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Anwoth one way north after long reconstruction

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The re-opening of Anwoth Rd. as a northbound street after some four months of reconstruction has concluded for this vear, in what to some residents seemed like a never-ending project to rebuild the steep, cres- continued on p. 25

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All dressed up for the holidays



At 6:06 pm on December 6, the spruce in front of city hall was lit up with a bright display of twinkly red lights and shining white stars. See story, p. 21. Photo: Ralph Thompson

Unanimous vote

'500 Claremont' advances to next phase

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council voted unanimously December 4 to approve a second draft resolution that would allow the proposed apartment development project at 500 Claremont to over-ride current zoning restrictions. This was the last vote needed to trigger the start of a potential zoning ref-

In an unusual break with Westmount tradition that the mayor votes mainly to break a council tie, Mayor Christina Smith raised her own hand in favour of the project to declare the approval was truly "unanimous," she explained.

Despite last-minute pleas from nearby resi- continued on p. 22



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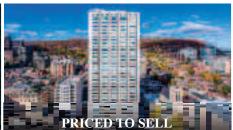
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Conflict between hockey dad and coach generates no police report, Sports and Rec.'s approach 'depends on severity'

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Following a heated confrontation in November between a Westmount hockey dad and a volunteer coach that required police intervention, the head of the Westmount's Sports and Recreation department says the department has "zero tolerance" towards abusiveness, but deals with outbursts on a case-by-case basis.

Director Dave Lapointe confirmed the incident took place at the Dollard-St. Laurent arena in LaSalle on November 18, although he didn't witness it and learned of the incident only through a second-hand account afterwards.

Lapointe said it started after a goalie on a Westmount team playing against a team from LaSalle was replaced in nets halfway through the match after letting in four goals.

According to the account confirmed by Lapointe, the father of the bumped goal-tender waited outside the Westmount team's locker room until after the game, and then proceeded to berate the coach for his decision.

"[The player] was playing a game and was replaced by another goaltender during

Neighbour spots running faucet on Anwoth

Water leaking from an exterior tap behind a house on Anwoth December 1 caused Public Works crews to close water to the one house, Public Security officials said. The resident could not be reached. The running water had been seen by a neighbour from the back of his house on Thornhill and reported around 11:14 am that it appeared to pose a danger of entering the house.

the game," said Lapointe. At one point, the coach is said to have become fed up with the verbal attack. Whether he gestured with his hands for the parent to clear the way or actually physically touched him is not clear, said Lapointe.

However, according to a witness's account, the parent fell back against the wall, at which point he decided to call 911 to summon the police.

"Police were called to the scene and a report was made," Lapointe said. "An incident number was recorded. But no report was made because the police felt there was nothing to report on."

Subsequently, according to Lapointe, the parent asked that his child be allowed to play on another team, and the Sports and Recreation department agreed.

In the meantime, he added, the coach is still coaching his team and the father continues to have full access at the Westmount recreation centre (WRC).

When asked to explain the Sports and Recreation's overall approach to situations such as this at the WRC, Lapointe said "Every case is different. I will not comment on the approach that was taken in this case in particular. But definitely we are always ready to deal with a situation. We always try to get as much information as we can and deal with it accordingly.

"I mean, when we're not present in such a situation as this, we can only go by the information we collect from people that were present who were witness to the situation,

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and we try to deal with it accordingly," he continued.

"In this case in particular, we dealt with it in a way that we felt was best for everyone involved – that being the parent, the child in question and of course the coach. We want to protect everybody that's involved and our number one priority obviously is the children."

Regarding the department's "zero tolerance" policy, Lapointe said, "We will not

tolerate any abusive behaviour. That's for sure. But depending on the situation and the severity of the situation we may also call for certain measures.

"We felt that we dealt with this one in the appropriate manner. There are certain measures in place depending on the severity of the situation. But I guarantee we will not tolerate any abuse on any of our volunteers nor on any of our parents."

Time to Get Moving!

During the Holiday Season, everything slows down. Couples have more time, families get together, and often, important decisions are made. Real estate planning for the new year is often one of the major topics discussed during this period.

If you have given any thought to buying or selling, now is the time to get in touch with me. Just drop me a line, or call me, so we can start the conversation.

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Police Report

Wave of break-ins hits Westmount, many via upper storey

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

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

Investigators at the Montreal police department's Station 12 on Stanton St. were recently going into high gear following a string of burglaries and attempted breakins committed over a period of nearly two weeks at homes in Westmount.

According to officials at the station, a significant number of the break-ins were committed during the afternoon or early evening.

"With all these things going on, the investigators are looking into it very seriously right now, and there is a further investigation under way," said Station 12 community relations officer Stéphan Laperrière.

On November 19 between 4 and 5 pm, a perpetrator managed to enter a house on The Boulevard through a second-storey window, which was found to have been broken.

A ladder was used to reach the second floor, according to Laperrière. The thief or thieves chose the right time or were very lucky, since the owner of the home had gone out for less than an hour when the incident took place.

The investigators found that two bedrooms had been searched. They determined that jewellery was stolen as well as an unspecified amount of Chinese currency.

On November 20 sometime between 5:40 and 7:40 pm, a home on Belvedere Rd. was broken into. Although a burglar alarm was triggered, Laperrière said the alarm company refused to notify the police.

As a result, a caretaker, who was in charge of the house while the owner was away, went in person to the house, where he saw that a rear window on the first floor had been shattered.

However, police investigators determined that nothing appeared to have been stolen. Laperrière suggested the alarm may have frightened off the burglars.

Sometime between November 6 and 22 on Belvedere Place, burglars broke into into a home through a second-floor win-

dow at the back of the property. Although the investigators found all the doors had been locked, the intruders managed to force their way in.

On Cedar Ave. on November 23 around 9:30 pm, the owner of a property returned to find that cupboard and closet doors were open and the surroundings were disturbed. According to the police report, expensive jewellery and high-end purses were stolen.

On November 24 sometime between noon and 4 pm, burglars tried to gain entry into a home on Metcalfe Ave. through a rear door. "However, the door that they tried break through did not give way because it was a good solid door," said Laperrière.

On Murray Hill on November 24 sometime between 4:30 and 6:40 pm, the owner of a home returned to find that the control panel for an intruder alarm had been ripped from its mooring on the wall. The intruders are believed to have entered through a rear patio door that was forced open. The investigators were uncertain as to what was stolen as the owners were away and unable to provide an inventory.

The same day, between 4 pm and 7:30 pm, a home on Sunnyside Ave. was nearly broken into through a rear door, although the perpetrators were unable to force it open. The police believe the would-be thieves may have lost their nerve at one point and aborted their attempt to enter. According to Laperrière, the canine squad was called in to track them down, although no trace was found of any suspects.

On November 25 around 6 pm on Forden Crescent, a home was broken into and robbed of electronic and computer equipment. As with all the other incidents, the burglars entered from an upper storey window at the rear.

Falling tree damages 2 cars

A city tree that fell "without warning" outside 392 Grosvenor November 29 damaged a car in the driveway and another parked on the street, Public Security officials said. A patroller who met with the city arborist reported the recent street reconstruction had likely contributed to the incident. It was clocked at 12:16 pm.

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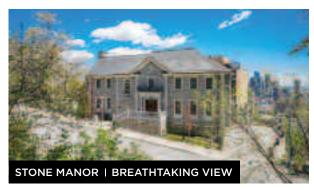
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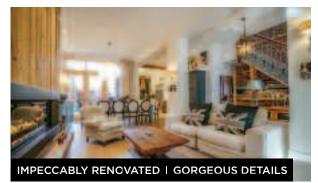
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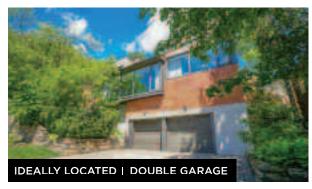
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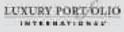
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Wertheimer: Keep the stickers



Michael Wertheimer of Somerville asks city council December 4 not to eliminate parking stickers in a plan to use cameras in Public Security patrol vehicles to monitor parking permits by licence-plate scans. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it," he said of the system that allows residents to identify illegally parked cars. Paul Marriott, president of the Westmount Municipal Association, asked for a cost/benefit study related to the plan. They were told there was no immediate intention to do away with the stickers.

Photo: Laureen Sweeney

Council meeting opens with 'Bonjour-Hi'

Mayor Christina Smith was the last to take her seat at the council table December 4 in front of a crowded council chamber.

As she made her entrance, armed with papers, she quickly sat down, welcomed the audience saying "Bonjour-Hi" and without further ado got down to business while some of those attending were still laughing.

The bilingual greeting used at many stores in the Montreal area was recently the subject of a motion in the Quebec legislature in which members unanimously joined forces to encourage the use of "bonjour" by itself as a greeting.

— LS

Late-night drilling stopped at Marianopolis

Construction work at Marianopolis College was stopped November 30 following a noise complaint at 11:32 pm, Public Security officials said. A worker found at the east side stated he was drilling holes at an indoor stairway. The work was stopped without the issuing of tickets since no prior warnings had been recorded.

Council to discuss marijuana later

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

One of the issues facing the new council is expected to be the city's potential role in the management of marijuana sales: where, stores, if any, might be permitted and whether the city would have any powers in that respect.

The legalization of marijuana in Canada is supposed to go into effect July 1.

Would the city be prepared if the Quebec government provides its Société des alcools du Québec outlets with a mandate to sell cannabis?

Mayor Christina Smith told the *Inde*pendent the issue was one the new council would have to discuss, and that was all she was prepared to say at that time.

Concerns over marijuana sales have already been raised by the Union of Quebec Municipalities in a brief to committee hearings on Bill 157, which would create the Société Québécoise du Cannabis expected to create stand-alone stores.

The legalization of pot was reported by District 1 councillor Anitra Bostock to have been one of the concerns raised during her door-to-door election campaign by some residents worried it might lead to more smoking while driving or by people at the Summit lookout (see story November 14, p. 5). She is now Public Security commissioner.

A resident wrote to the *Independent* asking how the city would "handle this situation," especially with concern about potsmokers in local parks and those using benches in green spaces in lower Westmount with respect to the overnight curfew. The midnight to 5 am curfew in parks is outlined under By-law 1350, and currently smoking is not allowed "near" playgrounds in Quebec's anti-tobacco Bill 44. It is not known whether Quebec will include marijuana in its current restrictions on tobacco. "If we need to, we can always add it to our by-laws," Public Security director Greg McBain said last week.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GREEN FENCES IN MURRAY PARK AN EYESORE

Well, I see that the beautiful green snow fences are once again defiling our beautiful Westmount hillside in Murray [King George] Park. One must be approaching dotage to recall the days when youngsters careened all over the slope on skis and to-boggans (myself included).

Then the lawyers prevailed to "protect" our young citizens from the agonies of (gasp) actually falling onto dangerous snow

I had hoped that our new young mayor would have summoned up the courage to reverse this decision and allow our young citizens the wonderful winter pleasure of sliding around on our hill. Or is it really better for them to remain inside their homes in winter so that they can better assimilate social media outlets?

BOYD WHITTALL, CLARKE AVE.

WHAT HAPPENS AROUND HERE WHEN POT GETS LEGALIZED?

Canadian prime minister Justin Trudeau wants to legalize the selling of recreational marijuana as of July 1, 2018. What is the position of Mayor Christina Smith as well as council with regards to this issue? This was never mentioned during the campaign. Where will it be sold and how will it be monitored?

NATHALIE ALLARD, PRINCE ALBERT AVE.

Editor's note: Please see story on p. 6. For mention of marijuana around the election period, refer to "Two campaigners reveal their recipes for success," (November 14, p. 5), where we report on Anitra Bostock, councillor for District 1, talking about the issue.

GREAT TOURNAMENT

The SWAT hockey tournament initiative was started a long time ago. Over the years, it has raised not only substantial amounts of money to help sick kids but also it brings together the whole community for a weekend of hockey.

During a weekend, teams play each other with one goal: pay it forward and help others. But it also shows what people can achieve when they all work together!

There is also a little tournament for very young kids who are able to experience the excitement of playing in a more formal setting.

Many thanks to the founders and volunteers who have given their time over the years to help kids in the fight against their illnesses and for the memories and great learning for all participants.

Jean-François Emmanuel, Windsor Ave.

BOLLARDS ON GLEN BIKE PATH IN WINTER - NOT COOL

Re: the coverage of the November 28 meeting of the Turcot Good Neighbour Committee (December 5, p. 20), Dan Lambert was reported as asking that dangerous posts (aka bollards) be installed along the bike paths during the winter.

That suggestion was incredibly stupid. Unfortunately, Sandra Sultana, of the MTQ, didn't immediately say so.

If Mr. Lambert ever cycled de Courcelle/Glen Rd. on a day like today, December 10, after a relatively light snow, he would know that the bike paths were covered with wet and frozen slush between a half and three quarters of the width of the paths. So to avoid the treacherous surface, one would have the choice of crashing into the posts or riding on the main road.

He would know that, for many reasons, the safest position on the bike paths is almost always a few inches inside, i.e. to the right of the lines. And that is true during the summer and especially during the winter. When the dangerous posts are in place, they are yet another accident to be avoided. We do not need any more added problems!

Because of that reality, during the last three spring meetings of the Westmount city council, I asked that the dangerous posts not be installed during the "bicycle season." At this year's session, former director general Mike Deegan mentioned in passing that there was behind-closed-doors lobbying in favour of repeating the same big mistake. One would expect that in a case of public safety, all such discussions would take place in public. This time, Mr. Lambert's dangerous proposal was made at a open meeting. At least this time, someone who is on the bike paths nearly every day, all year round, could respond.

The majority of people who most consistently ride up and down de Courcelle/Glen Rd. are from the Southwest borough.

A conservative estimate: during the last five-plus years, I've been on this bike path over a 1,000 times per year. I am willing to bet a loonie that Mr. Lambert's experience is not even 3 percent of mine.

RON DIAMOND, ST. HENRI

NEW FACEBOOK PAGE

In light of the recent burglaries in Westmount and many residents' efforts to communicate about this with their neighbours, I have set up a Facebook group to share real-time information and helpful tips about our community. You can find it by entering the group name "Westmount Families" into the search bar of Facebook.

All residents of Westmount (not just families) and people who spend a great deal of time in Westmount are welcome to join the group. It is a closed group, meaning that only members who join the group can post comments and see what is posted. Hopefully this will be a useful resource for our truly amazing and close-knit community.

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Public Security food drive benefits from Artisans' \$2,565

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Holiday food baskets will start being delivered December 15, Public Security officials said last week. The distribution is benefitting from a total of \$2,565 and nonperishable goods collected as the price of admission to the annual Westmount Artisans' Festival November 11 and 12.

The money is being used to purchase frozen turkeys or hams, Metro food cards and to supplement missing items, said Public Security assistant director Kimberley Colquhoun, who is coordinating the drive.

"It's enabled us to round off the baskets with complete meals, such as combining pasta with sauce," she explained. This year, Public Security hopes to be able to deliver baskets to 30 families within Westmount and on adjacent borders such as NDG. Families in need have been identified by the CLSC, Colquhoun said.

Since the purchase of perishable items will continue after December 15, she said, there is still time for residents to make donations at the Public Security station on Stanton St. or drop off non-perishable items at that location as well as at city hall, Centre Greene, the Westmount recreation centre, library or Victoria Hall.

Some of the families have children aged 11 months to nine years, she said, so new packaged toys are also being accepted but no used ones.

Talarico's appointment as Public Works director confirmed



Robert Talarico, right, was confirmed by council December 4 as Public Works director after being appointed interim director for a six-month probationary period July 4 (see story July 11, p. 4). This was the first appointment with Councillor Philip Cutler in his new capacity as commissioner for

2018 council meetings to start earlier, mid-month sessions later

Statutory monthly council meetings in 2018 will start at 7:30 pm. This is 30 minutes earlier than they have started for at least 40 years.

On the other hand, the brief mid-month meetings to approve additional building permits will start at 5:30 pm, half an hour

Budget dates set for Dec. 18 and Jan. 11

The city's operating budget for 2018 is expected to be brought down at a meeting set for Thursday, January 11 at 7 pm, according to city director general Benoit Hurtubise. Details of the capital works budget will also be presented at this

The operating budget has been delayed about a month by the municipal election (see story November 28, p. 1).

Preceeding it, however, the total amount of the capital works budget is scheduled to be presented Monday, December 18 at 7 pm. Both public meetings take place at city hall.

later than usual.

The new times and other changes due to holidays were approved by council at the December 4 meeting in a resolution presented by Councillor Jeff Shamie, commissioner of Administration.

Meetings normally take place on Mon-

To start off the year, only one meeting will take place in January, the regular business session to be held on Monday, January 15 at 7:30 pm.

The March break will result in a switch of meetings: the one dealing with permits only will be held March 5 (5:30 pm), followed by the regular business meeting

In April, the regular monthly meeting will be pushed to Tuesday, April 3 by Easter Monday.

In May, the permits meeting will also take place on a Tuesday (the 22nd) because of the May 24th holiday.

The Canada Day and Labour Day holidays will also cause meetings to take place on Tuesdays: July 3 and September 4.

'17 surplus forecast at \$626,000

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Driven largely by revenue from permits and the welcome tax, the city's forecast as at September 30 indicated it expects to end the year with a modest surplus of some \$626,500. This compares with a year-end surplus of \$1.8 million in 2016.

The forecast was included in comparative financial statements and year-end projections tabled without comment at the council meeting December 4 by Finance commissioner Kathleen Kez.

These indicate the city had actually taken in \$102.6 million in revenue by the end of September but spent \$88.8 million. By year's end, however, the city was projecting revenue of \$107.4 million offset by expenditures of \$106.8. This compares with the city's 2017 budget of \$105.8 mil-

The housing market had already brought in \$5.1 million in welcome tax, while renovations had contributed a large amount of the \$1.1 million in permits. A total of \$86.3 million had been collected in general property tax. This compares with some \$85 million at the same time in 2016.

Expenditures are forecast to rise by about \$1 million over budget for this year owing in part to higher than expected snow removal during the winter months of

While normally the "State of the Union" address is presented at the same time as these statements, it was announced last year that this three-year assessment and forecast was no longer required by law and would end with 2016.

And the water tastes 'better' - Cllr. Brzeski

Grosvenor work ends with thanks to on-site engineer

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

An update on the reconstruction of Grosvenor south of Sherbrooke was provided at the December 4 council meeting by Councillor Marina Brzeski, a resident of the street, who is now also commissioner of Sustainability and Accessibility.

The final paving had taken place November 24, following a long and challenging project, she reported. "It was a glorious day, and our water tastes better." The work had included replacement of the 1897 water main, as well as new sidewalks designed to improve accessibility.

A few items will "carry on" in the spring, such as the addition of speed bumps, she said. The mid-block stop sign would not be

removed until then. Tree planting and potential evergreen plantings near Sherbrooke will also be done after the winter.

During the meeting's second question period, Glenda Wagner, another Grosvenor resident, expressed her thanks for the help given to residents by Christian Enriguez of the city's Engineering team during the work.

Working as the city's on-site point person for the project, he had been easily accessible, she said. He had provided needed information and helped residents deal with their day-to-day concerns over the challenges encountered in rebuilding the long, narrow street of mainly town houses and one which has no side-street accessibility.



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Despite its small size, the Westmount Independent really packs a big punch. Visually, it is neat and clean, and easy to read. The [news stories] keep me up to date with "Westmount happenings," the letters to the editor offer a variety of views from other Westmounters I might not have considered, and the real estate pages are most informative.

However, when searching for a particular business, my go-to directory are the advertisements scattered throughout the paper. That was how I found the wonderful garage responsible for the upkeep of my car. Surely I have spent more money on my car over the years than the ad was worth. I will always support the businesses that support my newspaper.

Bravo to everyone involved at the Independent. Weekly, you put out a fabulous little newspaper that I most often read cover to cover. Please keep up the good

ANDREA KLEIN, KENSINGTON AVE.

DEPENDENT ON IT FOR LOCAL NEWS

As this week's national and local media cover yet another announcement of the closure of local papers, I am very pleased to voice my support for the *Independent*.

I depend on it not only for coverage of municipal affairs, local events and news, but also to keep informed about local merchants, services and products.

On the days the paper arrives in my mailbox, I often put on the kettle and read it through with a cup of tea.

I certainly hope I can continue to take a break with the Independent over the coming years!

BARBARA GOODE, PARK PLACE

FACTUAL, FAIR REPORTING

Although I have recently become a

"Westmount-adjacent" resident, I have lived in Westmount for 16 years, and expect to again one day. For all that time, and for the years to come, I have valued and enjoyed the Indie for its factual and fair reporting. We are lucky to have it.

BILL FRIEND, VILLE MARIE

PROVIDES FOCUSED REVIEW

I have been a resident of Westmount for many decades. I rely on the Westmount Independent to provide me with news of upcoming events, reviews of events past and discussion of issues that are of importance to Westmounters. No other news source provides me with such a focused review of what is going on in my small part of Mon-

I look forward to many more years of reading your/our paper.

CATHERINE DUFF-CARON

ADVERTISERS SUPPORT ANGLO PAPER

Just wanted to drop a short note to let you know how much I appreciate the Westmount Independent's weekly arrival in my mailbox. I enjoy reading about the happenings in the neighbourhood, as well as noting the upcoming events of interest to

I recently moved back to Montreal after living abroad for many years and am so enjoying exploring my new neighbourhood. Your paper has also been an invaluable resource for me when looking for help. I appreciate that these advertisers support an anglo paper in Montreal, and accept that we "anglos" are an integral part of the fabric of Montreal. As a Québécois, born and raised in Montreal, although hardly fully bilingual, your paper is warmly welcomed.

Personally I value your advertisers reaching out to us, by advertising and supporting your paper, in particular.

May you go from strength to strength in the years ahead. Wishing the best and holiday greetings to all your readers.

CHAYA FRIDMAN GROSS

Source of Info

The Westmount Independent is a source of lots of information. We enjoy it every week. Carry on!

SARA COLBY

DOES ENJOY IT

Just to say that I do enjoy the weekly paper from you people, and I even glance at the ads.

ALFRED EDEL, VICTORIA AVE.

LIKES THE LETTERS

Every week, I look forward to finding the Independent in my mail box. I like to keep up with the local happenings, and the letters to the editor reveal a lot of good and bad things around Westmount. Keep up the good work!

IANE CARSON

READ IT FROM FIRST PAGE TO LAST

This is the *greatest* little community paper ever! I look forward to its arrival every week. It is usually in my mail box on Thursdays, and I read it from the first page to the last.

The Westmount Independent is such an easy way to find out what is going on in this city - art galleries, Victoria Hall, concerts, real estate sales, special events, etc.

Through its ads, it has also been helpful in finding homecare providers. In fact, there are now two who come to my apartment on a regular basis. Getting around in the winter can be difficult, so this is a great

My friends and I often discuss issues that have been presented in the *Indie*. Please keep up the good reporting. It makes this very special community more bonded and informed.

Joan Marien, de Maisonneuve Blvd.

PROVIDES IMPORTANT COMMUNITY NEWS

A note of thanks to Westmount Independent for providing citizens with interesting and important community news and a fashion catalogue of local real estate agents.

KEVIN TIERNEY, REDFERN AVE.

OTHER DEMERGED CITY **RESIDENT ENJOYS IT**

I am a resident of Côte St. Luc, but I read the Independent every chance I get. I find myself in Westmount frequently lately since the Women's Art Society meets at the Unitarian church. What happens in Westmount relates to other demerged municipalities so it is always relevant.

LINDA VANINWEGEN

SUPPORTS COMMUNITY **SPIRIT**

This is in support of the Westmount Independent newspaper. I feel privileged to live in Westmount and to be receiving this free publication. We have no shortage of global news and advertising. The Independent supports Westmount's great community spirit by providing local news and promoting local businesses.

Keep up the good work!

LONI CORNAX

BECAME A VALUABLE SOURCE

Having moved from Beaconsfield to Westmount this past summer, I must tell you how much I look forward to and enjoy the weekly print edition of the Westmount *Independent.* The weekly paper was a pleasant surprise in my mailbox that quickly turned into a valuable source for local establishments, politics and other community news. Thank you for your efforts and keep up the good work!

LYNN CAPLAN

LOCAL NEWS WOULD NOT **OTHERWISE BE AS AVAILABLE**

This is just a brief note to say how much I appreciate reading the Westmount Independent every week, since it keeps me fully abreast of all important local news, which would not be as easily available otherwise.

Secondly, I much appreciate your proven willingness to publish my letters to the editor on various matters of concern to me and other Westmount residents.

MAURA MCKEON, CLARKE AVE.

No 'vacation stop' OF INDIE

Your suggestion to evaluate the usefulness of the Indie to a citizen of Westmount was timely as we had just returned from a three-week trip to the south. While we place vacation stops on our regular paper, we would never consider that option with the *Indie*. There is no better way to find out what is going on in our city than a read of past issues upon our return. The *Indie* has become the point of reference for all things Westmount and the attendant advertisements tell us all about what is happening in our community. Keep up the good work.

MICHAEL HARRISON, MOUNTAIN AVE.

PRIVILEGED TO STILL HAVE LOCAL NEWSPAPER

Yes, Dr. Freedman and I do appreciate what you are doing and feel privileged to still have a local weekly newspaper.

Best wishes for your future.

NORAH FREEDMAN, MURRAY HILL

Pays attention to the ADVERTISING, LIKES LAYOUT

On behalf of myself and my wife Penelope, I would continued on p. 11

like to salute our *Westmount Independent* for so many years of yeoman service. Over the years, our paper has become a true must-read if one is to know all the goings-on in Westmount, be they of a cultural, political, social or business nature. We tend to pay much more attention to the advertising in the *Independent* due to the format and layout of the paper as well as the easily digestible content contained therein.

If you want to do business in Westmount, advertising in the *Independent* is certainly the way to go.

MICHAEL POLAK, PROSPECT AVE.

MY INDEPENDENT

In response to your publisher's note, I wish to state that I look forward to receiving my *Independent* each week. It is an unparalleled source of information about our community. It gives information about Westmount that is just not available from other sources. I particularly enjoy reading the letters to the editor section, which gives an insight into what my fellow citizens are thinking.

RICHARD BAYLIS, THE BOULEVARD

PRINT NEWS STILL HAS IMPORTANT ROLE

I look forward to reading each issue of the *Westmount Independent*, and I believe that in-print newspapers still have an important role to play in the healthy functioning of communities.

Besides the news, I particularly value the letters to the editor.

As for the advertisements, the *Indie* is the perfect size for even the smaller ads to be noticed; they certainly catch my eye. I hope the *Westmount Independent* continues to publish for many more years.

Susan Kazenel, Kensington Ave.

THANKS TO ADVERTISERS

It is with great pleasure that I write this small note in support of our *Westmount Independent*, with gratitude to its creators and in support of the advertisers who pay for it all!

It is a wonderful story of vision, pluck and perseverance that has allowed us to have this newspaper.

Advertisers have seen the value of the *Independent* also, as the paper gives them access to Westmount residents eager to read the paper from cover to cover, advertisements obviously included.

To the team at the *Indie*: I say please keep up your fine work, providing us with the Westmount news of the week and thanks also to your advertisers who we are so happy to support when they publish in your paper.

WILLEM WESTENBERG, STAYNER ST.

ADS TARGETTED LOCALLY

We read the *Westmount Independent* regularly and pay particular attention to the ads because they're targeted locally.

Please continue the great work.

RICHARD AZEFF

APPRECIATES VARIOUS SECTIONS

I am a new resident of Westmount and am writing to express my appreciation for the *Westmount Independent*.

Right before we moved into our new home, I would find copies of the *Independent* amongst flyers and other postal correspondence. At first, I casually skimmed through the articles and ads without giving much thought to the content. Over time, I came to appreciate the various sections of the paper that capture the character of my newly adopted city.

I also count on the *Independent* to provide me with useful and relevant information about local events, activities, and news about Westmount.

In short, I wish to thank the *Independent* team for producing a weekly paper that is fun and enjoyable to read.

Mai-Gee Smalley, Lansdowne Ave.

FULFILL IMPORTANT FUNCTION

My wife and I are regular and eager readers of the *Westmount Independent*. We consider it to be an important source of news, indeed the only source of news, regarding events of all kinds in our community.

We think that you fulfill an important function of life in Westmount and very much hope that you will continue to publish this newspaper.

NICOLAS AND BIRGITTA STEINMETZ

ONLY SOURCE OF CONCISE LOCAL NEWS

I look forward to your newspaper every week. It is the only source of concise local news that directly affects me.

I also scan the paper when looking for a restaurant or specialty stores etc. because I know the store will be local and therefore easy to get to.

Also, it is always nice to scan the properties for sale. Wishful thinking.

Thank you for your very valuable service to the community.

STEVE WEIR, PARKMAN PL.

KEEP IT COMING

Yes, keep it coming.

We read the *Westmount Independent* front page to back, as soon as it arrives every Thursday.

MICHAEL AND SHEILA HAYES, CLARKE AVE.

FIGHTS OVER COPY

Please do not close up this wonderful paper. I read it with great enjoyment, especially Andy Dodge's articles about real estate.

Where would I get the information about what is going on in my city if you close? I have my own copy because my husband hogs the copy that comes in the mail.

Keep up your good work! Yes, I even read the ads.

Thank you.

Anita Carrier

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JACK LOCKE, STAYNER ST.

GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO LOCAL DEMOCRACY

This is to assure you and your advertisers that I read the *Independent* faithfully: articles, letters and advertisers. Other people I speak with also refer to information found in your newspaper.

As a former newspaper journalist myself, I appreciate the concise-information articles and believe your newspaper makes a great contribution to local democracy and to community spirit. I also enjoy the letters, even the really crackpot ones.

MARGARET LEMAY, OLIVIER AVE.

GREAT JOURNALISM

I am a loyal reader of your paper, and I'm always looking forward to receiving my copy in the mail. I live in an apartment building on Metcalfe and St. Catherine, and your paper gets delivered here religiously every week.

I enjoy reading about my city's current affairs, to know about the upcoming events and to connect with my fellow citizens by reading their letters to the editor.

I was also recently published. I had sent concerns about community gardens during the last election race we had (which, by the way, you covered brilliantly!).

I loved the special section you made with all the candidates and their key points. It was very useful in making sound decisions. It's another reason of importance of great journalism in service to the democratic life.

I hope you continue to get all the support you need to pursue your great service to the wonderful city of Westmount.

I'd like to take the opportunity to wish all the editorial team of the *Westmount Inde*pendent happy holidays and a bright and successful new year!

KATY RAMOS-BORGES, METCALFE AVE.

A BEACON IN DARKNESS

In these times when all print publications are under threat, the *Westmount Independent* is a beacon in the darkness. It is essential reading for Westmount citizens, who rely on its reasoned and thorough coverage of local issues and events. Its advertisers have become go-to sources for responding to our everyday and special needs.

Among the many advantages of living in this community, your weekly newspaper is certainly one, for all these reasons.

Thank you!

Patricia Roman, Lansdowne Ave.

READ IT ONLINE EVEN WHEN AWAY

I am a devoted and loyal reader of the Westmount Independent.

I read every issue, cover to cover. Even when I'm away down south, I download and read it online the same way as if I'm home. It is such an important source of information and dialogue for the community. Your coverage of local issues, events, real estate and politics is most comprehensive. Special shout-outs to Andy Dodge and Veronica Redgrave too.

Congratulations and keep up the good work.

CHRISTOPHER HYDE, KENSINGTON AVE.

WHERE ELSE COULD YOU GET IT ALL?

Along with the many grateful citizens of Westmount, may I add my thanks for, and to, the *Indie*, our very own local paper, so truly unique in this part of the world.

Where else can we lucky inhabitants of our beautiful city be offered an insider's look into the goings-on of local politics and politicians, so that we can remain well informed and alert to the latest important issues and proposals that personally affect us, and which are vital to a well-governed city? Where else can we have our "open letters to the mayor" published? Where else can we hear of current activities, exhibits, lectures and workshops, to say nothing of regular published listings of new acquisitions and events for young and old at our marvelously run library or at Westmount's roomy, welcom-

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Major Turcot closures started December 11

Cllr. Lulham: Intersection changes, more police needed

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By David Price

A raft of changes is needed to deal with the re-direction of traffic caused by the 2018 phase of the Turcot/720/136 reconstruction, city councillor Cynthia Lulham contended to the *Independent* last week.

As previously forecast, the Fort and Lucien L'Allier entrances to the 720/136 west-bound, and the St. Jacques exit from it, closed December 11 for 2018, if not longer. A temporary entrance was opened from Rose de Lima/St. Antoine in St. Henri, near the former Imperial Tobacco plant.

"Traffic is like water," she told the *Independent*, as part of a series of telephone calls and email on December 6 and 7. "It

runs where it can, but we must ensure the safety of our residents," she said.

A meeting for elected and employed municipal officials from the St. Lawrence River to the mountain was held at the offices of the provincial Ministère de Transports (MTQ) downtown the afternoon of November 28, before the public, evening meeting at Westmount city hall that same day. (See "Turcot plans include closing of 720/136 for 20+ weekends," December 5, p. 20.)

Also in attendance at the MTQ from Westmount were city councillor Kathleen Kez and assistant director general Sandra Avakian

At the meeting, Lulham asked that:

- Police be stationed at, in order of priority, Atwater and Dorchester; and St. Antoine and Greene; and ideally Greene and Dorchester, at least initially, because motorists will be using Atwater as a way down to the new Rose de Lima entrance to the 20 west, Greene for the same reason once Atwater becomes congested, and Greene northbound as a way off St. Antoine if they see a traffic jam at Rose de Lima. She thinks that the officer at St. Antoine/Greene could also cover Dorchester/Greene, if necessary.
- The light at Atwater and Dorchester, which is controlled by the city of Montreal, be re-configured, ideally so there is a four-way stop of vehicles to allow pedestrians to cross, aided by a countdown clock, as is the case at various Westmount intersections, such as Victoria and Sherbrooke.

She also called for the pedestrian routes to be re-painted on the asphalt there.

 "Local traffic only" signs be added to Greene Ave. at and below Dorchester, echoing the comments of Michael

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Mossop, a Westmount citizen-member of the Turcot Good Neighbourhood Committee NDG-Westmount, at the public Turcot meeting on November 28.

• Police be stationed at the Glen/St. Catherine/Lansdowne intersection and, as a brand new measure, at the Park Place/St. Catherine intersection. The Park Place change is needed, in her view, since police at Lansdowne can't see if traffic is stopped there.

"I will be calling tomorrow [December 7], too," she said of her lobbying efforts.

She will also be pushing for Westmount to simplify the Lewis/Park Place/St. Catherine street intersection so that the traffic light only controls St. Catherine and Park Place vehicles. "Cars get stuck in the intersection, even if they were proceeding on a green light in good faith," she said. There would only be a stop sign at Lewis. She hopes to see the item in Westmount's 2018 budget, which has yet to be approved.

Abbott/Melville/St. Catherine was simplified in this way (and others changes made) August 30 (see "Abbott, Hillside, Metcalfe form new one-way loop," September 12, p. 3 and Lulham's comments in "What's up for 2017," January 24, p. 7).

The lights on St. Catherine were also synchronized at that time, but "for 30 km/hr," Lulham pointed out. "They don't work at lower speeds, and traffic on St. Catherine doubles when Glen Rd. or Greene is closed [as will happen from time to time in the next six months.]"

Lulham has also been working with Peter McQueen, Montreal city councillor for eastern NDG, to ask the MTQ and KPH-Turcot construction consortium to use only the northern portion of the new 136/720 for demolition equipment and so leave the southern portion open for traffic. MTQ spokesperson Cynthia Martin emailed Lulham December 7 to repeat what Sylvie Gervais of KPH-Turcot told McQueen at the public meeting: no, at least initially, for safety and physical constraint reasons.



Four roofers working on Cedar December 3 were told that such work was not permitted on a Sunday, Public Security officials said. They were given 20 minutes to clean up. The incident was reported at 2:46 pm.



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Mood of the Market

November sales: Easing off?



Real Estate

ANDY DODGE

The following article relates to offers to purchase Westmount residential dwellings that were reported by local real estate agents as having been accepted in November 2017. 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 might have taken a tiny respite in November, but that hardly makes up for the incredible climb we have seen in both prices and mark-ups this year, likely spurred by the growth in Montreal's and North America's economy.

The adjusted value of Westmount's "typical" house remained close to \$1.9 million for the third month in a row and in fact the raw average price of 10 sales was over \$2

million, though the average mark-up over valuation dipped by 1 percent. The reason for the high average price is very simple: three of the 10 sales were for more than \$2 million and as high as \$4,900,000.

Another sale posted last month but negotiated in October was for \$5,280,000, and the second-highest price in November was \$4,400,000, so it appears that the big prices are becoming more acceptable. Both of the \$4-million-plus sales took more than a year to sell, pulling the average time on the market up to 125 days

On the low side were two sales under \$1 million with the lowest price at \$820,000. Of the 10 November sales, only two in-

Average adjusted price for 'typical' Westmount house, by month, Jan. 2011 to Nov. 2017, based on accepted offer dates



volved mark-downs as much as 4.4 percent. Biggest mark-up in November was 56.8 percent, which helped boost the average continued on p. 30

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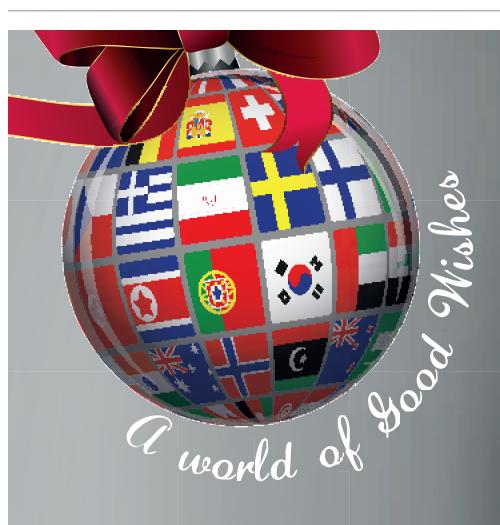
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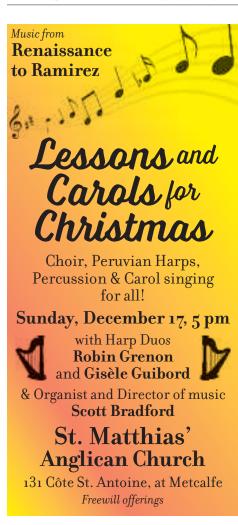
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Garneau addresses some 100 at town hall, will run

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

NDG-Westmount member of parliament Marc Garneau addressed, and answered questions from more than 100 people, who attended a town hall-style meeting held at Lower Canada College in NDG on November 9.

One hot topic was share ownership by federal ministers. A question was asked by a constituent who expressed concern following news that federal Finance minister Bill Morneau was potentially in a conflict of interest because an administrative error overlooked the fact he owned undeclared shares of his family's company.

Garneau, who is Transport minister in the Liberal cabinet, said he underwent the same process as Morneau before the house of commons' ethics commissioner. "I was in the same situation as all the ministers, including Minister Morneau," he said.

"I had to report to the conflict of interest commissioner, and I was asked a whole bunch of questions. And so I had to declare everything I owned, and they then told me, well, you can't own this, because that might put you in a conflict of interest.

"I had some stocks, so I had two choices," continued Garneau. "I could ei-

ther put them in a blind trust or I could sell them. I sold mine. All of that is documented, and it's there. And then the conflict of interest commissioner said 'you have conformed to the requirements to avoid conflict.'"

According to Garneau, Morneau actually had declared his ownership of shares, "but it didn't get picked up by the conflict of interest commissioner."

All the same, Garneau maintained that Morneau "actually followed the rules as they exist," noting that the commissioner had suggested in 2013 that the conflict of interest rules be tightened.

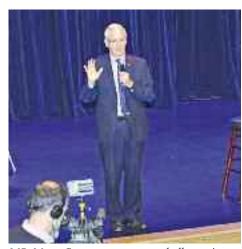
In the meantime, he pointed out that Morneau sold his shares and that any money they earned would be donated by Morneau to charity.

Responding to another constituent who alleged that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau failed to live up to a 2015 campaign pledge to reform the Canadian electoral system, Garneau acknowledged the Liberals didn't deliver.

"There's no question about it that Canadians told us that 'you promised that, you didn't do it," he said. "In the end, you can judge us on that. We did something that we did not carry out."

Some other issues raised during the meeting included refugee claimants entering Canada at border crossings, support from Ottawa for the Montreal region's future REM train system, the reinstatement of direct flights between Canada and Iran and the electrification of cars.

At the end of the evening, Garneau announced that he intends to run again for the Liberals in Westmount-NDG in the next federal election.



MP Marc Garneau at a town hall meeting at LCC November 9.

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Hwang and Price: Variations on a theme



Art Scene

Heather Black

Expositions by artists Dennis Hwang at Han Art Gallery and Lynn Price at the McClure Gallery reveal the power of design. Hwang's colourful variations of mountaintop retreats and Price's exploration of lemons convey the play of line and shape within traditional and modern art.

Mountain peaks and silicon valleys

Graphic mountain scenes, creative labyrinths and stylized wire sculpture defined Hwang's exposition *Galloping Horses & Scenic Chatter*. Landscapes dotted with travellers, mountain peaks and blue, pink and green clouds modernize traditional art forms while complex compositions of line figures and shapes evoke a playful yet technical sensibility. Painted stainless-steel sculptures of horses or laughing ladies are similarly dynamic and whimsical.

In the colourful pink, blue, and green composition mountain landscape "Hau

Shan East Peak I," figures travel a yellow road to lodges high above the clouds. Incorporating Asian motifs, this work and a second variation "Hau Shan East Peak II" convey fantasy and transcendence.

For the mixed media painting "Purple East," outlined figures, graphic shapes, flowers and letterforms recreate a map of the imagination. Framed within a swirling blue line, modernity is juxtaposed with a lower border of traditional gold and purple flowers, birds and fruit.

Hwang's playful design spirit is also evident in the female caricature "Mumbo" and in the majestic metallic stallion "Swagger." Colourful in red, yellow, blue and green acrylic ceramic paint on stainless steel, two side-by-side tubular horses create "Loving Couple," while the visual tease "What Are You Looking At" suggests both horse and heron.

The juice on lemons

Lemons as still-life painting is the subject of Price's exposition *How Small a Thought*. A graphic exploration, lemon or lemons are presented as line, solid or transparent shapes within complex linear or grided backgrounds. Painted in oils on

Arches paper, descriptive titles add a narrative element to the 44 paintings.

In "Picnic," four yellow lemons of varying hue are artfully posed within a grey checkered pattern. Evoking tablecloths and festive events, this work communicates the still-life tradition. In contrast, "Sunlight" depicts a transparent yellow lemon centred within a grey grid, while grey vertical stripes merge with another lemon in "Hitting Bottom." Both compositions evoke sparse 1970s graphics.

For "Eclipse," three lemons, leaves and stalk are outlined in black against a central yellow circle. In one variation, "Transparent," the central circle is grey, while in "Late August" the same motif is represented with solid leaves. Interesting, and unusual, the exposition continues until December 16 at the Visual Arts Centre.

Although different in subject matter and theme, Hwang and Price balance positive and negative space within strong, graphic compositions. With a sophisticated use of colour within repetitive shapes on complex planes, both artists recreate compelling imagery. To quote the legendary Massimo Vignelli: "Good design is a language, not a style."

City tree lights up for holiday season

The annual lighting of the "Christmas tree" at city hall December 6 attracted an enthusiastic crowd despite chilly winds and occasional snowflakes.

Mayor Christina Smith pressed the remote control button around 6 pm after a slow countdown, in French, from 10 to illuminate the Norway spruce at the corner of Argyle and Sherbrooke. A display of brilliant red lights and shining white stars generated a cheer from the spectators. The updated array of lights around city hall sprang to life at the same time while four members of the Seraphim choir led the singing with traditional Christmas carols.

Several city councillors joined in the celebration including Anitra Bostock, Jeff Shamie, Cynthia Lulham, Conrad Peart, Kathleen Kez and Mary Gallery.

After about 20 minutes, many of those gathered moved to the lawnbowling club house to warm up by an electronic log fire displayed on the TV. There, they were treated to drinks including hot chocolate and a variety of snacks. See photo, p. 1.

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Lengthy rationale delivered prior to vote on 500 Claremont

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dents to delay the vote, Smith and District 4 councillor Conrad Peart assured them that all on the new council had considered their concerns. They felt well informed to make a decision on the project that had been a year in review by the city and in public discussion.

"It's a very contentious issue," Peart acknowledged. "I can assure you your comments have been heard," he told residents in a lengthy, detailed overview.

As the new council's Urban Planning commissioner for Permits and Architecture, he presented the resolution under the city's SCAOPI/PPCMOI by-law for non-conforming projects.

He said he was sympathetic to the concerns of some residents that focused mainly on traffic safety connected to the project's garage access on Claremont. An additional 10 cars an hour on a street that already has 200 "can be readily managed," he said.

He pointed out the project would provide 16 "very large units," and repurpose the century-old institutional building in a

sustainable approach that includes removing the current paved parking lot and replacing it with landscaping.

Smith underlined his points saying that Peart, an architect by profession, "has worked incredibly hard" on considering various aspects of the project.

Neighbours seek delay

"How can you justify calling the vote on the controversial...project tonight with five new councillors and only four weeks for them to understand the project following their election?" asked Frank Philpott, a resident of the street. He has also expressed concern with the timing of a possible referendum over the approaching holiday season.

Smith assured residents she would "not be posting a referendum on Christmas Day. We have three more weeks this month," she said, "then we'll see if it goes further," referring to the right of residents to petition the city to open a referendum register. (See story, same page.)

Ken London, an architect living on Prince Albert, asked why the city had not acted on the six points he and neighbours



Councillor Conrad Peart delivers a lengthy presentation of a second draft resolution on 500 Claremont before its approval by council December 4.

had worked out in agreement with the developer as mentioned at the public consultation meeting September 19 (see story September 26, p. 1 and 10).

When asked to list them, he mentioned

co-insurance for the neighbours' houses concerning potential damage during construction. "We have a measure in place," Smith stated, adding: "No other points? Thank you." continued on p. 23



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Petition deadline set for Dec. 21

Eligible electors who want to petition the city to hold a referendum registry on the proposed project for 500 Claremont have until Thursday, December 21 at 4:30 pm to ensure their petition applications are received at city hall, according to the City Clerk's office.

This applies to voters in the affected zone (R3-16-01) in which the site is located, as well as seven contiguous zones. These are (the residential zones) R2-15-01, R2-17-01, R9-21-01, as well as the commercial zones C5-20-04, C5-20-04,

03, C5-20-02 and C5-20-01.

When combined, they comprise a large area that extends in part to the north side of Côte St. Antoine, east to Strathcona and south of Somerville.

The zoning map may be found on the city's website under Resident Zone/Urban Planning.

In order to be deemed valid, a petition (application) for a zone to participate in a potential referendum must be signed by at least 12 "interested persons."



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Before the vote was taken, Smith repeated several times that a year had been long enough for the project to be subjected to the city review, modifications and public discussion. The height of a new addition had been lowered. She said former councillor Rosalind Davis, who represented the district, had relayed residents' concerns at "every one of our general committee meetings."

The adopted draft resolution grants the project variances in height and usage to the current zoning (R3-16-01). In exchange, the developer is required, among other conditions, to provide two spaces on the property for community use "in perpetuity" (two benches along Claremont and two parking spaces for car-sharing purposes).

The resolution also requires the developer to consult with the city arborist on the species of trees to be planted, to integrate a service area for the collection of garbage and recyclables and adhere to certain conditions from the city's by-law on rock and blasting.

The developer, Gideon Pollack, sat at the back of the audience with two members of his team.

Concordia students exhibit projects at Atwater Library



The Atwater Library and Concordia University co-hosted a public reception November 30 to launch an exhibition of work by Concordia history and art education students whose classes took place at the library during the fall semester. The history students were enrolled in a course given by Professor Steven High that focused on the history of the library. The reception also featured the work of participants in two of the library's projects: "Canada in 150 Seconds" (150-second videos), and "Seniors Helping Seniors Develop a Living History Collection." At the same time, the Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network launched its latest edition of Quebec Heritage News magazine, featuring work by Concordia history students. Seen in the photo in the foreground are the Concordia students who contributed to the event.

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BIBLIOTHÈQUE

Cercle de lecture Finnegans Wake de Jovce: The Boaters and Sifters of ALP Le mercredi 20 décembre, 19 h, Bibliothèque. Joignez-vous au groupe de lecture pour une discussion passionnée sur l'œuvre Finnegans Wake. Apportez votre exemplaire du livre. 514 989-5299.

Films pour les fêtes à la Bibliothèque Le mercredi 27 décembre, 14 h: Despicable Me. Le jeudi 28 décembre, 14 h: Cars 3. Pour les jeunes de 4 ans et plus. 514 989-5299.

Club de films documentaires

Le mercredi 3 janvier, 19 h, Bibliothèque. Gun Runners (2015). Billets requis. 514 989-5299.

Atelier de poésie avec Ann Lloyd Le mercredi 10 janvier, 10 h 15, Bibliothèque. Bienvenue à tous. 514 989-5299.

Rencontres d'auteurs : Michael Redhill Le mercredi 24 janvier, 19 h, Victoria Hall. Rencontrez

Prochaine séance du conseil le lundi 15 janvier 2018

Michael Redhill, gagnant du prix Giller 2017 et auteur de Bellevue Square. Billets requis. 514 989-5299.

ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

Chœur d'hommes gallois de Montréal Le mercredi 13 décembre, 19 h 30, Victoria Hall. Le CHGM présente Holiday Traditions, une soirée de joyeux chants traditionnels gallois et de courtes lectures. Billets 20 \$. Info: 450 465-2092.

Conférences-midi

Le mardi 16 janvier, 12 h 30, Victoria Hall. Celebrating the Cello and the Montreal Chamber Music Festival avec Denis Brott, C.M. En collaboration avec Le Cercle canadien des femmes de Montréal. 10 \$ par conférence. 514 989-5226.

Chœur People's Gospel Choir of Montreal Le mardi 16 janvier, 19 h 30, Victoria Hall. Présenté en collaboration avec le Club Rotary de Westmount. 20 \$ adultes / 10 \$ enfants 12 ans et moins. 514 935-3344.

TRAVAUX PUBLICS

Collectes du lundi remises à mardi

Pendant les deux semaines des fêtes, les collectes de résidus alimentaires et d'ordures qui ont lieu normalement le lundi sont remises au mardi 26 décembre et mardi 2 janvier. Il n'y a aucune autre modification à l'horaire des collectes. 514 989-5390.

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CITY HALL

Message from municipal council

Mayor Christina M. Smith, City Council members and Westmount personnel wish everyone a festive and safe holiday season shared with family and friends, as well as a healthy and happy New Year.

PUBLIC SECURITY

Holiday Food Drive in Westmount

Until December 15: bring donations of nonperishable food to the collection bins located in City buildings or phone 514 989-5222.

Dog permits available online

Obtain or renew your permit at westmount.org.

LIBRARY

Reading group for Joyce's Finnegans Wake: The Boaters and Sifters of ALP

Wednesday, December 20, 7 p.m., Library. Join the circle for a discussion of Joyce's Finnegans Wake. Bring a copy of the book. 514 989-5299.

Holiday films at the Library

Wednesday, December 27, 2 p.m.: Despicable Me Thursday, December 28, 2 p.m. Cars 3 Age 4 and up. 514 989-5299.

Documentary Film Club

Wednesday, January 3, 7 p.m., Library. Gun Runners (2015). Tickets required. 514 989-5299.

Poetry Workshop with Ann Lloyd

Wednesday, January 10, 10:15 a.m., Library. Welcome to all. 514 989-5299.

Author Lecture Series: Michael Redhill

Wednesday, January 24, 7 p.m., Victoria Hall. Come meet author Michael Redhill, 2017 Giller Prize winner for Bellevue Square. Tickets required. 514 989-5299.

Next Council Meeting Monday, January 15, 2018

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Montreal Welsh Male Choir

Wednesday, December 13, 7:30 p.m, Victoria Hall. The MWMC presents traditional Welsh songs and short readings. Tickets \$20. 514 989-5226.

Afternoon Lecture Series

Tuesday, January 16, 12:30 p.m., Victoria Hall. Celebrating the Cello and the Montreal Chamber Music Festival with Denis Brott, C. M. In collaboration with The Women's Canadian Club of Montreal. \$10/lecture. Info: 514 989-5226.

People's Gospel Choir of Montreal

Tuesday, January 16 at 7:30 p.m., Victoria Hall. Presented in collaboration with the Westmount Rotary Club. \$20 adults / \$10 children under 12. 514 935-3344.

PUBLIC WORKS

Monday collections moved to Tuesday

During the two holiday weeks, kitchen waste and garbage collections that normally take place on Monday will be moved to Tuesday on December 25th and January 1st. There are no other changes to the collection schedule. 514 989-5390.

Christmas tree collection

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Changes required to meet new ministry standards

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cent-shaped road.

A number of challenges regarding the replacement of utilities and services, as well as access to homes and information, were voiced at the city council meeting December 4 by resident Alain Forget. He said he had never been able to find out when the work would actually finish.

Acknowledging the delays, Councillor Philip Cutler, new in his role as commissioner of Infrastructure and Innovation, said the contractor (Canbec Construction) would be facing penalties.

These are to be assessed on a day-to-day basis as a percentage of the contract, according to city Engineering director Elisa Gaetano. Identified as a 15-week project, it had a start date in August and was to have been completed by mid-November, she said. It has only just been opened to traffic.

"It's been very, very difficult for residents trying to access their homes," said Jeff Shamie, District 3's new councillor. Parking on adjacent Clarke, a steep narrow hill itself, was another obstacle.

Anwoth, previously a two-way street, is now going one way north on a 12-month trial basis, Gaetano said. Seven to eight parking spaces have been eliminated at the two curves, and sidewalks have been widened – all to conform to current Quebec ministry of Transport standards, she explained.

"These were so far off the norms that we had no choice but to make the street one-

way," she explained.

Two meetings for residents

"When we had two meetings at city hall with residents (January 13 and March 29) and told them there was no option but to do this, some wanted the street going south, others wanted it north for easier driving in the winter.

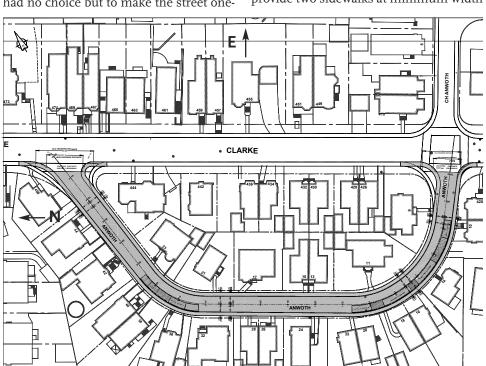
"We will re-evaluate this after the winter and determine whether the number of eliminated parking spaces can be reduced without impacting emergency vehicle access and snow removal including de-icing."

She said the northbound direction had been chosen based on emails and comments from residents. She said this direction would require more care from drivers exiting into traffic at the intersection with Clarke. "They'll have to inch out carefully."

Intersections narrowed

Victor Drury, who had represented District 3 on the outgoing council and hosted the sessions with residents, told the *Independent* last week that the narrow two-way street with parking had been "so far off provincial norms it was a joke."

Among options presented to residents at the meetings, he said, was replacing the two narrow sidewalks by one wider one on the west side with only a curb on the other. But the lack of a sidewalk on the east side, where houses are close to the street, was deemed too dangerous. The decision: to provide two sidewalks at minimum width



The city plan of Anwoth shows the two shaded curves where parking has been removed on a trial basis.



The asphalt paving of Anwoth, seen here December 8 at its northern intersection with Clarke, enabled the street to be opened to traffic after some four months.

but eliminate some parking.

Another change described by Gaetano is the narrowing of the street's north intersection with Clarke, which had been a long one for pedestrians to cross at 21 meters. According to a city plan, it is now 13.2 meters. Anwoth's southern intersection with Clarke is also narrowed from 14 metres to 10.3.

The exact timing of the street's re-opening depended on when the layer of asphalt paving could be applied, she explained. This was contingent on weather conditions and the curing of the concrete base, for which a core sample had been taken for analysis.

More, next spring

There is more work to follow, however. A second layer of asphalt is planned to top it all off during warmer weather in the spring. The construction of concrete crosswalks at the intersections is also to be completed at this time as well as repairs to private gardens and lawns.



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The project involved replacing the water main, street lighting, sidewalks and concrete road base (see story July 11, p. 5).

Penalties for failing to meet contract deadlines were also meted out for the rebuilding of Argyle between Sherbrooke and Thornhill, Gaetano said.

Les Entreprises Ventec Inc. was awarded the contract at the April 3 council meeting (see story April 11, p. 3).

Silent man turned over to police

Advised by a resident at 8:22 am December 6 that a "strange" man was walking on the street at de Maisonneuve and Kitchener, public safety officers reported finding him outside 316 Kitchener. While he stared at them silently, he was not considered to present a danger. A passing police patrol was flagged down nevertheless, and the man was last seen being placed in the car.





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I want to let you know that I appreciate your weekly newspaper and read it cover to cover. I find it especially helpful for locating local businesses, for instance to discover Le Frame Shoppe to get my favourite painting framed and to find out about local events. I like to support local businesses and local artisans when I do Christmas shopping, and I was able to find gifts I needed at the Artisans Westmount craft fair and at the Centre Greene one. I would



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NOTICE OF Application, William Marcou Succession. Notice is hereby given that an application for judicial acquisition of ownership of an immovable by prescription will be submitted to one of the Honourable Justices of the Superior Court of the District of Terrebonne on December 22nd, 2017. The Application and the exhibits may be consulted by an authorized representative of the Succession of William Marcou at the office of Mtre Barbara A. Thompson, Notary, 707, chemin du Village, suite 201, Morin-Heights (Quebec) JOR 1HO. Given on December 5th, 2017.

not have known about them otherwise.

DIANE MUNZ, MONTROSE AVE.

DOING A GREAT JOB

We thoroughly enjoy receiving and reading the *Indie* at our home. You do a *great* job at keeping us abreast of what's going on in Westmount.

Keep up the excellent work.

ALLEN RUBIN, LEXINGTON AVE.

WE DON'T LIKE IT, WE LOVE IT

In answer to a particular sentence in the recent publisher's note, "If you don't like what we're doing...," let me just say on behalf of our household that we *love* what you're doing! We look forward to every issue of the *Indie*. We read all the news and letters, all the ads and all the real estate coverage.

The *Indie* is often a first source in finding a service or a new shop or restaurant. Our community is special, and we feel fortunate in having our own weekly newspaper. Please keep it coming.

ROSEMARY HADDAD, DE MAISONNEUVE BLVD.

CONGRATS ON FINE PAPER

Your publication Westmount Independent is the greatest, and I should know! I have lived on Roslyn and Lansdowne avenues for 90 years and went all through school here, too.

I have read, always with pleasure, the Westmount Examiner and then the Independent.

The local news is presented in an interesting manner, and I particularly enjoy the writings of Andy Dodge.

The real estate advertisements do take up a lot of space, but they can be interesting as well.

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and moreover, for the readers, it is a freebie each week.

I hope you continue as is, and wish you every success. Congrats on a fine local community newspaper.

Hugh Brodie

WANTS IT EARLIER

As per the publisher's request, I am confirming that I am an avid reader of your newspaper.

At this time, I would like to suggest changing the delivery method from Canada Post to the company that delivers the circulars as well as *The Suburban*.

Canada Post is often late with the delivery and various event notices have already passed. Otherwise, advertise the events earlier.

Most of the time, I end up picking up the paper at the Fruit Mont Victoria on Sherbrooke, like I did recently.

Then I just discard the one in my mailbox, when it eventually shows up.

Thanks

MARK SPEEVAK, DE MAISONNEUVE BLVD.

Publisher's reply: Thank you for the input
on our delivery. We continue to find
Canada Post to be the best method. It covers
every door (house, duplex, condo,
apartment, business) in the city, reliably.
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achieves. If you want the paper on Tuesday (and we're thrilled that you do), you can subscribe to our email list or consult our website on Tuesday afternoon. People can also pick up the paper from one of our drop sites, as you have discovered. We take your point on "expired" news and ads, and will pay renewed attention to that issue. We do try to get things happening Tuesday,

Wednesday, Thursday or Friday into the paper a whole week before (and only repeat it for those who might see it in time the week it actually happens), but we can't control when we are told things. – DP

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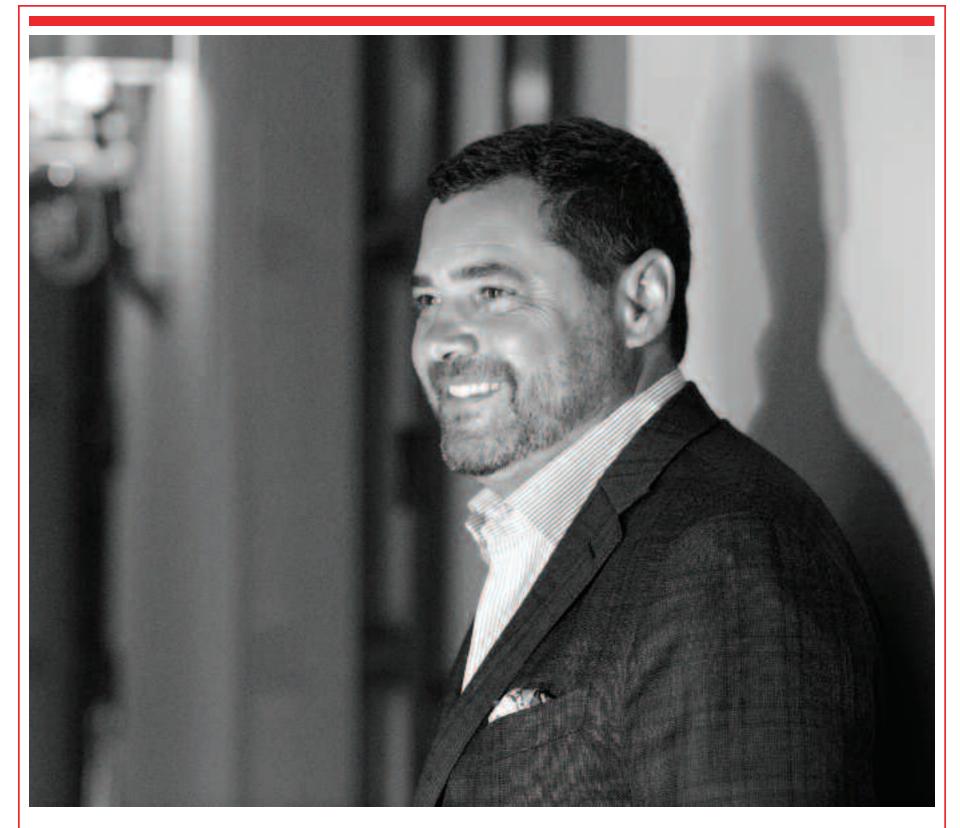
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HAVING THE RIGHT TO SIGN AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A REFERENDUM

PUBLIC NOTICE is given of the following:

- 1. Following the public consultation held on September 19, 2017, the Municipal Council adopted by resolution on December 4, 2017, the second draft resolution no. 2017-12-228 regarding lots 1 580 805 and 1 580 825 of the Quebec cadastre on which the immovable bearing civic address 500 Claremont Avenue (the "IMMOVABLE") is located, in virtue of By-law 1489 concerning specific construction, alteration or occupancy proposals for an immovable (S.C.A.O.P.I.) of the City of Westmount.
- 2. This second draft resolution contains two provisions subject to approval by way of referendum:
 - a) grant, notwithstanding the uses permitted in zone R3-16-01 of the City's zoning plan, a multifamily type use;
 - b) grant, notwithstanding the maximum permitted construction height in zone R3-16-01 of the City's zoning plan, a construction of a maximum height of 23.47 meters.

In addition to this brief description, a copy of the second draft resolution no. 2017-12-228 may be obtained upon request at the Office of the City Clerk located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West or be consulted online at www.westmount.org/En/Resident-zone/urban-planning/scaopi

3. The provisions mentioned in paragraph 2 a) and b) may be the object of an application on behalf of a qualified voter in the concerned zone R3-16-01 or in one of the contiguous zones R2-15-01, R2-17-01, R9-21-01, C5-20-04, C5-20-03, C5-20-02 and C5-20-01, so as to submit a final resolution adopting these provisions, as the case may be, to the approval of certain qualified voters in accordance with An Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities (CQLR, chapter E-2.2).

The sketch of the zones may be consulted at City Hall or on the City's website at the following address:

http://westmount.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Plan_zonage_09-01-2015.pdf

- 4. In order to be deemed valid, an application to participate in a referendum must:
 - a) be signed by at least 12 interested persons of the zone from which it originates or by a majority of them if their number does not exceed 21;
 - b) state clearly the provision to which it refers and the zone from which it originates:
 - c) be received by the Office of the City Clerk, no later than December 21, 2017, at 4:30 p.m.
- 5. Information to determine who is an interested person in a zone and the manner in which a legal person may exercise the right to sign an application regarding the provisions in paragraph 2 above, may be obtained at the Office of the City Clerk, located at City Hall, at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West during regular business hours. It may also be obtained online at the following address: www.westmount.org/En/Resident-zone/urban-planning/scaopi
- 6. The provisions in respect to which no valid application is received, may be included in a final resolution that is not required to be submitted to the approval of qualified voters.

GIVEN at Westmount, Quebec, this December 12, 2017.

Me Martin St-Jean, City Clerk

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Smith elected treasurer of ASM

Westmount mayor Christina Smith was elected to the new executive of the Association of Suburban Municipalities (ASM) at its meeting November 30, according to a press release from the organization of 15 demerged municipalities.

Beny Masella, mayor of Montreal West, is the new president while the two vice presidents are Maria Tutina, mayor of Baie d'Urfé, and Montreal East mayor Robert Coutu. They were elected along with Smith, as treasurer, on a two-year man-

"It's great for Westmount to have a continued leadership voice at the ASM," Smith told the Independent. She also said the composition of the executive - distributed from one end of the island to the other -"reflects the shared common goals" of the reconstituted cities. The immediate priority for the ASM was described as convening a meeting "as soon as possible" between the ASM mayors and Montreal mayor Valérie Plante.



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PUBLIC NOTICE 2018 REGULAR SITTINGS OF COUNCIL

PUBLIC NOTICE is given that, at its regular sitting held on December 4, 2017, the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount adopted the 2018 schedule of its regular sittings as follows:

- Monday, January 15, at 7:30 p.m.;
- Monday, February 5, at 7:30 p.m.;
- Monday, February 19, at 5:30 p.m. (permits);
- Monday, March 5, at 5:30 p.m. (permits);
- Monday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m.;
- Tuesday, April 3, at 7:30 p.m.;
- Monday, April 16, at 5:30 p.m. (permits);
- Monday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m.;
- Tuesday, May 22, at 5:30 p.m. (permits);
- Monday, June 4, at 7:30 p.m.;
- Monday, June 18, at 5:30 p.m. (permits)
- Tuesday, July 3, at 7:30 p.m.;
- Monday, July 16, at 5:30 p.m. (permits);
- Monday, August 6, at 7:30 p.m.;
- Monday, August 20, at 5:30 p.m. (permits);
- Tuesday, September 4, at 7:30 p.m.;
- Monday, September 17, at 5:30 p.m. (permits)
- Monday, October 1, at 7:30 p.m.;
- Monday, October 15, at 5:30 p.m. (permits);
- Monday, November 5, at 7:30 p.m.;
- Monday, November 19, at 5:30 p.m. (permits);
- Monday, December 3, at 7:30 p.m.;
- Monday, December 17, at 5:30 p.m. (permits).

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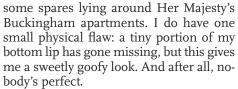
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British lives. I am regal and elegant, and my long nose is admirably aristocratic. I am slim and ravishing, with soulful eyes and glossy hair.

I am also titled, though you will not need

to call me "Dame" once we are living together in your "two-bedroom cottage on the grounds of Kensington Palace" (according to *The Guardian*). My noble brow is simply crying out for a tiara, of which there must be



I am young – a mere two years old – and athletic, which makes me an ideal companion for an energetic and fun-loving couple such as yourselves. I am well-mannered, have mastered all the basic commands and am bright and eager to please.

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ness, I should tell you that I do not cope well with being left alone for long stretches of time. This should not be a problem, even though I know that you and Her Loveliness will be much occupied with rib-

bon-cutting and speech-making. Your numerous butlers, valets, cooks and hot-and-cold running maids can easily cater to my need for company, and I will happily volunteer to lick your dishes clean before they go into the

dishwasher, thus freeing up the staff to iron your dress uniforms.

Also, I need stability and routine to feel secure; a royal household that is run like clockwork should suit me fine. There is only one thing on which I am firm, intransigent, resolute and adamant: No corgis! I will not share my home with other dogs, as they bring out my resource-guard-

ing tendencies and make me lose my sunny disposition.

In the event that you are unable to welcome me into your life (perhaps your grandmother has already given you a brace of – *eurgh* – corgis), I am very willing to entertain applications from Canadian commoners. I have been through four homes so far in my short life. To avoid breaking my heart yet again, only truly serious applicants are invited to send their particulars to Sophie's Dog Adoption at 514.804.5052 or info@sophiesdogadoption.com.

Dog walker finds phone

A dog walker found a phone at the dog run in Westmount Park December 5 and turned it over to Public Security, department officers said. It was returned to its owner.



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PROGRAMME OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURES 2018-2019-2020

NOTICE* is given that:

- the three-year programme of capital expenditures for the fiscal years 2018, 2019, and 2020 will be tabled for adoption at a special sitting of the municipal council to be held on Monday, December 18, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., in the council chamber at City Hall, located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount; and
- 2. at said special sitting, the council deliberations and the question period shall deal exclusively with the three-year programme of capital expenditures.

BUDGET 2018

NOTICE* is given that:

- 1. the budget of the City of Westmount for the fiscal year 2018 will be tabled for adoption at a special sitting of the municipal council to be held on Thursday, January 11, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., in the council chamber at City Hall, located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount; and
- 2. at said special sitting, the council deliberations and the question period shall deal exclusively with the budget.

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*This is a courtesy notice. For the legal notice, please visit our website or the notices that will appear in Le Devoir on December 12th and 18th, 2017.

Westmount, on December 12, 2017.

Me Martin St-Jean, City Clerk



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NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1512

PUBLIC NOTICE is given that By-law 1512 entitled "BY-LAW ON TRUCK AND TOOL VEHICLE TRAFFIC" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a regular sitting held at City Hall on December 4, 2017.

The object of this by-law is to prohibit truck and tool vehicle traffic on the territory of the City except on certain streets, as follows:

- i) on Atwater Avenue and on Saint-Antoine Street West;
- ii) between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the following roads, or sections of roads:
 - Claremont Avenue (between Sherbrooke Street West and Sainte-Catherine Street West);
 - Clarke Avenue (between Sherbrooke Street West and Sainte-Catherine Street West);
 - Dorchester Boulevard;
 - · Glen Road;
 - Sherbrooke Street West:
 - Sainte-Catherine Street West;
 - Victoria Avenue (between Sherbrooke Street West and Sainte-Catherine Street West).

This by-law may be consulted and copies obtained at the Office of the City Clerk, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Quebec, during regular office hours.

GIVEN at Westmount, Quebec, this December 12, 2017

Me Martin St-Jean, City Clerk

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

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

Adresse de l'immeuble : 4898, boulevard de Maisonneuve Ouest Westmount, H3Z 1M8

westmount, H32 TV

<u>Demandeur:</u> Renwick Development 6600 Boul. Decarie

Montreal, Qc H3X 2K4

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

De plus, en vertu de l'article 2.7 du règlement 1489, le projet sera présenté au Comité consultatif d'urbanisme lors d'une réunion publique ayant lieu le mardi 16 janvier 2018 à l'hôtel de ville de Westmount, à 8 h 30.

Des commentaires sur le projet peuvent être émis lors de la réunion publique mentionnée ci-haut ou sous forme écrite en utilisant à **westmount.org/ppcmoi**. La date limite pour soumettre des commentaires écrits est le vendredi 26 janvier 2018. Veuillez noter que la Ville de Westmount ne répondra pas individuellement aux commentaires soumis.

Notice of receipt of an application for a Specific Construction, Alteration or Occupancy Proposal for an Immovable (S.C.A.O.P.I.)

The city of Westmount wishes to inform all interested persons of the reception of an application under By-law 1489 "By-law concerning Specific Construction, Alteration or Occupancy Proposals for an Immovable (S.C.A.O.P.I.)".

Building Address: 4898, de Maisonneuve West Boulevard

Westmount, H3Z 1M8

Applicant: Renwick Development

6600 Blvd. Decarie Montreal, Qc H3X 2K4

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

Furthermore, in accordance with Article 2.7 of By-law 1489, the proposal will be presented to the Planning Advisory Committee at a public meeting taking place at City Hall in Westmount, on Tuesday January 16th, 2018 at 8:30 am.

Comments on the projects can be made at the public meeting mentioned above, or in writing on the city website at **westmount.org/scaopi**. The deadline for the submission of written comments on the project is Friday January 26, 2018. Please note that the City of Westmount does not reply to individual comments.

Mood of market cont'd. from p. 14

mark-up to 20.9 percent.

Volume is high, too. Though the 172 Westmount sales posted so far this year is less than the 187 year-to-date last year, that figure is higher than for any other year since 2007. Going back to 1986, the average annual volume is 170 one- and two-family sales, so already this year's volume is above average for the year, with the December list still to come.

Only one condominium sale was posted in November (along with a co-op apartment at 2 Westmount Square) but along with five sales in October, the average fourth-quarter price topped the \$1-million mark, and the average mark-up over valuation was almost 17 percent, up from 12.5 percent in the third quarter and 5.1 percent in the second quarter of the year.

Of the six fourth-quarter sales, except for one flat in a former triplex on St. Antoine St. (\$385,000), the lowest price for a condo was \$865,000, and sale prices went up as high as \$1,561,000 for a unit in Château Westmount Square, 4175 St. Catherine St. So, while the average markup of 17 percent is not quite as high as the average 21-22 percent for one- and two-family houses in recent months, certainly the condo market is holding its own against the booming home market.

There was one home sale posted in each of the various adjacent-Westmount districts, except two in the Trafalgar-Daulac area, where the average price for the year is just under \$1.6 million, playing second fiddle to the \$1.837 million average in the Square Mile on the east side of Atwater Ave. The Westmount-adjacent section of Côte des Neiges has an average sale price just over \$1 million while the similar section of NDG is just under \$1 million, as is the Shaughnessy village sector (though there have only been four home sales there so far this year, so the statistic is weak).

At last check, there were only 50 houses listed by agents for sale in Westmount, by far the lowest number of listings in the past two years; in January 2016, there were 117 houses on the market. Of the 50, only two are asking less than \$1 million while 14 are asking more than \$4 million. Two years ago there were 13 properties asking less than \$1 million compared to 15 asking more than \$4 million, clear proof that the bottom end of the market is pretty much drained now, though there's still plenty of opportunity at the top end of the range,

The figures show 36 houses have been rented in Westmount this year and another 28 are available for rent. Of the 36, six are for rates of \$10,000 and higher per month, while another four are listed at more than that amount.



HappyTree Yoga's celebrates 10-year anniversary with collage



Melanie Richards, left, and artist John Schweitzer with anniversary collage November 23.

BY HEATHER BLACK

To celebrate its 10th anniversary, coowner Melanie Richards of HappyTree Yoga commissioned a collage by Westmount artist John Schweitzer. The work entitled "Une décennie du détente" recre-

Roslyn's Katalifos gets Senate award

Nicholas Katalifos, principal of Roslyn school, was recognized with a public service award November 23 at a ceremony in the senate chamber in Ottawa.

In recognition of the 150th anniversary of the senate of Canada, Senator Leo Housakos nominated Katalifos for the Senate of Canada Medal, which he presented along with speaker of the senate George Furey.

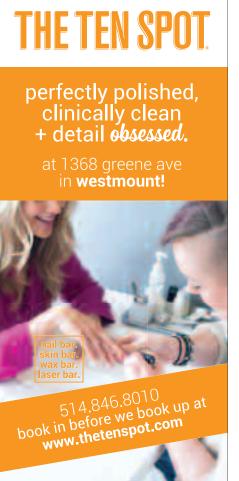
"Mr. Katalifos was recognized due to the outstanding service that he provides to Canada and Canadians, including his 27-year career in the field of education at the English Montreal School Board, his work in the Greek community, and his advocacy work providing better services to people with autism," an English Montreal School Board press release said.

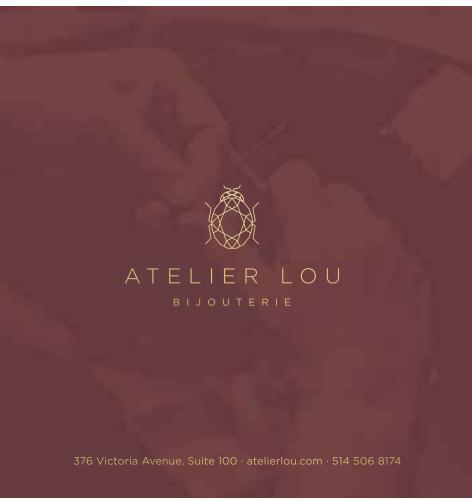


ates the studio's history through such memorabilia as postcards, floor plans and newspaper cuttings.

For Richards, "The art captures the heart and spirit of HappyTree Yoga – of hope, inspiration and community." Schweitzer, a five-year member of the studio, said his goal was "to suggest that the spiritual values of yoga eclipse the physical benefits of exercise."

The public can view the collage at 4010 St. Catherine St., suite 200.









Social Notes

VERONICA REDGRAVE

In spite of the wetter-than-wet night on November 2, the Donald Berman Yaldei Development Centre successfully inaugurated its new home in honour of Sylvan Adams. A former long-time Westmount resident now living in Israel, Adams attended with his wife Margaret.

The real estate mogul and prominent Jewish philanthropist was honoured at the dedication of the Sylvan Adams Building. Adams had donated \$2 million to Yaldei's "Another Chance Campaign," which helped fund the purchase and renovation of the organization's new facility on Van Horne Ave.

After his opening speech, Menachem Leifer, founder and executive director of Yaldei, acknowledged dignitaries present: former mayor of CDN-NDG Russell Copeman as well as David Birnbaum, provincial legislator for D'Arcy-McGee. The politicians praised Adams' commitment, as did Westmounter Martin Schwartz, CEO Dorel Industries. Attending with his wife Sondra, Schwartz is chair of the campaign,

Yaldei building named for Adams



Sylvan Adams

which has raised more than \$7.5 million to date towards the purchase and renovation of Yaldei's home.

Westmounters present included Phil Dixon and his wife Michelle Cormier, Ros and Ed Wys, Joyce and Alan Schwartz (Martin Schwartz's brother), Debra and Jonathan Chomski, and Diane Pardillo.

Also attending were Robert Kleinman



From left: Phil Dixon, Michelle Cormier and Sharon Fraenkel.

and Kathy Assayag of the Jewish Community Foundation; Terry, Jonathan and Derrick Pomerantz of the Pomerantz Foundation; Charles Douville, head corporate banking HSBC Canada; Moshe BenShack, interim president, Federation CJA; Michael Rosenberg, philanthropist; and Sharon Fraenkel, executive director (Ottawa, Montreal and Atlantic Canada) of

HONORABLE

Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University.

Departing guests clutching still-sodden umbrellas received blank greeting cards with charming artwork created by Yaldei

students.

In 2018, Yaldei will celebrate 20 years of providing intensive therapies and customized education to children with special needs



Jacques Chagnon

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année!

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Family skating event, a first



At a family skating event organized for the first time by the Sports and Recreation department December 10, participants enjoyed free hot chocolate, cookies, Davids Tea and a visit from Disney's Olaf the Snowman at the Westmount recreation centre. Photo: Ralph Thompson

Allowed to continue despite early Saturday morning time

ester, who had started working at 7 am December 2, were informed that in Westmount the permitted time on Saturdays was 8 am, Public Security officials said.

Construction workers at 4025 Dorch- When spoken to, they claimed they were not aware of the Westmount regulation but considering it was then 7:57 am, they were allowed to continue.

Town of Mount-Royal





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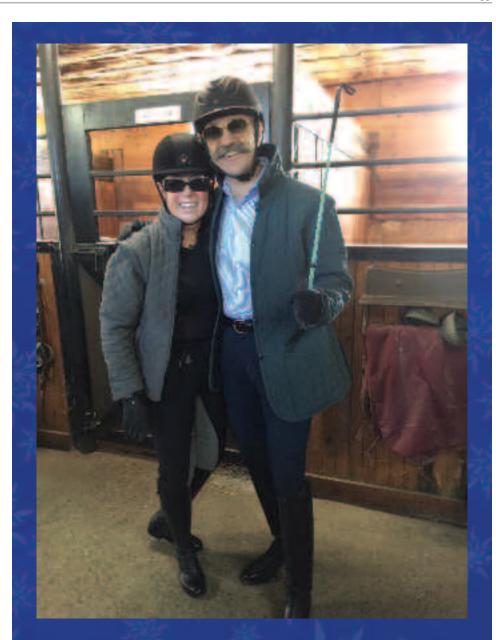




6301 Northcrest 7P: Spacious & contemporary condo, well located in phase 7 of The Sanctuaire. 3 bedrooms. Open view! Splendid kitchen. Mouldings, spotlights, wood floors. En suite master bedroom, with walk-in. Indoor garage, \$949,000 pool and gym! Great location, steps away from all services!

Christiane Salloum – C. 514 867.2041

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Students participate at St. Léon school artisan market

BY HEATHER BLACK

This year, ten elementary students sold such creations as jewelry and key holders at a school fundraiser, Marché d'artisanat de l'école St. Léon de Westmount Decem-

A participant for three years, 11-year-old Käel Chiche said, "In the past, I've sold origami, but this year it will be paper guns and cardboard mechanical arms."

The students, many from product designer Nathalie Guez' after-school art entrepreneur activity, are enthusiastic supporters of the event. Guez, who was also one of the event organizers said prior to the show, "There is a huge interest amongst students as it gives them an opportunity to experience entrepreneurship. Participation has grown from two students three years ago to eight last year, and this year we had to turn students away."

The craft market was to feature 20 professional artisans selling unique items suitable for holiday gifts. The event, which raised funds for the school's foundation, also included tables for parent and class contributions.



Student artist Käel Chiche in front of St. school Léon November 29.

New owner renovates 1100 Atwater



The city issued a construction permit August 7 for 1100 Atwater "to make modifications to the building, including modifying the design of the main entrance and creating new window openings," as reported in our September 5 issue (p. 16). This large construction tent is at the back of the property, visible from Dorchester. The project is briefly discussed on the website (www.kevric.ca) of Kevric, a real estate developer. On April 4, 1100 Atwater Investments Inc. bought the property for \$10 million. Richard Hyland is the president of both companies. The building was previously a Royal Bank call centre and also housed Symcor, which processed documents for many banks (see "Future uncertain as purchase bids close...," May 31, 2016). Photo: Westmount Independent

Hall in hall, inducted into sailing hall of fame

A Westmounter who has been in a lifelong love affair with sailing was inducted into the Quebec Sailing Federation's Hall of Fame (QSF) November 4.

Still an active sailor at the age of 68, Peter Hall currently sails in a 27-foot solingclass keelboat.

According to the QSF, Hall has been world champion three times, North American champion five times and Canadian champion on several other occasions. Hall was chair of the federation from 1994 to

1997, and recently contributed to the establishment of a QSF philanthropic committee and the launch of a financing cam-

"I was probably taken into a sailboat during the first month of my life," Hall said in an interview with the Independent, while adding that his formal introduction to the sport probably took place when he five or six years old. "I was extremely happy to receive this honour," he said. - MCB



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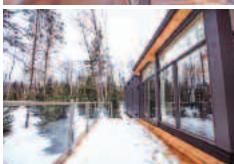


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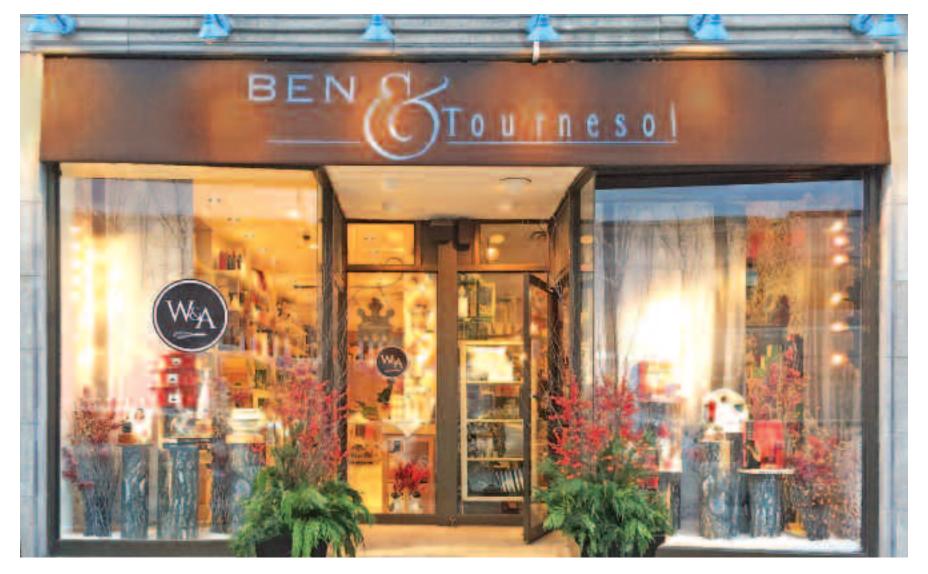
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