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500 Claremont goes to public consultation Sept. 19

## Community to get two public spaces as benefits

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council voted unanimously September 5 to give preliminary approval to the proposed apartment development at 500 Claremont, allowing the project at the corner of Windsor to proceed to a public consultation meeting September 19.

The resolution explains that the project,

which would preserve the 1908 industrial building, does not conform to existing zoning (R3-16-01) either in use as a multi-family residence or in height.

It calls for "two spaces" on the private property to be available "to the public in perpetuity" and that the ..... species of trees to be *continued on p. 11*

November 5 municipal election

## Polymenakos runs for mayor, Cutler for re-election in #2

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Two candidates announced their intention to run last week. They are Kirk Polymenakos for mayor and Philip Cutler seeking re-election in District 2.

Polymenakos becomes the third mayoral candidate to announce to the *Independent*. The others are interim mayor Christina Smith and *The Suburban* editor Beryl Wajzman. On the other hand, Cutler is the only candidate so far in District 2.

A resident of Claremont, Polymenakos owns a holding company for residential

Cannon-ade for Martin Swiss cyclists



Photo: Westmount Independent

Victoria Ave.'s Martin Swiss Cycles was busy the morning of September 11 as some of its customers awaited the arrival of team Cannondale, which was in town for the Grands Prix Cyclistes de Montréal the day before. The Cannondale cycling brand is owned by Greene Ave.-headquartered public company Dorel Industries. See p. 14.

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real estate investment. He said his decision to run for mayor was based on his campaign issues that are applicable to all of Westmount. These include change and improvement as part of a campaign theme of "Progression."

Cutler, a resident of Westmount Ave., said he wants to keep his momentum going on initiating technological advances, such as those focused on the city's website and active transportation that includes parking, bicycle use and preparation for electric and driverless cars. See more, p. 8.

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# Abbott, Hillside, Metcalfe form new one-way loop

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Recent traffic changes south of St. Catherine to convert Abbott, Metcalfe and Hillside Ave. between them into one-way streets was undertaken to reduce speeding, according to District 7 councillor Cynthia Lulham.

As a result, traffic turning off St. Catherine

into Abbott, can drive one-way south only, and exit only by looping east along Hillside and then north onto one-way Metcalfe.

Meanwhile, the existing one-way traffic remains unchanged on Hillside Lane (one-way south) and Hillside Ave (one-way west) until Metcalfe, where Hillside becomes eastbound only. This means all traffic be-

tween Hillside Lane and Abbott converges onto northbound Metcalfe to reach St. Catherine.

The changes occurred August 30 to tie in with the synchronization of traffic lights on St. Catherine and the removal of the light at the top of Abbott, city officials said.

Notices announcing the plan as going into effect August 30 were “supposed to be distributed August 24,” said city director general Benoit Hurtubise. They were, however, eventually given out on August 29 and 30 “as the contractor [working on

the synchronizing of the traffic lights] was not ready,” he explained.

The notices were left on the windshield of parked cars the end of the day August 29 and at all homes and institutions on the affected streets the next day, he said.

Meanwhile, some of the changes in road direction signage had already been made by the contractor (see photo taken August 30).

The plan had been announced in January by Lulham (see story January 24, p. 7).



Metcalfe south of St. Catherine, as seen September 8, became one-way north effective August 30.



Photographed the afternoon of August 30, Hillside Ave., looking west at Metcalfe, shows a no-enter sign. Cars on one side were seen parked in opposing directions.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

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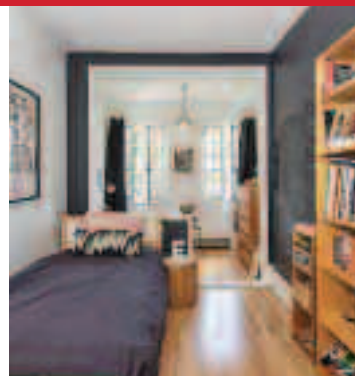


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Legislation requested of new council

# Council orders dog to be muzzled after fatal attack

By Laureen Sweeney

A Westmount dog reported to have fatally mauled another May 31 has been ordered muzzled by a special resolution adopted unanimously at the city council meeting September 5.

In an unusual case, the council “orders the owners or guardians of Grey Boy, an American Staffordshire terrier bearing dog licence number 1219 issued by the city of Westmount to be muzzled at all times on the territory of the city.”

Councillor Cynthia Lulham, who presented the resolution, later said that council’s intent was that the dog be muzzled “outside of its home.”

The resolution stems from Lulham’s announcement at the August 7 meeting that council intended to replace the city’s dog by-law 535, or some sections, with regulations dealing specifically with individual dangerous dogs (see story August 15, p. 7).

Until this can be undertaken, the separate resolution is intended to respond to the concerns of a future attack by the dog, she explained. Owing to time constraints over the pending municipal election, this legislation will probably fall to the incoming council, she said.

Grey Boy was described in the resolution

as having mortally wounded another dog as well as biting the (keeper) of the attacked dog on May 31; and in the opinion of the council “is vicious or dangerous and deemed to be a nuisance.”

“Thank you for issuing a muzzle order,” said Christine Downs of Hillside, who owned the now deceased wire-hair terrier called Dean-O! “I beg you to move on legislation and give it a bite.”

She said that Grey Boy’s owner had received a ticket for some \$124 while she had been left with thousands of dollars in vet bills in attempts to save her dog’s life.

She asked what assurance council had that the order would be enforced. Lulham said that Grey Boy’s owner had already been muzzling him and that she had seen the muzzle on the dog “every day.”

Cynthia Grahame of Grosvenor asked that council move more quickly with the new legislation. She noted the current council was “about to dissolve” and asked how citizens could be sure the new council would follow through.

“This council has already given instructions to the city clerk that this legislation go forward,” Lulham said, adding: “I would say to you, after the election to come forward and ensure it does.”



No dogs, muzzled or not, were in evidence at the Westmount Athletic Grounds dog run on September 8 just before noon.

Photo: Westmount Independent

Samiotis on St. Catherine/Dorchester area

# Planning vision deferred to incoming council

By Laureen Sweeney

The city’s long effort to come up with a planning vision for the southeast area has gone as far as this council will take it and will lie in the hands of a newly elected one November 5.

This, Councillor Theodora Samiotis told the council meeting September 5 as commissioner of Urban Planning, results from the council’s dissatisfaction with a draft plan it had received from consultants.

A decision to hire an assistant city director general to coordinate the project, however, “will ensure the new council does not lose momentum,” she said. “This is very good news indeed.”

Samiotis delivered a lengthy summary of the project to link the commercial St. Catherine/Greene district with future development of the Tupper parking-lot land and the residential enclave to the south including an “improved” Dorchester Blvd.

She explained that “council” would only accept higher density in the area of St. Catherine and a proposed mixed-use area and “wants to ensure that the Tupper lots will have low-density town houses reflective of the south side of Dorchester in scale, scope and, of course, materials.”

This came following density concerns raised at the July 4 council meeting.

She said the project would be “the most significant community renewal project in the history of Westmount,” which, “if we get it right, and I think we will, will benefit all Westmounters... It will show once again we can be a model of a livable community within a major metropolitan area.”

The summary update went without questions or comments from usually vocal project opponents seated in the audience, who have repeatedly challenged Samiotis to reveal more details and updates on the consultants’ findings.



A view of the south side of Dorchester and of one of the city’s Tupper parking lots on the north side, September 8.

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# Polymenakos wants to ‘improve’ city, Cutler to advance ‘smart’ programs

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

## Kirk Polymenakos – mayoral candidate

Kirk Polymenakos says his reason for running for mayor is all about focusing on the greatest needs within Westmount and “improve what we have” – all under the theme of “Progression.”

He said he hopes to drive some important changes in the way the city is run, listing these as traffic flow, discussions on limiting bike paths, sidewalks, an indoor pool, finding tax incentives to bring new businesses to the community and extending the current tax freeze by another two years.

Another priority is “modernizing” Urban Planning’s approach to help reduce the cost of renovation by using “proven” building materials that can mirror the architectural heritage appearance of original ones.

“I also believe it is prudent that we should put a hold on discussions regarding



Kirk Polymenakos September 5 outside city hall.

the southeast planning project until development starts at the old Children’s Hospital site and the important improvements to buildings and businesses on St. Catherine St.”

Some of his issues are ones he has been raising over the years during question periods at council meetings, he noted.

All these, he says, apply to all of Westmount, which is why he is campaigning as

mayor. His focus is on life “within” Westmount and to “leave external issues to politicians at other levels of government.”

“While this is my first foray into politics,” he said, “I have none of the baggage that comes with political life. I am independent and experienced in business and negotiations, which enables me to be pragmatic and not burdened by a predetermined view on issues when working on behalf of Westmounters.”

Polymenakos, who lives on Claremont in District 2, owns a real estate investment holding company (9108-1497 Quebec inc.) with his wife, Katerina Kourounakou, which is involved with primarily residential buildings, none of which are in Westmount, he said.

This, he explained, gives him the time needed to devote to being mayor.

He and his wife have four children: Saphire, 14, at Centennial Academy; Paul and Effie, 10-year-old twins, and Billy, 9, all at Roslyn. Three are members of Scouting in Westmount.

He said he hopes one result of his entry into the mayoral race will be to bring out voters who had not been in the habit of voting municipally.

Polymenakos was born in Montreal and grew up in the Plateau where, he said, he began a long record of community volunteerism in sports and at summer camps run by Sun Youth. He also lists coaching soccer, baseball and hockey in Westmount, and helping with Scouting activities, as examples of volunteering.

## Philip Cutler – District 2

Councillor Philip Cutler has announced he will seek a second term on council representing District 2.

“I wanted to commit for the next term and see how much more progress can be made in our technological advances,” he told the *Independent*.

Cutler headed up the team that introduced pay-by-plate parking to Westmount – a first in Quebec – and said the next step is to provide a GPS-based parking availability system.

As commissioner of Public Security, which includes traffic, Cutler has been involved in extending the city’s bicycle network including experimental commuter bike routes on Côte St. Antoine and Westmount Ave. He recently brought to Westmount the idea of implementing the Drop-bikes program, a GPS-based bike-sharing service.

He has also been advocating for the city

to move quickly on planning for an influx of electric cars by installing charging stations and to plan for the eventual arrival of driverless ones. “I have so many more ideas,” he said.

First elected to council in 2013 as what was thought to be the youngest councillor ever in Westmount, Cutler turns 29 on October 17.

Grandson of the city’s first female mayor, May Cutler, he quickly carved out his own niche and agenda based on his drive to implement new technological initiatives. These began with “spearheading a team that brought Westmount’s website out of the dark ages,” he states in a press release.

“While Westmount has made great steps forward over the last four years, there is still much work to do,” he adds. “It will be important to maintain momentum around active and smart transportation initiatives, as well as continued efforts to improve transportation efficiency.”

As a member of the city’s Traffic Advisory Committee, Cutler says that “traffic, speed and volume need to be addressed on many of our residential roads. Similarly, we need to improve the flow of traffic on arterial routes in order to improve overall efficiency for everyone.”

He also lists the safety of seniors and families among his goals and cites the example of the reconstruction design of Westmount Ave. from Belmont to Victoria as a model in pedestrian safety around schools.

Citing the need for direct communication between residents, their council representatives and the administration, Cutler said collecting feedback and sharing in-



Philip Cutler at city council September 5.



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## Walkway replacement under way at Westmount Park Church

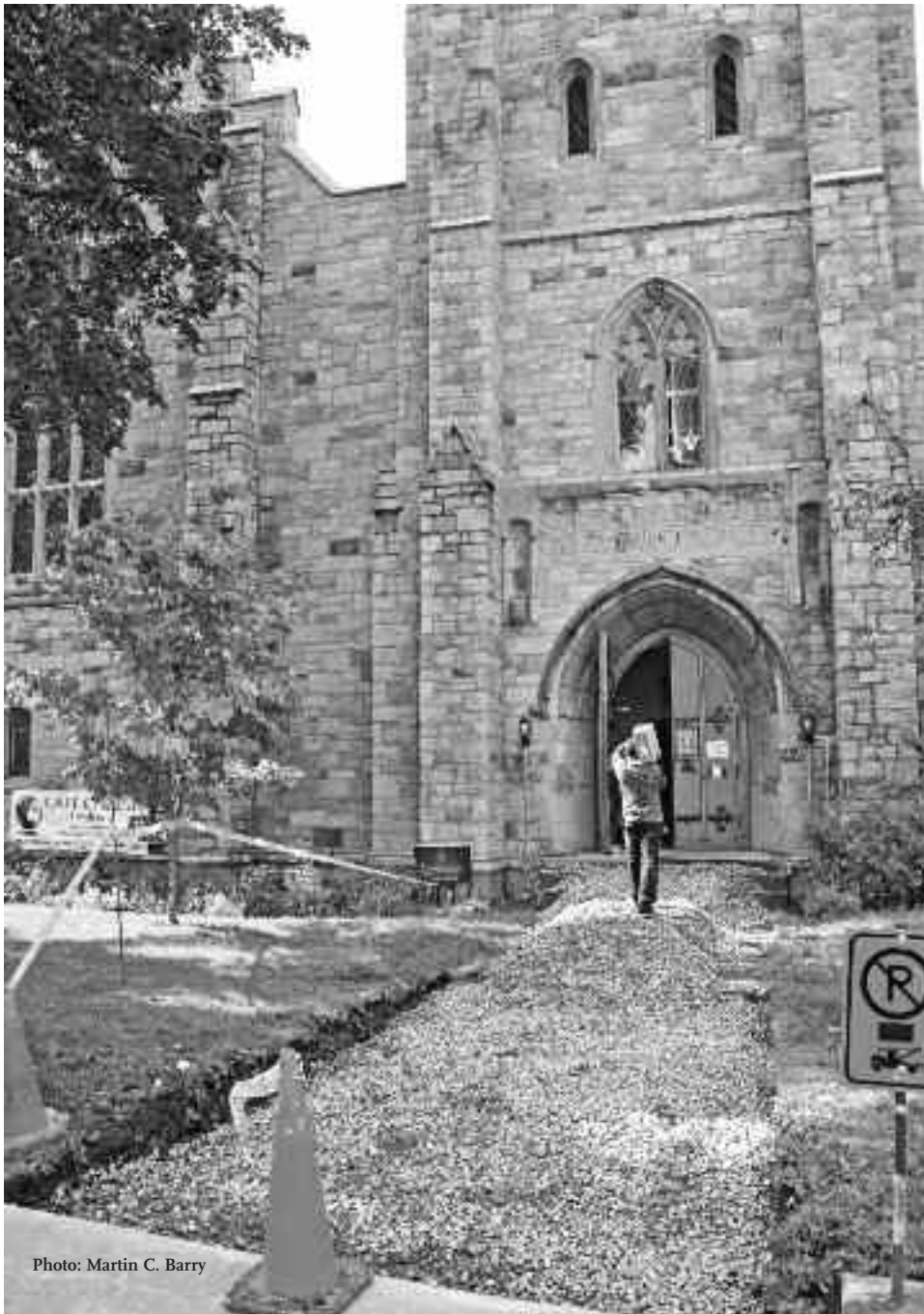


Photo: Martin C. Barry

A "full ramp" is being built at the main entrance of Westmount Park United Church, according to the church's pastor, Reverend Neil Whitehouse. A permit for the ramp was approved by council August 21 (see Permits, September 5, p. 26). He said the work, which started September 7, should take about 10 days. At the same time, the church is making a public appeal for \$12,000 to pay for the installation of a snow melt system for the walkway. The system has to go in before the concrete is poured, he explained.

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formation are needed to build and maintain "the best possible community."

Cutler is the co-founder and CEO of an educational technology company called GradeSlam, which he describes as democratizing tutoring "by providing 24/7 online support for entire schools and school districts around North America."

He is also the founder and chairman of Laurus Summer Camp, a not-for-profit summer day camp for children aged 3-15 that runs out of Sacred Heart School each summer.

A bachelor, Cutler lives on Westmount Ave. near Claremont. He plays hockey in the city's Senior A league and says he has played on teams that won seven championships in 10 years.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A NICE REMINDER IN CYNICAL TIMES

Many thanks to Sam Beitel for a beautiful letter (“A beautiful day, a beautiful mix,” September 5, p. 10), reminding us that beautiful days are possible even in cynical times.

MARIE CAMPBELL, ACADEMY RD.

CALGARY MODEL WORKS

In response to the recent letters on breed-specific legislation (BSL), it does not address the root causes of the issue. All dogs can bite and cause injuries to people and other animals. Communities should focus on reducing the risk of dog bite incidents and address them appropriately when they occur.

The Calgary model is science-based with recommendations from canine experts, including the American Veterinary Medical Association. This approach encourages responsible dog ownership, is breed neutral and requires owners to follow these five principles:

- Permanent ID (microchip) plus licence;
- Sterilize their dogs;
- Provide training, socialization, proper diet and medical care;
- Prevent their dogs from becoming

threats or nuisances;  
• Procure dogs ethically from a credible source.

If a dog bites or shows inappropriate aggression, it is assessed by a canine behaviour professional who recommends the appropriate way it and the owner be dealt with, such as specific training, use of a muzzle or that the animal be killed. The result is that the specific issue and dog are dealt with. Owners of the same breed are not affected by the recommendation.

This approach is proven to reduce the risk and severity of dog bites without the issues that plague BSL such as cost to taxpayers, its unenforceability and lack of reduction of dog bites.

The city of Montreal already has several legal challenges due to its implementation of BSL despite expert advice to the contrary. Yet the city of Chateauguay, among others, after thirty-plus years of BSL, has repealed it, citing costs and lack of effectiveness.

I hope the city of Westmount adopts the Calgary model, as this will enable city employees and residents to build a strong inclusive community people and animals.

CYNTHIA GRAHAME, GROSVENOR AVE.

PITY THERE IS NO FLOW FOR ALTERNATE ROUTES

With all the talk about synchronizing traffic lights in Westmount, another issue has been ignored.

We are living in an era of street closings, and Westmount is no exception. When this happens, no one seems to be concerned about improving traffic flow for alternate routes.

A perfect example is the closure of Westmount Ave. east of Grosvenor for the past few months. Motorists travelling west are blocked at Grosvenor, where they are forced to turn north on that street. But that traffic light continues to force a 20- to 30-second delay to allow eastbound traffic to make a left turn on Grosvenor.

The problem is that there has been no eastbound traffic for several months. Is this negligence or is it too expensive to adjust a light for a few months?

NORM SHACTER, WOOD AVE.

LET THE TRAFFIC FLOW!

Councillor Cynthia’s Lulham’s attempt to placate the masses with talk of “traffic technicians” and “traffic advisory committees” (See “The light is green,” August 22, p. 4), seems to have failed, judging by the letters in a recent paper.

No surprise there, since, as was stated in a letter by Robert Cowling (August 29, p. 6), she offered no concrete steps that have been taken or that will be taken in order to deal with an obviously terrible traffic situation.

Has the councillor stuck her head out the window lately? Has she seen the gridlock on Sherbrooke spanning several blocks, from Vendôme to Grosvenor? Has she seen the logjam on St. Catherine St. lately, beyond Greene Ave. to Atwater – to name but a couple of examples?

Let’s be honest. The situation is a complete disaster. The problem stems not only from lack of synchronization but the duration of green lights in the east/west direction. On average, they last for only 25 seconds. Has council considered adjusting the duration of these lights to improve traffic flows? Why can’t they be 60 seconds or 90 seconds?

The other issue is the ill-advised idea to have four-way stops at practically every intersection along Sherbrooke, even those intersections less than 100 metres apart. What would be much more efficient is to install pedestrian crosswalk buttons, as the city has done at several points. Fact is, at most Westmount intersections, at most times of the day, there are no pedestrians

waiting to cross, yet cars in all four directions are forced to stop and needlessly wait. Why can’t the traffic be allowed to flow?

One can only assume that by failing to adapt measures designed to improve traffic flows and ease congestion that the city is against cars as a form of transportation and is trying to make it as difficult as possible to traverse Westmount along its main roads.

STEVE MYRO, WESTMOUNT SQUARE

WHY NO TRAFFIC SENSORS?

Regarding the letter “Why didn’t council actually synchronize the lights?” (August 29, p. 6), I’m heartened to see so much attention being put towards traffic lights here, because since moving here from Vancouver four years ago, driving in this city has been nothing short of constant exasperation.

Forget about synchronization: why does Westmount (or Montreal for that matter) have no traffic sensors like any other North American city outside Quebec? Main road drivers need not stop when there is no traffic on side roads, and side roads vehicles really shouldn’t have to wait a full signal cycle (a minute-plus here!) to turn because we are using 1960s technology.

Likewise the whole four-way red lights before pedestrians can cross is a do-gooders’ solution to a non-existent problem: cities like ours outside Quebec wouldn’t even consider such a ridiculous congestion-creating nightmare. I’ve searched long and hard and haven’t found any evidence that this actually saves lives. From my experience, it just turns pedestrians, fed up with waiting for a third-light cycle, into rule breakers, darting across against the orange “don’t walk” signs. As well, the majority of the time, there aren’t any pedestrians around anyway, so cars sit spewing greenhouse gases while the lights emit their red glare.

Other disingenuous measures are four-way stops at every side road intersection, universally disregarded 30-km/h speed limits on major arterials and side roads alike, or one-way streets like de Maisonneuve not having lights synchronized.

Congratulations, by all means, to council if Westmount really is going to synchronize more of our lights. But in the lead-up to the next election, maybe it’s time to have our elected councillors re-analyze the very premises upon which our roads are designed.

MICHAEL ROSS, HILLSIDE AVE.

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# 500 Claremont moves forward in PPCMOI/SCAOPI process

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planted at the site to be determined in consultation with the city arborist. These are seen as benefits to the community, or so called trade-offs, for the variances from current zoning.

The two spaces were further described by Councillor Theodora Samiotis as a space on the property at the west side off Windsor for two car-sharing vehicles such as Car2Go or Communauto and a strip of private land along Claremont providing two benches.

The council vote allows the project to move into the second step of a two-part process under the city's by-law governing non-conforming projects known under its acronym PPCMOI/SCAOPI. These timelines mean they could not likely be met before the municipal election November 5.

As a result, this is a process that "will be going to the next council," acknowledged Samiotis, the commissioner of Urban Planning.

Variances to the current zoning include multi-family use rather than single- and two-family dwellings as well as adding a dozen feet to the building's existing height of 66 feet, as well as a variance in height for a proposed extension to be built which, without any vested rights, would be allowed to a maximum height of 35 feet.

District 4 councillor Rosalind Davis, who lives near the proposed project, explained her reason for voting in favour of the resolution was to enable the project to proceed to the next step characterized by a public consultation meeting at which residents may make comments.

## Forum for questions

This is the forum where people can express their opinions whether for or against the project, Mayor Christina Smith told opponent Elizabeth Currie, a Claremont resident. "This is where the change can happen" before the resolution goes to a second reading, Smith added.

Currie asked the city to carry out its own traffic impact study that reflects when schools are in session. Two others were undertaken by the developer in the months of August 2016 and January 2017.

A flyer distributed after the meeting by developer Gideon Pollack says there will be a loss of one on-street parking space in front of a garage ramp on Claremont. To offset-set this, it states, "we aim to implement a car-sharing service which will be available on the property and accessible to all residents of Westmount."

It also described the proposed building footprint (with the new addition) as increasing from 6,240 square feet to 8,627 square feet to occupy 34.5 percent of the



500 Claremont from the dead-end of Windsor Ave. west of Claremont on September 8.

Photo: Westmount Independent

land from the current 25 percent.

The project had been recommended by the Planning Advisory Committee to the council on June 20, the resolution revealed.

Since then it has been reviewed by the council in general committee.

The public consultation on Sept. 19 takes place at 7 pm at city hall.

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### CITY'S 500 CLAREMONT CONDITIONS DON'T RESOLVE CONCERNS

The SCAOPI By-law 1489 is intended for projects requiring special consideration and "...in exchange for accepting the special consideration requested by the developer...The balance between individual and collective interests must be sought ..." and "The municipal council may specify...the conditions... that must be fulfilled for the specific proposal...which vary with each application."

After meetings and discussions with the developer and city, I proposed mutual agreement on certain issues as conditions of approval. Instead, the conditions and proposal for the required "benefit to the community" are two park benches on Claremont, the right of city review of the species trees to be used and two spaces for a Car2go-type service in exchange for a change in occupancy, additional density and height.

These conditions do not resolve the major concerns of the project:

- Entry/exit off Claremont. From the initial December meeting, a solution was required so that the cars would not block traffic, bicycles or interfere with the safe use of the sidewalk, nor be coerced into doing it recklessly and unsafely due to the traffic on the street. Requiring the exiting cars to turn south provides sufficient space to blend into the traffic achieves the level of safety required.

- Surveillance and inspections. Since the Mount Stephen debacle, to ensure protection from damages to adjacent property due to excavation and vibrations, and [to] provide the adjacent property owners real security for this part of the work; it should be agreed that up to and until the project is built back up to grade, that the soils and structural engineers will be represented as required on the site and will provide weekly inspections reports ensuring that the project is proceeding as per plans and specifications, and that all temporary measures, installations, procedures and precautions have been respected. The reports will be sent to the city of Westmount and would be available upon request. A final re-

port will be prepared upon achieving this portion of the work.

- Insurance. Currently, the city is directly protected against damages, but residents need [to] make a claim against Westmount, an extremely tedious and costly process, taking almost a year to resolve. Having the residents named as "co-insured" improves this process.

KEN LONDON, PRINCE ALBERT AVE.

## Cars collide at Claremont, Willow

Two cars collided August 29 at Claremont and Willow while a public safety officer was nearby, Public Security officials said. The accident occurred at 3:45 pm when one car was travelling north and the other west. Public Works attended.

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## New Hydro director welcomed



Councillor Victor Drury, left, commissioner of Finance and Administration, congratulates Salah Bouziane after the council appointed him director of Hydro Westmount September 5. “We’re very pleased he has taken on this position,” said Mayor Christina Smith. The position had been vacant since the utility’s former head, Benoit Hurtubise, was appointed city director general August 12. Bouziane was named assistant director of Hydro Westmount June 2, 2014 (see June 17, 2014, p. 21). An engineer, he was hired by the city in 2009 and has been completing an MBA.

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## Motorcyclist collides with car

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## Renaud’s latest

# How potato chips came to be – with dashes of truth, fiction

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

For Westmount author Anne Renaud, it was relating how potato chips were invented in her latest book *Mr. Crum’s Potato Predicament* that led her to the second annual Potato Festival in Saratoga, NY, in July.

That was where she finally tasted Saratoga chips, which the town contends were first made there in 1853 by George Crum, a well-known chef at the time, though Renaud says cookbooks in the

pieces, salted them well and cooked them until they snapped and cracked – much to the stranger’s delight.

Before long, the story concludes: “People from all over the county and far, far beyond, were clamouring for George’s new concoction – which came to be known as ...potato chips!”

### Numerous references

Renaud said her storyline comes from an original article on the invention of chips she wrote many years ago for a kids’ mag-



Anne Renaud with her newly published book August 25.

1820s also had potato chip recipes.

Hot off the press the press in late August, *Mr. Crum’s Potato Predicament* differs from Renaud’s usual historically based books “because it is based on folklore, so I gave myself licence to be as whimsical as possible,” she said on its release.

“The story you are about to savour is a fictional tale with a helping of truth,” states an introductory page.

Targetted at children aged 5 to 8, it tells of a stranger coming into Mr. Crum’s restaurant one day “wearing a purple polka-dotted cravat and a sunflower on his lapel” and demanding a heaping helping of “potatoes – just potatoes.”

After the stranger sent back plate after plate in dissatisfaction, Mr. Crum, who was known as somewhat of a prankster, playfully cut a potato into super-thin

azine. It has become the 12th storyline of the 15 books she has had published in English, French, or both, and one translated into Korean. “I try to alternate between serious subjects and whimsical ones,” she said

She is slated to present a reading of the book at Westmount Public Library on November 28. At that time, she will also lead a children’s craft session to make a chef’s hat resembling the one depicted in the book by illustrator Felicita Sala.

A longtime Westmount resident, Renaud works at city hall as executive assistant to the mayor.

And by the way, does she like potato chips? “Who doesn’t?” she replies with a laugh. “I’m probably more of a fan than I should be!”



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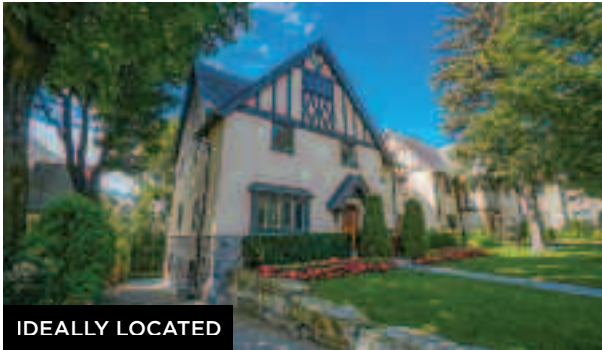
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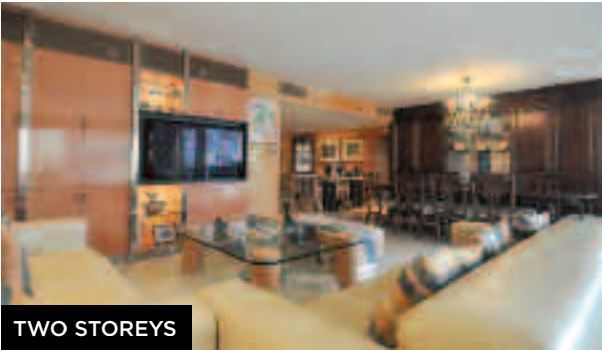
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# Library opens doors once again after 3-week renovation period



The Westmount Public Library's new reading room area is seen September 5, the day the library opened after several weeks of being closed for renovations (see "Library gets green light to 'refresh,' re-arrange interior," June 13, p. 1). The room was flooded with natural light from the large windows, with views onto the conservatory and gardens. "Most of the work is completed," said the library's director Julie-Anne Cardella. "We're just waiting for the carpeting on the stairs and the glass panelling on the mezzanine overlooking the reading room."

Photo: Ralph Thompson

# Last day at the pool



During the closing hours of the Westmount recreation centre pool, September 10, the Pelsise family, Melville Ave. residents, soaked up every last minute. Aurora has swum in the pool almost every day throughout the season and said she was thrilled when the season was extended. Geoffrey said he swims whenever he can, juggling work and travel schedules. Two-year-old Cyril, right, was getting a little tired by 3 pm, and four-year-old Cedric reluctantly got back into the pool for the photograph. "It's a wonderful pool. We wish it could stay open longer," said Geoffrey, "but I understand the problems of supporting a pool late into the season."

Photo: Ralph Thompson

# Cannondale team visits Westmount



Martin Swiss' Steve Dennis stands in front of the Cannondale team bus with Alberto Bettiol and Nate Brown, two of the five team members who rode with him and his customers on September 11. See also p. 1.

Photo: Westmount Independent

# A swirl of pipes and flags



Piper Ken McKenzie leads a colourful procession September 8 from the Westmount Lawn Bowling Club at the opening ceremony of the 2017 Atlantic Bowls Lawn Bowling Championships. Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Quebec sent a total of 32 teams to participate in the four-day event. The Westmount club was chosen to host the tournament described by president Bruce St. Louis as "a real feather in our cap" during its 115th anniversary year.

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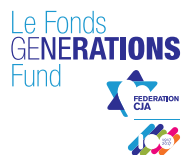
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The playground also includes features to support teaching opportunities as part of the Akiva School educational curriculum. The central amphitheatre structure allows for impromptu performances and collaborative learning, while the organic garden will be part of the students' environmental and Jewish learning units.

*"At Akiva School, we believe our students should be active and engaged in their learning," said Cooki Levy, Interim Head of School at Akiva. "Students don't learn well sitting passively behind a desk all day. Being on the move, socializing with others and unstructured play are key ingredients in a well-rounded, whole child approach to education. Our beautiful new playground will play an important role in supporting our educational commitment to keeping our students happy, healthy and motivated to learn."*

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# Global-Minded LCC Preps Students For An Ever-Changing Future

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Get headmaster Christopher Shannon started on all that's on offer at his school and the excitement rises in his voice. "First, we have made a real commitment to bilingualism. Our elementary program is in both French and English, our Middle School features enhanced French, and our senior students take part in interdisciplinary programs like P.R.E.P.,

studying the core ideas of the Western tradition in both languages. We've been a coed school for over 20 years, but we've also pushed to diversify our student body, understanding that exposure to many cultures benefits students in untold ways even as it prepares them for the real world."

When Shannon says real world, he literally means the whole world. LCC has become a global school. It's the only English high school in Quebec to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, recognized worldwide as an exceptionally challenging and rewarding course of studies. LCC is also a member of the Round Square Organization, which includes 180 international schools whose students attend conferences and participate in service projects and student exchanges in various countries aimed at developing

leadership skills and engaging in the free exchange of ideas.

Taking a holistic approach, LCC puts the full breadth of its many resources at the disposal of every student from kindergarten through their grade 12 Pre-University program. Each child traces a unique path through expansive academic, sporting and co-curricular offerings. From a young age, each student is also introduced to community service, learning to engage fully in the society around them.

With its deep commitment to excellence in teaching, LCC's emphasis on academic achievement is unsurprising. More unexpected is that it is equally committed to 21st century ideals like sustainability and innovation. "Not only are our students finding untold ways to express their interest in and concern for their environment," points out Deputy Head Mark

Salkeld, "but all new facilities are built to very high standards. The Assaly Arts Centre, for instance, is Gold LEED certified. In our Innovation Centre, students use devices like 3-D printers to create new products which wouldn't have looked out of place on *Dragons' Den!*"

With a completely renovated Junior School and dining room, LCC's facilities truly impress: a 540-seat auditorium; a rejuvenated math and science wing; the state-of-the-art Glenn J. Chamandy indoor arena; an ultramodern media lab.

"Everywhere you look, our focus on excellence, on opportunities for each student and on a responsive, responsible, forward-looking culture, seems to shine through," says Shannon. "While we pride ourselves on our traditions, in our second century we're truly exploring what a great school can be."



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# Retail Watch



VERONICA REDGRAVE

## Goldberg carries on family tradition at Atelier Lou

Esteemed jeweller Lou Goldberg sadly closed its doors on Greene Ave. a while back. However Lou's son Eric Goldberg is carrying on the tradition. In mid-July, he opened Atelier Lou in Vic Park. There, I discovered all the Aladdin's Cave beautiful baubles as before, as well as watches with interesting stories, in particular the Bremont watch. Goldberg recounted "Martin-Baker, the British aviation company that supplies fighter plane ejection seats, approached the British watchmaker in 2007. The mandate was to create the definitive aviation watch, one that would be *uber-strong*. Today the limited edition MBI is available only to pilots who have ejected from an aircraft using a Martin-Baker seat. However, the MBII and MBIII are available to all."

He also showed me the tough-and-rough but gorgeous Navy SEAL watch. Amidst all these masculine marvels, delicate gold chains hold sought-after diamonds, and the locally designed Anzie line made with semi-precious gems is a favourite. The shop carries the collections of Brooklyn jewellery designers Meredith Frederick and Page Sargisson as well as the Quebec father-son duo Michaud Michaud. Pretty pearls are a still a stunning staple inspired by the classic looks of European royalty. Atelier Lou also creates bespoke pieces and buys estate pieces. Under whitewashed concrete beams, the boutique offers a charming vintage corner. Black-and-white photos of Lou Goldberg with US president Jimmy Carter, Henry Kissinger and others share space with a Bakelite radio and decades-old gold scale. Avant-garde chandeliers shine down on the splendour.

376 Victoria Avenue, suite 100  
Closed Sundays.

## Sharyn Scott shop moves again

Sharyn Scott's eponymous shop has moved. Again. For years it was on Sherbrooke St.'s north side near Prince Albert. Then it took over a space on the south side. On July 1, it moved to a smaller space down the street closer to Victoria. The hot designer brands are still there. "Gently-

used" pieces by Hermès, Louis Vuitton, Dior, Chanel and Valentino are never in the store long. The day I popped by, a beautiful brand-new-looking Prada bag was brought in for sale. Sigh. "It won't be here long," said Scott, dressed in her favourite black with fun slip-ons with the word "people." Although tiny, the shop is as welcoming as ever with Harry, Scott's much-loved British golden, lying in wait with his wagging tail. He lies on a gorgeous sofa, where shoppers often rest before lugging their fashion finds home.

4916 Sherbrooke St.

Open Tuesday to Saturday.

## The promise of a Copper Branch

Copper Branch is supposed to be coming to town in mid-October, opening next to the Second Cup on the corner of Clare and Sherbrooke. The plant-based food purveyor may become a popular haunt. The menu promises plant-based burgers, "power bowls," all-day breakfasts and the ever-popular smoothies. "We are excited to be sharing this with the Westmount community," said founder Rio Infantino. The Westmount location will bring the number of Copper Branch restos to a total of 9 in

Montreal.

5001 Sherbrooke St.

## Vet clinic to open new pet grooming shop upstairs

Westmounters are renowned for their love of four-legged friends. And soon these pets may look even smarter. The Passionimo Veterinary Hospital, previously known as Montreal Veterinary Hospital, is opening a grooming area, explained manager Debbie Pechousek. This fall, the floor about the vet clinic should be taking care of tangles and burrs from labradoodles and cockapoos to poodles and chihuahuas. Cutest "bar" on Victoria Ave. has to be the "bar chien" outside the shop. It comes complete with a hose to fill up after heavy drinkers leave the premises. Passionimo also offers adorable doggie cupcake recipe.

324 Victoria, upstairs.

## Venezuelan flavours on Somerville

Ceiba is here! Opening in early May, one of Westmount's newest restaurants adds a South American flavour to Victoria village. Speaking with chef/owner Geronimo Oliv-

eros and Kitty Davison, who works with him, I learnt many new words. The star of Ceiba is *arepas*, said Davison. It is bread made with white corn dough (gluten free), grilled or deep fried and then stuffed with amazing – and delicious – choices: chicken, pork, beef or vegan options. Side dishes include Venezuelan delights such as yuca. Off the menu but discovered by a local res on Davison's recommendation is the "hit dish called *cachapa*: it's like a pancake made with yellow corn. After grilling, it is filled with cheese." Oliveros explained that they find the correct ingredients at a local market. Open every day for lunch and dinner, Cieba will soon have a liquor licence. For now, food lovers are content to sit and enjoy new tastes, listening to the bouncy beat of Venezuelan music.

4 Somerville

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## New children's wear shop

Pom Cannelle, children's wear lovers' favourite store, closed, but Phoenix-like, another children's wear shop has risen in its place. Les Petits Voy- .....  
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# Many construction projects under way

By MARTIN C. BARRY

A stroll around Westmount reveals there are many renovation and construction projects – both private and public – taking place throughout the city. Here are a few examples.



The residential condominium complex at the corner of St. Catherine St. and Glen Rd. (in the former POM bakery) is undergoing exterior renovation requiring the installation of scaffolding and use of a crane. Photographed September 7.

## Car goes through red light

A patrolling officer saw a car go through a red light August 30 and collide with another at Clarke and St. Catherine, Public Security officials said. The incident occurred at 11:46 am. The driver stated she was not hurt but was in shock and pregnant. The fire department and Urgences Santé were called to the scene but no one was transported to hospital.

## Unscathed by branch

A resident called Public Security at 5:03 pm September 3 to complain a tree branch had fallen on the street and sidewalk on Upper Roslyn, department officials said. Public Works crews moved the branch and reported a car had not been damaged.



Seen here September 7, the Westmount Estates building at 4800 de Maisonneuve Blvd. is undergoing work on its façade.



Scaffolding lined with red protective netting rises on the south side of Sherbrooke St. at Claremont Ave., where repairs to the brick façade of a building was taking place on September 7.



## *in early September*



Argyle Ave. looking southward from near the corner of Thornhill Ave. was closed to traffic on September 8 while heavy machinery was in place for reconstruction of the street.



Prominent signage at the corner of de Maisonneuve Blvd. and Grosvenor Ave. on September 8 warned motorists that only residents should use the street.



Seen on September 8, Belmont Ave., between Westmount Ave. and The Boulevard, looking southward towards Belmont Cr., was shut to through-traffic while extensive underground water network work was being carried out.



Anwoth Rd. was closed to regular traffic on September 8 as workers went about conducting major renovation work under the street requiring extensive excavation.



# Soccer, baseball awards presented at banquet

By RALPH THOMPSON

The department of Sports and Rec. hosted this summer's sports awards September 6 at Victoria Hall. The doors were opened at 6 pm to let in some 400 excited kids and their supporters. Tables were quickly filled.

Mayor Christina Smith, several city councillors, department staff and volunteers scurried around with pizza, which was devoured with remarkable gusto and washed down with cans of soda.



Jung Won William Kim arrived just in time to get his Pee wee soccer Novice boys sportsmanship award from sports coordinator, Michelle Dodds.



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Sports and Recreation director David La-pointe brought the assembly to order with the assistance of operations manager Andrew Maislin's booming voice.

The mayor and the commissioner of Sports and Recreation, Rosalind Davis, welcomed the eager throng, and the awards presentations followed.

A small scrum of enthusiastic mums gathered around the front of the stage and snapped photographs of excited winners on smart phones.

The staff managed the swarms of victors with efficiency as they arrived in waves on the stage.

In just over an hour, the hall was empty leaving the clean-up job to staff and volunteers. If the smiles and laughter could have been translated into water, the evening would have been called a tsunami.



Director general Benoit Hurtubise and Michelle Dodds present the trophies to the Novice girls soccer sportsmanship winners, from left: Maite Rodrigues, Catherine Ritchie and Clara Seetzen.

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Players from the two winning baseball teams, Mosquito B and Pee wee B league champions, stand together in a big group. The Mosquito players can mostly be seen to the right, the Pee wee players to the left.



Councillor Theodora Samiotis, left, presents the medals and trophy to the Atom girls winning team members.



Councillor Nicole Forbes and Patrick Martin stand with the winning team members of the Bantam boys' soccer league.





Atom girls sportsmanship winner Katherine Sioufi is recognized by Councillor Theodora Samiotis and sports coordinator Michelle Dodds.



Elliot Beaudoin received the Peeewe boys sportsmanship trophy from Councillor Cynthia Lulham.



The winning team members of the Bantam girls' soccer league take their moment on stage.



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ÉLECTION GÉNÉRALE MUNICIPALE  
MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION  
LE 5 NOVEMBRE 2017 - NOVEMBER 5, 2017



## ÉLECTION GÉNÉRALE MUNICIPALE 5 NOVEMBRE 2017

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné aux électeurs de la Ville de Westmount que :

- 1° conformément à la *Loi sur les élections et les référendums dans les municipalités* (RLRQ, chapitre E-2.2), une élection générale doit être tenue à Westmount le 5 novembre 2017;
- 2° les postes suivants sont ouverts aux candidatures :
 

• maire;	• conseiller du district n° 5;
• conseiller du district n° 1;	• conseiller du district n° 6;
• conseiller du district n° 2;	• conseiller du district n° 7;
• conseiller du district n° 3;	• conseiller du district n° 8;
• conseiller du district n° 4;	
- 3° toute déclaration de candidature doit être produite au bureau du soussigné, situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount selon l'horaire suivant :
  - du vendredi **22 septembre** au jeudi **5 octobre 2017** de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30 sur rendez-vous seulement; et
  - le vendredi **6 octobre 2017** de 9 h 00 à 16 h 30 sans rendez-vous
- 4° si plus d'un candidat pose sa candidature à un même un poste, un scrutin sera tenu le dimanche 5 novembre 2017 de 10 h à 20 h et un vote par anticipation sera tenu le dimanche 29 octobre 2017 de 12 h à 20 h;
- 5° j'ai nommé pour agir à titre de secrétaire d'élection et d'adjointe pour la réception des candidatures Me Nicole Dobbie;
- 6° j'ai nommé pour agir à titre d'adjointe au président d'élection madame Kenza Bouhaddi;
- 7° le soussigné peut être rejoint à l'adresse, numéro de téléphone et courriel suivants :

4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest  
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Tél: (514) 989-5280  
Courriel: [elections@westmount.org](mailto:elections@westmount.org)

DONNÉ à Westmount, le 8 septembre 2017.

Le président d'élection,  
Me Martin ST-JEAN

## MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION 5 NOVEMBER 2017

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the electors of the City of Westmount that:

1. With respect to the *Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities* (RLRQ, chapter E-2.2), a municipal general election will be held in Westmount on November 5, 2017;
2. The following positions are open for nominations:
 

• Mayor;	• Councillor for District No. 5;
• Councillor for District No. 1;	• Councillor for District No. 6;
• Councillor for District No. 2;	• Councillor for District No. 7;
• Councillor for District No. 3;	• Councillor for District No. 8;
• Councillor for District No. 4;	
3. Nomination papers must be filed at the Office of the Returning Officer located at 4333 Sherbrooke St. West in Westmount, based on the following schedule:
  - Friday, **September 22** to Thursday, **October 6, 2017**, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and by appointment only; and
  - Friday, **October 6, 2017**, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and without appointment
4. If more than one candidate submits a nomination for the same position, a poll will be held on Sunday, November 5, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and an advance poll will be held on Sunday, October 29, 2017, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.;
5. I have appointed to act as Election Clerk and to assist in the receipt of nomination papers, Me Nicole Dobbie;
6. I have appointed to act as Assistant to the Returning Officer Ms. Kenza Bouhaddi;
7. I may be reached at the following address, telephone number or email address:

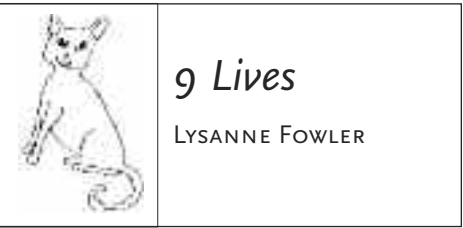
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ISSUED in Westmount, on September 8, 2017.

Martin ST-JEAN  
Returning Officer



# Playful Poppy awaits adoption




Poppy is so handsome, with his golden mane and striking green eyes. You can't miss his lovely pink nose and white chin

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home. Please email Gerdy at [info@gerdysrescue.org](mailto:info@gerdysrescue.org) or page her at 514.203.9180. For more information on this grassroots animal rescue organization, visit [www.gerdysrescue.org](http://www.gerdysrescue.org).  
*Your neighbour, Lysanne*





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ASSEMBLÉE PUBLIQUE DE CONSULTATION


Aux personnes intéressées par le premier projet de résolution 2017-09-175 adopté en vertu du règlement 1489 intitulé « *Règlement sur les projets particuliers de construction, de modification et d'occupation d'immeubles (PPCMOI) de la Ville de Westmount* », portant sur l'immeuble sis au 500 avenue Claremont, sur lots les 1 580 805 et 1 580 825 du cadastre du Québec (ci-après « **l'Immeuble** »).

**AVIS PUBLIC** est par les présentes donné de ce qui suit :

1. Que le conseil municipal, lors de sa séance ordinaire tenue le mardi 5 septembre 2017, a adopté par résolution le premier projet de résolution numéro 2017-09-175 visant à permettre, pour l'Immeuble, certaines dérogations au règlement N° 1303 de la Ville de Westmount, intitulé *Règlement concernant le zonage*.
2. Que l'objet du projet de résolution consiste à autoriser, nonobstant les usages permis dans la zone R3-16-01 du plan de zonage de la Ville, un usage de type multifamilial pour l'Immeuble.
3. De plus, le premier projet de résolution prévoit que, nonobstant la hauteur maximale de construction permise dans la zone R3-16-01 du plan de zonage de la Ville, une construction d'une hauteur maximale de 23,47m pourrait être permise pour l'Immeuble.
4. Qu'une assemblée publique de consultation aura lieu le mardi 19 septembre à 19 h, à la salle du conseil de l'hôtel de ville de Westmount située au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest. Au cours de cette assemblée, la mairesse, ou un membre du conseil désigné par elle, expliquera le premier projet de résolution et entendra les personnes qui désirent s'exprimer.
5. Le premier projet de résolution 2017-09-175 comporte des dispositions propres à un règlement susceptible d'approbation référendaire.
6. Le premier projet de résolution s'applique à la zone concernée R3-16-01. La description complète ainsi que le plan de la zone concernée peuvent être consultés à l'hôtel de ville.
7. Toute personne intéressée peut consulter le premier projet de résolution et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffe situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, durant les heures normales de bureau.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 12 septembre 2017.

Le greffier de la ville,  
Me Martin St-Jean



PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING

To all persons interested by the first draft of resolution 2017-09-175 adopted under by-law no. 1489 entitled "*By-law concerning specific construction, alteration or occupancy proposals for an immovable (SCAOPI) of the City of Westmount*", regarding the building at 500 Claremont Avenue, on lots 1 580 805 and 1 580 825 of the Québec cadaster (hereinafter the « **Immovable** »).

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given of the following:

1. That at its regular meeting held on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, Council adopted by resolution the first draft of resolution 2017-09-175 for the purpose to permit, for the Immovable, certain variances to By-law no. 1303 entitled "*Zoning By-law*".
2. That the purpose of the draft resolution consists in permitting, notwithstanding the allowed uses in zone R3-16-01 of the City's zoning map, a multi-family use for the Immovable.
3. Furthermore, the first draft resolution states that, notwithstanding the maximum building height allowed in zone R3-16-01 of the City's zoning map, a construction of a maximum height of 23.47m could be permitted for the Immovable.
4. That a public consultation meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of Westmount City Hall located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West. During this meeting, the Mayor, or another member of Council she will have designated, will explain the first draft resolution and will hear every person wishing to be heard.
5. The first draft of resolution 2017-09-175 contains provisions making it subject to approval by way of referendum if requirements are met.
6. The first draft of the resolution concerns zone R3-16-01. The complete description as well as the map of the concerned zone maybe consulted at City Hall.
7. Any interested person may consult the first draft of resolution or obtain a copy at the Office of the City Clerk, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, during regular business hours.

GIVEN AT Westmount, on September 12, 2017.

Me Martin St-Jean,  
City Clerk

[www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org)



# Retail Watch, continued

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aged by Jessica Anne, a former lawyer. The shop's offerings range from Hunter boots to Petit Bateau sweaters, from knitted animals (no beady eyes for a child to pull out and choke on) to brocade dresses. There is also the famed Quebec designer Mackage for kids. Having a child herself (Henri, 2), she understands what kids are like and

has even installed a carpeted play area so mums can shop with ease. For the smartly dressed lad, her Boss knits will be a sure hit, especially the private school-style blazers, complete with crests. Her lines are international, hailing from hip Amsterdam and stylish Italy, among other countries.

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Sunday 12 pm to 5 pm.

## Farmers' market at Olives en folie

Rushing down Victoria Ave., I noted a fabulous farmers' market, with huge radishes – white and red – and sunflowers, as well as scented basil. At Olives en folie, owned by Westmounters Roshi Chadha and Claire Mullins Kruyt, there is, indeed, a weekly pop-up farmers' market on Thursdays, with offerings from La Ferme des Quatres Temps in Hemmingford. The veggies, so large and gorgeous, are like sculptures.

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# TRENDSETTERS

## CHRISTINE KIVENKO MOLSON

BY VERONICA REDGRAVE

*I met Christine Molson at the Hillside Tennis Club. She had organized and hosted a lovely “Mothers’ Breakfast” for the ECS end-of-kindergarten school year. Although not playing tennis, she wore Wimbledon whites, as she welcomed ECS mothers from Westmount as well as Russia, South Africa, Spain and Australia. I thought that such a Town & Country-style mother – married to Patrick Molson – would be of interest to Trendsetter readers.*

### STYLE

*How would you describe your own personal style?*

I adore classic beauty and family traditions. I generally gravitate towards older, one-of-a-kind antiques, historic china, vintage jewelry and distressed wood furniture – anything that has a story. I tend to look for things that are not shabby, but rather have cool patina; anything that reflects fine quality and workmanship of the past.

When it comes to entertaining, re-inventing the wheel never feels important for me. Instead, I rely on old Molson family recipes that are seasonal, from a cold *vichyssoise* soup in the summer, to a classic holiday stuffing at Thanksgiving. I use silver whenever I can; its imperial mood trumps the tediousness involved in its cleaning!

There are few things more enjoyable than hosting a friend or two for dinner; the intimate setting provides an opportunity to bond with my guests. Family holidays are another story entirely, and we adhere to a policy of the more the merrier! There’s nothing more magical than witnessing the connection between my six-year-old daughter with her 85-year-old grandfather, enjoying a holiday meal, reveling in tradition. Even Martha Stewart can’t even patent that energy!

*What’s your favorite way of dressing?*

Being well-dressed means dressing appropriately for the occasion, and I follow designers that fit my lifestyle, such as Ralph Lauren for sport, and Lily Pulitzer for shore; preppy, green and pink pastels are always “in” in my estimation. For lunch, I like a Chanel suit or an understated dress, paired with a low-heel and a practical clutch or tote. In the evenings, it’s always a great-fitting dress with a fabulous cocktail bag.

*And the weekends?*

Since I was a child, weekends were always spent at the stable. Classic riding attire – britches with leader or suede knee, patches, high black boots, a coloured collared polo shirt and a blazer – is not just a look, rather, it’s designed for the sport.

When watching my daughter’s riding lessons, I usually throw on brown paddock boots or green Hunter boots. Oil-skin coats are also terrific in the stable and in the country. But the glamour of riding is underscored by the certainty that you’re going to get dirty, really dirty, so it’s best to be practical.

I was never much for Saturday night out. My husband and I prefer staying home, cozy by the blazing fireplace, AAA Angus steak on the grill and a terrific Bordeaux, watching the hockey game. My uniform for an evening in is a tunic sweater, leggings and a ballet flat.

Looking stylish is half the fun of Sunday brunch; mimosas (hold the orange) aren’t bad either. I always aim for a comfortable look: skinny jeans, a cashmere sweater and scarf, maybe a fitted blazer – whether its brunch at L’Express or Leméac. I’ll finish the look with a low-heeled boot and a rich-looking bag, no label necessary. I can’t resist an opulent chunky charm bracelet. But I do resist all fashion-edgy make-up.

### ART

*Do you have a favourite artist?*

I studied art history at McGill and the American University in Paris. My studies involved a profound examination of how the masters used their tremendous skill in order to capture the narratives of their times on a canvas.

My husband introduced me to Canadian art on a greater level. His family has always been keen patrons of the Royal Academy of Art and collectors of great Canadian works, and we’ve continued that style in our home. I adore Frederick Coburn, Maurice Cullen, Lawren Harris, Cornelius Kreighoff, to name a few. I value artists with skill and technique, with the ability to capture a moment, to bring the natural beauty of a setting sun or winter landscape to life through paint. While I can appreciate the artistry of newer forms, contemporary art does not speak to me in the same way.



*Christine Kivenko Molson stands with thoroughbred Renegade, fresh off the track at Belle Donne stables in St. Lazare, September 6.*

Photo: Ralph Thompson



## HOME

*What about flowers?*

When choosing flowers for my home, I try to bring the outside in. In the summer months, nothing is arranged, nothing is fussy, everything comes from the garden. My house looks natural and *Provençal*. My hope is always to mirror what's pushing up from the ground at any particular time. The spring season starts with lilacs, followed by peonies, roses, hydrangeas and, last of all, the sunflowers. I also love to use fruit as decor with flowers; summer lemons, little crab apples, pumpkins, tangerines, pomegranates. I'm always trying to bring the outside in.

During the long winter months in Montreal, my flower arrangements tend to look more deliberate and contrived, and I pay greater attention to balance. I love centre-pieces that feature fruit dipped in gold with a bit of sparkle, which is further highlighted by flickering candles. Although some find red roses common, even vulgar – except for on Valentine's Day – I think they're chic, especially when arranged in silver julep cups. I've been deeply inspired by Steven Stolman of Palm Beach: "there's

something about red roses, polished silver that always looks glamorous."

I have a gardener strictly to cut the grass and maintain the defined shape of my hedges. I love to work in my green space – my flower boxes, pots, herbs and marvelous plants literally make my summer. A birdbath is an absolute must, as birds create motion and life. I create our outdoor look, but attribute much of the maintenance to my husband, who has quite the green thumb. We're a team and look forward all winter to enjoying our outdoor space. It doesn't have to be grand, but it must be evolving.

*Your favorite designer?*

My favourite designer is actually Althorp, the furniture line created by Earl Spencer.

*Where would you live?*

Westmount of course! It has the best schools, the charm of Victoria village and of course Le Gasgogne, where I grab my coffee and a pastry nearly every morning. My other love and home away from home is Palm Peach.

# House sparrow not so dull



One can witness many baby birds of all types starting out life in the fall. On September 2, a host of young house sparrows were seen playing in the waterfall beside a backyard garden pond. Though some may consider sparrows mundane, there is a respectful 60 species associated with the emberizidae (sparrow) family in North America, according to the National Geographic's Complete Birds of North America.

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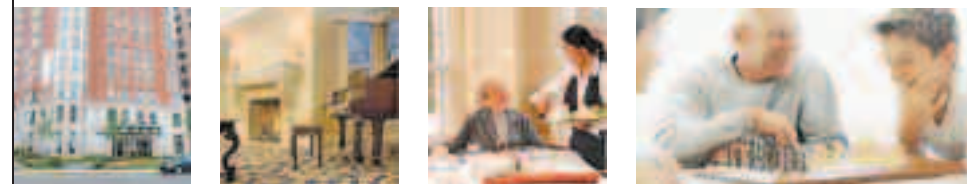
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# Lore of the links ends with chic cocktail for Miriam



*Social Notes*  
VERONICA REDGRAVE

On July 10, guests were welcomed to an *Architectural Digest*-style abode that would not be out of place in London or Milan. The home was full of patrician patina, from polished silver to antique furniture. And beautifully clipped boxwood hedges everywhere. The Westmount house of the magnanimous magnate, philanthropist and businessman **Herbert Black** and his wife **Véronique Saint-Pierre** sits high on a hill, from which the views are astounding.

Their home's Italianate grace is balanced by Jeff Koons-like, fun, brightly coloured pieces on the lower lawn: it is their son's playground.

The Blacks hosted a fabulous cocktail/dinner after the annual Miriam Foundation Lori Black Memorial Golf Tournament. Held at the Hillside Golf and Country Club it was founded by Black in memory of his daughter Lori.

Chairman **Norman Bercovitch** worked with able committee members **Adam Ray**, **Louis Ludwick**, **Steven Shepherd** and **Howard Staviss**, aided by the Miriam Foundation's project managers **Maude Bourassa** and **Lyusil Shubaralyan**.

Celebrating its 53rd year, the fun day had local res, the energetic and effervescent **Mose Persico**, as emcee.

Guests marvelled at the enormous orchid plants and the pretty rose bouquets on each patio table as they sipped bubbly and enjoyed hors d'oeuvres under the azure sky. (Fun fact of the night? The outdoor open bar included Cirka, a gin made in Verdun.)

Enjoying dinner in the elegant candle-lit



*Véronique Saint-Pierre and Herbert Black.*

rooms were Westmounters **Nancy Cleman**, **Sandy Ranson**, RBC vice chairman **Tony Loffreda** and **Sal Parasuco**, about to leave for Sicily, where he was to be honoured for his entrepreneurial success.

Noted in the chic crowd were **Rosemary** and **Gary Mintz**, media celebs CTV's **Jason Devine** and **Sean Campbell** (TSN Radio), **Rosemary** and **Frank Niro**, **Evelyn** and **David Kozloff**, **David Mars**, **Sylvia** and **Al-**

**lan Vosco**, **Jennifer** and **Stanley Kirsh**, and the Miriam Foundation's CEO/president **Warren Greenstone**, board chair **Diane Proulx Guerrera** (attending with her husband **Sal Guerrera**) and CFO **Germin Mansour**.

As dusk descended, gleaming cars – including an Aston Martin DB 11 (be still my heart) – were quickly retrieved by VIP Valet. Departing guests were overheard

praising the outstanding event, which raised over \$437,000. The sum raised was for the foundation to continue to provide programs supporting individuals with autism and intellectual disabilities.

*More photos, p. 35.*

*The Indie's Fall Social Notes will be published soon. Please send your event information to [redgrave@videotron.ca](mailto:redgrave@videotron.ca).*



*Stanley Kirsh, left, and Tony Lofredda.*

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**Social Notes on Miriam fundraiser cont'd. from p. 34**



From left: Sal Parasuco, Rosemary and Frank Niro, Diane Proulx Guerrera and Sal Guerrera.



From left: David Mars, Sandy Ransen, Evelyn and David Kozlof.



Alan and Sylvia Vosco.

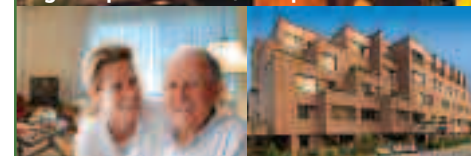


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# Up House ‘shameless’ fundraiser at supper club



*Social Notes*  
VERONICA REDGRAVE

Valet Quebec was hopping on June 15. Montreal’s St. Jacques St., formerly the city’s “Wall Street,” was chock-a-block with party-goers, many of whom were attending the sold-out Pardes Urban cocktail. The fundraiser, held in support of the Donald Berman Up House, was held at the uber-trendy Bord’Elle, whose name translates loosely as “next to her” has a delightful echo of another era (wink, nudge).

Founded by John Edward Gumbley, the Gatsby-esque supper supper club was a sponsor of the eve. Italian chef Andrew Bajjani served a range of mouth-watering *bruschettas* (best salmon tartare ever!) as well as other delights.

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Phil Silverberg, there with his wife Barbara Silverberg, greeted guests. The couple founded Urban Pardes in 2010 inaugurating the Donald Berman Up House to help Montreal adults living with a mental illness. It is touted as the first clubhouse in Quebec modeled on Clubhouse International, an association of over 300 clubhouses world wide.

The perfectly organized night was orchestrated by board member David Hoppenheim.

Westmounters present included Av Stark, Barbara Pascal, Mark Villeneuve, Marilyn Belzberg, Marilyn Takefman, Lois and Edward Shore, Naomi Sharpe and Izak Rubin, and Marilyn and Walter Golfman.

Sponsors were Magil Construction, Canderel, Eric and Sherri Kimmel Family Foundation and Letko Brosseau.

Noted enjoying the evening were Nancy and David Gurberg, Dori Shiff, Sheila Greenspoon, and Evelyn and David Kozloff.

Board member Martin Zidulka said a few words about the Au Contraire Film Festival opening October 24 before the happy crowd danced the night away at the fun-named night.



Mark Villeneuve and Barbara Pascal.

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*Up House Social Notes cont'd. from p. 36*

Marilyn Belzberg, left, and Marilyn Takefman.



Walter and Marilyn Golfman.

**Correction**

The names for this photo that appeared in the Social Notes of September 5, p. 25 should have been: From left, Ted Di Giorgio and his wife Angela Kakridonis, and Andy Kragaris.

**Girl hurts arm falling from monkey bars**

A 9-year-old girl was taken to hospital suffering a possible broken arm September 2, Public Security officials said. She was reported to have fallen from monkey bars at Westmount Park around 7:53 pm. She was experiencing “excruciating” pain. Officers positioned a patrol car with lights flashing at the location to mark the way for firefighter first responders and Urgences Santé. The girl was taken to the Montreal Children’s Hospital by ambulance accompanied by her mother.

*Retail Watch cont'd. from p. 31***Little hit of Paris on Victoria**

Antonio Park has opened Café Bazin. He has teamed up with pastry savant Bertrand Bazin, whose credentials include a stint at Old Montreal’s famed private club 357C, as well as at Bice (now Restaurant Beatrice). Trained in France, it makes sense that Bazin’s creations are “French classics. The third component of this hot spot is chef Takashi Horinoue, whose lunch menu includes ratatouille, cauliflower-au-gratin and boeuf bourguignon.

The fare is not only home made but cooked right there: The kitchen is almost half the restaurant area. The space may be tiny – 20 seats – but it already has a big reputation. “Croissants sell out by 11,” said Marie-Anne Clément, a waitress. Lunches served are bistro fare, making Café Bazin a true combo of sucré et salé/bistro and pâtisserie. Try the lime-basilic tartelette! Until fall descends into parka days, the outdoor tables are surrounded by bright greenery.

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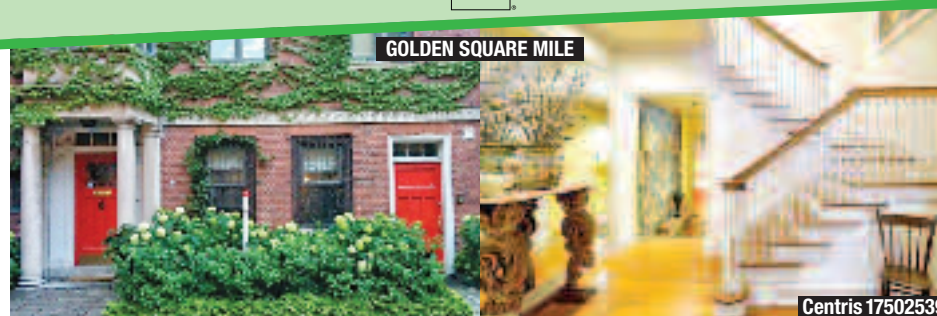
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# McAuslan feted for Order of Canada appointment

Former Westmounter Peter McAuslan was the guest of honour at McAuslan Brewing's Annexe St. Ambroise pub on St. Ambroise St. in St. Henri September 6. The former owner of the brewery was awarded the Order of Canada June 30, "For his pioneering contributions to the development of Canada's craft brewing industry and for his support for arts, heritage and culture initiatives in Montreal."

A group of approximately 40 current and past brewery employees, friends, contacts from the world of philanthropy and family members were in attendance.

McAuslan spoke briefly, thanking everyone in the room for being a part of his team in some way, singling out his wife, Ellen Bounsall, for special praise. She had been there from the start as a support, "and to criticize – not that there was much to criticize," he joked.

He expressed pride in becoming a mem-

ber of the order, which did not make him "Sir Peter." (One wag shouted out, "St. Peter?")

Indeed, in his view, the purpose of the honour is "to be part of Canadians' daily lives, not set us apart."

He also spoke about "continuing to contribute." On the business front, there is a recent piece of evidence of that happening: McAuslan started a gin and rye distilling brand, Holy Smoke!, this year.

In conversation later on in the evening, McAuslan expressed pleasure in seeing some of the arts ventures that the brewery supports grow. For instance, the St. Ambroise Montreal Fringe Festival has grown from approximately 6,000 attendees to 60,000 under the brewery's sponsorship.

The actual acceptance of the order's insignia is to take place in Ottawa, at a date yet to be announced.



Peter McAuslan, left, and Ellen Bounsall, second from left, with Westmounters, from left, Sylvie LaFontaine, David Lépine, Christiane Loiselle, Paul Grenier and Nicholas Synnott. Inset: McAuslan at the mic.

Photos: Westmount Independent



## Gold attends Rideau Hall garden party



Photo courtesy of M. Gold

Ronald Poole, left, and past Order recipient Muriel Gold Poole pose for a photo in the Rideau Hall garden during the 50th anniversary celebration for Order of Canada members on August 26.

By VERONICA REDGRAVE

Former Westmounter David Johnston, governor general of Canada, and his wife Sharon Johnston hosted a special gathering at Rideau Hall to mark the 50th anniversary of the order of Canada on August 26.

Westmounters invited as guests included past recipient Muriel Gold, Claudio Cuello, Armand de Mestral, Alan James Earp, Phil Gold, Mel Hoppenheim, Margaret Lock, David Mulder, Philip O'Brien, Barry Innis Posner and Guy Savard.

## Tree cutting stopped on Labour Day

Two workers were given five minutes to stop tree cutting and clean up after they were found on Forden at 9:57 am September 4, Labour Day Monday. Public Security officials said they were spotted by a patroller as they used a chain saw and wood chipper. Heavy equipment is not permitted on a legal holiday even though they had a permit to cut the tree.

The outdoor event was the first to gather members of the order since its creation in 1967. "The Order of Canada comprises an extraordinary network of talented, compassionate and dynamic people from right across this vast, diverse land, and yet, like any group of individuals, the Order is much more than the sum of its parts," said Johnston.

Former governor generals present included Michaëlle Jean and Adrienne Clarkson. Governor general designate Julie Payette was also in attendance.

## Noisy party celebrates 35th birthday

A noisy party was toned down September 2 on Upper Lansdowne following a complaint at 12:30 am, Public Security officials said. Officers heard shouting and loud talking from a backyard and were told by the host he had about 30 guests helping him celebrate his 35th birthday. Officers stayed on the scene until the noise was reported to be down "to an acceptable level." No tickets were issued.





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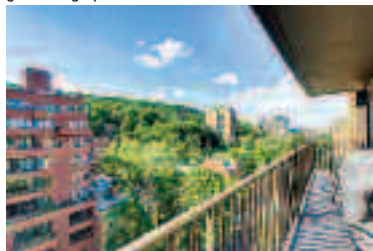
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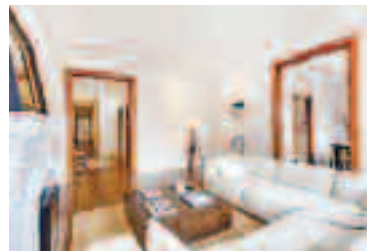
**WESTMOUNT ADJ** **\$695,000**  
3577 Atwater Av. MLS: 22192157  
Gorgeous 2 bdr condo w/ garage.



**VILLE-MARIE** **\$618,000.**  
1520 Av. du Docteur-Penfield, apt. 104 MLS: 13648903  
10th Floor, amazing view, fully renovated w/ garage.



**SUD-OUEST** **\$595,000.**  
2132 Rue de Paris MLS: 18032225  
Bright & completely renovated. 2 Bdr w/ outdoor patio, garden & shed



**WESTMOUNT** **\$475,000**  
388 Olivier Av. MLS: 25694619  
Beautiful 2 bedroom condo with garage.



**OUTREMONT** **\$2,795,000.**  
1304 Blvd du Mont-Royal MLS: 20593696  
Property w/ unique character in the heart of Outremont.



**WESTMOUNT** **\$2,350,000.**  
215 Redfern #308 MLS: 24466488  
2200 SF, Private terrace.



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**WESTMOUNT** **\$2,295,000.**  
726 Upper-Lansdowne Ave MLS: 10877444  
5 Bdr w/ large terrace & garden.



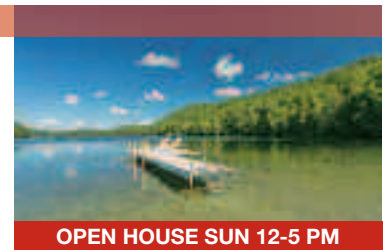
**LA CONCEPTION**  
Chic Shack micro-lofts projets  
Private access to nature trails lakes & Rouge river.



**MONT-TREMBLANT AREA**  
**\$298,000+ GST/QST**  
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**LA CONCEPTION**  
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8 lots of +/- 15 acres each, 2 SOLD



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MLS: 23129075



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**OLD MONTREAL INVESTMENT**

Located on one of the most beautiful quiet streets, superb loft style condo with great luminosity. Gas fireplace, original wood beams, 1+1 bedroom. 2 baths. Garage. \$5,500/m revenue. **\$759,000**



**NEW**

**WESTMOUNT FURNISHED RENTAL**

Best Victoria Village location! Completely furnished upper, 3 BDRMS, 2 baths. All included. Flexible occupancy. If you're renovating or in-between homes, this is an ideal stop! **\$4,000/M**



**SUNNY PENTHOUSE WITH VIEWS**

Urban living just below Westmount's summit, at a fraction of the price! At the top of Ridgewood in CDN, 2-bedroom PH co-op with Mount Royal views. 2 garages. Pool. Low monthly fees. **\$369,000**



**AMAZING SPACE DOWNTOWN**

Sunny condo, convenient location steps to Bell Centre, 1344 sq.ft. 2 bedroom, 2 baths, updated-eat in kitchen. Central AC, garage, balcony. MLS 22020812 **\$438,000**



**NEW**

**LUXURY IN LAVAL**

Gorgeous condo built 2013. Beautifully appointed kitchen and bathrooms. Excellent layout for privacy. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. Garage. Pool and amenities. Amazing location next to Carrefour Laval. **\$415,000**



**SOLD**

**DOWNTOWN PIED-A-TERRE**

Excellent location on Golden Square Mile. Bright studio ideal for student, senior or investment. Security, pool, gym. Most affordable in price and fees! Why rent? **\$174,000**

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