

Recent analysis suggests full restoration possible

Greenhouse structure may be saved, new study shows

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A new evaluation of the condition of the city's greenhouse complex suggests the foundation and basic steel framework of the 1927 conservatory and frog pond annex may enable them to remain intact, city officials said last week.

This would mean replacing only the wood and glass "envelope" that covers them rather than a complete rebuilding from the ground up as a previous risk analysis indicated (see story February 7, p. 1).

"Now it looks like we can recover the

structure, which will allow for the intended restoration rather than replication," said Benoit Hurtubise, the city's assistant director general for engineering and infrastructure. This would also reduce cost and time.

The new analysis from outside specialists indicates "we may be able to recuperate the foundation and structure," which would make full restoration possible while adding new accessibility features, he said.

Taking more time

Expertise related to Victorian-style cascade greenhouses of this type was "limited" within Quebec, Hurtubise said, so the city has had to look elsewhere, though he did not want to divulge where before tenders are prepared. "It's just taking more time and evaluation."

On the other hand, the work greenhouses, where young plants are grown, will have to be completely rebuilt, he said. Now that the city no longer grows all its planting requirements, these can be reduced in number since they are not considered to represent the same heritage value to the city.

The complex was closed to the public in September 2015 when a pane of glass fell from the main conservatory and others were found to be slipping (see story October 20, 2015, p. 1). A ballpark projection of costs has been \$3 million.

Family Day's inflatables a hit



One of many inflatable games, the Xtreme SK8 was a popular one during the city-run Family Day, which took place May 27 at Westmount Park.
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Draft Dorchester vision sent back

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Councillor Theodora Samiotis said last week she was "disappointed" at what consultants had presented as a draft concept for a southeast planning vision and had advised them to come back with something more representative of the city's consultations with residents.

To assist the consultants, she said, she would be holding "small meetings" this week between them and citizen task force representatives and "a few other actively engaged residents" of the Dorchester area.

Samiotis, Urban Planning commissioner, said *continued on p. 5*



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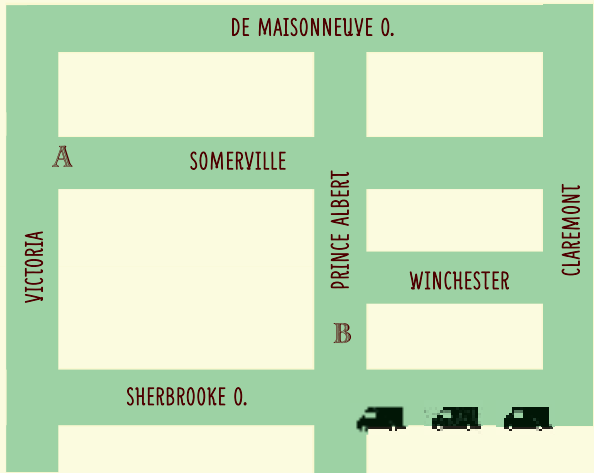
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Possible third-year tax freeze for 2018: Cllr. Drury

Real estate market brings record \$8M to city in welcome tax

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

While the city ended 2016 with a smaller than usual operating surplus of \$1.3 million, it had a banner year in welcome tax revenue that reached \$8 million, a record-setting amount at least since 2006. It had been budgeted at \$4.6 million.

"This was more than we could ever have anticipated," Finance commissioner Victor Drury told the council meeting May 1 when the audited statement for the year ended December 31, 2016 was made public.

"The city is in excellent financial shape, being free of net debt, taxes frozen for two years in a row and the possibility of a third year without tax increases," he said.

At the end of 2016, the city was reporting a net surplus of \$6.2 million resulting from financial assets of \$67.5 million offset by liabilities of \$61.3 million.

The city also ended the year completing

all its capital works projects, budgeted at \$14.5 million. These came in under budget at \$13.5 million due to lower-than-estimated costs of the work, Drury said.

The city allocated \$10.5 million from the operating budget to capital works spending through the pay-as-you-go process. This was some \$4 million more than originally budgeted.

\$1M more come from taxes

On the original operating budget of \$101.5 million, revenue amounted to \$106 million which, along with the welcome tax, included \$1 million more than expected in general property taxes.

When the city later appropriated \$5.7 million from accumulated surplus to pay off loan debentures, this amount was added to the budget, which boosted resulting revenues to \$111.5 million and expenditures to \$110.2 million, resulting in the year's operating surplus of \$1.3 mil-

lion.

Revenues from fines and parking were down slightly from budget and just shy of 2015 figures. While metered revenue was \$50,000 more than in 2015, this was offset by a loss in the same amount from as-sorted parking permits and lots.

This decrease resulted from the completion of large building projects, such as 215 Redfern and 175 Metcalfe, which reduced the number of occupation permits paid for by contractors to park their equipment on the street, Drury explained.

Most expenditures on budget

Most regular expenditures remained on budget, including the city's agglomeration share of \$51.7 million. Combined with the city's regional share of \$0.9 million paid to the Montreal Metropolitan Community, the total amount sent outside Westmount represented some 52 percent of the original budget.

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Construction strike delays start of Grosvenor work

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A province-wide strike of construction workers delayed the start of work last week on the reconstruction of Grosvenor between de Maisonneuve and Sherbrooke, Public Works officials said.

The work was to have begun with the installation of a temporary water supply system May 24, according to Elisa Gaetano, the department's assistant director for engineering and infrastructure. This was the same day the strike began.

It was not known how long it would last.

The city had been planning for a quick start to the Grosvenor project in order to have the work completed before winter.

The long block is considered to present a logistical challenge. It lacks side streets and lanes to provide parking and other access during the work to install new water mains, lighting, sidewalks, concrete road base and asphalt paving (see story April 11, p. 1).

It was the only major project in Westmount affected by the labour disruption though some minor projects might be, Gaetano said. The reconstruction of Westmount Ave. (Victoria to Claremont) is scheduled for mid-June, while work on Argyle (Sherbrooke to Thornhill) will start at the end of the school year for Selwyn House.

Graffiti cleaned up, new reporting system under way

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

In the city's cleaning of graffiti, an especially challenging area was completed over the last few weekends, according to Public Security director Greg McBain.

This involves buildings and equipment in the Public Works yard just south of the CP tracks, where the work has to be coordinated with railway officials and carried out on weekends when there are fewer trains using the commuter tracks.

"This was graffiti that had been accumulating and was difficult to have removed. It's tough because of the tracks," he said. "The city is now looking quite clean."

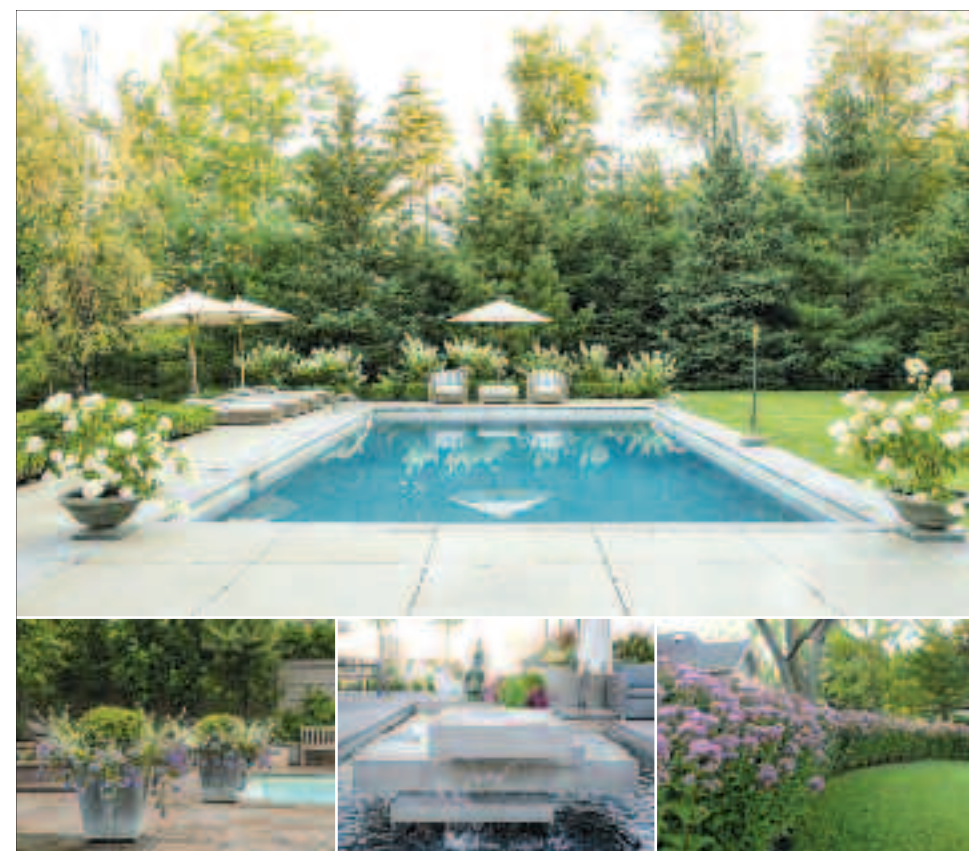
Contrary to the practices in some municipalities where property owners are responsible for removing graffiti from their buildings and other structures, West-

mount contracts and pays for a company to clean graffiti off all public and private property.

It also encourages property owners to report vandalized locations.

To facilitate this, Public Security is in the process of looking into an online reporting system such as one offered by Vancouver for graffiti and potholes that enables photos of locations to be included. "It's about getting residents involved," McBain explained.

At present, reporting requires a phone call to Public Security at 514.989.5222, according to the city's website (resident zone/safety and parking/graffiti), which states: "City council has identified graffiti as a growing problem in the community and has taken the lead in graffiti prevention and removal."



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Bike camp to operate out of Westmount for first time

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Pedalheads, a daycamp that introduces young children to bicycling, will be offered out of Westmount Park United Church over the coming summer.

Westmount is one of three Montreal communities, including Beaconsfield and Côte St. Luc, where Pedalheads is operating for the first time. The program has 57 locations across Canada.

According to a Pedalheads press release, children in the program will learn skills and safety knowledge in a fun and safe environment.

Camps are available for children ages three to 10 at various skill levels, including an introductory stage when training wheels are removed from bikes. The camp is offered in half days and full days from June 26 to September 1.

While many children often get their first lessons in two-wheel bike riding from a parent, Ben Hall, manager of business development for the Vancouver-based Pedalheads Bike Camps, said there are advantages to teaching children bike riding through a program like Pedalheads.

"What we find is that a lot of parents don't have much time to help their kids learn to ride a bike," he said, while adding that families living in busy cities find the traffic a challenge if they try to teach their children how to ride a bike on the street.

He said another advantage to Pedalheads is that children can learn at a more even pace in a relaxed daycamp environment with other kids of the same age.

Hall said the Westmount Pedalheads program will operate with a maximum ratio of five children per instructor, depending on the number of enrollments. "For this first year, we are hoping for 150," he said. As of mid May, there were 45 enrollments.

Dan Lambert, president of the Association of Pedestrians and Cyclists of Westmount, told the *Independent* he knew about Pedalheads and was "impressed by the program."

"I think what's absolutely fantastic is that they're introducing children to cycling at a very young age," he said. "It's going to help make the next generation much more comfortable with getting around on a bicycle."

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she would provide an update at the June 5 council meeting and hoped to announce a date for presentation of the vision.

Samiotis said she had viewed the draft concept at a city steering committee meeting May 24 at which consultants had told them that "Westmount needs to be more like Montreal" with respect to densification. "But I think we need a plan that is more like the rest of Westmount," she said.

It would be a "cohesive plan that includes St. Catherine, the Tupper [municipal parking] lots and Dorchester," she said, "and this was not."

Citizens at two public meetings last year had called for low densification of development in the parking lot area left vacant by expropriation of mainly single-family dwellings in the 1960s.

At the council meeting May 1, Dorchester resident Kathleen Kez (a member of a citizen task force) had expressed concerns over why residents had not had an opportunity to meet with the consultants.

Samiotis had replied that their concerns had been relayed in information given to the consultants. Kez's efforts to obtain this information had been refused by the city despite an access-to-information request (see story May 16, p.1).



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‘No’ vote on square

The recent article “Residents urged to vote for Prince Albert square,” (May 23, p. 1) [which reports on] residents [being urged] to vote for Prince Albert square in Montreal’s annual Architectural Heritage Campaign has compelled me to write.

While the updated square is a marked improvement over its previous incarnation, the square is certainly not award-worthy. When I think of a “refuge for relaxation,” the empty lot with some new benches and planters next to the Dairy Queen doesn’t come to mind.

Install a fountain, or even better a public work of art, and then ask for my vote.

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COTTON CANDY FOR FIRST TIME, YUM

On behalf of my two grandchildren (four and a half, and two and a half), I would like to thank all those responsible for Family Day. So much was available to suit all tastes and ages.

As well, I would like to note that their first experience with cotton candy was a resounding success!

SAM BEITEL, ABBOTT AVE.

LEASH THE HOUNDS

Another Family Day in Westmount Park [has occurred]. [In a recent] year’s event, my child was traumatized by a loose dog. Public Security didn’t do a darn thing. They should have given the owner a ticket. They didn’t even approach the owner to tell him to put the dog on a leash.

Westmount has literally gone to the dogs.

After the incident, I convinced my son to go with me again, and two dogs were loose. Now my child will no longer go to Westmount Park.

As far as I know, dogs do not pay taxes. Public areas are for the public. Many Westmount dog owners treat all of Westmount as their personal back yard. This has been going on for years.

When I pleaded with the dog owner to put the dog on a leash, he saw my [then] four-year-old son crying and yelled at me: “The dog is harmless. Get a grip!”

Water fountains are used by large dogs, who slurp all over those fountains.

Westmount dog owners let their dogs loose before they arrive at the dog parks. They have no consideration for people who are afraid of dogs and no consideration for the other dogs that the loose ones attack.

Shame on you, city of Westmount, for turning a blind eye to this serious problem. Shame on all the selfish, inconsiderate dog owners who break the law by letting their dogs run or walk unleashed or move into apartment blocks that don’t allow dogs, creating fear and anxiety to other tenants and visitors.

I would never wish harm on a dog. I just want the freedom to walk in the neighbourhood with my child, freely, without the constant threat of a loose dog terrifying my little boy.

BRIAN COLLINS, GREENE AVE.

375 YEARS AGO, WESTMOUNT WAS...

375 years ago, when Westmount was four-square kilometers of “fertile, cultivated slopes” near Mount Royal, Montreal was founded on May 17, 1642 by Paul de Chomedey sieur de Maisonneuve, who came ashore with Jeanne Mance, a nurse, and 40 colonists to establish a Catholic community on the island of Montreal.

They landed their boats at the confluence of the little St. Pierre River and the greater St. Lawrence River (Pointe à Calières today). de Maisonneuve named the landing spot Ville Marie in honour of the Virgin Mary, and claimed it for the Société Notre Dame de Montréal in France.

Before de Maisonneuve, the explorer Jacques Cartier had declared, in 1535, that “It (Montreal island) was fine land with large fields covered with the corn of the country ... and in the middle of these fields is situated and stands the village of Hochelaga, near and adjacent to a mountain, the slopes of which are fertile and cultivated.”

In 1642, Westmount consisted of four-square kilometres of those fertile cultivated wooded slopes on the southwestern slope of Mount Royal, the huge hill 630 feet (235 metres) above sea level. Pine, maple, elm, basswood, beech, yellow beech and cedar trees were abundant.

Today, we have red oak, black cherry, Manitoba and Norway maple, sumac and hawthorne in the 46 acres of that mountaintop that constitutes an urban forest on the northern edge of Westmount. It is

maintained as a natural ecosystem within its urban surroundings. The many springs on the side of the mountain formed streams running down toward the escarpment and into the St. Pierre River that flowed to the St. Lawrence.

The early native peoples walking through those trees on their way back and forth from the mountain to the rapids (Lachine Rapids today) formed the dirt pathway that developed over the years to be our Côte St. Antoine Rd. of today.

Each time I walk along today’s winding Côte Rd., I marvel at the oldest house in Westmount that was constructed for the Hurtubise family on this road, 97 years after de Maisonneuve founded Montreal. I see descendants of trees and traces of the springs, streams, and ravines that existed here while Montreal was being founded.

DOREEN LINDSAY, GROSVENOR AVE.

WMA HIGHLIGHTED TRENT, KIELY AT AGM

Your readers might be interested to know that Peter Trent was the guest of honour at the recent annual general meeting of the Westmount Municipal Association, and we awarded him an honorary life membership of the association for his many years of service to the benefit of the residents of our city.

Peter’s talk on his vision for the future development of Westmount was both interesting and thought-provoking, especially with respect to the question of achieving a balance between densification and livability.

We also announced that Maureen Kiely was recently awarded the Lieutenant Governor’s seniors medal (silver) for her contributions to our community over the years.

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– Kristin McNeill, editor

Davis achieves a million metres swimming goal



City councillor Rosalind Davis (in the red swim suit) took a giant leap into the Westmount Y pool May 17. At 8:15 am, Davis started to swim the last 2,300 metres of the Masters Swimming Canada Million Metre Challenge and qualify for the silver swim cap. Davis set out to achieve her goal 11 years ago to swim a million metres, equivalent to about 10,000 football fields but was sidetracked by shoulder surgery and a couple of concussions, she said. Davis was encouraged by her YMCA Masters teammates and by fellow councillor, Victor Drury.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

Nelson, Furlotte bring home medals from Masters swim competition



Photo courtesy of V. Elliott

Members of the Westmount Y Masters team were recent medalists at the mid-May National Masters Swimming Championship held in Quebec City. Among them were Westmounters Arden Furlotte, a bronze medallist in the 55-59 age category, and Nancy Nelson (pictured), who won three gold and four silver in the 65-69 age group. Former Westmount resident, Kathy Grauer, 83, won four gold, two silver and one bronze. Other Westmounters were Yves Lussier and Christine Cardinal, who placed top eight in swims, which earned points in the competition for the team's overall standing.

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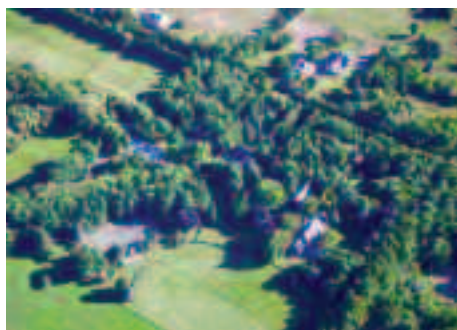


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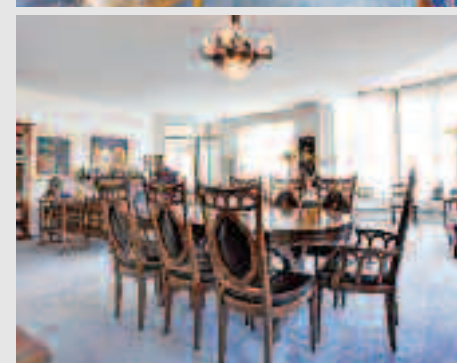
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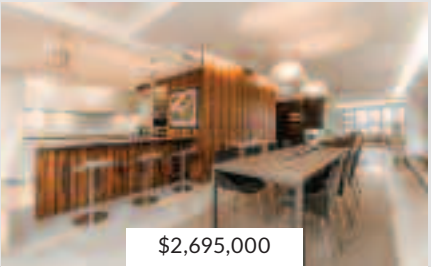
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By RALPH THOMPSON

Westmount High School was the site of an interfaith conference on the 2007 “UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples” May 20. It was organized as a response to Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada specifically calling upon churches and governments to adopt and comply with the declaration.

Some 80 people from around Montreal registered for the conference. Representatives of the four denominations signatory to the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement – Anglican, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian and United – along with Lutheran, Quaker and indigenous representatives organized the event, according to the press release. Jewish and

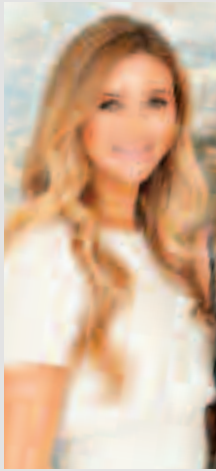
Muslim representatives were invited. “The conference will frame the Declaration as a document touching all Canadians toward practical proposals for actionable, measurable projects of reconciliation by churches and other organizations in the Montreal area working hand in hand with indigenous peoples.”

One of the event organizers, Keith Randall, told the *Independent* after the opening speeches, “We can’t change the past but we can change the future.”

He also said the site of Westmount High was offered by principal Michael Cristofaro and that organizers were “impressed by the student prefects, always ready to play an ambassadorship role, who assisted us. They are outstanding examples of the coming generation.”

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ple held at Westmount High



Abenaki singer, drummer and sun dancer Eric Côté provided a traditional spiritual song to open the conference. "There are no words in the song. It is said the sound comes from the spirits," he said.

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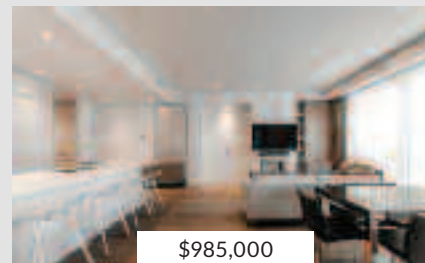
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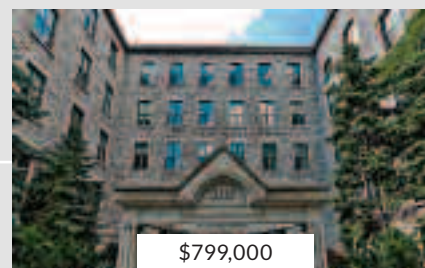
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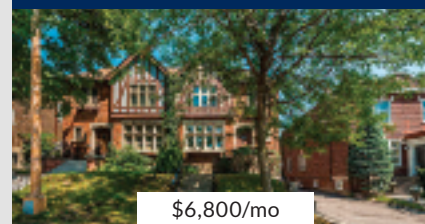


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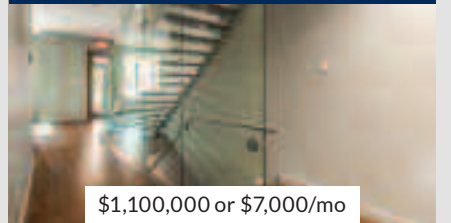


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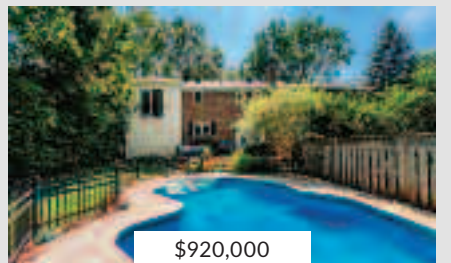
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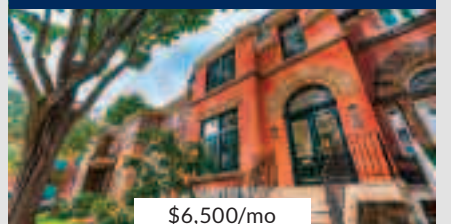


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- 110 Sunnyside:** to replace a handrail and repair the solarium foundations;
- 481 Roslyn:** to rebuild the solarium and make some modifications;
- 28 Holton:** to replace the roof;
- 45 Windsor:** to modify the opening for the basement door;
- 3275 Cedar:** to replace the storm windows;
- 349 Lansdowne:** to replace four windows;
- 4140 Dorchester:** at a Category I house, to build an accessory building, make exterior changes and landscape;
- 730 Upper Roslyn:** to replace the win-

- dows;
- 52 Rosemount Ave.:** at a Category I house, to replace the roof provided it matches the existing one in details and dimensions;
- 530 Victoria:** to modify the rear balcony;
- 206 Olivier:** to modify window and door openings;
- 4347 Westmount:** to make modifications to openings, replace windows and do landscaping work;
- 557 Lansdowne:** to repair the fence and garage including reintegrating an old window;
- 465 Roslyn:** to build a pool and landscape;
- 647 Belmont:** to replace the windows provided "simulated divided lites" with spacers are incorporated in the upper sashes;
- 100 Summit Circle:** to cut down 40 trees of various species, including ashes, evaluated by the city arborist as being in decline, and adopt a replacement program;
- 76 Arlington:** to replace windows and a door.

The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the May 15 meeting of the city council.

- 77 Holton:** to replace the front windows, balcony and garage doors, modify the front stairs and railing and redo the driveway provided the window so designated is wood and that the walls are removed on both sides of the driveway to have a consistent treatment;
- 324 Redfern:** to replace the front door with a new oak one and rebuild the front porch and steps provided there are eight divisions in the transom instead of the six as proposed;

- 30 Forden Ave.:** at a Category I house, to replace the windows, door and solarium;
- 50 Sunnyside:** to do some landscaping in the front and side yards, install a new pool at the rear and a new fence provided the front metal guard-rail is excluded from the application and reviewed under a different file;
- 4865 Sherbrooke:** to do some façade renovations in the front as well as block some openings on the rear façade and install a new ramp and front door;
- 466 Côte St. Antoine:** at a Category I house, to build a basement extension, a new terrace and an opening on the rear for a new French door;
- 566 Grosvenor:** to replace three rear doors;
- 4387 Westmount:** to replace a side window and door, replace basement windows, and modify a door and window opening at the rear provided a pilaster element is added to the left of the opening to match the right side and that the soldier course is extended accordingly;
- 730 Upper Lansdowne:** landscaping in the front and rear yards;
- 91 Hollowell:** to replace the front door provided the door is wood and the glass panel is extended higher to eliminate the two smaller glass squares;
- 466 Strathcona:** to install a fence in the side yard provided the opacity of the fence does not exceed 85 percent;
- 4313 Montrose:** to make repairs and modifications to the retaining walls and pool deck;
- 759 Upper Lansdowne:** to remove a secondary chimney at the side;
- 151 Hillside:** to replace the fences provided their opacity does not exceed 85 percent;
- 765 Upper Belmont:** to landscape the back yard;
- 1359 Greene:** to replace a sign for Engel

- & Völkers;
- 2 Braeside:** to replace two garage doors;
- 450 Kensington:** two permits at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue, a Category I building, one to landscape the Akiva school yard, another to renovate the day-care portion of the school playground;
- 421 Mount Stephen:** at a Category I house, to do some landscaping in the rear yard and install a new fence provided the storm water management of the site is revised so the water is not sent toward the street;
- 728 Upper Roslyn:** to redo the stucco on the building;
- 730 Upper Roslyn:** to redo the stucco on the building;
- 28 Summit Cresc.:** to enclose a portion of the exterior veranda and install new doors;
- 357 Clarke:** to install a fence on the southeast property line;
- 344 Olivier:** landscaping in the back yard on condition the opacity of a fence does not exceed 85 percent;
- 427 Lansdowne:** to repair the front balcony and replace its roof and balustrade;
- 118 Lewis:** at a Category I house, to replace the front door.

Second warning brings ticket

Workers using electrical equipment at a house on Chesterfield were issued a ticket for \$149 Monday, May 24, Public Security officials said. This was for working on Victoria Day, a legal holiday in Westmount. Checking out a complaint for construction at 12:05 pm, patrollers called at the door and the workers and officers recognized each other from a similar complaint on April 17, Easter Monday (see story April 25, p. 2).

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Cloutier exhibition opens



Odile Cloutier with "Le vert" at her May 17 vernissage on Greene Ave.

Westmounter and interior designer Odile Cloutier's exhibition of colourful paintings opened on May 17. Painted in oils on canvas at her studio in the Eastern Townships, Cloutier's recent work features lively rural scenes.

"Inspired to recreate the light on trees," Cloutier said that "painting has always

been important" in her life. She first studied art history and applied art at the University of Montreal before attending Ryerson University for its interior design program.

This was her fifth solo exhibition, and runs until Friday, June 30 at the pop-up gallery at 1314 Greene Ave.

Tiny memorial?



Some kind of plaque measuring about 6 inches long was found the morning of May 8 in King George (Murray) Park near the soccer field and tennis courts.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

Officer stays with woman before police arrive

Public Security officials said a patroller stayed on the sidewalk with a woman on Lexington Ave. when an alarm went off on the back door of a house at 1:51 pm May 21. The woman, who was looking after the house while the owner was away, had called police but did not want to wait alone before they arrived. While no signs of forced entry could be found, police and Public Security entered and searched the house together. All was reported in order.

Frisbee versus high voltage danger

Three young Westmount residents were warned against climbing on the roof of the electrical substation at King George (Murray) Park May 21, Public Security officials said. Despite warning signs to stay away because of the danger presented by high voltage equipment, the three stated they had wanted to retrieve a frisbee. They were ordered down and given "a stern warning."

Intoxicated man driven home

An intoxicated man was found on St. Catherine at Melville just after 12:15 am May 18, Public Security officials said. Patrollers escorted him to a bench at Olivier. When he was discovered staggering around again at Irvine, it was decided he presented a danger to himself and was driven to his home in NDG.

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Choir, tulips celebrate Canada’s 150th



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Reverend Neil Whitehouse of Westmount Park United Church welcomed musical director Stephen Bloom and the Boston area Lynnfield School choir to the Westmount venue Canada’s 150th celebration tulip gardens May 21. The young choir, composed of 13- to 15-year-olds, was accompanied by Daniel Padgett on piano. It sang a number of pieces including a choral rendition of Leonard Cohen’s “Hallelujah” and closed with an a cappella interpretation of the Canadian national anthem. Margaret Guest, constituency assistant for Westmount MP Marc Garneau thanked the choir, their parents and Stephen Bloom for visiting and performing in Westmount and said she hoped that a Canadian choir would return the visit to Boston in the future. (See story “Westmount Park Church chosen as a 150th ‘Celebration Garden’ for Canada,” October 25, 2016, p. 8.) Inset: On May 15, both the red and white tulips, representing Canada’s signature colours, were in full bloom.



Photo: Laureen Sweeny

Bronfman contemporary art fellowship for 2017 announced

Westmounters Claudine and Stephen Bronfman presented the 2017 Claudine and Stephen Bronfman Fellowship in Contemporary Art to Andréanne Abbonanza Bergeron with Concordia University, and Martin Leduc with UQAM on April 27.

For the past eight years, the fellowship has been awarded annually to two new graduates, one from both universities, in a master’s or PhD program in media or visual arts. Each recipient receives \$60,500.

“By getting involved at the very start of an emerging artist’s career, we not only encourage the coming generation, but also support the Montreal arts scene. We want Montreal to retain its title as a major cultural hub,” said Stephen Bronfman.

The cocktail ceremony, which alternates between the universities, was at the Galerie de l’UQAM this year. Guests came from the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Musée d’art contemporain de Montréal, Fonderie Darling and the Arsenal, as well as several gallerists.

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MONDAY, JUNE 5

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#SmartBites cookbook launched with delicious kick-off



Social Notes

VERONICA REDGRAVE

The sun finally slid through scudding clouds on May 3 when #SmartBites, a healthy snacks cookbook made for parents and their kids, was launched. Greeting guests were co-authors **Renée Brault** and **Maria Guzzo**, chic in black, there with hubby **Vincenzo Guzzo** sporting a white carnation and Order of Malta pin.



From left: Renée Brault, Vince and Maria Guzzo.

The kick-off took place during Mental Health Awareness Week. Book sales are to benefit the Adolescent Mental Health Department at the Jewish General Hospital (JGH) and the Eating Disorders Program at the Douglas Hospital.

The 5-à-7 cocktail event was held at Buona Notte, the renowned *ristorante* on St. Laurent Blvd., where tiny bite-size bits from the cookbook were quickly enjoyed by all, including **Anthony Calvillo**, Montreal Alou- *continued on p. 14*

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People raved about one recipe for Red Velvet Muffin. The wonderfully named treat is actually made with black beans and red beets. (How's that for veggie camouflage!)

Arrivals were perfectly Montreal Main cool. Noted were Westmounters **Linda Smith** who wore a LBJ and LBD (Little Black Jacket over a Little Black Dress), with hubby **Terry Smith**; **Michaela** and **Michael Penner**, **Dr. Karl Looper**, chief psychiatry JGH; **Julie Couture** and **Victor Salvaggio** and **Barry Garber**, there with trusted aide **Angela Di Corpo**. The peripatetic impresario was in town for a nanosecond as he is usually following his superstar clients around the globe.

Also noted admiring the book were **Orla Johanes**, Mont Blanc Montreal office owners **Sandrine Bohbot** and **Michael Delouya**, **Stephanie Vandryse** and **Frank Depalo**, and **Marjolaine Lachance**, Bell Canada/Bell Let's Talk.

Jewellery designer **Katherine Karambelas** was dynamite in denim, in jeans with strategically placed rips as were her daughters **Nektaria** and **Maria-Anna**. Daughter **Faith** wore a beautiful blush-coloured long

coat draped over her khaki ensemble. The gorgeous family was proudly admired by dad **Sam Karambelas**, whose Greek-sky-blue pocket handkerchief and tie were *GQ* perfect.

Take-away look of the night? Fur-lined Gucci loafers worn by one elegant gentleman.

#SmartBites is available at Amazon and Indigo (\$39.99) with all proceeds donated. Also to benefit child mental health research, the Guzzos are hosting their annual much sought after "Notte in Bianco" in September.

Addendum: To clarify something in the May 23 Social Notes column

In the column published May 23 (p. 17) about the fundraiser put on by the Batshaw Youth and Family Centres Foundation, there were, in fact, seven restaurants competing in the culinary challenge, according to the foundation's Judith Obadia: Bishop & Bagg, Grumman 78, Loïc, Park/Lavanderia/Trout Lake, Petros/La Trattoria, Satay Brothers and Tuck Shop.

Also, she said, the signature cocktail was provided by Taverne on the Square.



From left: Nektaria, Faith, Katherine, Maria-Anna and Sam Karambelas.

Window work stopped

Window cleaners working at the corner of Metcalfe and Sherbrooke were told to move their truck off the sidewalk May 8 at 8:25 am, Public Security officials said. The ladder on the truck had been extended but

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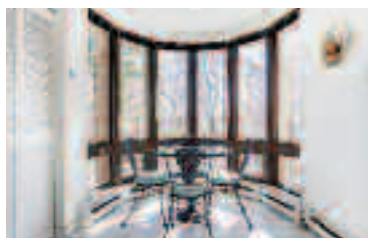
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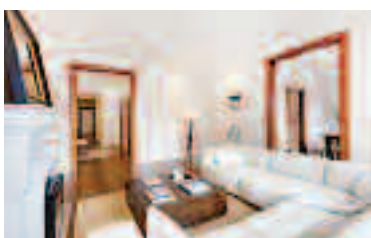
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