

Light rail train raises questions about local impact

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

News that a \$5.5-billion light-rail commuter network will not use the current Westmount train corridor was hailed by Mayor Peter Trent “at first blush” as being “excellent news.”

But Trent and others told the *Independent* the plan raises many unanswered questions especially about its potential effect on residents who have been calling for quieter equipment for the existing commuter lines used by close to 100 trains a day.

These serve communities on the Vaudreuil-Dorion, Delson and Blainville lines, many of which, at first glance, will not be directly served by the new network.

The mass transit network was announced April 22 by the Caisse de dépôt et de placement du Québec, which will build and operate the system. The trains are to run 20 hours a day from South Shore Brossard over the new Champlain Bridge to Central Station and through the Mount Royal tunnel. Spurs will serve the airport at Dorval and the Highway 40 area of the West Island as well as the North Shore.

As a result, the plan quashes concerns that more trains at in- creased frequency could

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Public Security tracks down ‘aggressively’ begging teens

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Public safety officers tracked down three teenage boys April 14 after they allegedly begged for money “aggressively” from a man in Westmount Public Library and were later identified as involved in an assault on another in Westmount Park.

In reporting the two incidents, Public Security officials said they were called to the library initially at 6:48 pm for young men begging for money from patrons. The suspects had left, but responding officers spoke to a victim by phone who stated he

had left feeling intimidated.

One of the teens had aggressively asked him for money for food while two others acted as lookouts. A fourth person was possibly involved.

Armed with a description of the trio, officers found them in the comfort station in Westmount Park. One attempted to flee but was stopped. All were warned against begging in Westmount. They were identified as two 15-year-olds and one aged 14. One lived in Westmount, the others in Montreal. Their images were subsequently found

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Practising new skills



Student Rosa Lannes practises slacklining in Westmount Park last week. It was a sunny, 12° C afternoon.
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Greene exempted from evening-hour ‘metering’

Parking inspectors to help out first-time users of new system

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

When the city’s pay-by-plate parking system goes into effect May 2, parking inspectors will be paying special attention to “fielding questions” and helping users with the new pay stations, Public Security director Greg McBain said last week.

Preparing for the start, city council at its special mid-month meeting April 18 adopted updates to the city’s parking by-law to formalize hours of parking and maintain current rates at \$2 or \$3 an hour depending on location (see maps).

One departure from the status quo is that parking on Greene will no longer be subject to the current need to “feed the meters” on shopping nights – Thursday and Friday – between 6 pm and 9 pm.

This exemption is intended to encourage local shopping on the street consistent with hours already in place throughout the Victoria village.

Add time without losing any

One feature of the new Westmount system, also confirmed last week, is that – unlike in Montreal – users will be able to

top up payment and add on time without losing whatever already remains, McBain said. This will be possible by keying in the original transaction number.

How does a difference in rates allow cars to move from one rate zone to another under the pay-by-plate system?

The high-tech system will be able to inform parking inspectors as to how long a car has been paid for even if it moves to another zone before the initial time has expired. “If the car is paid, it’s paid,” McBain



Map showing hours for street parking payment: (Orange) Zone A: Mon. through Sat. 9 am to 6 pm; (Green) Zone B: Mon. through Wed. and Sat. 9 am to 6 pm; Thurs. and Fri. 9 am to 9 pm.

explained.

Using the new pay stations

The city’s two demo pay stations are expected to remain in operation after implementation of the system for anyone who still wants to practise, he said.

It was not known exactly how long the one behind city hall will remain in place. The second one, recently relocated from inside the Westmount recreation centre to the Public Security offices at 21 Stanton,



Map showing tariffs for parking zones: (Purple) Zone 1: \$2 per hour (Blue) Zone 2: \$3 per hour.

Images courtesy of city of Westmount

however, will be kept in use.

The first step is to key in the vehicle’s licence plate. Then press the green “check” button to confirm. If incorrect, press the red button to delete and start over. This leads to the next step: allowing users to pay according to the hourly rate. Again, press the green or red button to continue and start printing the receipt.

The machines accept quarters, loonies and toonies as well as Visa and MasterCard payments.

Payment can also be made using a mobile phone and downloading the Passport app for Canada (see story April 19, p. 1).

On one of the demo machines, one person recently discovered it was necessary to press the green check button in order to start the entire process but this might have been because it was a demo machine, McBain said.

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Bids opened for Prince Albert, Westmount Ave. work

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Bids for the city's two main street reconstruction projects this summer were opened publicly April 20 at city hall. The total of both projects represents some \$5 million of the city's capital works budget. Final amounts won't be known until council approves bids May 2.

"At first glance, the bids seem to be within our budget allocations for these projects," said Councillor Patrick Martin, commissioner of Public Works, who attended the bid openings.

Three bids for Prince Albert ranged from \$1.44 million to \$1.87 million (taxes included), Martin said. Four for West-

mount Ave. ranged from \$2.85 million to \$3.25 million. The bids have yet to be verified to determine whether they conform to the city's specifications.

The reconstruction of Prince Albert continues and completes infrastructure work started last year between Sherbrooke and Côte St. Antoine. Bell crews are working on the street now.

This year's work on Westmount Ave. takes place between Belmont and the east side of Victoria as the second year of a three-year project including removal of streetcar tracks, infrastructure work and complete reconstruction of sidewalks and road.

New bike routes open



The Côte St. Antoine bike route the morning April 22 shows cars heading west, left, and the one on Westmount Ave. later that day, with traffic heading east.



On April 22, the first day of a new bicycle route on Côte St. Antoine Rd., at around 8 am, drivers are observed staying in a single lane and it seemed that speeds were reduced. No cyclists were seen on the path at the time.

On Westmount Ave., at the site of the other new bike route, between 3 and 3:30 pm, motorists were seen using two lanes heading east.

Near Roslyn, where it appears to become one lane east-bound, motorists were seen making a second lane at a stop sign and jostling to drive side by side, using the bike lane.

The lines for the bike route on Westmount Ave. did not appear finished and no cyclists were seen using the lane at that time.

– Ralph Thompson



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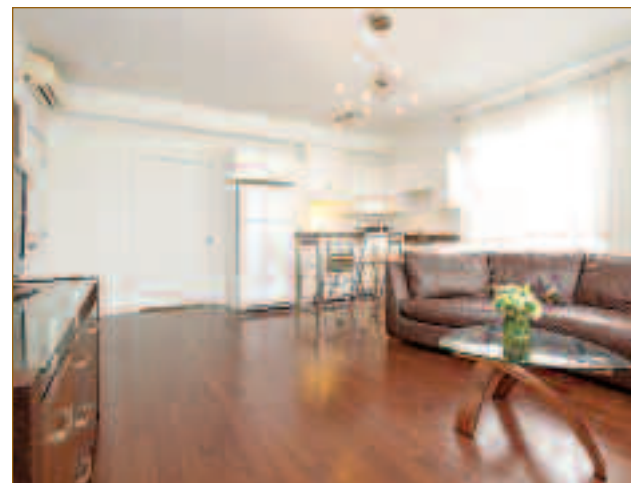
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Bismuth plays last SWAT game after organizing charity tourney for 28 years

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

He's been a driving force behind the SWAT Old Timers' charity hockey tournament that has raised more than \$300,000 since its start 28 years ago in aid of the Montreal Children's and St. Justine's hospitals.

And now Westmounter Claude Bismuth, the tournament's founding chair and main organizer, has decided to retire from playing on the Senior Westmount All Star Team (SWAT) and cede his spot on the team to someone on a long list of substitutes.

"I figured it was time to make way for the next generation," he told the *Independent* last week. Bismuth played his last SWAT game April 14 and was toasted by colleagues.

"He will be sadly missed by all his remaining teammates on SWAT, if not for his goal-scoring prowess, definitely for his infectious enthusiasm for the game of hockey and using sport to do something positive for the benefit of others," said city

director general Mike Deegan, former director of Sports and Recreation.

Deegan, who has known him for many years, noted that Bismuth was awarded the Ken Sinclair Trophy for Sportsmanship for 2015. This is presented for "selfless volunteer dedication to the community."

At age 67, however, Bismuth does not intend to stop playing hockey. He plans to continue playing in Westmount at least twice a week with the Executive league and the Old Timers pick-up league, both for players aged 35 and over. SWAT players are 50 and older.

Giving back

What Bismuth considers the most important part of his SWAT involvement, however, is the charity tournament in which the players "give back to the community," he said.

And "this tournament would not be where it is at, had it not been for the work ethic Claude has displayed over these years," explains

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Claude Bismuth, left, after playing his last SWAT hockey game April 14, is shown with team captain Jim West. The local team won 5-2 over the Pointe Claire Old Timers.



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alarm went on and off. The owner was contacted and handed over her keys so patrollers could access the interior if the alarm sounded again. She picked up the keys at the station later in the morning.

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Jim West, a longtime friend and team captain of SWAT.

“He has been single-handedly the number one fundraiser for the tournament, be it in terms of goods supplied for the auction, donations or his overall organizational skills – all for the benefit of the children’s hospitals.”

Bismuth attributed much of the success of the SWAT tourney to support from the city and the community, “which will help us continue.” One of the tournament’s consistent contributors has been Graham Fletcher of the Metro store, he said. “He’s been a major donor to the cause throughout the years.”

Bismuth is one of three founding members of the SWAT team itself who have remained active, he said. Another is Howard Hoppenheim. The other is former city councillor Nicolas Matossian, whose son

and namesake lost a battle with brain cancer in 1987 just shy of his 18th birthday. While young Nicolas was a patient at the Montreal Children’s hospital, he began fundraising for the hospital.

“In 1989, SWAT decided to carry on his efforts by holding an annual fundraising tournament,” Bismuth recalled. “But I insisted the proceeds be divided between the two children’s hospitals.”

The event, always held on Westmount ice, raises its proceeds from the entry fees of eight participating Old Timers teams in various municipalities as well as a silent auction, program ads and a raffle.

Now semi-retired from a career in chartered accounting at the firm of Ernst and Young, Bismuth has lived on Upper Lansdowne since 1980.

“He’ll be a tough person to replace,” West said.

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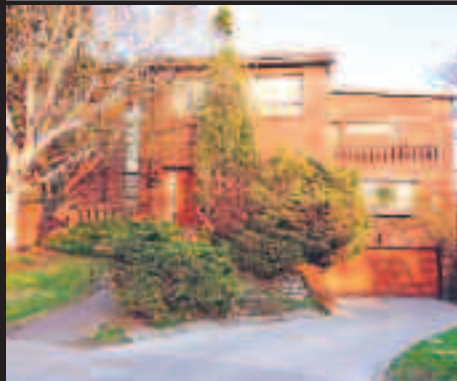


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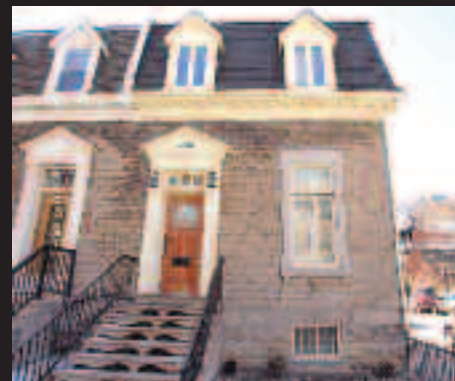
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LET’S CORRECT OUR UNDERSTANDING OF PARKING AROUND HERE

These pictures relate to a recent article in the paper (April 19, p. 1), saying that we do not need lines outlining where to park cars, and that the spaces will “correct” themselves.

[Public Security director] Mr. McBain needs to “correct” himself and simply spend one day looking at our parking prob-

lem. It only took me 10 minutes after reading this article to take these pictures. This happens every single day.

I have witnessed it for the last 25 years. Not only does the city need to add parking lines on the unmetered side streets like these, it is making a poor judgment by letting the old lines fade away on the metered ones.

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Photos taken April 21 on Prince Albert Ave.



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I sit on the park bench
And watch the world unfold.

TIM CARSLEY, BARAT RD.

BIKE PATHS: DANGEROUS, NO GOOD FOR PROPERTY VALUES

With mounting public opposition to unsightly painted bike lanes on Côte St. Antoine and Westmount Ave., we were dismayed to receive a “Sharing the Road” brochure last week, proving our councillors are not listening.

The paternalistic flyer assumes Westmount has problems. It doesn’t. Cars and the few cyclists who use these streets respectfully share the road now. Nor do these streets have speed problems, with stop signs at almost every corner. The brochure states that bike lanes serve as traffic-calming tools. I contacted IBI Group, which produced a study on active transportation, and they told me that bike lanes should never be used as a traffic calming measure. This is akin to using cyclists as human shields. Speed bumps are the proven tool for slowing traffic.

It is well known that putting bike lanes on residential streets is a safety hazard due to the presence of driveways every few meters. It also stigmatizes a street by suggesting there are traffic problems, causing property values to drop. Bike lanes are needed on busy commercial streets, not residential ones.

Channelling cyclists into narrow lanes on residential streets creates a false sense of security and exposes them more to dangers. It is also disruptive to residents of those streets and their side streets. Accidents on the de Maisonneuve bike path prove this.

If we want to encourage active transportation and cut east-west through-traffic (despite Genivar’s study concluding that Westmount has a highly active population and doesn’t have traffic problems), our councillors should tell the STM to improve public transit with more frequent buses along The Boulevard, promote car-pooling and improve the pedestrian network.

No amount of paint and signs on our beautiful residential streets will convince drivers from adjacent municipalities to ditch their cars for bikes when travelling to, and especially uphill from, downtown.

STEPHEN TAKACSY AND KATE BRAZEAU,
WESTMOUNT AVE.

THE BOHEMIANS ARRIVE

I have just finished reading with interest “Cedar waxwing takes a break on Arlington along migration route” (April 19, p. 42).

On the morning of April 12, the tree between our house and our neighbour’s – a tree that contained a great number of rather wrinkled looking red berries – was suddenly occupied by a flock of at least 40 birds, of a kind I had never seen before.

A feeding frenzy ensued. Several neighbours gathered to marvel at this event, and some of us took pictures. The birds were so engrossed with their meal that we were able to stand quite close. This went on for several hours.

It turned out that these birds were not merely waxwings but the more exotic-looking bohemian waxwings. According to the *Audubon Society Field Guide*, these birds tend to inhabit regions of central and west North America and Eurasia. However, during the winter months, they’ve been known to wander eastward and northward.

The guidebook adds that to watch and hear these birds engaged in this mealtime frenzy is an experience not soon to be forgotten. That’s certainly true.

JOHN PRESTON, ABBOTT AVE.



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FROM THE 'SPANDEX CROWD': NO POSTS ON GLEN

Re: the letter from Roger Jochym “Don’t remove bollards at Glen – dangerous” (April 19, p. 10), over the last four years and at least 5,000 trips up and down de Courcelle/The Glen, I have on occasion experienced a vehicle intruding onto the bike lane at the south-east corner of St. Catherine and the Glen, in preparation to turn east (as taught in driver’s ed.).

My tactic is to get in front of the vehicle to let the driver know that I am in the right place and they are not. Sometimes I have to tell them what’s up. That situation may be irritating but it is *not* dangerous. Putting obstacles in the road that dramatically decrease the space I and every cyclist needs to maneuver around or away from an impending accident is dangerous.

While I’ve had one semi-close call with a car, I’ve had at least a dozen close calls with other cyclists, joggers, pedestrians and debris. Road-surface hazards are a daily occurrence so I don’t even count them.

Last October, I had, so far, the unique experience of three young men coming at me on skateboards, slaloming through the posts, going south on the east side of the road, ie. the wrong side of the road, as I was pedaling up. Obviously if there were no posts, there wouldn’t have been any slaloming.

More recently, April 3 at 7:45 am, there were only two people on the road between St. Catherine and St. Antoine. I was riding down the west side, (the proper side), and a jogger was running up “my” bike path! I didn’t wait for him to jump onto the sidewalk, which is what he is supposed to do. I swerved left. No big deal, because there were no posts blocking my move.

I spoke to four acquaintances, members of the “spandex” crowd, about this situation and they all said they ride outside the posts, especially going downhill; however,

they move onto or nearer to the bike path when the posts are not in place.

Conclusion based on the experience of people who actually use the Glen/de Courcelle road a lot – no posts!

Furthermore, to suggest putting down a permanent concrete barrier is just plain stupid.

RON DIAMOND, ST. HENRI

EXPLAINING CFIB STUDY METHODOLOGY

Last week, our [Canadian Federation of Independent Business, CFIB] January report on municipal regulations that affect small businesses in Quebec’s 100 largest municipalities got some attention in this newspaper thanks to Westmount’s last-place finish in our rankings (“Report ranks Westmount last of 100 cities in Quebec for regulations concerning small business,” April 19, p. 9). We’re glad the report got the attention because we believe that the first step to addressing the problem is knowing that there is one.

As Canada’s largest association of small- and medium-sized businesses, with 109,000 members across every sector and region, and 24,000 in Quebec, CFIB is front and centre when it comes to voicing small business concerns.

Throughout our 45-year history of polling our members on various issues, two are consistently their top concerns: taxation and red tape. Having published regular reports on small business taxation at the municipal level in recent years, CFIB felt the need to also shed some light on the red tape side.

Small business owners cite municipal by-laws as a top red-tape concern. There are many challenges when it comes to evaluating and comparing the regulatory burden at the municipal level. That is why CFIB chose a balanced methodology for its report. All 100 cities were ranked according to 11 universal indicators that allow for an apple-to-apple comparison. The data was collected using various sources: the city’s website, “mystery shopper” emails and of-

ficial CFIB phone calls, emails and letters to cities.

Therefore, a city that didn’t respond to our email could still collect up to 65 points, which would have been more than enough to get a high ranking, given that the best city got 68 out of a possible 100 points.

To be fair to the different local realities, we also dedicated an important section of the report to best practices by cities. Many cities are commended for having a good small businesses environment, and we propose 18 recommendations to improve regulation in all cities.

We sincerely hope that these will inspire cities like Westmount to rise to the red-tape challenge and do the best they can to help their small business community thrive. Many mayors are already proactively taking on these issues, and we are pleased that our report has prompted many more to focus on these issues in the year ahead, as Mayor Peter Trent said he would. After all, that is what the report is all about.

SIMON GAUDREAU,
SENIOR ECONOMIST, CFIB

PARKING SIGNS SHOULD BE BILINGUAL IN WESTMOUNT

Activist Harold Staviss has made numerous attempts to ask Mayor Peter Trent to comply with Westmount’s legal right to have bilingual parking signage.

Westmount is a municipality having bilingual status and currently all its parking signs are solely in French.

Hampstead, Côte St. Luc, Montreal West, Town of Mount Royal and Dollard des Ormeaux are other municipalities having bilingual status. They have all their parking signage as well as their traffic signage in both French and English. Mr. Trent has already agreed to have traffic signage dealing with health and safety in both languages.

The OQLF has confirmed that a municipality having bilingual signage status can have its parking signage in both languages. Why is Peter Trent in disagreement with

having parking signage in both languages then?

He is disrespecting his loyal Westmount taxpayers who have the legal right to see both French and English on their parking signs!

A city council meeting will be held at city hall in Westmount on Monday, May 2 at 8 pm. Harold Staviss is asking that Westmount residents do the right thing and appear at this meeting to show solidarity for what they are entitled to, which is respect.

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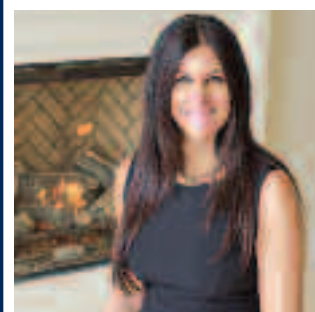
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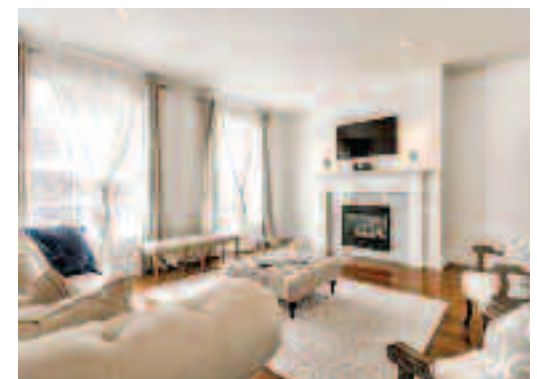


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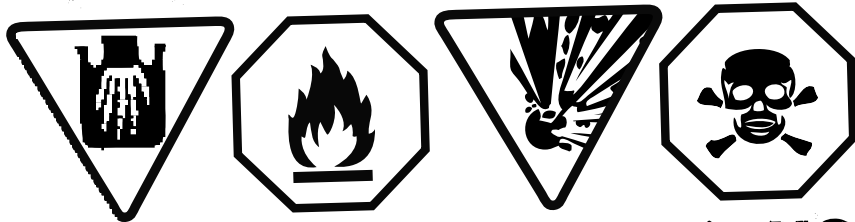


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St. Léon students may not

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A reprieve appears to be in the works to keep next September's grade six students at St. Léon, the *Independent* learned last week. They had been facing transfer to a school facility in St. Henri to deal with overcrowding, which generated outrage from parents.

A decision to keep students at the school as long as the number of registrations remained at the current level was relayed to parents in a notice from principal Lili Beaumont dated April 21.

The notice also states the school committee along with the Commission scolaire de Montréal (CSM), which operates St. Léon's, will be preparing "an emergency plan" in the event student registrations rise significantly between now and August. St. Léon's is the only francophone elementary school in a large CSM territory that includes downtown Montreal.

More details are to be presented to parents at a special general assembly of the school May 3.

"We're very happy with this news," said Claudia Hernandez, a parent living on

Bruce Ave. (see story April 12, p. 1). "We seem to be safe for next year. We're now supporting the efforts of parents living downtown to obtain their own school."

The overcrowding of St. Léon on Clarke Ave. is attributed to the school's vast territory, which now extends east as far as University St. At the same time, the west boundary is being moved from Claremont to Victoria for the next school year.

This is another point of contention for Westmount parents such as Marie-Elaine Cusson, who lives on Prince Albert.

She said last week, however, that parents "have now been assured that the new boundary will apply only to new students and not those already attending St. Léon." Those living west of Victoria would be part of the school territory served by Notre Dame de Grace School on NDG Ave. just east of Girouard.

In a letter to Westmount's provincial legislator Jacques Chagnon delivered April 20, Mayor Peter Trent wrote that "the city does not understand" the plan that would have bussed grade six students from Westmount to a school "in the middle of the Turcot con-

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struction zone,” on de Courcelle. He also points out the need to provide an elementary school downtown.

In a letter of reply the next day, Chagnon stated that after exploring the issue with parents he had “concluded” a new school should be considered. He suggested one be set up in part of the former Montreal Children’s Hospital building at Atwater

and Tupper, which is now vacant.

The decision, he added, lies in the hands of the school commission.

The April 21 letter from the school also announced the creation of a school newsletter, to be distributed via email and called “Info St. Léon,” and a plan to update the proofs of residence of students.

Comin’ Up

MONDAY, MAY 2

City council meeting, 8 pm, at city hall.

Women’s Canadian Club of Montreal (WCCM) presents high school student winners of public speaking competitions and winners of awards of merit, 12:15 pm at the Unitarian Church, 5035 de Maisonneuve Blvd. near Claremont Ave. Free for WCCM members, \$10 for non-members. Info: 514.932.4005.

THURSDAY, MAY 5

Westmount Healthy City Project presents “Stormwater Management Plan for

Westmount” with Tyson Munday of the Urban Planning department, 7 pm in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Public Library. Free.

FRIDAY, MAY 6, SATURDAY, MAY 7

Centre Greene’s annual book sale is on Friday, May 6 (10 am to 7 pm) and Saturday, May 7 (9 am to 2 pm). Info: 514.931.6202 or info@centregreene.org.

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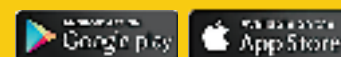
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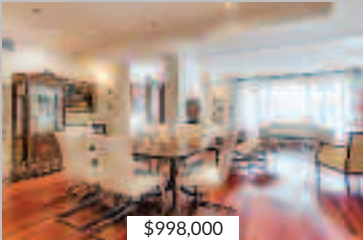


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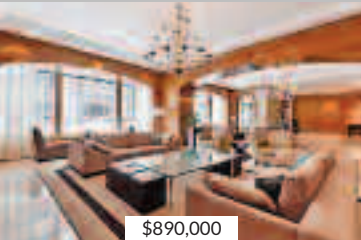


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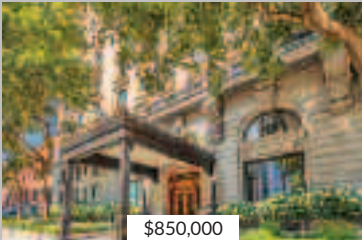


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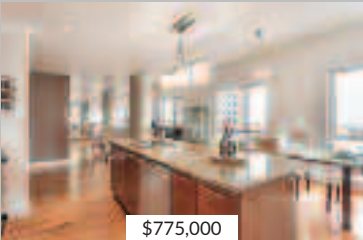


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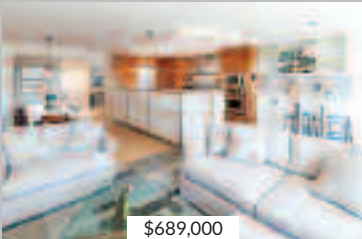


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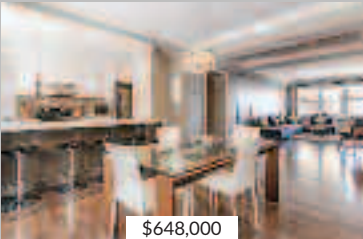


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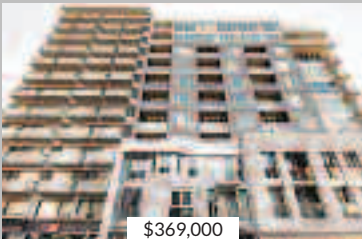


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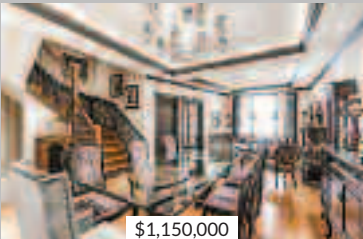


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March sales: Ready for spring

Mood of the Market

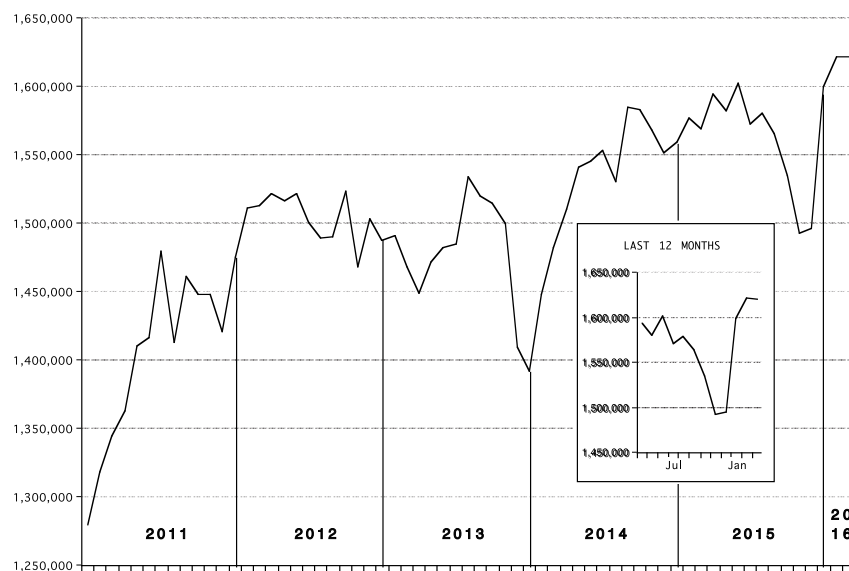
ANDY DODGE, CRA

The following article relates to offers to purchase Westmount residential dwellings that were reported by local real estate agents as having been accepted in March 2016. Because they are not final registered sales, the addresses cannot be made public but give a good idea of current trends in local real estate activity. The graph offers a picture of these trends over time.

The Westmount real estate market in March consolidated the gains made in the previous month, and volume remained very strong for the second month in a row, showing that buyers are in a hurry to snap up local properties before the market gets too strong.

News out of Vancouver and Toronto that real estate prices have become saturated and the bubble, which the Harper government had tried so hard to deflate, continued unabated, apparently has buyers voraciously grabbing up whatever they can

Average adjusted price of a 'typical' Westmount home by month, Jan. 2008 to Jan. 2016, based on accepted offer dates



before the spring market pushes Westmount prices into the stratosphere.

Only one of the 14 sales reported (so far) for March was over \$2 million, but then again only one was less than \$1 million. We noted recently that the number of sales \$3 million and higher was increasing last year; so far this year, only one sale has been posted *continued on p. 14*

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LOCAL CLASSIFIEDS

Name Change Notice

Prenez avis que Élisabeth Clara Rachel Fortin dont l'adresse de domicile est le 4450 avenue Earncliffe, Montréal, Qc, H4A3E8, présentera au Directeur de l'état civil une demande pour changer son nom en celui de Élisabeth Clara Rachel Graveline.

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March sales cont'd. from p. 13

in that category (in January), but that doesn't mean there is no interest in the \$3-million-plus houses; there is plenty of talk among agents of deals brewing now.

The 14 one- and two-family sales in the March list include six that went below val-

uation (of interest, those six had been on the market an average 280 days, or more than nine months, while the other eight took an average 94 days to sell). While prices slid slightly, the sharp rise in the February market was reinforced by March's prices. We also found five new sales posted for February, bringing that month's volume to 21, the same as it was in


2012 but otherwise the highest volume for February since 1999.

Condo sales


Only two new condo sales were posted in March, bringing the total for the first quarter of 2016 to eight with an average mark-up of only two percent, four above valuation and four below valuation and a range from \$295,000 to \$1,150,000. It is safe to say the condo market is not as hot as the single-family market, though it may

catch up eventually.

And while Westmount absorbed 14 sales in March to kick off the spring season, adjacent-Westmount was almost as busy with nine sales: three just north of Westmount, two just to the west, two just to the east and two more downtown. Five of the nine went for more than \$1 million and the rest were all over \$800,000, an indication those prices are beginning to catch up to Westmount levels.



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**AVIS D'ADOPTION
RÈGLEMENT 1498**

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que le règlement 1498 intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT SUR LE STATIONNEMENT PAYANT** » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance extraordinaire tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 18 avril 2016.

Ce règlement a pour objet d'abroger le Règlement 685 intitulé "*Règlement concernant les parcomètres*" et d'adopter de nouvelles dispositions visant à réglementer le stationnement payant dans la Ville de Westmount compte tenu de la mise en œuvre du nouveau système de paiement par plaque. Plus précisément, ce règlement établit les horaires de stationnement comme étant soit du lundi au samedi, de 9 h à 18 h, soit du lundi au mercredi et le samedi de 9 h à 18 h, ainsi que le jeudi et le vendredi de 9 h à 21 h. Le règlement crée également deux zones de stationnement distinctes aux fins de la tarification : la première zone, située de l'avenue Wood vers l'est, au tarif de 3 \$ l'heure, et la seconde zone, située à l'ouest de l'avenue Wood, au tarif de 2 \$ l'heure.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur le 2 mai 2016.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter ce règlement sur le site web de la ville : www.westmount.org et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffe situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, du lundi au vendredi, de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 26 avril 2016.

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION
BY-LAW 1498**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that By-law 1498 entitled "**BY-LAW ON PAID PARKING**" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a special sitting held at City Hall on April 18, 2016.

The object of this by-law is to repeal by-law 685 entitled "*By-law concerning Parking Meters*" and to adopt new provisions to govern paid parking in the City of Westmount in light of the implementation of the new Pay-by-Plate system. More specifically, this by-law establishes parking hours as being either Monday to Saturday from 9h to 18h or Monday to Wednesday and Saturday from 9h-18h and Thursday to Friday from 9h -21h. The by-law also creates two distinct parking zones for tariffs: the first zone from Wood Avenue to the East at a rate of \$3.00 per hour and the second zone to the West of Wood Avenue at a rate of \$2.00 per hour.

This by-law comes into force on May 2, 2016.

Any interested person may consult said by-law on the City's website: www.westmount.org and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, in Westmount, from Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, Quebec, this April 26, 2016.

Nicole Dobbie
Greffière adjointe / Assistant City Clerk

www.westmount.org

Brokers close the deal in Exec B play



Photo courtesy of R. Therriault

After a slow start to the 2015-16 season, the Brokers of Westmount's Executive B league pulled their game together in the second half of the season, according to team member Bob Therriault, and won the league's championship. "Under the leadership and unrelenting guidance of...captain/coach Paul "Bonecrusher" Rabinovitch, [we] fought hard to end the post-season with a 4-1-1 record and [our] second consecutive cup win. The league players agreed that it was one of the most competitive seasons and every team had the potential to win any game." The Brokers' cup win was ultimately decided on the final night of the post-season playoffs with a come-from-behind victory against the surging Engineers.

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HÔTEL DE VILLE

Stationnement : mise en vigueur du système « paiement par plaque » le 2 mai

Le lundi 2 mai à travers Westmount. La Ville remplace ses parcomètres par un nouveau système de stationnement payant. Les nouvelles bornes utilisent une technologie de paiement par plaque d'immatriculation de véhicule plutôt qu'en fonction d'un espace désigné. Le système accepte les paiements en argent, par carte de crédit et également via une application mobile. Info : westmount.org/paiementparplaque.

BIBLIOTHÈQUE

Club de lecture en anglais

Le mardi 26 avril, 19 h. *The Narrow Road to the Deep North* par Richard Flanagan. Animation : par Claire Holden Rothman. Info : 514 989-5299.

Conférences de 14 heures : Tracey MacKenzie

Le mercredi 27 avril, 14 h. *An Introduction to Feng Shui*. Billets requis. Info : 514 989-5299.

Rencontres d'auteurs : Peter Behrens

Le dimanche 2 mai, 14 h. Rencontrez Peter Behrens, auteur de *Carry Me*. Billets gratuits disponibles à la bibliothèque. Info : 514 989-5299.

Jardin de l'amitié canado-néerlandaise : Cérémonie des tulipes en fleur

Le mercredi 4 mai, 18 h 30, jardin du conte de la Bibliothèque. Soyez des nôtres pour une cérémonie commémorative suite à la plantation, l'automne dernier, de plus de 700 tulipes rouges et blanches dans le jardin du 70^e anniversaire de l'amitié canado-néerlandaise. Info : 514 989-5299.

ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

100 ans d'excellence en architecture

Jusqu'au samedi 7 mai, Galerie du Victoria Hall. La Ville présente une exposition spéciale sur les architectes et l'architecture de Westmount afin de souligner le centenaire du Comité consultatif d'urbanisme.

Série concerts d'été : invitation aux artistes

Date limite pour les soumissions : le vendredi 29 avril. Info : 514 989-5226, westmount.org, ou cproctor@westmount.org.



Concert : Compagnie Baroque Mont-Royal
Le samedi 30 avril à 19 h 30 et le dimanche 1^{er} mai à 14 h 30, Victoria Hall. *La serva padrona* de Pergolesi et *Les fleurs* de Rameau. Adultes 25 \$; étudiants/ aînés 20 \$. Info : cbmroyal.com ou 514 989-5226.

Prochaine séance du conseil le lundi 2 mai

Société opérative de l'ouest de Montréal

Le samedi 7 mai à 19 h 30, le dimanche 8 mai à 14 h et le samedi 14 mai à 19 h 30, Victoria Hall. La SOOM présente *The Gondoliers* de Gilbert et Sullivan. Billets disponibles à mwos.org/tickets, 514 990-8813 et au Victoria Hall. Info : 514 989-5226.

Festival des artisans de Westmount 2016 : appel aux artisans

Date limite pour appliquer : le vendredi 13 mai. Le Comité consultatif des événements communautaires de Westmount (CCEC) invite les artisans à participer au Festival des artisans de Westmount 2016 qui aura lieu les samedi et dimanche 12 et 13 novembre au Victoria Hall. Veuillez communiquer avec nous pour vous inscrire. Toutes les œuvres devront être faites à la main par les artisans. Info : artisans@westmount.org, 514 989-5521 ou westmount.org.

Film – Frédéric Back : Grandeur nature

Le dimanche 15 mai, 14 h., Victoria Hall. Réalisé par Phil Comeau. L'œuvre de Frédérick Back, artiste et cinéaste d'animation, est immense, son message irrésistible. Projection présentée en collaboration avec le Conseil des arts de Montréal en tournée. Gratuit. Info : 514 989-5226.

Échange de plantes vivaces

Le jeudi 19 mai, 16 h 30 à 20 h, devant la bibliothèque. Apportez vos plantes et échangez-les pour des plantes de votre choix. Renseignez-vous aussi sur le jardinage et le compostage. Dépot et distribution de coupons à 16 h 30 (max. 6 coupons émis par variété) ; échange à 18 h (coupons seulement) et vente à 18 h 30. Info : 514 989-5226.

Art Westmount 2016 : appel aux artistes et auteurs

Date limite pour les soumissions : le mardi 31 mai. Nous vous invitons à participer à la 6^e édition d'Art Westmount, créé dans le but de faire connaître les arts visuels, les artistes et les auteurs de notre communauté. Contactez-nous pour obtenir le formulaire de participation. Le week-end Art Westmount, qui aura lieu les 1^{er} et 2 octobre 2016, fera partie une fois de plus de l'événement les Journées de la culture. Veuillez noter que cet appel est ouvert à tous les auteurs et les artistes qui demeurent à Westmount. Info : victoriahall@westmount.org ou 514 989-5521.

TRAVAUX PUBLICS

Collecte de résidus domestiques dangereux

Le samedi 30 avril de 9 h à 17 h. Venez déposer vos restes de peinture, solvant, pesticide et vos piles, etc., dans le stationnement de la Bibliothèque publique de Westmount. Les vêtements et produits électroniques usagés seront également ramassés. Info : 514 989-5390.

CITY HALL

Parking: Pay-by-Plate technology comes into effect May 2nd

Begins Monday, May 2nd throughout Westmount. The City is replacing its coin-operated parking meters with a new electronic system that allows drivers to pay for on-street parking based on the car's license plate rather than by a designated parking space. Payment can be made by coin, credit card or mobile app. Info: westmount.org/paybyplate.

LIBRARY

English Book Club

Tuesday, April 26, 7 p.m. Richard Flanagan's *The Narrow Road to the Deep North*. Led by Claire Holden Rothman. Info: 514 989-5299.

2 O'Clock Lecture Series: Tracey MacKenzie

Wednesday, April 27, 2 p.m. *An Introduction to Feng Shui*. Tickets required. Info: 514 989-5299.

Author Lecture Series: Peter Behrens

Sunday, May 1, 2 p.m. Meet Peter Behrens, author of *Carry Me*. Free tickets available at the Library. Info: 514 989-5299.

Dutch-Canadian Friendship Garden: Tulip Blooming Ceremony

Wednesday, May 4, 6:30 p.m. Library Storytelling Garden. Please join us for a very special blooming ceremony of over 700 red and white tulips planted last autumn in the Library's 70th Anniversary Dutch-Canadian Friendship Garden. Info: 514 989-5299.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

100 Years of Architectural Excellence

Until Saturday, May 7, Gallery at Victoria Hall. The City presents a special exhibition highlighting Westmount architects and architecture to mark the centennial of its Planning Advisory Committee.

Summer Concert Series: call for artists

Deadline for applications: Friday, April 29. Info: 514 989-5226, cproctor@westmount.org or westmount.org.

Concert : Compagnie Baroque Mont-Royal

Saturday, April 30, 7:30 p.m. & Sunday, May 1st, 2:30 p.m., Victoria Hall. *La serva padrona* by Pergolesi and *Les fleurs* by Rameau. Adults \$25; Students and seniors \$20. Info: cbmroyal.com or 514 989-5226.

Montreal West-End Operatic Society

Saturday, May 7, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, May 9, 2 p.m. and Saturday, May 14, 7:30 p.m., Victoria Hall. MWOS presents Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Gondoliers*. Tickets: mwos.org, 514 990-8813 and Victoria Hall. Info: 514 989-5226.

Westmount Artisans' Festival 2016: call to artisans

Deadline to apply: Friday, May 13. The Westmount

Next Council Meeting Monday, May 2

Community Events Committee (CEAC) invites artisans to participate in the 2016 Westmount Artisans' Festival to be held Saturday and Sunday, November 12 and 13 at Victoria Hall. Interested artisans are invited to sign up by contacting us. All work is to be hand-made by the artisans. Info: artisans@westmount.org, 514 989-5521 or westmount.org.

Film: The Nature of Frédéric Back

Sunday, May 15, 2 p.m. A visual artist and animation filmmaker, Back's work is immense and his message irresistible. Directed by Phil Comeau. Screening presented in collaboration with the *Conseil des arts de Montréal en tournée*. Free. Info: 514 989-5226.

Perennial Plant Exchange

Thursday, May 19, 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Library Lawn. Exchange perennials from your garden for coupons to obtain other plants. Gardening and compost information also on site. Plant drop-off and voucher distribution from 4:30 p.m., exchange from 6 p.m., sale at 6:30 p.m. Info: 514 989-5226.

Art Westmount 2016: call to artists and authors

Deadline to apply: Tuesday, May 31. We invite you to participate in the 6th edition of Art Westmount, created to showcase the visual arts, artists and authors of our community. Please contact us to obtain the participation form. Once again this year, the Art Westmount weekend, October 1st & 2nd, will coincide with *Les Journées de la culture*. Art Westmount is open to all artists and authors who live in Westmount. Info: victoriahall@westmount.org or 514 989-5521.

PUBLIC WORKS



Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Saturday, April 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Safely dispose of your leftover paints, solvents, used batteries, pesticides etc., in the parking lot of the Westmount Public Library. Used clothing and electronics will be collected the same day. Info: 514 989-5390.



Sonmor, Han Art's print exhibition: Rhythm and rhyme



Art Scene

HEATHER BLACK

Rhythm and rhyme dominate two Westmount exhibitions: Kevin Sonmor's exhibition of paintings that was at Galerie de Bellefeuille and Han Art's current print exhibition *Expansion of Aesthetics*. Son-

mor's repetition of colour or shape creates an eye-catching rhythm, while Georges Braques' graphic petals or Antoni Tàpies' dynamic line introduces a rhyming note to their compositions.

From the Old Masters to modernity

Sonmor's exhibition at Galerie de Bellefeuille featured recent paintings from misty seascapes and jewel-tone still lifes to majestic horses. Painted in oils on canvas, this recent collection showcases Sonmor's classic technique and modern verve. In the mysterious scene "Dreaming About the Rainmakers," a canoe to the right of a bowl of grapes is outlined against a foggy shore.

In "Merisi in Red," luscious grapes illuminated in red recalls Caravaggio's novel use of light. Set against a green and blue background, red creates a circular path throughout the composition. In contrast, the long-stem flowers of "Thin Lines on Red" float like equidistant notes on a music staff. In the mystical scene "Lighter Than Air," a winged Pegasus conveys Sonmor's skill as both narrator and draftsman.

For "Unstable Portrait," a trotting horse is painted with three hoofs in mid-air. Flying red sashes and streamers accentuate its lively dance. In contrast, a plow horse's front and back view in "Coming and Going Portrait Study" captures the animal's quiet dignity against a stark, white background. The exhibition at 1366 Greene Ave. was eye-catching and thought-provoking.

From realism to graphic representation

At Han Art Gallery, the exhibition *Expansion of Aesthetics: Graphic Works from the Modern & Postmodern Era* features prints by the legendary Pablo Picasso, Georges Braque and Salvador

Dali. The imagery ranges from Leonardo Cremonini's etching of a sunbather to Josef Albers' abstract colour composition. Created within the past 50 years, rhythmic lines or shapes are evocative as well as representative of the subject.

In Braques' "Fleurs Bleues" (1962), a pattern of blue petals on white paper dominates this simple but eloquent composition. Antony Gormley's "Bearing Light" series of 12 black logo-like shapes of a hand, head and cross is equally graphic. Salvador Dali's figurative prints and James Brown's etchings of heads are created with fine lines, while Pierre Alechinsky's toned print of six images creates a comic-book narrative.

Loose, fluid lines dominates Antoni Tàpies' calligraphic composition "Equation" (1987) and his large, white-on-black woodcut of an outlined torso, "Cos." This work together with Josef Albers' square color-field motif "WLS-XI" (1966) captures the rhythmic line and rhyming form that identifies a postmodern aesthetic. The one-of-a-kind exhibition continues until Sunday, May 22 at 4209 St. Catherine St.

Rhyme and reason

Sonmor's paintings and Han Art's prints



Antoni Tàpies "Cos"

include masterful works. Carefully conceived and crafted, these paintings and prints draw on the beauty and elegance of line and form. Whether representational or abstract, rhythmic colour with rhyming or repeated forms creates irresistible imagery.

Teens cont'd. from p. 1

on the security camera.

Two days later, officers were again called to the library to meet with another victim who stated he had also been held up April 14 by three teens matching the same description but in Westmount Park. One had grabbed him by the arm, constituting assault. When he said he had no money, they had left.

A declaration of the incident was filed with police along with the camera footage, said Public Security director Greg McBain. "We know who they are, so the investigation is now in the hands of the sergeant-detective."



Kevin Sonmor "Unstable Portrait"

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Track improvements still needed

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have been added to the corridor if it were to have been used for the much-discussed train shuttle to the Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport now using the tunnel.

But will the Hudson-Vaudreuil line now serving West Island communities along Highway 20 continue at its current capacity or eventually be “canabalized” by the new more northern line along Highway 40, Trent asks?

Already described as “saturated, it seems it will stay,” Trent said.

Will requested electrification of the existing lines to reduce noise still take place, wonders Councillor Cynthia Lulham, who represents District 7. It is residents in this district and District 8 who have been calling for improved tracks and quieter equipment.

Lulham who works professionally for the Railway Association of Canada’s proximity project, said the plan will have “no effects” on reducing the current noise and vibration from the heavy rail lines through Westmount.

It “raises so many questions” affecting Westmount, she said. “Will the status quo remain?” Will the tracks still be “first on a list” to be electrified as city officials have been told? Will the CP tracks used by the train be sold to the newly formed transit authority for the Montreal region?

“We’ll have to wait and see,” she said.

Retired Westmount director general Bruce St. Louis also told the *Independent*, “The plan raises more questions than answers.” St. Louis, who works as director general of the Association of Suburban Municipalities, said there is much more to the schematic than what is shown. “Part and parcel of the plan is a complete rethink of bus routes to get people to the new stations and transit hubs,” he explained. This also raises many questions. “It’s very much a work in progress.”

“Westmount will still have commuter lines and there will still be ‘residual problems,’” he added on the effects to Westmount.

He also wondered how many Westmount residents use the existing commuter lines that connect with Vendôme station. How many students use them?

‘Great news,’ says WTAG

Nevertheless, the announced plan to bypass Westmount “is indeed great news” for residents, says Mike Mossop of the

Westmount Train Action Group (WTAG).

“We are curious to see what will happen to the frequency of the Vaudreuil-Hudson line,” he said, especially if it is phased out by the new West Island train. “Regardless of the situation, WTAG will continue working...to find solutions to improve and protect our quality of life.”

These include electrification and the use of quieter locomotives, he said.

The first new trains are scheduled for service in 2020 on what is called the Réseau électrique métropolitain (REM).

Opus card, lost now found

A reader of the *Independent* learned of the whereabouts of her lost Opus card when seeing a letter to the editor, April 19 (“Opus card found,” p. 10).

It turned out that her neighbour had found it, and she was able to reclaim it from her. “What a happy ending,” wrote the letter writer to *Indie* after the issue was published.

Pushing for \$15 on April 15



Workers at the Château Westmount seniors’ home at de Maisonneuve and Victoria joined those of 63 other private institutions across Quebec on April 15 to push for a \$15 per hour starting wage for kitchen staff (excluding cooks), and orderlies and maintenance workers. It is now \$11.96 for the former and \$12.28 for the latter, according to union representative and maintenance worker Cynthia Cadeau (front row, centre).

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Tuques Bleues celebrates 19th edition



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

On a chilly February 18, close to 400 snowshoers and 80 racers took part in the 19th edition of the Tuques Bleues Celebration on top of Mount Royal.

Taking its cue from the snowshoe excursions of the Montreal Snowshoe Club dating from 1840, the event was organized by Les amis de la montagne. It was presented by Manulife for the seventh consecutive year.

Honorary chairs were **Robert Tellier**, regional vice president, Group Retirement Solutions and Group Benefits Québec, Manulife, and **Michel Leblanc**, president and CEO, Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal, who presented the medals to the race winners.

Welcoming guests was Westmount res **Peter Howlett**, founding president of Les amis de la montagne, there with his wife **Morag** and daughter **Jane**.

Winners of the women's race were **Anik**

Archambault (gold), **Ann-Julie Auclair** (silver) and **Sarah Christiani** (bronze). (Sadly, Archambault had to leave before the photo op.)

The winners of the men's race were **Jean-François Bemeur** (gold), **Clément Coste** (silver) and **Guillaume Laganière** (bronze).

It was a night full of prizes. The Tuques Bleues trophy was awarded to Presima with the best combined time for their top three racers, and the Manuvie Volunteer Award was presented to **Annie Drouin** for her outstanding commitment to Les amis de la montagne for more than 10 years. She graciously donated the \$1,000 award to the organization.

The exhilarating hike on a 2.5-kilometre forest trail culminated with a fabulous feast prepared by Java U Catering. The outdoor wonderland was enhanced with sound and light by Musion Canada.

The Tuques Bleues committee was co-chaired by Westmounter **Jeffrey Drummond**, there with his wife **Kathryn Lund** (both governors of Les amis) along with **Philip Belec** (who attended with Anna), working with members **Diana Ferrara Scalia**, **Robert Fortier**, **Richard Hart** and



From left: Michel Leblanc, Peter Howlett and Robert Tellier. Photos courtesy of Les amis de la montagne

Érik Moisan.

Noted amidst the warmly dressed crowd was local resident **Kim Drummond**, as well as **Mary Bruns** and **David Creighton**, **Bruno DiBatista**, **Sam Scalia**, **Diana Ferrara-Scalia**, **Frank Csik**, **Mark Roper**, **Peter Dlouhy**, **Armand L. C. de Mestral**, governor of Les amis de la montagne, and his son **Philippe**, **Hélène Panaïoti**, **Lesley McGilvray**, **Stephen Takacsy**, **Kate Brazeau**, **Daniel Labrecque**, **Andrew Lindsay** and **Joanne Lalumière**.

Key supporters were Tubbs Snowshoes and Atlas Snowshoes, the city of Montreal, TD Friends of the Environment Foundation, Montréal en lumière, Domaine Pinnacle, 2nd Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery, Dornier Wines, Gattuso (Biobio and Grok), Hewitt Rentals and Java U Catering, and Bell Media and its affiliated radio stations Rouge 107.3 FM, CJAD 800 AM



Ann-Julie Auclair (silver), left, and Sarah Christiani (bronze).

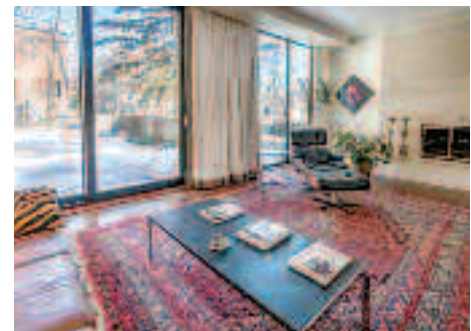
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From left: Bruno DiBatista, Sam Scalia, Diana Ferrara-Scalia, Frank Csik and Mark Roper.

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The full-of-fun festive fête raised \$145,000 in support of Les amis de la mon-

tagne's educational and conservation programmes on Mount Royal.

Enraged man earns \$221 ticket for 'insulting, interfering'

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Public Security foot patrollers found five people sitting on a wall at the Summit lookout April 17 with large open bottles of rum and gin nearby. No one was seen holding them or drinking, however, so officers simply warned the group it was against city by-laws to possess open containers of alcoholic beverages in city parks.

Since no one took possession of them, officers emptied the contents on the ground, which suddenly enraged one man who had remained silent until then.

He was described as becoming very aggressive, asking "why did you do that?" and "calling us every name in the book," said Public Security director Greg McBain.

When asked twice to identify himself or police would be called, he replied in unpublishable language that he couldn't care less. When learning police had been called, he "cooled down," and finally identified himself before they could arrive as a 29-year-old resident of Mascouche.

He was issued a ticket for \$221 for insulting an officer and interfering with the officer's work.



From left: Guillaume Laganière, Woods (bronze), Jean-François Bemeur, Snowshoes (gold) and Clément Coste, city of Montreal (silver).

Five skateboarders ticketed on steep hills

Five skateboarders were given \$38 tickets under the city's traffic by-law last week, Public Security officials said. They were found travelling down steep streets in two separate incidents.

Checking out a complaint at 8:16 pm April 15, patrollers spotted the first two on Bellevue and stopped them on Aberdeen north of The Boulevard. Both had left their identification papers in a car on Sunnyside

so they were driven to the car to retrieve them. One was a 19-year-old resident of Longueuil; the other, a 20-year-old resident of Terrebonne.

Three were similarly ticketed April 17 at 12:16 pm while longboarding down Church Hill. They were described as 20-year-olds from Montreal and Beaconsfield. One was recorded as having been ticketed on Mount Pleasant April 15, 2013.

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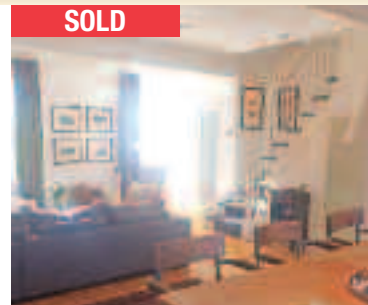
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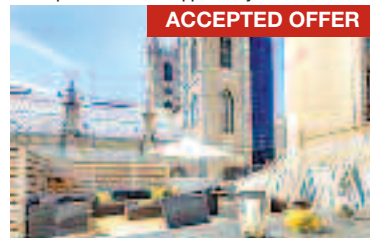
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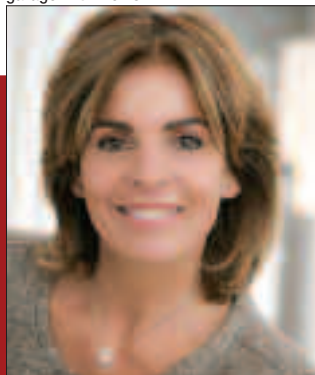
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