 1456
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.**

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED BY THE FIRST DRAFT BY-LAW NO. 1456 ENTITLED "BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 1303 – DOCTORS' OFFICES AND MEDICAL CLINICS":

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Westmount, of the following:

1. At its regular meeting held on Tuesday, October 1st, 2013, Council adopted by resolution, the first draft By-law no.1456 entitled "**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 1303 – DOCTORS' OFFICES AND MEDICAL CLINICS**".
2. In accordance with *An Act respecting Land Use Planning and Development* (Chapter A-19.1), a public consultation meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Council Chamber of City Hall located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West.

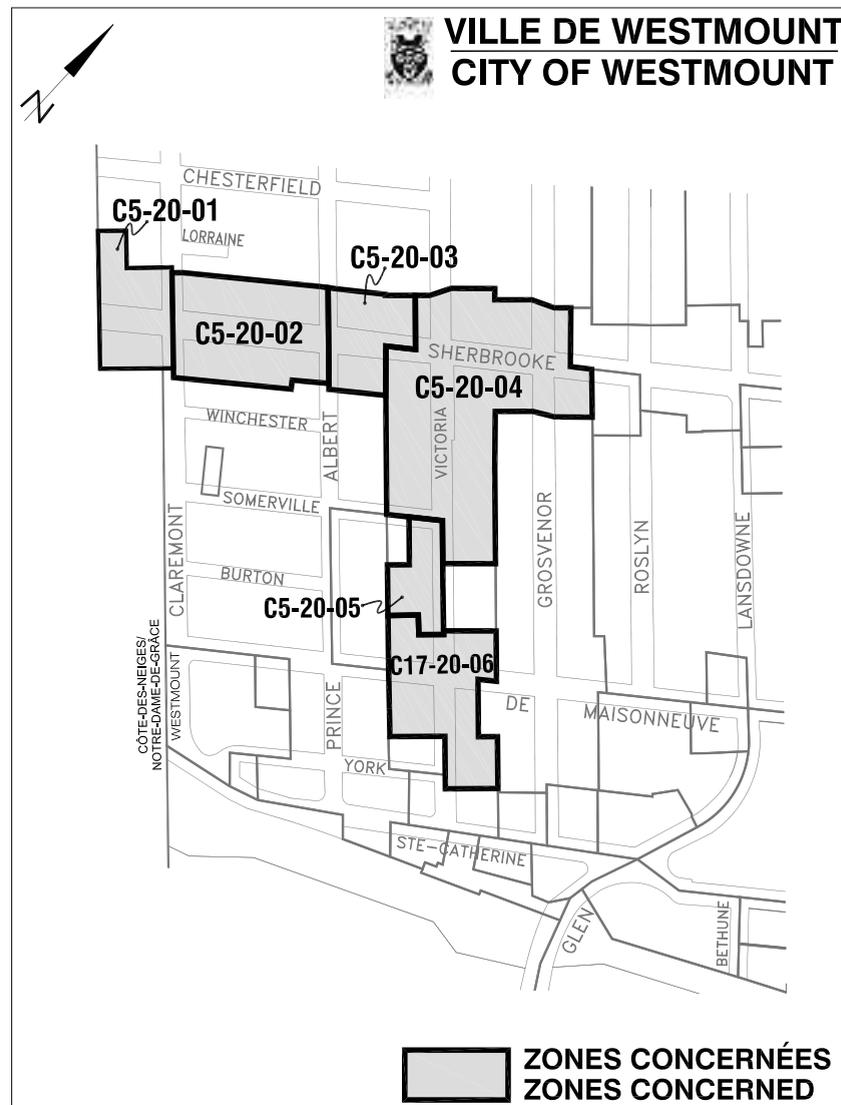
The purpose of this public consultation meeting is to explain the first draft By-law no. 1456, the object of which is to modify Zoning By-law 1303 in order to

regulate the establishment of new doctors' offices and medical clinics with regards to the total floor area and the total number of doctors' offices and medical clinics in the zones C5-20-01, C5-20-02, C5-20-03, C5-20-04, C5-20-05 and C17-20-06 as well as to define "Doctor's Office" and "Medical Clinic".

3. During this meeting, the person presiding will explain the first draft by-law and will hear every person or body wishing to express an opinion.
4. The first draft by-law contains provisions making it a by-law subject to approval by way of referendum.
5. The first draft by-law concerns the zones C5-20-01, C5-20-02, C5-20-03, C5-20-04, C5-20-05 and C17-20-06.
6. The sketch of the concerned zones is reproduced herewith.
7. Any interested person may consult the first draft By-law no.1456 and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, this November 19, 2013.

Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza
City Clerk



Congratulations



Sondra & Michael Palangio happily announce the engagement of their only son **Jason Michael** to the only daughter of Robin & Clyde Rodbell of Atlanta, Georgia. A June wedding is planned.

Gallery lauded for Irish studies foundation



*Social Notes
from Westmount
and Beyond*

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Former Westmount mayor **Brian Gallery** was honoured for his role as chair of the Canadian Irish Studies Foundation on October 24.

The foundation was founded by **Gallery** and **Peter O'Brien** in 1995, to support the School of Canadian Irish Studies at Concordia University. It now boasts over \$8 million in its endowment. The school offers major, minor and certificate programs in Irish studies. Scholarships of over \$30,000 are provided to 22 students per year.



Brian Gallery

Through courses in 12 disciplines,



Antoine Malette, Carla Plowright, Patrick Reed, Jordana Starkman, Hilary Burke, Helene-Jane Groarke and Jessica Poulin.

800 students explore Ireland's rich heritage at home and abroad each year. The school is the only academic department at a Canadian university dedicated to the study of modern Ireland and the Irish diaspora.

The reception was held at the Centre

Mont-Royal on Mansfield. Tickets were \$100.

Enjoying the refreshments and witty emcee **Dennis Trudeau** were Gallery's wife **Nancy** and daughters **Elizabeth** and **Mary**, a Westmounter; **Sybil** and **Keith Ham**; Westmounters **Diane** and **Duncan Mc-**

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Neill (whose daughter, Kristin is the *Indie's* editor); Lawrence Moquette, city councillor Victor Drury; Peter Cullen; Tom Davis and his wife (and now city councillor) Rosalind Davis; and Senator David Angus.

In from Toronto for the event was Michael Meighen, whose Westmount political campaign Brian Gallery managed “many years ago.”

Also noted were former Royal Bank chief John Cleg-horn; former premier of Quebec Daniel Johnson, and the ambassador of Ireland to Canada, Ray Bassett, who presented Gallery with a surprise: a letter from the president of Ireland, Michael Daniel Higgs, who sent “warmest wishes” to honour Gallery’s “extraordinary contribution, and huge achievements.”

Another highlight was the video in which Brian Mulroney, Jean Charest and Paul Martin took turns toasting Brian Gallery.

“It was amazing – but I must say only half true,” laughed Gallery. The entire room was most touched as Beverley McGuire sang “Danny Boy.”

“I was still on stage, and she was stand-



Keith Ham and Thomas Richards.



Pam McGovern and Peter Cullen.



Mary and Elizabeth Gallery flanking Matthew Tedford.

ing beside me, and I must admit, it almost moved me to tears,” he recalled.

It was a night full of accolades. Alan Shephard, president and vice chancellor, Concordia University, announced the creation of the Brian Gallery Irish Community Lifetime Achievement Award.

“From the beginning Brian believed that Irish history and culture held instructive lessons for students of all backgrounds,” commented Michael Kenneally,

principal of the School of Canadian Irish Studies.

Gala chair was Pamela McGovern, a trustee of the foundation and general counsel at Hydro-Quebec.

Also present was a bevy of undergraduate students from the School of Canadian Irish Studies, Antoine Malette, Carla Plowright, Patrick Reed, Helene-Jane Groarke, Jessica Poulin, Jordana Starkman and Hilary Burke.

Defiant landscaper

A landscaper blocking the sidewalk and street outside 50 Aberdeen with a huge pile of earth was issued a ticket for \$147, Public Security officials said. The earth was initially noticed by a patroller November 6 at 12:44 pm when the contractor told her he would get a permit “the next time.” He was warned again the next day and finally ticketed after a third warning November 8 when none had been obtained.



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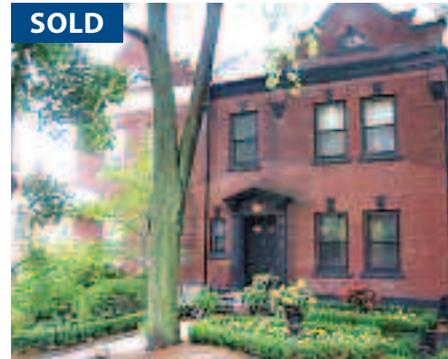
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Hornyak, Bourgault and Lui: Colour as content

This month solo shows by Jennifer Hornyak, Paul Bourgault and Andrew Lui enliven Westmount galleries. Although subject matter varies, these artists rely on colour to create content as well as interest.

Jennifer Hornyak at Galerie de Bellefeuille

Florals by this Westmounter are easily identified by their vibrant colour and bold strokes. Painted in layers of oils on canvas, their charm emanates from the artist's choice of complementary colours. For *Red flowers with Gladioli*, a fluorescent red defines flowers set in a transparent vase. Here nature's vibrant colours are set against an equally luminescent cobalt blue



Jennifer Hornyak's
Bouquet with Copper Leaf I



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and turquoise background.

The colour violet exudes a calm tranquility in many of these compositions. For *Quatre lavande* each of the four panels feature a vase of white flowers set against a lavender background. In some paintings like the orange-and-violet composition *Bouquet with Copper Leaf I*, the flowers are clearly defined, while in *Red with Indian Yellow and Blue*, the florals are more abstract.

Hornyak's sophisticated use of colour makes each painting sing. Her exposition, featured at the gallery in early November, brightened up autumn skies. Her work is available at 1367 Greene Ave.

Paul Bourgault at Galerie D'Este

Bourgault's recent incursion into colour geometry can be seen in his exhibition *Petite mort – Grande mort*. The title image is composed of an intricate pattern of multiple triangular shapes. Painted in acrylic

on canvas, fine lines in white and yellow on nuanced pastel tones create a kaleidoscope of colour.

Architectural in complexity, multiple lines on textured planes of colour suggest measurement and mathematics. Although a departure from his earlier style, this technique hints at figurative content. For *Le vieux peintre*, an artist wearing a beret can be seen within the zig-zag lines. Fresh and lively, the image speaks to the artist's ever-moving thoughts.



Paul Bourgault's *Le vieux peintre*

Although modern, Bourgault's imagery is surprisingly familiar. *Les nymphes à la fontaine* is a wink to Paul Klee's linear designs, while the geometric red, blue and yellows of *Vénus et Mars* recalls compositions by Jean-Paul Jérôme. This exhibition of Bourgault's work continues until November 24 at 1329 Greene Ave.

Shots were false alarm

A call to police about four shots allegedly fired at Claremont and Sherbrooke October 2 turned out to be much ado about nothing. Public Security officials said a patroller had been in the precise area when the call came in at 12:28 am but had heard nothing. "Multiple police cars" converged on area, but departed after searching the area and speaking with the public safety officer. The call was deemed unfounded.

Not good time for washing 5 Saisons garage

A neighbour's complaint of construction at 9:01 pm at Les 5 Saisons, Sunday, October 20, turned out to be pressure washing of the basement garage when it was not in use, Public Security officials



Andrew Lui *Purple Ride IV*

Andrew Lui at Han Art Gallery

Westmount artist and gallerist Andrew Lui's *Pilgrim Progress* includes paintings from the past decade. Painted in acrylic and ink in a distinctive calligraphic style, colour defines equine shapes or victory banners. *Purple Ride IV* is a sparse, but lively composition. With only a few lines, Lui creates a narrative of spirited energy.

The horse is a recurring subject in his work. For *Woven Journey II*, pink, green and gold shapes define cavorting stallions while colour overlap creates a visual harmony. In another composition, *Woven Love XIV*, strong horizontal blue and red lines add graphic interest.

A poet with line and colour, Lui creates memorable compositions. *Pilgrim Progress* continues until December 7 at 4209 St. Catherine St.

Purposeful colour

In these works, colour is used to define content whether flowers, fountains or horses. However it is each artist's use of colour that creates interest, and a distinctive and memorable style.

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Students found rolling joint

A public safety officer patrolling the Queen Elizabeth Gardens October 3 reported spotting three youths sitting on a bench rolling and smoking a joint of marijuana at 2:14 pm.

They quickly tossed it on the ground as the officer approached. They apologized, identified themselves as Dawson students and quickly left the park.

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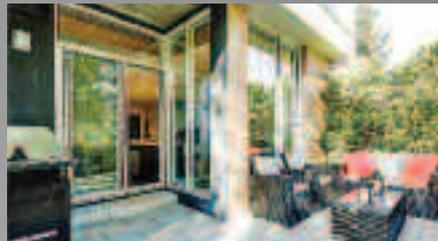


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