

Prompted by invasive emerald ash borer

Permit fees to be reduced for felling private trees in 'irreversible decline'

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount residents who own dead or dying trees can expect to get a break in permit fees the city charges for the removal of trees in "irreversible decline."

A change in the city's tariffs by-law expected December 5 will waive the \$100 permit fee for trees so-affected, while retaining the standard \$50 administration fee to open a file, Councillor Patrick Martin told the council meeting November 7.

Martin said it was in the city's "interests" to have residents cut down such trees, particularly given the decimation being afflicted by the invasive emerald ash borer (EAB) beetle.

City arborist Nick Mory said last week that waiving fees for private trees that are in "irreversible decline or are affected by a pest and/or pathogen" was prompted by the need to remove "untreatable" ash trees. Dutch elm disease also is destroying elms.

Of an estimated 75 ash trees on private property, five are known to have been removed this year, he said.

Martin told the council *continued on p. 12*

Westmount High's beekeepers



Emilie Usher of Alvéole, foreground, holds a bee hive frame, while Westmount High science teacher Victor Thomasson, at the rear far right, and his students look on. See story, p. 4. Photo: Martin C. Barry



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2 accidents in first snow lead to warning for drivers

Public Security director Greg McBain said two accidents during the season's first snowfall serve as a reminder to drivers to watch how and where they park as well as the need to adapt their driving to the changing weather conditions.

In the first of the two recent accidents, a car hit a city lamp post November 20 outside 65 Forden at 5:01 pm just at the start of the snow.

The driver was reported to have lost control and experienced low visibility. Damage was described as minor, but the car had to be towed.

The next day at 8:48 am, a sidewalk

plough on the west side of Church Hill drove over a branch, which jolted the scraper into the right side of a parked car, McBain said.

When parking, he said, drivers should avoid parking over the curb or too close to the sidewalk, where the car can be damaged during sidewalk cleaning. They should also take extra care not to block driveway ramps that may be obscured by snow or ice. Winter parking conditions on certain streets will be in effect December 1 as well as snow removal restrictions as needed.

— LS

Don't Miss It: City of Westmount blood drive, Wed., Dec. 7. See p. 14.

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Property owners find by-laws

City issues 29 tickets in 2015

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Most of the 29 statements of offence issued to Westmount property owners by Urban Planning inspectors in 2015 involved construction being done without the required permits or deviating from approved plans, chief inspector Chris Rogers said last week.

These “tickets,” whose average amount was \$856, were issued after a failure to adhere to three “courtesy” notices or warnings from inspectors during a total of 6,740 inspections at houses, apartment units, offices, stores and other occupancies, he said. Most involved at least several visits.

The majority of ticket recipients pled guilty and paid their fines, Rogers said. But some of the contested ones were still pending in Montreal municipal court at year’s end and could “drag on two to five years.”

Rather than handing out tickets, whose total value represented \$24,827, however, “We try to resolve as many as we can,” Rogers explained. The approach of city inspectors is to educate people in obtaining permits and adhering to approved plans.

“Our by-laws have very sharp teeth, and they’re getting even sharper,” he added.

The word “sharper” refers to efforts under way to define more precisely certain by-law terms in order to remove any differences in interpretation, he said. “For example, what exactly do we mean by ‘hard surface’ as opposed to ‘soft surface’ in materials used for covering driveways? How many holes make a material porous?”

In 2017, the city will also be following the “*parchemin*” process when it comes to seeking fines for chronic offenders, he said.

This means asking Montreal municipal court for permission to impose elevated fines in certain cases, a process already used by Public Security for repeat offenders.


While the 30 tickets issued last year is higher than 19 in 2014 and 11 in 2013, “I still consider it quite low compared to the ticket frenzy in 2005 of 42 when I started on the job,” Rogers recalled.

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Budget date moved back to Dec. 12

The date for presentation and adoption of the city’s 2017 operating budget has been switched back to December 12 at 7:30 pm, city director general Mike Deegan told the *Independent* last week. This is the original date that had been set but was subsequently delayed a week.

The city now expects to have information on its agglomeration apportionment for shared island-wide services in time for December 12. This amount, usually some 50 percent of the city’s total budget expenditures, has a significant impact on Westmount’s tax rate.



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How the process works

Just how does the inspection process work?

Using the example of pouring a foundation, Rogers said that if inspectors find it is too big for the size of the building, notices can be given and "we can stop the work." Notices, and eventually tickets, can be issued and if a deviation is not corrected, the matter can be reviewed by the Board of Inspections and the Planning Ad-

visory Committee (PAC) and even the city council. The city has to obtain a court order, however, if this review requires a demolition, however, he said.

Among some of the court cases on the city log of court proceedings for 2015 were the installation of a hedge without a permit on Sunnyside, a swimming pool and front gate on Summit Circle and garbage and debris kept on a property on Belvedere Rd.

Second case for SCAOPI review

Development plans for 500 Claremont open for viewing at city hall

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city's Urban Planning department has received a second redevelopment submission for review under a special process known as PPCMOI or SCAOPI for projects that do not conform to current zoning, according to Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier.

The site for proposed redevelopment under the by-law for Special Construction, Alteration or Occupancy of an Immoveable is 500 Claremont at the southwest corner of Windsor.

The site is occupied by a large four-storey institutional building latterly used as a residence for members of the Congrégation de la Fraternité Sacerdotale, which sold the property in January 2015 to Brookline Developments. (See story February 17, 2015, p. 1.)

Details of the new project were expected to be open for viewing at city hall as of November 29. They are understood to propose residential use that would preserve or restore at least some of the existing building, which dates back to 1908 (see story October 6, 2015, p. 31).

The plans will then be presented for review to the city's Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) at its meeting Tuesday, December 13 at 8:30 am. Following that, people will have until January 10 to submit comments based on the plan and the PAC meeting.

The first PPCMOI proposal was for a large residential building at 4898 de Maisonneuve, corner of Prince Albert, which was rejected by council after its presentation to the PAC meeting (see story August 9, 2016, p. 1).

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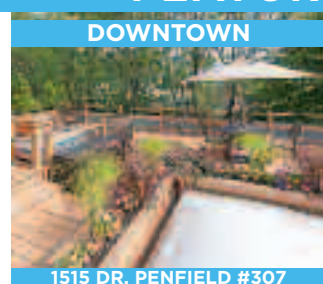
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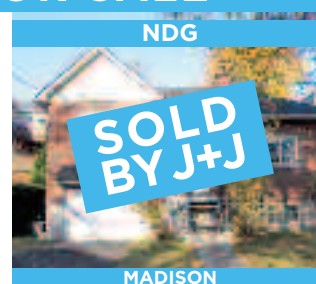
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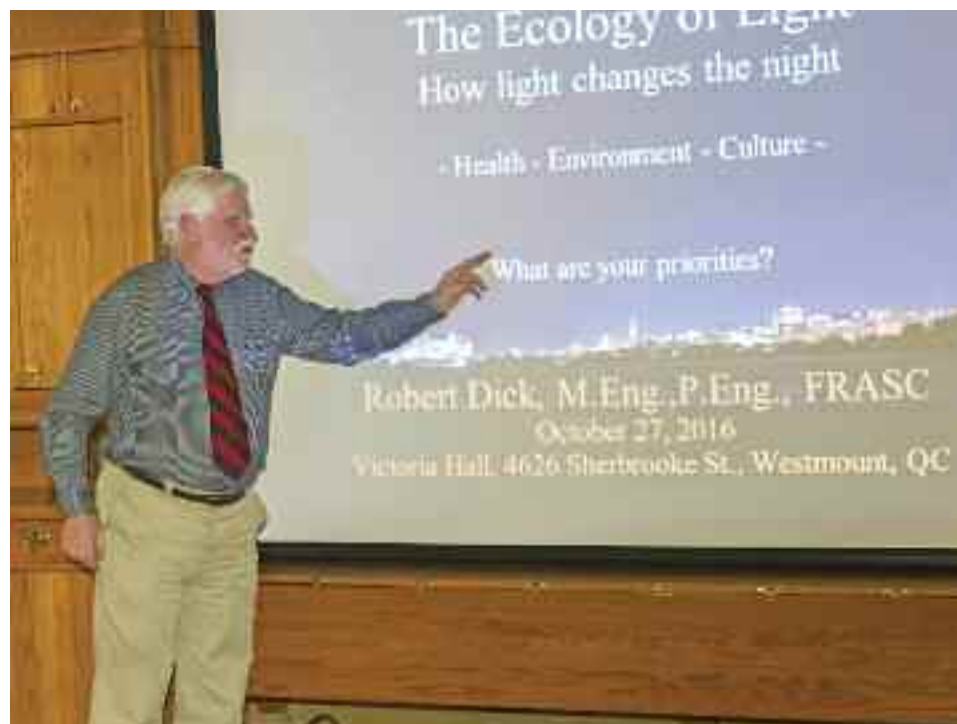
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Seeing the light – or not – at night



Robert Dick was the speaker at Westmount Healthy City Project's latest talk October 27.

BY RALPH THOMPSON

On a dark, rainy evening, a small audience gathered at the Westmount Public Library to learn more about light and how to use less of it at night. Speaker Robert Dick, an engineer, professor and astronomer, was guest lecturer of the Healthy City Project's October 27 presentation "Ecology of Light: How Light Changes the Night."

Dick explained in technical detail why more light is neither safer or healthier for humans, wildlife or plants. He said the wasted light projected away from the ground by most streetlights or rural security lighting contracts the pupil of the human eye at night, causing shadowed areas and the sky to appear even darker. He said it also confuses birds that naturally see

bright light as open sky and disrupts the normal growth cycle of trees and large shrubs.

He went on to explain that the use of first generation LEDs (light emitting diodes) for street lighting has not proven to be popular. The high kelvin (5k and above) blue light is very efficient but cold and unappealing. More recent improvements have made LEDs warmer and more attractive as an alternative to high-pressure sodium street lighting and incandescent lighting in homes.

Dick was peppered with questions by the audience throughout his presentation, and he made it very clear that when it comes to lights, "less is more:" efficient, safer, better for the environment and nature, and makes for a more pleasant nighttime environment on streets.

Westmount High keeps bees – even throughout winter

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Students in grades 7 to 9 at Westmount High School who are members of the bee-keeping club received a visit November 2 from Alvéole, a Montreal organization that promotes urban beekeeping.

Westmount High's Bee Club recently received \$1,600 from the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation to help sustain a bee hive on the roof of the school. Bottles of honey produced by the hive will be sold to the community.

During the presentation, Emilie Usher of Alvéole answered questions on some of the finer points of beekeeping, including how bees like those on the school roof manage to stay warm enough to survive the rugged Montreal winter.

As it turns out, bees form a cluster with their bodies at the centre of a hive to keep the queen bee warm. To maintain the temperature in the hive reasonably high, worker bees flutter their wings continuously while also consuming honey to maintain their energy.

See photo, p. 1.

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Book sale raises \$18,500 for library projects

The Friends of the Library semi-annual book sale over the weekend of November 19-20, generated an estimated total of \$18,500, according to library assistant director Donna Lach.

"There were tons of people here on Saturday," she said. "It was hopping." Sunday was quiet by comparison, she added. It was a very rainy day before the start of the first snow in the late afternoon.

This year's sale's proceeds were about \$900 less than the sale a year ago, she noted, but more than this year's spring sale. Last year's fall event raised a record \$19,429 (see story December 1, 2015, p. 5). It was not yet known what special projects this year's proceeds would help fund.

Roofers lower radio

Roofers working at a house on de Lavigne were asked to turn down a radio November 16 after a complaint was received at 10 am about excessively loud "live" music, Public Security officials said. The roofers were given a verbal warning after complying with the request.

Public Security kicks off food drive with \$2.1K

A total of \$2,100 was raised at this year's Public Security department's food and money drive during Artisans Westmount, according to director Greg McBain. The amount was higher than last year's \$1,522 but slightly lower than 2014's \$2,200. He also said between three to five recycling bins of non perishable food items was also collected.

According to assistant director Kimberly Colquhoun, "We are very fortunate to have this event attract so many giving people. The admission and the non-perishable food items collected at the artisan festival really help kick off our annual food drive. Thanks to these donations, we are able to provide food baskets to approximately 23 families every holiday season."

Centre Greene annual fundraiser brings in \$4K

"Treats and Treasures" was held at Greene Centre on November 19. This year, it raised \$4,000.

Westmounter and volunteer Erica Bloom said the event started off as a garage sale, with a handful of crafters. Now, in its 15th year, it is an annual holiday sale of art and artisanal products.

Artisans donate a percentage of their proceeds to the centre. In addition, a few local businesses rent a table and make a donation from their sales.

This year saw a range of items for sale, from knitted apparel and animal finger puppets to hand-made ceramic bowls, hand-strung pearls and cacti. Local artist Jane Desjardins was also there with her

water colours.

The tenant of one booth, Marie Berryman, said that when she was around five years old, she had frequented the building when it was the Rotary Unity Boys' and Girls' Club. She was selling candles in the shape of cake slices.

Also for sale were baked goods, including gluten-free cookies and rich-looking brownies. Délice Boreal offered Inuit herbal teas ranging from beverages made with hand-picked crowberry leaves to tisanes made with herbs harvested in the Nunavik tundra.

Greene Centre executive director Beth Symansky said she was "very pleased with the large turn-out."



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GOOD SPORTS

The residents of Prince Albert [north of Sherbrooke] are good sports! For two summers, they have lived in a construction zone. The work is now finished and the street boasts new water services, hydro lines and sidewalks, and fresh pavement. In preparing for these new sidewalks and water services, many residents had about a meter of their walkways and gardens removed for the construction period. It was the responsibility of the contractor TGA to repair and replace the property at the end of its mandate. Some of this work was not completed or properly done.

So [recently] TGA was back on the street and resolved these unfinished issues. I would like to thank the residents of Prince Albert for their patience during the two-year process of rebuilding their street.

ROSALIND DAVIS, COUNCILLOR, DISTRICT 4

ARTICLE ‘GLOSSES OVER’
SOUND BARRIER SITUATION

There are many errors* made in Issac Olson’s report (“Residents express noise,

traffic concerns as demolition of the 720 autoroute gets under way,” November 15, p. 3), however I am compelled to write this correction to what he suggests was my exchange with the representative panelist for the MTQ [Quebec’s Ministère des Transports] and the councillor for District 8 [Theodora Samiotis].

Let me set the record straight. I was in the midst of querying the MTQ panelist as to whether the sound barrier was being engineered into the new Route 136 when the councillor interjected. “We were dealing with the STM,” (which as Marvin Rotrand implied at the [Westmount Municipal Association] meeting November 9 is a lost cause) “and we realized that we were too late to get the city’s sound barrier plans incorporated into the MTQ’s.”

Mr. Olson glossed over the councillor’s admission that once again she has dropped the ball. Having campaigned extremely hard for her election in 2004** due mainly to her “priority to fix this extraordinarily unhealthy situation,” I was flummoxed to hear her announce “the KPH contract has been closed...we have to add it [sound barrier] to what is already there, which is a very difficult task...”

Yes, indeed, councillor, the residents of

District 8, tormented by this egregious situation of the 24-hour melding of noise, dust and pollution emanating from both the CP commuter trains and traffic from the expressway, [agree this] is a very difficult task. Now thanks to you we’ll suffer with it and the onslaught of the Turcot construction for a much longer time than ever should have been our mete.

BRONWEN MANTEL, BRUCE AVE.

** Editor’s note: Regarding errors, Bronwen Mantel said in an email to us that “complaints of the noise levels started at the outset of the 70s.” If she is right, there is still nothing factually wrong with saying “For more than two decades,” however conservative that time frame might be.*

Bronwen Mantel also challenged us on her reference to how many terms Mayor Peter Trent has been in office. She actually said at the meeting: “This mayor is in his fourth term in office. Fourth.” This was corrected to say in the published story “This mayor is in his [fifth non-consecutive] term in office,” with square brackets, a journalistic device marking a change made to someone’s original words, used to insert the correct facts. To this, Bronwen Mantel replied in an email, “I don’t know how you determine that this is his fifth non-consecutive term, but I’ve no interest in arguing the figure with you.” Here is how we determined it: his terms started in 1991, 1995, 1999 (for a shorter period due to the merger with Montreal), 2009 and 2013.

*** There was no municipal election in 2004. Theodora Samiotis campaigned in 2009 and 2013, and won the District 8 seat both times.* — KM

OPEN LETTER: NO
DORCHESTER/CLARKE ‘T,’ PLS

The city proposes to replace the quarter-circle at the west end of Dorchester with an extension from Clarke, connecting at a right angle to Dorchester.

Not only does this proposal create a significant traffic congestion nightmare, it exposes a serious conflict of interest, in my opinion, for Councillor [Theodora] Samiotis.

Ms. Samiotis sits on the task force that is railroading decisions that are not being logically vetted by impacted citizens (see letter “More democracy needed,” November 15, p. 6).

The proposed reconfiguration plan unfairly deflects traffic to homes [on Dorchester between Bruce and Hollowell].

Furthermore, the proposed changes disadvantage [some residents], in my opinion, by displacing a beautiful mature green

space away from the façade of homes on Dorchester located between Bruce and Hollowell and transposing this green space onto the north facade of Ms. Samiotis’s personal residence [on Dorchester].

Modifying the Dorchester curve serves no useful purpose.

The theory is simple: “if it works, don’t fix it”!

I am appalled that this undemocratic process is allowed to proceed unabated.

There needs to be a call for change where the citizens are heard, opinions respected and solutions implemented that will make Westmount a better place.

GEORGE VESNAVER, DORCHESTER BLVD.

Mayor Peter Trent replies:

Members of council were recently copied on a letter from a Mr. Vesnaver on the subject of the possible reconfiguration of the west end of Dorchester. Unfortunately, the original letter amounted to an unsubstantiated personal attack on a Westmount city councillor. In any public debate, there will be differences of opinion that should be published. But the public’s interest is not advanced by unfounded accusations.

Now some background on the reconfiguration idea. Over a number of decades, various Westmount city councils have explored that relic of 1960s urban planning that is the highway-type curve of Dorchester starting at St. Catherine. I even mentioned it in my book [The Merger Delusion, 2012]: “Westmount, in the early 1960s, knocked down some seventy grand old houses to widen Westmount’s Dorchester St. and make an undignified curved highway-like western end.”

This curve was carved out when Dorchester St. became Dorchester Blvd., aping what Montreal did east of Atwater. The original configuration is similar to what we are proposing to re-create.

Council would like to see the Dorchester area given the local residential flavour it enjoyed before the street was widened and its north-side residential architecture razed. Many people may not agree with our idea and we would like to hear from them. Let us debate the possibilities on their merits, without resorting to innuendo and personal attacks.

MAYOR PETER F. TRENT

DORCHESTER PROCESS
IS WORKING

In a recent letter to the Independent (“More democracy needed,” November 15, p. 6), the writer states that of the 12 members only five of us lived within the area in ques-

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South East renewal project is a process that includes residents

Councillor's Column

THEODORA SAMIOTIS



In my role as councillor for District 8, the south-east part of Westmount, I meet and speak with hundreds of residents each year on a wide range of topics. I believe that most residents would agree that the north side of Dorchester Blvd., from Greene to Atwater, which is generally covered with surface parking lots, is simply not in keeping with the character of our residential neighbourhood.

Most residents would like to see something other than parking lots in this area along with the safety and walkability of our neighborhood improved. The city of Westmount shares this view and would also like to see the beautiful homes on the south side of Dorchester and its side-

streets reconnected with the rest of the city.

When I became Urban Planning commissioner in 2013, I inherited the south-east project from my predecessor, Cynthia Lulham. It was time for residents to have a voice in making this plan, and so we launched an unprecedented consultation process that included most recently a workshop, a task force comprised of volunteer residents and city officials, and a public meeting to share a preliminary vision for the south-east.

As one would expect, there are some broad lines of consensus. The consultant's report, available on the city website, states: "The vision that came out of this exercise was to recreate a street configuration of a local scale – a liveable, secure and green neighbourhood." So far, so good. Now, as we begin to make a more specific plan to realize this vision, there will be decisions and trade-offs that we will need to make as an elected council tasked with representing the best interests of the overall com-

munity.

In bringing forward a recommendation to council for acceptance, I will again be seeking input from residents in the new year on specific proposals, because the point of the process is to receive the broadest input possible from all affected stakeholders – which does not always mean unanimity.

In our democratic system, it is the role of our elected office holders to use their best judgment in making these tough decisions, and it is a task that all councillors in Westmount take with the highest seriousness.

If there is one thing that all of the recent letters to the editor have in common with my column is that we all share a very strong commitment to improving our neighbourhood.

I hear their concerns and welcome them into this important conversation.

Theodora Samiotis is city councillor for District 8 and is commissioner of Urban Planning.

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tion and five were representatives of the city of Westmount.

This is incorrect.

The writer refers to a "task force" that was put together last January after Councillor Theodora Samiotis gave a presentation and conducted a discussion about a proposed renewal project for the south-east corner of Westmount, which is where I live.

At the close of the meeting, people were invited to step forward if they were willing to be part of a task force that the city intended to create, as a next step in the consultation process. The goal would be to produce some possible planning options for a subsequent presentation.

The citizens' group was composed of seven residents, including myself. Councillor Samiotis is also a resident of the neighbourhood. Also present were four members of the city's Public Works and Urban Planning departments, who were there to provide factual information about infrastructure and regulations.

The meetings were run by professionals hired by the city, who provided visual material and written summaries.

With regard to democracy in a more general sense, it seems to me that our local elected representative is doing her best to make sure that all parties concerned about this project have the opportunity to share their views, so that council has the

best and most complete information in hand before making decisions that will have lasting effects on the residents.

The fact that other voices are now being heard is, I think, proof that the process is working.

GEORGE BOWSER, COLUMBIA AVE.

RE-OPEN DORCHESTER DISCUSSIONS FOR CITIZENS

As a resident of the area affected by the Dorchester plans, I'm extremely concerned that citizens weren't more involved in the plans and decisions surrounding this significant change to our neighbourhood.

We need more green areas, not fewer, and better consultation on the proposed five- and six-storey buildings for the new area, not to mention the narrowing of Dorchester street, which would result in an increase of rush-hour traffic in our alleys, where children walk to and from school.

A change of this scale, which would affect Westmount High School, and the young children's paths to St. Léon, not to mention the distinctive flow of traffic in the gradual change from Dorchester to St. Catherine, would cause us all to suffer, and unnecessarily.

Please, reopen these discussions before it is too late.

NICOLA DANBY, GREENE AVE.

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David Szanto, Director of Music & Organist

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Ascension of Our Lord Parish

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Christmas Eve – Saturday, December 24

7:30 p.m. Family Mass

9:00 p.m. Christmas Carols 9:30 p.m. Solemn Christmas Mass

Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25

10:30 a.m. Christmas Mass

Greetings from the 26th Annual SWAT Westm

The SWAT Westmount Old-Timers Hockey Tournament draws teams from across Quebec and Ontario to an annual week-end charity hockey tournament to raise funds for the Montreal Children's and Ste-Justine Hospitals.



Thank you for your invaluable support, year after year.

Maude Cohen
President and CEO CHU Sainte-Justine Foundation

On behalf of the Council, I would like to convey our admiration for your sportsmanship and your unwavering contribution to both the sense of community in Westmount and to the greater community all around us. Skate on!

Peter F. Trent
Mayor, City of Westmount



In 2015 the SWAT Westmount Old Timers Tournament presented \$20,000.00 to the Montreal Children's and Sainte-Justine Hospitals. Left to right: Jim West, Tournament Co-Chair, Marie-Josée Gariépy, President, MCH Foundation, Jean-Pierre Farmer Chief, Neuro Surgery MCH, Adam Cutler, Tournament Co-Chair.



Yesterday

In 1986, SWAT (Senior Westmount All Star hockey Team) member Nic Matossian's 16 year old son Nicolas was diagnosed with brain cancer. Nicolas, despite his own affliction, set out to raise funds for the two hospitals so that other children and their families would benefit from improved medical care. Nicolas lost his battle with brain cancer just before his 18th birthday, but his demonstration of courage and charity inspired the SWAT hockey team to launch the Tournament.



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Auction!

Get in on the ~~ACTION!~~

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Des trésors de la collection numérisée d'archives de la Bibliothèque sont à la portée de vos doigts par le biais d'une table tactile multipoint. Faites-en l'essai lors de votre prochaine visite.

Exposition - Le monde d'Harry Potter : Renaissance, science, magie et médecine Jusqu'au 7 janvier, Bibliothèque. Une exposition itinérante de la *National Library of Medicine*. La magie dans les histoires fantaisistes d'Harry Potter est en partie basée sur les traditions de la Renaissance qui ont joué un rôle important dans le développement de la science occidentale, y compris l'alchimie, l'astrologie et la philosophie naturelle.

Atelier de poésie avec Ann Lloyd Le mercredi 30 novembre, 10 h 15, Bibliothèque. Le Groupe de poésie de Westmount compose des poèmes à partir de thèmes proposés par les membres. Bienvenue à tous. Info : 514 989-5299.

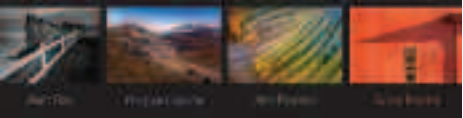
Conférences à 14 heures Le mercredi 7 décembre, 14 h, Bibliothèque. Avec Andrew MacDougall. Une présentation de *The Cricket on the Hearth* de Charles Dickens. Billets requis. Info : 514 989-5299.

Ciné-club documentaire Le mercredi 7 décembre, 19 h, Bibliothèque. *Pipelines, pouvoir et démocratie (2015)*. Billets requis. Info : 514 989-5299.

Club de lecture en français Le lundi 12 décembre, 13 h, Bibliothèque. *John Le Carré*. Animé par Gisèle Magny. Info : 514 989-5299.

Le monde d'Harry Potter : événement après la fermeture de la Bibliothèque Le samedi 17 décembre, 19 h à 21 h, Bibliothèque. Réservé aux amateurs d'Harry Potter! Viens te joindre à nous après la fermeture de la Bibliothèque pour une soirée remplie de sorts, de potions et d'activités artistiques! Info : 514 989-5299.

ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES



Galerie du Victoria Hall - exposition Jusqu'au 10 décembre. La galerie est fière de présenter l'exposition *Aperçus: essais environnements*, mettant en vedette les œuvres de Philippe Laporta, Ann Pearson, Sylvia Rourke et Alain Roy. Info : 514 989-5521.

Documentaire : The Human Scale Le mardi 29 novembre, 19 h, Bibliothèque. Le Projet ville en santé et la Bibliothèque présentent le film primé d'Andreas M. Dalsgaard. Gratuit.

Prochaine séance du conseil le lundi 5 décembre

Concert : Montreal West-End Operatic Society Le mercredi 30 novembre, 19 h 30, Victoria Hall. Le MWOS présente le concert *Around the World in 80 Minutes*. Billets : www.mwos.org. Info : 514 990-8813.

Illumination du sapin de Noël Le jeudi 1 décembre, de 18 h 30 à 20 h, hôtel de Ville. Joignez-vous aux élus municipaux lors de cette célébration annuelle. Info : 514 989-5226.

Dramatis Personae : Smoke & Mirrors Les 2 et 3 décembre à 19 h 30, le 4 décembre à 14 h et le 5 décembre à 20 h, Victoria Hall. La troupe de théâtre communautaire de Westmount présente *Smoke & Mirrors - Six Short Plays*; mise en scène : Christopher Moore. Don suggéré : 10 \$. Réservez au www.theatrewestmount.com. Info : 514 484-2016.

Collecte de sang du conseil de Westmount Le mercredi 7 décembre, 14 h 30 à 19 h 30, Victoria Hall. Les membres du conseil municipal invitent le public à faire le don de la vie. Info : 514 989-5226.

People's Gospel Choir of Montreal Le samedi 10 décembre, 19 h 30, Victoria Hall. Concert annuel présenté en collaboration avec le Club Rotary de Westmount. Info : 514 935-3344.

Chantons Noël Le dimanche 11 décembre à 18 h. Pavillon du Club de boulingrin de Westmount. Joignez-vous à vos voisins et venez chanter des cantiques de Noël. Contributions acceptées pour Chez Doris, La porte ouverte et la Mission Old Brewery. Apportez une gâterie sucrée ou salée à partager. Info : 514 989-5226.

Chœur d'hommes gallois de Montréal Le mercredi 14 décembre, 19 h 30, Victoria Hall. Le CHGM présente *Holiday Traditions*, une soirée de joyeux chants traditionnels gallois ainsi que de courtes lectures. Billets 20 \$. Info : 450 465-2092.

SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE

Obtenez votre permis de chien en ligne Le nouveau système de la Ville permet d'obtenir ou de renouveler le permis de chien en ligne; il suffit de visiter westmount.org. Le permis inclut un médaillon permanent pour votre chien. Pour obtenir le permis en personne, rendez-vous au 21, rue Stanton, 2^e étage, du lundi au vendredi (8 h 30 à 13 h ou 14 h à 16 h 30).

Collecte d'aliments à Westmount Jusqu'au 16 décembre. Soutenez la campagne annuelle de la Sécurité publique : apportez vos contributions de denrées non périssables dans les bacs prévus à cette fin dans les édifices publics de la Ville. Info : 514 989-5468.

LIBRARY

New! Multi-touch table Gems from the Library's digitized collection are now available at your fingertips on the new multi-touch table. Give it a try during your next visit.



Exhibition: Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic and Medicine Until January 7, Library. A traveling exhibition from the National Library of Medicine. The magic in the fantasy stories of the Harry Potter books is based partly on Renaissance traditions that played an important role in the development of Western science, including alchemy, astrology, and natural philosophy.

Poetry Workshop with Ann Lloyd Wednesday, November 30, 10:15 a.m., Library. The Westmount Poetry Group meets to compose poetry together, working with themes proposed by members. Welcome to all. Info : 514 989-5299.

2 O'Clock Series Wednesday, December 7, 2 p.m., Library. With Andrew MacDougall. A presentation of Charles Dickens' *The Cricket on the Hearth*. Tickets required. Info : 514 989-5299.

Documentary Film Club Wednesday, December 7, 7 p.m., Library. *Pipelines, pouvoir et démocratie (2015)*. Tickets required. Info : 514 989-5299.

French Book Club Monday, December 12, 1 p.m., Library. *John Le Carré*. Led by Gisèle Magny. Info : 514 989-5299.

Harry Potter's World: After Hours Event Saturday, December 17, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Library. For Harry Potter fans! Join us after hours for a fun-filled night of spells, potions and artful activities! Info : 514 989-5299.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Gallery at Victoria Hall - Exhibition Until December 10. The Gallery is pleased to present *Perceptions: environmental essays*, featuring works by Philippe Laporta, Ann Pearson, Sylvia Rourke and Alain Roy. Info : 514 989-5521.

Documentary: The Human Scale Tuesday, November 29, 7 p.m., Library. The Healthy City project and the Library present the award-winning film by Andreas M. Dalsgaard. Free.

Concert: Montreal West-End Operatic Society Wednesday, November 30, 7:30 p.m., Victoria Hall. MWOS presents *Around the World in 80 Minutes*. Tickets : www.mwos.org. Info : 514 990-8813.

Next Council Meeting Monday, December 5th

Christmas Tree Lighting Thursday, December 1, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. City Hall. Join City Council members for this annual celebration. Info : 514 989-5226.

Dramatis Personae : Smoke & Mirrors December 2 & 3 at 7:30 p.m., December 4 at 2 p.m. and December 5 at 8 p.m., Victoria Hall. Westmount's community theatre troupe presents *Smoke & Mirrors - Six Short Plays* directed by Christopher Moore. suggested contribution: \$10. Reservations: www.theatrewestmount.com. Info : 514 484-2016.

Westmount City Council Blood Donor Clinic Wednesday, December 7, 2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Victoria Hall. City Council members invite the public to give the gift of life. Info : 514 989-5226.

People's Gospel Choir of Montreal Saturday, December 10, 7:30 p.m., Victoria Hall. Annual concert presented in collaboration with the Westmount Rotary Club. Info : 514 935-3344.

Neighbourhood Carolling Sunday, December 11, 6 p.m. Lawn Bowling Clubhouse. Join your neighbours in an evening of carolling. Donations accepted for Chez Doris, The Open Door & the Old Brewery Mission. Please bring a sweet or savoury treat to share. Info : 514 989-5226.

The Montreal Welsh Male Choir Wednesday, December 14, 7:30 p.m., Victoria Hall. The MWMC presents *Holiday Traditions*, an evening of joyous carols, traditional Welsh songs and short readings. Tickets \$20. Info : 450 465-2092.

PUBLIC SECURITY

Dog permits available online Westmount's new dog permit system enables you to obtain or renew a permit online by visiting westmount.org. A permanent dog medal is included. Alternately, permits may be obtained in person at 21 Stanton Street, 2nd Floor, Monday to Friday (8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

Holiday Food Drive in Westmount Until December 16. Support the Public Safety Unit's annual food drive with a donation of non-perishable food items; look for the bins in Westmount's public buildings. Info : 514 989-5468.



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**CAN WE HAVE THE BUS
SHELTER BACK?**

Now that winter is here in full force, my question is: when do we get back our bus shelter at the windy and cold corner of Grosvenor and Sherbrooke?

Or do we have to take refuge in the entrances to the various store fronts?

BRIGITTA BRITAIN, GROSVENOR AVE.

OLIVIER ALSO AFFECTED

I really enjoy the *Westmount Independent*. Thank you!

A slight correction [needs to be made] to the article “Left without electricity” (November 15, p. 5).

I live on the top floor of the high rise at

220 Olivier Ave., and our entire building was also affected by the 17-hour black-out on November 10.

So the sector reported by the city officials was incorrect and should have read “de Maisonneuve, Olivier, Redfern and St. Catherine.”

Good thing this didn’t happen in January. It’s surprising how quickly it gets cold when there’s no water, heating or electricity for more than eight hours.

ANNICK VINCENT, OLIVIER AVE.

**CYCLISTS DON’T PRESENT
RISK; BACKING OUT DOES**

The comments of Tim Carsely and others that they are “...being dangerously hindered when accessing and egressing their garages” truly “lack(s) serious credibility”.

What of the residents of, say, Sherbrooke

St. or de Maisonneuve Blvd? Do they not face a similar issue daily – whether with regards to bikes or otherwise?

As recently revealed in the statistics of the city, surely the number of bikes passing daily represents an insignificant increase in traffic – or hardly any at all if we think of morning “rush hours.”

Perhaps some are of the view that the risks related to bikes is somehow greater or more onerous than backing out into vehicle or pedestrian traffic, or even strollers or the odd cane- or walker-wielding senior like myself.

Taking into account the concerns expressed about lowered property values raises another question. Is there a secret servitude attached to properties on Côte St. Antoine St. that frees owners forever from any obligation to safely enter public roads and defer to passing traffic of any sort?

On the other hand, one can only suspect that this is but another fact-free red her-ring masquerading as citizen concern; but that the real issue is, once again: NIMBY.

DAVID ENGELS, OLIVIER AVE.

**Found dog trembles
in cold**

A loose dog was found trembling with cold in the backyard of a house at 448 Claremont November 21, Public Security officials said. Officers were called by the resident at 9:57 am. In the absence of an identifying tag, the small beige dog was taken to the SPCA when no one called looking for it. Of mixed breed, it was believed to be over 9 years old and possibly to have come from nearby NDG.



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**PROGRAMME D'IMMOBILISATIONS - CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM
2017 - 2018 - 2019**

Catégorie de projets - Project Category	2017		2018		2019		2017-2037 Annual Projection
	Net ⁽¹⁾	Brut - Gross	Net ⁽¹⁾	Brut - Gross	Net ⁽¹⁾	Brut - Gross	Brut - Gross
Municipal							
1. Chemins (réfection de la chaussée) - Roads (pavement) ⁽²⁾	\$ 5,676,700	\$ 5,676,700	\$ 5,326,900	\$ 5,326,900	\$ 5,073,400	\$ 5,073,400	\$ 5,073,400
2. Chemins (aqueduc et égouts) - Roads (water and sewer)	1,849,700	3,378,700	2,290,000	3,450,000	2,290,000	3,450,000	3,450,000
3. Bâtiments - Buildings	1,823,700	1,823,700	2,200,000	2,200,000	2,809,400	2,809,400	2,809,400
4. Parcs - Parks	830,000	1,155,000	550,000	700,000	401,600	401,600	401,600
5. Véhicules - Vehicles	1,010,000	1,010,000	1,235,000	1,235,000	1,180,000	1,180,000	950,000
6. Informatique - Information Systems	529,400	529,400	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
7. Divers - Miscellaneous	100,000	125,000	-	-	-	-	-
Total Municipal	\$ 11,819,500	\$ 13,698,500	\$ 12,001,900	\$ 13,311,900	\$ 12,154,400	\$ 13,314,400	\$ 13,084,400
Total Hydro Westmount	\$ 2,335,000	\$ 2,335,000	\$ 2,400,000	\$ 2,400,000	\$ 2,489,400	\$ 2,489,400	\$ 2,489,400
Total	\$ 14,154,500	\$ 16,033,500	\$ 14,401,900	\$ 15,711,900	\$ 14,643,800	\$ 15,803,800	\$ 15,573,800
Projet spécial (Serres) - Special Project (Greenhouse)	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,288,100	\$ 1,288,100	\$ 1,196,200	\$ 1,196,200	TBD
Grand Total	\$ 15,154,500	\$ 17,033,500	\$ 15,690,000	\$ 17,000,000	\$ 15,840,000	\$ 17,000,000	\$ 15,573,800

Financement - Financing

PAYG	\$ 14,154,500	\$ 14,154,500	\$ 14,401,900	\$ 14,401,900	\$ 14,643,800	\$ 14,643,800	TBD
Subventions - Grants	-	1,879,000	-	1,310,000	-	1,160,000	TBD
Autres sources de financement - Other Financing Sources	1,000,000.00	1,000,000	1,288,100.00	1,288,100	1,196,200.00	1,196,200	TBD
Grand Total	\$ 15,154,500	\$ 17,033,500	\$ 15,690,000	\$ 17,000,000	\$ 15,840,000	\$ 17,000,000	\$ 15,573,800

Notes:

- (1) Budget net = Budget brut moins subventions, si applicable.
Net budget = Gross budget less grants, if applicable.
(2) Inclut les trottoirs, la reconstruction des rues, les lumières de rues et feux de circulation.
Includes sidewalks, road reconstruction, street and traffic lights.



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**Avis de réception d'une demande de projet particulier
de construction, de modification ou d'occupation
d'un immeuble (P.P.C.M.O.I.)**

La ville de Westmount désire informer toutes les personnes susceptibles d'être intéressées du dépôt d'une demande en vertu du Règlement 1489 « Règlement sur les projets particuliers de construction, de modification ou d'occupation d'un immeuble (P.P.C.M.O.I.) ».

Adresse de l'immeuble : 500 avenue Claremont
Westmount, H3Z 1P4

Demandeur : 9312-4816 Quebec Inc.
4120 Sainte-Catherine Ouest, 5e Etage
Westmount, H3Z 1P4

Toute personne peut consulter sur place les documents fournis dans le cadre de la demande au comptoir du Service de l'aménagement urbain de l'hôtel de ville, situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount pendant les heures d'ouverture, soit du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

De plus, en vertu de l'article 2.7 du règlement 1489, le projet sera présenté au Comité consultatif d'urbanisme lors d'une réunion publique ayant lieu le mardi 13 décembre 2016 à l'hôtel de ville, situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, à 8 h 30.

Des commentaires sur le projet peuvent être émis lors de la réunion publique mentionnée ci-haut, ou sous forme écrite en utilisant le lien suivant : westmount.org/zone-resident/amenagement-urbain/ppcmo/. La date limite pour soumettre des commentaires écrits est le 10 janvier 2017. Veuillez noter que la Ville de Westmount ne répondra pas individuellement aux commentaires soumis.

**Notice of receipt of an application for a specific
construction, alteration or occupancy proposal for
an immovable (S.C.A.O.P.I.)**

The city of Westmount wishes to inform all interested persons of the reception of an application under By-law 1489 "By-law concerning specific construction, alteration or occupancy proposals for an immovable (S.C.A.O.P.I.)".

Building Address: 500 avenue Claremont
Westmount, H3Z 1P4

Applicant: 9312-4816 Quebec Inc.
4120 Sainte-Catherine Street West, 5th floor
Westmount, H3Z 1P4

Any person may consult the provided application documents at the counter of the Urban Planning Department at City Hall, located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, in Westmount, during regular business hours, from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Likewise, in accordance with Article 2.7 of By-law 1489, the proposal will be presented to the Planning Advisory Committee at a public meeting taking place at City Hall, located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West in Westmount, on Tuesday December 13th, 2016 at 8:30 am.

Comments on the projects can be made at the public meeting mentioned above, or in writing on the city website under the following link: westmount.org/en/resident-zone/urban-planning/scaopi. The deadline for the submission of written comments on the project is January 10, 2017. Please note that the City of Westmount does not reply to individual comments.

www.westmount.org

Tree tariffs cont'd. from p. 1

that a large dead ash near his home on The Boulevard could cost its owner some \$2,000 to remove.

While the city has been treating its ash trees every second year to delay their decline until the planting of different species can make up for their loss, none were treated in 2016 because "all public trees in the city were being characterized and evaluated," Mory explained.

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There are still an estimated 400 ash trees on public land, including 20 taken down this year. More are to be removed in Westmount Park in coming months (see story November 22, p. 1). "Plans are in the making to use a portion of the wood from these trees to make support stakes for the next year's plantings," Mory said.

The city has also stopped the practice from two years ago of setting traps for the EAB as a way to determine its arrival in Westmount from neighbouring municipalities (see story October 14, 2014, p. 1). "We already know it is present in Westmount," Mory explained.

On the other hand, a biological control trial regarding the EAB in Summit Woods continued for the second year. Its results will be available only in the next two to three years. This trial involved the release of non-stinging wasps which, as a natural enemy of the ash borer, target EAB larvae (see story August 4, 2015, p. 9).

Conditions under which the city will grant a permit for taking down a tree are listed on its website.

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Armory hosts glamorous Garrison Ball

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When one thinks of an armory, a large sombre battleship-grey space comes to mind. However, the Garrison Ball, held at the Côte des Neiges Armory on September 24, sparkled with style.

Presented by the Artillery Association of Montreal, the prestigious evening was held to increase awareness of Canadian Forces veterans facing post-traumatic stress disorder and other challenges reintegrating into civilian life. Proceeds raised at the ball will be administered by the Canadian Forces' Morale and Welfare Services, to be invested locally through Military Family Resource Centre programs.

Co-chairs were Westmounter **Richard Pound**, honorary colonel Canadian Grenadier Guards, attending with his wife **Julie Keith**, and **Richard Evraire**, colonel, Royal 22nd Regiment, there with **Thérèse Valiquette**.

The event was orchestrated by **Robert Vézina**, ably supported by **Kat Coric**. Guests of honour were the honorable **J. Michel Doyon**, lieutenant governor of Quebec, attending with his wife **Pauline Thérberge**; **Peter Trent**, mayor of Westmount and retired honorary colonel of the Royal Montreal Regiment, with **Kathryn Stephenson**, and **Christian Lépine**, archbishop of Montreal.

Vice presidents of honour were **Jacques Desbiens**, CEO of L'Union-Vie and honorary lieutenant colonel, 6th battalion, Royal 22nd Regiment; **Gary Dunne**, vice-president, TD Assurance; lawyer **Daniel O'Connor**, honorary colonel the Black Watch (HRH) of Canada; and **Louis Vachon**, CEO/president of Banque Nationale.

President of the gala organizing committee was Westmount resident **Steve Gregory**, honorary lieutenant-colonel, 2nd Field Artillery Regiment, co-founder of the RESPECT campaign, there with his wife **Dina Vincelli**.

Quebec media celeb, blonde beauty **Geneviève Borne**, was the emcee.

Noted amidst many were Westmounter and retired honorary colonel of the 2nd Field *continued on p. 14*



Julie Keith and Richard Pound.



Pauline Thérberge and J. Michel Doyon



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Artillery Regiment **Charles de Kovachich**, **Normand Bernier**, **Elyse Desforges**, **Jacques Borne**, **Sylvie Pelletier**, **Maurice Noreau**, **Philippe Dalphond**, **William Cloutier**, **Sean Moore**, **Yvon Bégin** and **Gilles Aubé**.

The 760 guests enjoyed an autumnal squash soup accented with fried basil and beef tenderloin, catered by Les Allants. But the night's favourite, chocolate hazelnut mousse cake, quickly danced off to the tunes of the orchestra from the Royal 22nd Regiment, as well as The Fundamentals.

Bagpipes were played by the Black Watch during the more ceremonial proceedings earlier in the night.

At the start of the dinner, speakers included Colonel **Christian Mercier**, commander, 34 Canadian Brigade Group and Lieutenant Colonel **Sylvie Pelletier**, commanding officer – 2nd Field Artillery Regiment, RCA.

Apart from the ladies' glamorous gowns, this night boasted the sartorial power of full formal dress uniform worn by many men. Their smart red jackets bore medals and ribbons to distinguish various regiments.



Kathryn Stephenson and Peter Trent.



Dina Vincelli and Steve Gregory.

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1° le budget de la Ville de Westmount pour l'exercice financier 2017 sera déposé pour adoption au cours d'une séance extraordinaire du conseil municipal qui se tiendra le lundi 12 décembre 2016, à 19 h 30 dans la salle du conseil de l'hôtel de ville situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount; et
2° lors de cette séance, les délibérations du conseil et la période de questions porteront exclusivement sur le budget.
DONNÉ à Westmount, le 29 novembre 2016.
BUDGET 2017
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Westmount, THAT:
1. the budget of the City of Westmount for the fiscal year 2017 will be tabled for adoption at a special sitting of the municipal Council to be held on Monday, December 12, 2016, at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber at City Hall located at 4333 Sherbrooke West Street, Westmount; and
2. at said special sitting, the Council deliberations and the question period shall deal exclusively with the budget.
GIVEN at Westmount, on November 29, 2016.
Martin St-Jean
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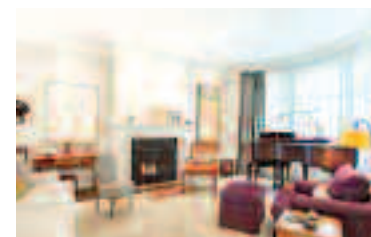
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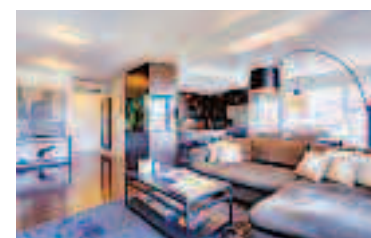
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