

Council rejects plan for Prince Albert/de Mais. development

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council formally refused a plan August 1 to build a multi-family residential building at 4898 de Maisonneuve bordering Prince Albert.

The council accepted the recommendations of the city's Planning Advisory Committee (PAC), which found the project failed to meet the criteria set out in the by-

law for the consideration of non-conforming projects, Councillor Theodora Samiotis told the meeting.

The project had become the first submission to test the process outlined in the new by-law 1489 on Specific Construction, Alteration or Occupancy of an Immovable, known as PPCMOI or SCAOPI.

According to Mayor Peter Trent, the PAC evaluation rated the project "No" or "Low" for criteria involving height, massing, site coverage, integration into the built environment, ecological design and especially that the project did not provide a benefit to the community justifying its increase in height and *continued on p. 4*



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City to require contractor checks to limit collusion

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Contractors hoping to win city infrastructure contracts exceeding \$100,000 in Westmount will soon be required to undergo background checks and certification by the province's financial regulator, the Autorité des marchés financiers (AMF).

Adopted by city council resolution August 1, the aim of the move is to safeguard the city from having to award contracts to

a low bidder who may have been named in the Charbonneau Report on collusion in the construction industry, according to Mayor Peter Trent.

The new measures align Westmount with Montreal and are to be written into tender specifications effective January 1.

Under current Quebec legislation governing integrity in public contracts, municipalities are required to hire AMF-approved con- *continued on p. 3*

Pop! Skate park opens



Westmount's recently opened skateboard park, located behind Westmount High, was being tested by Westmounter Sebastián Norambuena, left, and his friend Felipe Rodriguez July 16 around 6 pm. The 18-year-olds, both former Westmount High students, said that it "is much better than the old fountain in Westmount Park. It's really cool." What's on the wish list? "Well, a half-pipe would be great," said Rodriguez. The park, intended for skateboards and in-line skates, is open daily from 9 am to 9 pm to kids aged 10 and up.

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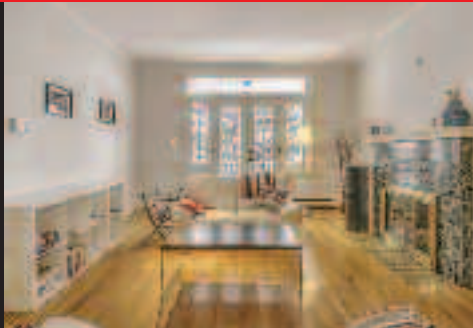


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Contract awarded to refurbish dog runs at Murray, WAG

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Dog runs at King George (Murray) Park and the Westmount Athletic Grounds (WAG) are to be upgraded to the new city standard set last year by the new run at Westmount Park.

City council approved the proposed work August 1, awarding a contract for both

runs at a total amount of \$298,274. Le Groupe Nepveu Inc. was the lowest of 11, whose quotes ranged up in price to \$479,560.

At both locations, the work will involve excavation (18 inches deep) to allow for the addition of the special dog run sand mix used in Westmount Park and the removal of the earth, Councillor Cynthia Lul-

ham said.

Both runs will have automated water fountains (dishes) as well as black metal fencing and hedges.

The fence at Murray will be higher at the upper end because of the uphill slope. At the WAG, the current hedge will be replaced.

The work will close the two runs, one at a time, probably starting at the end of the

month or in September, depending on the availability of contractor, Lulham later said.

Work on the WAG run was initially announced to take place last fall, along with refurbishing of the tennis courts (see story September 22, 2015, p. 1).

“Our plans had to be postponed due to a lack of bids,” Public Works director Patrick Raggo explains.

Contractor integrity at stake

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tractors only when awarding contracts over \$5 million. Montreal is the only municipality in Quebec currently using the \$100,000 threshold.

As a result, there is urgency to act, Trent contends. Contractors who cannot obtain AMF approval and are unable to win Montreal contracts are increasingly bidding on contracts in Westmount and other demerged municipalities.

In May, the *Independent* asked about recurring bidders at which time Trent “declined to comment.” (See story May 24, p. 6.) It was since learned the AMF requirement had been under review at the time.

The city will also require contractors to hire only AMF-certified subcontractors for work over \$25,000.

The resolution also requires contractors to have experience over the previous two years on at least three similar projects within the Montreal Metropolitan Community (MMC), one being in Montreal.

This is a “back-up” provision in the event the AMF certification is contested legally, Trent explained. Having been awarded a contract in Montreal automatically requires AMF approval.

He told the *Independent* he believes Quebec has not lowered its AMF-approval limit from \$5 million to \$100,000 for all mu-

nicipalities because of the backlog of applicants it would create.

“That’s like saying, you don’t need to have a licence to drive a car in Westmount because the bureaucrats don’t have enough time to give you your licence.”

The city will publicize the new tender requirements and notify all contractors known to have expressed an interest in obtaining Westmount contracts.

Contracts affected pertain to infrastructure work such as construction, demolition or repair of roads, waterworks and sewers as well as related service contracts. They also govern the supply of bituminous compounds such as asphalt.

Councillor Patrick Martin, commissioner of Public Works, told the council meeting he was voting for the resolution but had concerns it might decrease competition and drive up quotes but was “assured” by Public Works it would not since many bidders already had AMF approval.

He also pointed out the requirement for contractors having previous experience was also aimed at any that might be “in trouble” with the AMF and had changed their name.

The objective is not to restrict the market, a city press release states, but to give time for contractors wanting to bid on Westmount contracts to obtain AMF approval.



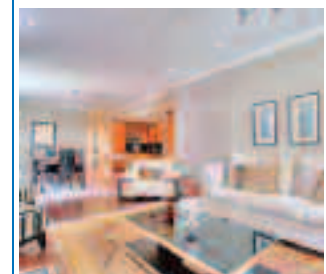
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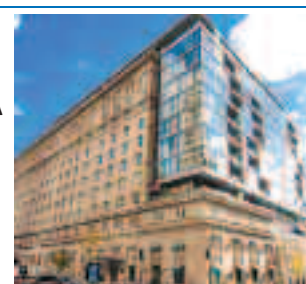
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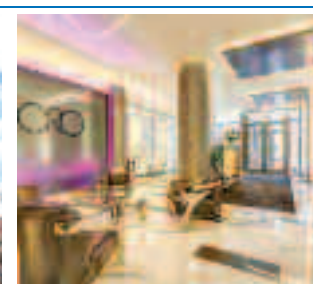
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First PPCMOI project nixed

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density. It was, he said, “unclear” what was offered as a benefit.
“It was a resounding ‘No,’” he said of the assessment.

The PAC evaluation of the proposed re-development followed a public presentation to the PAC at a meeting June 28 and several dozen comments, briefs and a petition from 31 residents.

Participants thanked

“I want to thank everyone who participated in the meeting,” Samiotis said, and for all their comments sent to council and posted on the city website, as well as their input into the PPCMOI by-law process.

Many, who sent copies of their comments to the *Independent*, stated the six-plus storey project of some 20 apartments did not fit the scale or environment of the neighbourhood or meet objectives of the city’s planning program (see story July 5, p. 1).

The existing commercial building and adjacent parking lot had already been down-zoned in 1987 to one-and two-family dwellings when Trent sat on council as the Urban Planning commissioner.

The reaction of residents to the recent development proposal, he said, “is sending a message against the condo-ization of Westmount.”

On the other hand, he called the process that had been developed with citizen input over many months for consideration of non-conforming projects to have been “a success.”

Easy to reject

Denis Biro of Burton Ave., who was attending the council meeting as one of those concerned citizens, thanked the city for holding the PAC presentation in pub-



Councillor Theodora Samiotis reads the resolution rejecting the proposal August 1.

lic. He suggested in order to make the process “more efficient” that a way be found to reject such a project at an earlier stage. He said this proposal should have been “easy to reject” since it did not fit “at all” into the zoning and objectives of the city’s planning program.

Architect Ken London of Prince Albert did not speak but later told the *Independent* the serious concerns of affected residents had had an impact on the final decision. The project as presented, he noted, “did not demonstrate any need for special consideration,” which was the aim of the PPCMOI by-law.

Neither property owner Guy Laframboise nor co-developer Peter Smale attended the meeting. Smale, who had answered many questions from the public and PAC members during the June 28 meeting, could not be reached for comment on the decision by press time Monday.



Ken London, left, and Denis Biro applaud council decision August 1.

Wood Ave. reconstruction kicks off this week

Sherbrooke water main work to last through November

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A three-month project to replace the water main on Sherbrooke between Strathcona and Kensington is expected to start August 16 or August 22, Public Works officials said last week. During that period, traffic in both directions will use the east-bound lanes.

This year’s portion of water main replacement on Sherbrooke will take place exceptionally after the summer vacation period. This is timed to the completion of the water main work and rebuilding of sidewalks on Argyle, as well as the end of Westmount Ave. reconstruction. Both these projects had to be done while Selwyn House and Roslyn schools were closed for the summer.

“It’s not easy doing Sherbrooke in the fall, but it’s tied into the proximity of schools,” explained Elisa Gaetano, assistant director, engineering and infrastructure.

City council awarded the contract for Sherbrooke St. August 1 in the amount of \$577,248 to Bentech Construction (9075 3856 Quebec Inc.). The low bid of \$552,974 from Canbec Construction was rejected as being non-conforming to specifications. The highest bid of 11 came from Construction Bau-Val for \$1.5 million.

Meanwhile, the reconstruction of Wood (de Maisonneuve to Sherbrooke), including replacement of the water main, was due to start August 8 (see story July 12, p. 1).

Prince Albert splash pad gets green light

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council approved a contract August 1 for the installation of a splash pad in Prince Albert Park at a cost of \$185,720. The bid from Urbex Construction Inc. was the lowest of six bids, the highest being \$236,485 from Installation Jeux Tec.

Planning for the project has been “complicated” given the small size of the park and the challenge to fit in its various components, said Councillor Cynthia Lulham, commissioner of Parks and Sustainability. This includes rebuilding the walkway.

The splash pad “will be ready to go for

next summer,” she said. (See story June 28, p. 1).

All the work requiring connections with water and electrical networks was undertaken as part of the reconstruction of Prince Albert Ave., according to Elisa Gaetano, Public Works assistant director, engineering and infrastructure. As a result, no new cuts will be required in the new pavement.

The street reconstruction project is complete but has been awaiting cooler weather for the installation of grass along the sidewalks, she said.



A rendering of the proposed residential development at 4898 de Maisonneuve.

Image courtesy of Peter Smale

Westmount receives site designation plaque from feds

BY RALPH THOMPSON

Westmount was formally recognized as a site of national historic significance July 25 at city hall. A heavy rainstorm did not dampen the mood as the proceedings were relocated inside to council chambers.

A significant media presence captured the event where Westmount was recognized for its national historic significance by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada. Parks Canada presented Mayor Peter Trent with a large brass plaque. “This city is an exemplary model of suburbs from the Victorian and Post-Victorian eras in Canada. These types of designations reflect the rich heritage of our country and offer Canadians the opportunity to learn more about it,” said MP for NDG-Westmount Marc Garneau, representing the minister responsible for Parks Canada, Catherine McKenna. Garneau has also been a Westmounter for 15 years.

According to Trent, more than two thirds of Westmount homes, many houses of worship and schools are more than a century old.

“I started the process to formally recognizing Westmount’s unique architectural

heritage 16 years ago as an argument against the forced city mergers,” said Mayor Peter Trent. “We acquired this quality because we were independent. As it turned out, we could only say we were applying for recognition. We now have confirmation that Westmount is unique, with our own architectural and planning commission, that has protected our buildings and landscapes for the last 100 years.” (Westmount was reportedly the first municipality in Canada to constitute a design review committee, and many municipalities in Quebec now have PACs.)

Julia Gersovitz, chair of the city’s Planning Advisory Committee, explained that “Westmount grew out of the village of Côte St. Antoine, and since 1916, we have been protecting the built environment of the city of Westmount, and at the same time, ensuring that the future will be as rosy as the past in encouraging design excellence in both built form and landscape.”

The proceedings were coordinated by Julie Dompierre, director, heritage designations and programs with Parks Canada.

John Donovan sang a rousing, bilingual version of the national anthem. Mouton Noir Café, from the Westmount recreation



Unveiling the plaque were, from left, MP Marc Garneau; Julia Gersovitz, chair of the city's Planning Advisory Committee; Mayor Peter Trent and Julie Dompierre, director, heritage designations and programs with Parks Canada.

centre, provided refreshments after the event. The plaque will be located in front of city hall.

See “Westmount given national historic site designation by Parks Canada,” January 24, 2012, p. 2.

Injured peregrine sent to raptor centre for rehabilitation

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Public safety officers managed to capture an injured peregrine falcon July 28 on Sherbrooke and Prince Albert, Public Se-



Peregrine falcon captured by Public Security on Sherbrooke July 28.

Photo courtesy of Westmount Public Security

curity officials said. A call had been received from someone at 9:03 am saying they had seen the peregrine outside 4915 Sherbrooke, the Ben & Tournesol shop.

Officers found it unable to fly and managed to corral it at Prince Albert using a garbage can and a large cage from the patrol vehicle. It was then reported to have been transported in “good” condition to the SPCA.

“We heard it was transferred the next morning to the raptor centre for rehabilitation,” said assistant Public Security director Kimberley Colquhoun. This is a clinic for birds of prey (raptors) located at the University of Montreal’s faculty of veterinary medicine in St. Hyacinthe.

She said the peregrine was a juvenile female and was the second one reported rescued in the Montreal area in two days.

Bike poles go up



Photographed August 1, a new post to lock bikes onto can be seen on Victoria Ave. close by to the new parking meter system (far right). According to the city of Westmount’s website, 85 new racks were installed on Greene, Victoria, St. Catherine, Sherbrooke and surrounding areas. Installation took place July 26 to 28, according to assistant Public Security director Kimberley Colquhoun. See “Bike racks coming for ‘de-headed’ meter poles at end of July,” June 21, p. 3.

Photo: Staff

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FURTHER CLARIFYING WHY NICHOLAS HOARE BOOKSTORE LEFT

Re the letter "What can be done about high rents?" (July 12, p. 6), which I have only just unearthed from deepest Nova Scotia, I hasten, however belatedly, to set the record straight.

Cromwell Management had no hand in either of the two buildings owned by Paul Kastel on Greene Ave., either during or after our tenure in both (initially as The Avenue Bookshop).*

Indeed, the current owners, the brothers Cola, proved as amiable and accommodating toward us after their purchase of the buildings as Mr. Kastel had before them, going so far as to permit us to operate on a metaphorical handshake during our experimental run-off, with no increase in rent.

Nor did we have "to leave because of [the] high rent increase." It would have been foolhardy indeed for me, at the ripe old age of 70, to renew a five-year lease with no visible successor, regardless of the rate; and we wound up our stores in all three cities on the same basis when their

own renewals fell due.
NICHOLAS HOARE, NOVA SCOTIA
* Editor's note: We had hoped to set this fact straight in the editor's note attached to that letter, where we write "To the best of our knowledge, this building has not had Cromwell as its owner in recent years," and some facts from our own fact-finding followed. – KM

OPEN LETTER FROM THE 'TEEN ZONE TWINS'

We want to tell you our Teen Zone story. We are twins. The first time we came to the Westmount/YMCA Teen Zone, everyone was taller than us, and we were shy. But after the first few times going there, we started to see the great family the Teen Zone is, with great staff like Rachael, Emily and Jason, who helped us feel welcome.

We talked to Rachael, and she introduced us to everyone. We realized that the other teens were all very nice, so we didn't have a reason to be scared. We then started to go every day when we realized they had so many fun activities to do. For example, on Mondays, they have a homework program, and on Tuesdays, they have a cook-



Moad and Adan Alhjoog celebrating their 13th birthday at the Westmount/YMCA Teen Zone.

Photo courtesy of Sports and Recreation department

ing program.

Our walks to the Teen Zone after school have brought us closer together, and we have created an unbreakable bond as twins. The most important part of the Teen Zone was that we could have fun with our friends and be supervised by an adult without the feeling of being controlled. The staff are more like friends.

Everybody who goes there is cheerful. Most of the people who go there are still taller than us, but that's okay. It's been an amazing experience, and we have the best memories there; it is our home away from home!

We celebrated our 13th birthday at the Teen Zone, and everyone was there to celebrate with us. We are part of that big family.

MOAD AND ADAN ALHJOOG,
MOUNT STEPHEN

DOGS RUNNING AMOK COULD AFFECT DUCKLINGS

Everybody is now rooting for the poor mummy duck on the pond in Westmount Park, hoping the last two of the eight ducklings she had survive.

Every day I'm in the park, I see people letting their dogs swim freely back and forth in the pond, the mother and baby ducks not five meters away. On weekends, I've seen dogs run among the picnickers and sun bathers, shaking and spraying water on everybody.

I know it's kind of fun, and I'm all for letting dogs have a good time, but I'm wondering if dogs were at least partially responsible for the loss of some of her young. You can see that the mother duck is now very alarmed whenever she sees a dog nearby.

In a way, I think it's nice that security

has lightened up since it's been so hot for the dogs, but even if you allow your dog in the pond to cool off, he could remain on the leash.

I'm hoping this letter helps to bring awareness to the people who let their dogs loose, to at least be mindful of this short breeding period when the ducklings are so vulnerable.

And, perhaps on the weekend when there are many people from elsewhere visiting the park, there should be more public safety officers patrolling to make them aware of the rules.

PENNY ARSENAULT, ST. CATHERINE ST.

CAN THE CONCERTS BE MOVED BACK TO THE PARK?

It was with much disappointment that I was unable to hear the concert in the park July 17. I and many others arrived on time (2 pm) at the gazebo only to find a lack of musicians and disappointed faces.

Later, someone came by to say a concert was being held outside the cafeteria at the new sports complex, so I hurried over.

What a disappointment! Listeners were crowded in on the shaded part of the terrace outside the cafeteria, but there was not nearly enough room for everyone, and it was a very hot day. The dismal outlook over the treeless flat surface was depressing.

We are so fortunate to have a world-class park almost at our doorstep, where, in the past, one could enjoy the music while sitting in the shadows of beautiful, enormous shade trees while enjoying the passing parade of young and old as they sauntered by.

Would the city reconsider moving the concerts back to the park?

JOAN MARIEN,
DE MAISONNEUVE BLVD.

ANY PLANS TO PLANT?

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Pier 1 Imports closing its Westmount location

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Pier 1 Imports, an established retail presence on Sherbrooke St. in Westmount for more than 30 years, is closing.

The US-based retailer of home furnishings and accessories, which has two other outlets in the Montreal area, decided to shut the Westmount store for strategic reasons.

While store manager Edith Laflamme insisted to the *Independent* that she was not allowed to comment on the closing, a spokesperson at Pier 1 Imports' Fort Worth Texas headquarters was more forthcoming.

"Pier 1 Imports will close our Westmount location in August 2016," Melissa Simon, a company media relations representative, said in an email.

"As a matter of practice, we do everything we can to support our associates during this time of transition," she continued. "Pier 1 Imports continually reviews new and existing store locations to make sure we're operating as efficiently as possible.

"Where necessary, based on that review, we make the strategic business decision to close certain locations on a case-by-case basis," said Simon. We care about our



Pier 1 Imports is closing its Sherbrooke St. outlet.

shoppers in the Westmount area and have enjoyed serving them over the years."

One source said several employees sug-

gested that if the rent hadn't gone up, the store would have remained.

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Thursday, Aug. 18th: 10:00 – 12:00 pm "Avoiding Abuse - Mandates, Curatorship and Residences" A chance to learn from retired attorneys Marjorie Sharp and Joyce Blond Frank, along with semi-retired CPA Rod Scott and private practice social worker Glen Marcotte (retired from CLSC Metro Home Care Dept.) True life stories will be shared by this seasoned team, and tips will be given as to how to avoid common pitfalls when preparing or implementing a mandate in the event of incapacity.

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Temporary hose line pierced on Argyle

A hose supplying water to residents of Argyle during water main work July 30 was accidentally punctured causing a minor water leak, Public Security officials said. Officers responding to the call at 4:35 pm found that a resident trimming trees had inadvertently dropped a branch on the temporary water line. Realizing it was attached to multiple houses, the officer wrapped the split with danger tape and waterworks crews were called to remedy the problem.

Three tickets total \$447

A 32-year-old NDG man was issued three tickets July 25 totalling \$447, Public Security officials said. He had been caught on a security camera at 10:49 am hanging around the comfort station in Westmount Park with three others. He was reported to have become so aggressive when questioned by a patroller that a back-up officer had to be summoned. Police were also called to identify him.

The man was issued one ticket for \$77 for uttering threats, one for \$149 for consuming alcohol in a park and another for \$221 for interfering with a municipal officer. A few minutes later, he departed.

Leja painting donated to city



A small ceremony to mark the handing over of a painting by the late Walter Leja took place July 26 at city hall. Leja, a bomb disposal expert, suffered critical injuries defusing a terrorist bomb in Westmount April 17, 1963. Mayor Peter Trent, left, stands with Robert Hyndra, nephew of Gloria and the late Michael Prytulak, who was there to give the city a painting on their behalf. The Prytulaks befriended Leja at St. Anne's Veteran's Hospital. Also present were staff from the city's Communications department and city archivist Anthony Chiasson, according to Anne Renaud, executive assistant, mayor's office, who was also there.

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tion. I questioned the new sidewalks that jut out into the intersection. The reply from Westmount was totally logical and in perfect order: To prevent excess run off.

I now notice that the "planting" area is just a mass of weeds. Is this the kind of planting that we can expect from our (hopefully) soon to be finished sidewalks on Westmount Ave. and Prince Albert? Hopefully decent planting is part of the budget.

HELAINE KLIGER, ROSLYN AVE.

Three found breaking curfew

Two women and a man were found in possession of alcohol in Sunnyside Park August 1 at 1:30 am, Public Security officials said. The trio was discovered by officers on foot patrol of the park. They were reported to be co-operative so were ticketed \$77 for breaking the park's midnight curfew rather than for consuming alcohol. They were described as ranging in age between 19 and 21. All lived in downtown Montreal.

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Sidney Ashford (1925-2016) set up city's Public Security

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A funeral service took place August 5 for Sidney Ashford, the founding director of Westmount's Public Security Unit. He died July 29 at age 91.

Ashford, a World War II veteran and 32-year police officer in Westmount and Montreal, was hired in 1980 to set up the municipality's new "para-police" service shortly after the start of one in Hampstead.

He shaped the new service to supplement gaps in park patrols and enforcement of municipal by-laws that had evolved from the integration in 1972 of Montreal island police forces into the Montreal Urban Community police department.

Modelled by Ashford on his own experience in the former Westmount Police Force, the new service was characterized by a low profile, a rigorous shift system, black cars initially unmarked and a strict, military-like discipline and uniforms described at the time as resembling Ontario police.

At the end of Ashford's five-year con-

tract, he was replaced by Director Richard McEnroe, and the force progressed on a more contemporary basis taking on its own high profile in the community.

Pre-deceased by his wife, Veronica Forster, he is survived by four children, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He lived most of his life in Verdun until moving to Sunrise House in Beaconsfield and St. Anne's Veteran's Hospital after the onset of Alzheimer's.



Director Sidney Ashford, June 1980.

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Mulcair drops in to ancestral Hurtubise house

By RALPH THOMPSON

Hurtubise grandsons and a granddaughter returned to visit their ancestral home July 20. The historic Hurtubise House at 561 Côte St. Antoine was paid a visit by the leader of the federal New Democratic Party Thomas Mulcair, his sister Jeannie and brother Daniel. They walked through their grandparents' front door at 3 pm.

Pierre Edwin Hurtubise and his wife Jeanne Mercier lived in Hurtubise House in the early 20th century. Their daughter Jeanne married Henry (known as Harry) Donnelly Mulcair and along came Thomas.

The siblings spent over an hour looking at one of Quebec's most treasured heritage properties. They observed the preserved details, such as the old linoleum floor coverings, the roughly carved stone kitchen sink built into the window with a drain directly to the back garden, the small (originally paraffin) lamp recessed into the wooden walls in the centre of the home that lights four rooms and the huge, jagged stone fireplaces in most rooms.

The house was built in 1739 by Jean Hurtubise on a huge swath of land stretching down the mountain that had been pur-



Thomas Mulcair, leader of the federal New Democratic Party, right, with his brother Daniel and sister Jeannie, stand at the front door of their grandparents' home, the Hurtubise House. They dropped in for the Cup of Tea open house July 20, as part of several summer Wednesday events hosted by Canadian Heritage of Quebec.

chased by his father Louis in 1699. Considered a cavalier act at the time; the house would have been located in the rugged outback with a threat of potential reprisals from local aboriginals. No attacks ever occurred.

The house was occupied by six generations of the Hurtubise family until 1955. In 1956, it became the first property taken over by the Canadian Heritage of Quebec (CHQ). Recent roof and balcony replacements supported by government grants are helping to preserve it, "but we depend on donations and contributions to maintain the CHQ properties," said Jacques Archambault, its executive director. "The gov-

ernment grant only covered 30 percent of the \$1-million cost of restoration."

The open house, dubbed "Cup of Tea on Wednesdays," has quickly become much more, with over double the number of openings now planned this summer. "We had received 150 calls by July 18 by people and groups wanting to come to the open house," he said. "So we have extended the [tea times] to include some Tuesdays and Thursdays, and will continue into August; we are overwhelmed with requests." Although he said they were fully booked, requests could still be made to coord@hcq-chq.org.

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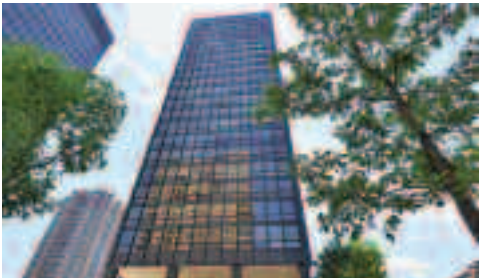
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April sales: More condos, fewer houses?



Real estate

ANDY DODGE, CRA

The following article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in April 2016, gleaned from non-city sources. A list of sales can be found on p. 15.

Last April appeared to be a strong month for condominium sale registrations in Westmount, but volume of single-family sales was actually almost cut in half from March.

Seven condominiums were recorded in the latest list, including three more brand-new units at 175 Metcalfe Ave. on the site of the old Vanguard school at the corner of Hillside Ave. The list includes one condo sale over the \$1-million mark, but the rest all sold in a range from \$405,000 to \$569,000. Actually, the higher prices in that range were for the two duplex-type condos, that is, the units derived from sub-



Three more condo sales at 175 Metcalfe Ave.

dividing former duplexes and triplexes.

Houses

On the home front, three of eleven sales surpassed the \$2-million level, reaching to a high of \$2,813,750 for 4386 Montrose Ave., a detached Tudor house on a very large lot, which sold almost nine percent below valuation.

Two more sales had prices lower than \$1 million, as low as \$770,000 for 44 York St., so the end result was an average (for all the



44 York St., lowest price, \$770,000.

sales) of \$1,587,659.

The Montrose sale was one of five houses selling below valuation; 3793 The Boulevard sold for 15.7 percent less than its tax value, biggest mark-down of the month. On the high side, the mark-up for 4285 de Maisonneuve Blvd., at 62.58 percent, barely squeaked by the mark-up for 38 Holton Ave. at 62.57 percent.

The average mark-up of 9.9 percent was up only slightly from 7.8 percent in March, but 20 single-family sales were registered

that month compared to only 11 in April. So far we have tallied 48 sales in the first four months of 2016, which is higher than for any year going back to 2010.

The final April sale involved the apartment at 19 Chesterfield Ave., which had been held in common by the other co-owners in that building, presumably as the caretaker's apartment. It sold for \$180,000, split six ways between the other co-owners.



4386 Montrose Ave., highest price, \$2,813,750.

Police Report

Strong door foils would-be robbers of Westmount Ave. house

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

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

An ounce of prevention paid off recently for the owners of a Westmount Ave. house after thieves tried but failed to break into their residence.

Sometime between July 22 and 24 when the owners were away for an extended weekend, the would-be robbers attempted unsuccessfully to break down a rear entrance door to the residence.

"The plaintiffs came home after the weekend and noticed that the back door was forced open," said Montreal police Station 12 spokesperson Adalbert Pimentel.

"However, the suspects weren't successful in entering the house," he added. "The back patio door was forced. They tried to kick it in, but it didn't break or give, so they did not get access, and the suspects weren't able to enter the dwelling."

Pimentel agreed that the strength of the door as well as other preventive measures probably made all the difference. "Good locks, lighting, even neighbours keeping a

watchful eye – everything makes a difference," he said.

He also pointed out that even if burglars succeed in entering, the extra amount of time can delay them until the arrival of law enforcement. "The more layers of security, the better, because it buys you time."

Car catches fire

According to the police, an electrical system malfunction caused a car parked on Sunnyside Ave. near Upper Bellevue to catch fire around 11:30 pm on July 13. Pimentel said the police report refers to the incident involving a Dodge Charger as accidental.

"The fire department responded to the scene," he said, while adding that Westmount Public Security was also present. "An investigation was done by the fire service to see if it was



A photo taken on Sunnyside was sent to the Independent July 14.

criminal or not, and they determined the cause to be electrical failure." The owner of the vehicle was a Montreal resident.

Stolen out of Elm driveway

An Elm Ave. resident near the corner of de Maisonneuve Blvd. recently found out that parking in his own driveway wasn't enough to prevent determined thieves

from stealing his vehicle.

He called 911 on the morning of July 28 to report that sometime during the previous night, his Infiniti SUV had been stolen. According to the official report, the vehicle's doors were locked at the time.

"When he woke up, he noticed that it wasn't there," said Pimentel, while adding that the suspects may have chosen that particular vehicle because of a demand for that model.

Thieves target stuff inside vehicles

In the first few days of August, Station 12 received several complaints regarding thefts of items from within parked vehicles in upper Westmount. During the night of August 1, three pairs of sunglasses were stolen from a pickup truck parked near Sunnyside Ave. The doors of the vehicle had been left unlocked.

On August 2, a wallet and a cell phone, which were in a worker's lunchbox left on the front seat in an unlocked truck belonging to a company doing construction work on Upper Lansdowne Ave., were also stolen.

"When he came back, it was empty," said Pimentel. The wallet's owner later noted that one of his credit cards was used by the perpetrator that same day to make a purchase at a McDonald's restaurant.

While admitting that storing valuables in a lunchbox isn't necessarily unwise, Pimentel added that the error in this case was to leave them in plain sight in an unlocked vehicle. "It's rare with a theft inside a vehicle that somebody breaks into a car just to see what's in the trunk," he said.

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For Andy Dodge’s analysis, see p. 14.



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85 new bike racks in Westmount

Cyclists in Westmount now have access to 85 new racks installed on Greene and Victoria Avenues, Sherbrooke and Ste-Catherine Streets, and their surrounding areas.

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Calling all Families! Follow the Library on Instagram: @BiblioWestmount. Post a picture of your favourite spot to read outdoors in nature. Use the hashtag #WPLreading2016. Info: 514-989-5229.

Film Club

Every Wednesday at 2 p.m. from August 10 to 31, Library. Upcoming films include *Eye in the Sky* August 10, and *Where to Invade Next* August 17. Tickets available at the Library. Info: 514-989-5299.

TD Summer Reading Club

This year's theme is *Wild!* **Registration for the TD Summer Reading Club is underway.**

Paddle to the Sea and Float in the Westmount Lagoon (5 years +)
Friday, August 12, 4 to 5:30 p.m., Storytime Room. With Amy Creighton. Follow in the footsteps - or paddle strokes - of the NFB's Canadian classic *Paddle to the Sea*. Experience the thrill of

Next Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 6th

making and decorating your own mini canoe and then launching it in Westmount's lagoon. Info: 514-989-5229.



How to Save Your Seeds

Thursday, August 25, 19 h, Library. A special lecture on seed saving techniques from our guest garden experts Boyd Hamilton (NDG Food Depot) and Mary Strate (La Grainothèque, Hemmingford Library).

As the end of the growing season approaches, have you thought of giving some seeds from your garden to the **Seed Lending Library**? Find out more at westlib.org. Info: 514 989-5299.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Summer Concerts in Westmount Park
Sunday, August 14, 2 p.m., WRC entrance pavilion (rain location: Café Mouton Noir). Hear live jazz, classical and popular music in the park. Free! Info: 514-989-5226.

Gallery at Victoria Hall - exhibition

July 14 to August 13, 2016. The Gallery is pleased to present a group exhibition featuring artists Philippe Commier, Harvey Corn, Francis Lipari, Mair Millington, Giuseppe Pascale and Paola Ridolfi. Info: 514 989-5521.

Movies under the stars

Thursday, August 11 at 7 p.m., Westmount Park. *Bikes vs Cars*, a Fredrik Gertten film. Free. Presented in collaboration with the *Conseil des arts de Montréal en tournée*. Info: 514-989-5226.

Words and Music

Sunday, August 21, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., WRC entrance pavilion (rain location: Café Mouton Noir). Bring a picnic and hear performances of poetry and music. Free! Info: 514-989-5226.

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JUNE BUILDING PERMITS What's permitted

The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the June 6 meeting of city council.

52 De Lavigne: to build a retaining wall at the rear using the natural quarry rock option;

485 Roslyn: to do some landscaping work, provided the wood fence is continued along the property line in order to screen the river stone feature from the adjacent property;

2 Westmount Square: at a 1* building, to enclose a sunken rooftop courtyard terrace with roof to build a gym;

35 York: to transform a commercial building to residential, build an addition on the roof, an underground garage, reconfigure front stairs, replace windows and install a sign provided it is at least one meter behind the sidewalk (see story June 21, p. 5);

45 Oakland: to build a rear deck and landscape including rebuilding the driveway and retaining walls;

645 Lansdowne: exterior modifications to include openings and closure of the roof terrace at the rear;

32 Anwoth: to modify openings in the back façade, rebuild the terrace and make general repairs;

467 Mount Stephen: to install a fence around the back yard;

698 Grosvenor: landscaping at the front;

388 Olivier: to replace fences;

437 Mount Pleasant: at a Category I house, to repair the rear deck and replace the privacy screen;

4350 Westmount: to replace garage roof deck;

71 Prospect: landscaping to include demolishing a free-standing concrete wall and replacing it with a wooden fence;

3202 The Boulevard: to replace front balcony door;

437 Prince Albert: to replace two basement doors;

22 Anwoth: exterior changes to include modification of window and door openings, building access stairs to the rear yard, converting the sunroom to a balcony, and enlarging a dormer at the rear provided SDL divisions are introduced in the dormer windows; a second permit to landscape, resurface the walkway and driveway and add a rear patio;

462 Mount Stephen: to replace some windows and storms;

4 Hudson: to replace three front basement windows and two side ones;

4488 St. Catherine: to install a residential sign for the apartment building provided it



Work appears to be being carried out at 22 Anwoth August 5.

Photos: Martin C. Barry

is at least one meter behind the sidewalk;

622 Murray Hill: to replace rear windows and doors;

110 Sunnyside: landscaping to include building a small access stair from the driveway and a new rear patio;

24 Forden Ave.: to modify some front and side window openings.

The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the June 20 meeting of city council.

4307 Montrose: to add an extension at the rear and replace doors and windows;

468 Strathcona: to build an extension at the rear, create a new basement access and replace some windows and a door;

633 Lansdowne: to enclose a rear porch on two floors, build a staircase and landing as well as replace all windows and doors;

11 Summit Circle: to replace windows;

165 Edgehill: to enlarge two garage door openings and install new wood doors;

365 Melville: to enlarge a rear deck and build a privacy screen;

530 Mount Pleasant: to enlarge two terraces at the rear;

421 Claremont: to do masonry work, modify openings in the rear wall and replace windows and doors;

35 Aberdeen: to build a pool in the rear yard and landscape at the front, side and rear;

331 Lansdowne: at a Category I house, to replace dormer windows;

381 Prince Albert: to build a new rear deck, modify openings, install new doors, build a fence and install an A/C unit;

275 Melville: landscaping in the rear

yard;

5014 Sherbrooke: at a Category I building, to install a sign for “Bois & Cuir”;

1 Winchester: at a Category I house, to build a new fence and carry out landscaping in the back yard and build a new porch;

630 Belmont: to rebuild the front porch, add a roof and create an access to the parking area;

600 Grosvenor: to install a new

fence and resurface the parking area;

516 Victoria: to enlarge a window opening on the rear façade and install a new window;

101 Côte St. Antoine, at Selwyn House School’s Macaulay building, to replace some windows;

355 Olivier, at a Category 1 house, to replace some windows;

570 Claremont: to replace some windows;

379 Roslyn: to modify a rear opening and install a new patio door as well as build steps onto the existing deck for access to the patio door;

48 Chesterfield: at a Category I house, to replace a rear door;



Work is ongoing at 615 Belmont August 5.

60 Aberdeen: to replace some windows and a door provided the basement window has a centre division and the balcony door has a higher base;

427 Mount Stephen: to re clad the front steps with stone as well as install a new guard rail;

619 Belmont: to build a new landing and steps as well as landscape a walkway to the sidewalk;

321 Claremont: to renovate a rooftop terrace and build a new privacy screen;

353 Clarke: to install a new A/C unit on the roof as well as replace some windows and install a new patio door provided windows designated J and K have vertical divisions;

74 Bruce: to replace some basement windows;

693 Grosvenor: to replace the garage door;

395 Clarke: at a Category I house, to replace the garage door;

311 Metcalfe: to build a terrace at grade in the rear yard;

604 Belmont: to build a rear extension on three storeys as well as a deck;

663 Grosvenor: to reposition a retaining wall provided a number of conditions are met, install a fence and carry out landscaping;

4353 Montrose: at a Category I house, to replace some windows provided one designated F-5 is a casement;

615 Belmont: to modify the front balconies, replace the railings and install a new fence;

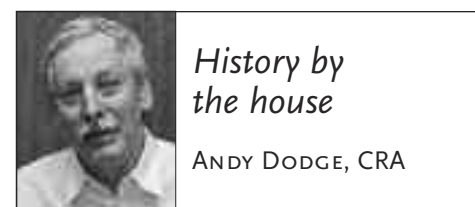
651 Belmont: to install a fence;

4700 St. Catherine: at the “POM” condos, a Category I building, to do repair work on some of the facades;

4455 de Maison-neuve: to replace the roofing materials as well as move the existing fence forward;

462 Strathcona: to install a permanent canopy over the front door and modify the front porch.

4700 St. Catherine St., Apt. 801: Bricks, bakers and big building



History by
the house

ANDY DODGE, CRA

The lead source for the information in this column is deeds of sale, including the names of the owners and their professions or livelihoods. The deeds, especially older ones, rarely state the profession of women.

Many of us still can recall the sweet smells emanating from the POM Bakery at the southeast corner of St. Catherine St. and Glen Rd.

It was one of Westmount's only manufacturing sites, which was purchased by Will Harrison for his father's growing business in 1930 on land which had been bandied about over the previous 50 years.

Many of us, too, prefer to call the Westmount Park Towers condominium building "The POM Building," and even residents enjoy the high ceilings, the curved bays and rooftop terraces that make the building so distinctive as a residential adaptation of a former industrial building.

It would appear that the laying of the



The old "POM" building at 4700 St. Catherine, photographed June 6.

railway tracks by The Atlantic & North-west Railway Co. in about 1887 put dampers on what was planned as residential construction, in what was being used

as a brick-making space. At the time, a stream ran from the mountain into what became Westmount Park, and from there down the hill towards Lac St. Pierre in St.

Henri. The stream's downward flow carved out a distinct valley – or glen, as the Scots would call it – which became the home of Glen Brick Company in 1869, bordering the stream in northern St. Henri.

In 1886, the company gave up title to "premises called & known as The Glen, lying near the Tanneries des Rollands in the Parish of Montreal and heretofore belonging and appertaining to the estate of the late Hew Ramsay," apparently one more of the Scottish immigrants who were swarming to Montreal in the 1850s.

In 1876, Glen Brick Company apparently dissolved, and ten years later (1886), the land in what was then Notre Dame de Grâce – covering both sides of the stream – was picked up in a sheriff's sale by the Robertson family, particularly Andrew and William Robertson, who turned over 5/6 of the title to Colonial Building and Investment Association, a company designed to assist both investors and homebuyers in the expanding Montreal area.

Stretching St. Catherine St.

Plans were afoot to stretch St. Catherine St. (the extension of Sisson's Lane) past Dolan St. (now Lans-
downe Ave., which at the continued on p. 19

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time ran straight south), and some lots were being redivided for new houses.

All this was happening as the Atlantic & Northwest Railway was planning to cut a swath through the entire area, which would become one of the most significant elements in the transformation of western Montreal. One of the key families for the Westmount section of their efforts was Meredith Blenkarne Bethune, a powerful lawyer who represented William and John Hallowell, the Very Rev. John Bethune, dean of Montreal and principal of McGill University, and Rev. William Moray Ross. (John Bethune was his father and William Hallowell his father-in-law.) The railway purchased two very important lots: both the western section which would require a bridge across the Glen, and the area further east, next to the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association grounds (now Westmount High School, the Westmount Athletic Grounds and adjacent Hallowell St.)

Plans for the new railway no doubt helped to put a damper on any new housing development, but the main problem, it appears, was that some frustrated owners/investors challenged the legitimacy of the Colonial organization, and it was dissolved in 1883 but still managed to purchase, as a company in liquidation, the land at the new Glen Ave. and St. Catherine St.

Apparently there was quite a bit of discussion and debate about what could go on at the corner (on both sides of the railway); buyers included the estate of Edward Mackay, a very prominent Scottish-born Montrealer; St. Simon's Episcopal Church fronting on St. Elizabeth St. in St. Henri; Cornelius Snowden, a hardware merchant; George Bishop, an engraver; Duncan A.

McCaskill and John Murphy.

This all came in very rapid succession. In November 1887, the railroad signed for the two sections in Westmount; within a year Robert Reford, a merchant and eventually a shipping magnate, bought the land and turned it over to Snowden two months later.

Within a year it was purchased by Bishop and John B. Clarkson...and on it went, through the turn of the century, but with no plans for development even after the land at the corner of what by then was "Glen Ave." and St. Catherine St. was purchased first by Domestic Storage and Forwarding Company Ltd. (1928) and then by Imperial Oil Ltd. (1932).

A bakery is built

In 1930, William Henry Harrison, son of

Dent Harrison who had started a bakery in Point St. Charles in 1889 and moved it to Westmount (between Greene and Wood avenues) in 1894, purchased the land to the west of Bethune St. from the estate of Hon. Robert Mackay and built the huge bakery, which is such an important part of the current building. The land at the corner was added only in 1945 when Imperial Oil finally abandoned it for only \$2,000. By now the bakery was owned by Harrison Brothers, Ltd., which eventually changed its name to POM, or Pride of Montreal, the name of their bread.

The decision by the Harrison family to move to a new bakery in downtown Montreal in 1986 brought considerable interest from the real estate community, largely because Westmount was loath to continue with industrial zoning. The creative notion of preserving the bakery and making it into a massive apartment building was captured by Nancy Orr, wife of Michel Gaucher, who had created a holding company in 1984 and then launched Westmount Park Towers Inc., to rebuild and sell off the condominiums.

Apt. 801, the penthouse apartment on the east end of the building, has changed hands numerous times since the building came on line in 1989, but many of these were back-and-forth transfers until recently. The first buyer was a numbered company represented by Nancy Orr, who also represented the builder at the signing, and involved five apartments and 13 parking spaces.

A year later Apt. 801 changed hands to Andre Kaiaphas, a businessman living in Greece when he bought it as well a year later, when he sold to Normand Leroux,

who resided in Apt. 106 while owning the penthouse over the next year.

Albert Marti actually lived there, it appears, for just over two years before moving to Caracas, Venezuela, and selling the apartment to a personally-owned company, Orchila Investments, which turned it back over to Leroux just six weeks later. Leroux may have moved upstairs during this next tenure of ownership, which lasted for six years from 1995 to 2001, when he sold to a numbered company he controlled.

Less than a year later it was transferred to a private trust which maintained ownership for more than a decade before selling to Frances Nozetz, vice president of Jofan Inc., a family-held firm. Her sister is the late Tobi Klein, a well-known Westmount psychodramatist and psychotherapist, and her husband is Solomon Katz, a notary.

History of 4700 St. Catherine St., Apt. 801. (since construction)

Date	Buyer	Price
1 Oct 1990	Andre Kaiaphas	\$670,000
23 Oct 1991	Normand Leroux	\$450,000
27 Nov 1992	Albert Marti	\$450,000
10 Jan 1995	Orchila Investments Inc. (Albert Marti, pres.)	\$477,000
27 Feb 1995	Normand Leroux	\$500,000
21 Dec 2001	9086-1964 Quebec Inc. (N. Leroux, owner)	\$780,000
15 Jul 2002	R&G Trust (William Epstein, trustee)	\$775,000
15 Oct 2013	Frances Nozetz	\$899,000

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Man stuck inside bank, freed by PSO

It was described as an unusual situation. A man called Public Security at 11:25 pm July 31 to say he was locked in the Scotiabank on Greene Ave. north of de Maisonneuve. Department officials said a public safety officer who went to his assistance found him unable to get out of the ATM area, where a handle on the door appeared to have jammed. The man slid his client access card under the door to assist the officer who, after several attempts, managed to open the door. The man was identified as a 45-year-old resident of western NDG.

Retail Watch



VERONICA REDGRAVE

Le Living departs

In mid-June, Greene Ave.'s Le Living closed. I used to love meandering in this shop, full of perfect house gifts and fun fake flowers. They are moving to Griffin-town.

Happy 20th Ben & Tournesol

A success for the past 20 years, what's not to love in this luxurious and fun bou-

tique! Carrying the "couture brands" – Hermès, Baccarat, Kate Spade, etc. – it is a go-to destination for shoppers seeking gifts for special occasions, as well as weekend gifts and "something for me." Indeed, the fun reading glasses and the pretty jewelery collections (Israeli designers Ayala Bar and Michal Negrin) seem to walk off the shelves. Guarding the aisles are fabulously friendly – and very large! – Leonbergers, a German dog breed. In this hot weather, they lie sprawled on the cool floor. Customers are used to seeing them and smile as they tiptoe around the furry giants, called Emma, Ella and Rebecca. But wait. There is also a tiny pixie called Princess Grace de Fauchon, a three-legged rescue chihuahua. Although the world's smallest breed, "she orders the Leonbergers

around," owner John Benoît explained. But I digress. Of course the shop also carries doggie items, along with Designers Guild (which they have carried for 20 years), eye-catching, brightly coloured Christian Lacroix pillows, Frette and the HBC line, with its instantly recognizable stripes. New to the shop is "my favourites; our library." Benoît proudly points out a pile of beautiful coffee table books from the world's top publishers Taschen and Rizzoli. One can meander for ages, attracted by the allure of Benoît's glamorous and charming items, culled from trips to Paris, New York and London. "My clients love Fred Perry and, of course, Matt & Nat." Prices are from \$26 to \$20,000. And yes. They both sell. Well.

What I loved? John Benoît's innate design sense is full of whimsy. A gorgeous Murano glass light fixture (\$4,000) sits on an old "distressed" barn chair. I wanted them both.

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And to you, W & A, happy 15th

Wilfrid & Adrienne, locally known as W & A, is celebrating 15 years. Also owned by John Benoît, the kitchen/dinnerware shop is another Alladin's cave of *objets*, side by side to its sister shop Ben & Tournesol. Although the kitchenware is usable, it is all beautiful. All Clad cooking utensils, for example, catch the eye. The cutting boards Benoît found in Spain are old wine barrel tops. There, woods with their wonderful aged patina were transformed by a designer into trays. The Arte Italia line of fine pewter is elegantly useful. The W & A dinnerware collection comprises 200 patterns, ranging from Oscar de la Renta and Bernardaud to Royal Copenhagen. The 700-square-foot boutique is jammed floor to ceiling with treasures for food lovers and gourmet cooks. Sherbrooke St. passers-by are attracted by the window dis-

play of cute gingham French linens for drying dishes. (Yes. People still do that!)

What I loved? The Zoé olive oil and balsamic vinegar from Greece caught my eye – and my palate. And who could resist smiling as the dainty, diminutive chihuahua Princess skipped about, almost herding her much, much larger Leonberger buddies. Her message? It was almost time to go home, and she was making sure they were ready!

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Musical shops

After ZONE moved into Flore's old space on Sherbrooke St. just west of Claremont, a new store, Bois et Cuir, quickly popped into its space. Keep up!

This is Bois et Cuir's third location in Montreal. It is owned by David Oaknine. What wonderful woods! One can almost sense their forest scent on entering the large store. Bois & Cuir is all about texture. Enough already with sharp surfaces that give off an echo in their "coolness," especially in lofts with hard walls and ceilings. Here, there are table benches with gorgeous grains, thickly knitted pillows large enough to be an ottoman, and of course wooden tables for dramatic dining. For a decorative touch – or a great gift – one could choose a large letter or enchanting little tigers and elephants, hand-made in India and covered in recycled fabrics. Large birdcages hold lighting fixtures. How innovative is that? In the back corner of the store, a lovely, lemon-pale quilted bedspread was featured, complete with matching pillows, perfect for a country look. The whole shop is paneled in weathered barn wood. A leather club chair has a modern touch: Its stainless steel back has rivets.

What I loved? I have always loved the beauty of animal horns. Bois & Cuir has some great fake ones that caught my eye. Perfect for above the fireplace at a countryplace, in a loft or actually anywhere.

5014 Sherbrooke St.
Open every day.

VicBeauty Bar opens

On June 16, Vic Beauty Bar launched its newly-designed nail and brow studio. At the event, guests received free manicures, brow shaping and make-up touch-ups. Bubbly was served at the fun cocktail. As avid gardeners try to keep up with watering sun-parched gardens – not to mention proliferating weeds – soiled and grimy hands and nails may need help. How better to relax than to have a hand massage and pretty

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AVIS D'ADOPTION: RÈGLEMENT 1500

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que le « *RÈGLEMENT 1500 AFIN DE MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1303 CONCERNANT LE ZONAGE – USAGES COMMERCIAUX – CENTRE DES LOISIRS DE WESTMOUNT* » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount lors d'une séance ordinaire tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 1^{er} août 2016.

Ce règlement a pour objet de formaliser la présence d'un bâtiment municipal dans la zone P1-37-02 et de régulariser les utilisations commerciales actuelles: l'exploitation d'un café et d'un pro-shop dans le Centre des loisirs de Westmount.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur conformément à la loi.

Toute personne 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, durant les heures d'ouverture.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 9 août 2016.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION: BY-LAW 1500

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that "*BY-LAW 1500 TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 1303 – COMMERCIAL USES – WESTMOUNT RECREATION CENTRE*" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount during its regular sitting held at City Hall on August 1st, 2016.

The object of this by-law is to formalize the presence of a municipal building in zone P1-37-02 and to regularize the current commercial uses: the operation of a café and a pro-shop in the Westmount Recreation Centre.

This by-law comes into force according to law.

Any 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, during business hours.

GIVEN at Westmount, this 9th day of August 2016.

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Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

On May 5, the McCord Museum's annual gala featured the "Marché McCord." What a great idea! Fresh veg- and fruit-stuffed kiosks and sensationnally-scented basil plants flanked a wide, red carpet at the Arsenal. Not only were party-goers invited to take something home, but leftovers were donated to the Old Brewery Mission.

Guests of honour were the Italian ambassador to Canada, **Gian Lorenzo Cornado** and his wife **Martine Laidin**; Westmounters **Milena** and **Enrico Padula**, the Italian consul general in Montreal; and **Kathleen Weil**, provincial legislator for NDG, attending with her husband **Michael Novak**.

Honorary co-presidents were local res **Anne-Marie Boucher**, lawyer and co-founder BCF Business Law (there with hubby **Mitch Garber**); **Isabelle Hudon**, executive chair Sun Life Financial Quebec (there with hubby **Gilles Coulombe**); **Diane Giard**, executive VP, National Bank; and **Kim Thomassin**, managing partner Quebec, McCarthy Tétraut.

Attending with her husband **Claude Forget**, chair of the McCord board of trustees, **Monique Jérôme-Forget's** welcoming speech noted that the eve was to celebrate the upcoming McCord Italian fashion exhibit *Eleganza*.

As they sipped bubbly, ladies in floor-sweeping red-carpet-worthy gowns and their black-tie-clad escorts admired the gallery's exhibiting artist **Mark Jenkins**.



From left: Bente Christensen, Roberto Reino, Milena Padula, Anina Belle Giannini, Bita Cattelan, Steeve Lapierre, Emmanuelle Demers, Nathalie Deshaies, Sandya Vassiadis, Jean-Michel Lavoie and Nathalie Lévesque.

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Ball co-chairs **Bita Cattelan** (wearing Caroline Herrera) and **Steeve Lapierre** (Ogilvy/Holt Renfrew VP) worked with committee members **Roberto Reino** (Christoffe head honcho), **Nathalie Deshaies**, **Sandy Vassiadis**, **Jean-Michel Lavoie**, **Nathalie Lévesque**, **Emmanuelle Demers**, **Sandya Vassiadis**, **Bente Christensen**, **Milena Padula** and **Anina Belle Giannini**. The dream team greeted Westmounters **Belle** and **Ernie Grivakes**, **Bunny Berke** and **Larry Lusko**, **Richard Burnett** and mum **Liliane** and designer **Yves Jean Lacasse** and **Maryse Matta**.

Arrivals included McCord CEO/director **Suzanne Sauvage** (glamorous in black and white); **Suzanne Fortier**, principal and vice chancellor, McGill University; Transcontinental's president and CEO **François Olivier**; and board chair **Isabelle Marcoux**; collector and arts supporter **François Oder-**

matt, whose stunning collection is on view at the Arsenal; **François Duffar**, president and CEO, Montreal Chamber of Commerce; **Michel Leblanc**; **Raymond Bachand**, Tourism Montreal head; the PHI Centre's **Anna Romana** and **Penny Mancuso** (radiant in Dolce & Gabbana); **Emmanuelle Gattuso**; **François Lecavalier**; **Daniel Fournier** with his wife **Caroline Drouin**; **Senia Rapisarda**; **Scott Yetman** and **Nadia Saputo** in a fabulous Roberto Cavalli cre-

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Richard and Lilian Burnett.



Monique Jérôme-Forget, left, and Kathleen Weil.

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Mitch Garber and Anne-Marie Boucher.

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ation.

Speaking of Italian designers, each table setting had a name on the place mat – Armani, Gucci, Prada etc. – in white script on black. The Italian-themed gala decor was outstanding. Masses of lemon trees added a piquant accent to the huge black-and-white tiled dance floor, where an opera singer sat under a spotlight in a Fellini-style scene.

Artistic director, award-winning **Dick Walsh** (wearing look-at-me fabulous Prada shoes), created the amazing ambiance.



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**Dangling sign and
branch create
hazardous situations**

A sign on a building and a large tree branch were found hanging dangerously July 29 and 30, according to Public Security officials. It was not known whether heavy wind might have been responsible.

The sign was discovered first as it dangled from an apartment building on St. Catherine just west of Redfern. Public Works was called to install barricades below. The next day, officers were called to check out a tree outside 462 Victoria, where a branch was suspended on lower ones. It had to be cut down.

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polish. (Toes get dirty too!) The new space is located in Westmount's famous Victoria Park – a spa/health club, medi-spa (Botox treatments et al), gym (famed for early-morning classes) and skincare boutique, not to mention Park Restaurant, with super chef Antonio Park.

What I loved? Trying the Skinceuticals line was a pleasure. I learned it sells out, often. I understand why. The area is also a perfect place for ladies' night celebrations or parties. Love it!

376 Victoria, #240
Closed Sundays.

New Hair Care room at Mod's

Keeping the gray at bay is the bane of many Westmounters (both men and women, I might add). Often it means a trip to the colourist every two weeks. But constant dying takes its toll on the hair. And the daily onslaught of humidity and wind adds urban grit to tresses. On June 16, Mod's Hair quietly unveiled Mod's Hair Care, a downstairs area at the salon. It offers specialized treatments that hydrate and nourish the hair. An initial diagnosis by a specialist determines the product to be used. Then a stress-busting neck and head massage aims to stimulate the scalp while releasing toxic tension. The customized approach helps resolve hair concerns. Dry and damaged hair receives a treatment that provides hair nutrition from within, with active ingredients that replenish and texturize hair strands, resulting in smooth, shiny manes – the main

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Crane operation at city hall



A large crane hoists a replacement air conditioning component onto the roof of city hall July 26 at 11 am.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

goal. The best part? The therapy is carried out in a soothing zen-like room. No talking adds to the relaxing mood. No phones are allowed (Hurray! Finally some peace from listening to someone else's argument.) Hair is washed and treated in this new private therapy area. Then clients go upstairs to their stylist. Products are Keras-tase, Shu Uemura (mask), Pro-fiber by L'Oréal (a recharging hair care program for damaged hair) and, from California, the newly-launched Olaplex, which reduces breakage.

What I loved? The minute I entered the Hair Care room with its quiet music, I felt the day slip away. The massage was totally unwinding. And I have to admit, now my daily-tennis-in-the-sun-hair has a silken second life.

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15 years for Lacasse in Westmount

Designer Yves Jean Lacasse celebrates 15 years in Westmount. Recently, he welcomed clients to a reception at his Sherbrooke St. boutique to unveil his summer

collection, which included outfits for weddings and graduations. He greeted arrivals with designer Manika Gaudet Lacasse, after which wine was served. As well as Gaudet's ladies' collection, his shop showcases the chic little suits of Quebec fashion designer Michel Desjardins, well-known to the cocktail-party circuit. Lacasse's ENVERS designs are created in his Sherbrooke St. atelier for both men and women, and often his glorious eye-catching gowns – not your usual Cinderella tulle concoctions, and far from Barbie-doll pink! – are in his display window. He mixes fabrics and patterns, and the results are stunning. His taffetas have a jewel-like sheen and move beautifully for a grand entrance. PS: The award-winning designer created exclusive garments for Tennis Canada for six years.

What I loved? What can one say when entering a Persian-carpeted boutique with not one but two pianos? And yes, Yves Jean, who is self-taught, plays. Beautifully. I love his jackets: perfect for travelling.

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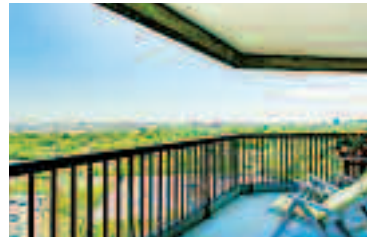
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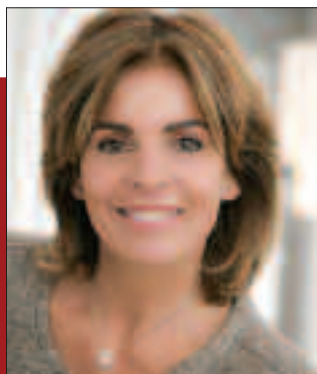


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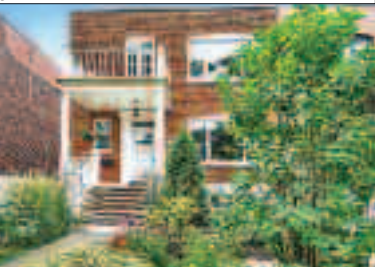
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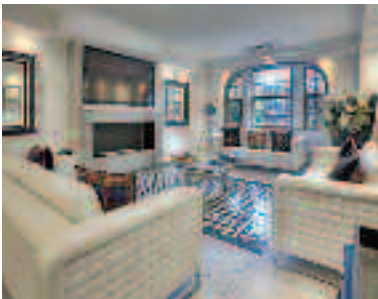


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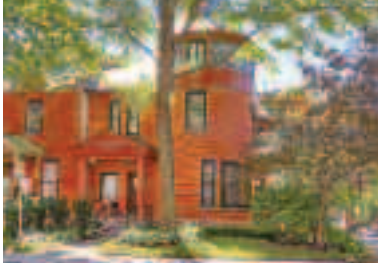
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