

City, developer answer questions at public meeting

Neighbours speak up at 2nd 500 Claremont meeting

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A lengthy public consultation meeting September 19 on the proposed apartment project for 500 Claremont was dominated by questions and comments from a number of its neighbours voicing concern over size, traffic safety and construction woes.

Some of more than 40 at the meeting also asked that the redevelopment of the vacant building at Windsor into 16 rental units provide an insurance bond for residents whose houses may sustain damage during the construction period. Others said it should also reflect the city's policy

on sustainability, provide low-cost housing and generate diversity.

"I'm in favour of the project," stated Eva Echenberg, a longtime resident of Claremont, saying opposition to the project was not across the board. "I think it's excellent. The building needs to be redone."

Suann Levin Ray of Windsor, who did not speak, said before the meeting that she too was in favour of the project to preserve the century-old heritage-rated building. She had come to hear more about it.

Another said the redevelopment would "add

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November 5 municipal election

Martin seeks mayoralty, Bostock runs in 1, Kez in 8, Wallace in 6

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

And now there are five.

Councillor Patrick Martin entered the race for mayor last week against (in alphabetical order) George Fourniotis, Kirk Polymenakos, interim mayor Christina Smith and Beryl Wajzman.

Martin said his decision to run was based on 12 years on council for District 1 and his "business experience and leadership."

Anitra Bostock, first to declare in District 1, is a former sports coordinator for the city's Sports and Rec department. She is

now employed in philanthropy.

Kathleen Kez, an accountant, is advocating for improved quality of life in District 8, running against incumbent Theodora Samiotis.

Joanne Wallace is campaigning on seniors' needs in District 6 against Mary Gallery.

See more, p. 8 and 14.

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A 'Guide' to 'Park(ing) Day'



Girl Guides were among community groups participating September 22 in Westmount's Park(ing) Day displays, which displaced parking spots at several locations to highlight environmental protection. Nuray Uysal, right, was one of many passers-by who stopped by to speak to Guide leaders, from left: Jessica Ganten (co-commissioner for Monklands district), Guider Heather Barwick and Gigi Cordeiro (co-commissioner). They are shown here on Victoria at Sherbrooke.

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Public Security sergeant and 'Twitter Master' signs off

Payne's 33-year career a family tradition

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

When Public Security Sgt. Stephen Payne retired September 21 after close to 33 years on the job, it brought to a close the father-son era in law enforcement in Westmount that spanned more than 60 years of historic change.

"Steve," as he known to many colleagues and residents, grew up as a child in Westmount, where his well-respected father, the late police constable George Payne, was serving in the former Westmount Police Force and then in its evolution into Montreal Urban Community Police.

When it came time for the young Payne to start his career, he chose to join the five-year-old Public Security Unit in 1985, al-

ready "greatly influenced" in protection of the community and instilled with its traditions, by-laws and values.

"It's been a joy and an honour to have an opportunity to make a difference in the quality of life," he told the *Independent*. "It's definitely something we've taken pride in," he said of his family's contribution.

"Steve took pride in walking the parks," explains Public Security director Greg McBain. "From Day 1, he has been a role model for the younger officers in how he wore his uniform, followed up with residents and was always enthusiastic about changes to move the department forward."

One of Payne's most recent contributions, McBain said, was initiating Public Security's Twitter account "and keeping it up to date from the start in 2013, for which we nicknamed him 'Twitter Master.'"

Enjoyed the 'hunt'

Payne, a hands-on person, said he "enjoyed patrolling and hunting." The "hunt," he said, referred to how he enjoyed in his younger days working the overnight shift always on the lookout for suspicious or unusual activity. As he grew older and was raising his own family, however, he discovered the night shift was hard on the family, and he chose to be able to be home for supper.

Now, at age 53, Payne said he could have retired two years ago but in-

stead accepted the challenge of becoming interim assistant director when Kimberley Colquhoun was on parental leave. He stayed on afterward for a year working inside the office doing administrative work.

Among some of the marks Payne has made on Public Security is his design of the patrol vehicles and his involvement with their equipment.

Year after year, he put his pastime build-

ing skills to work by transforming the Lawn Bowling Clubhouse interior into the city's Halloween haunted house.

All in the family

He married Lynn Cameron, the daughter of Westmount firefighter Bob Cameron, raising their two children, Jennifer and Gregory, in Pin-court. She is also the sister *continued on p. 13*



Sgt. Stephen Payne, September 18 at the Public Security offices on Stanton St.



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Councillor's Column

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In the heart of the metropolis called Montreal sits a community of 20,000 Westmounters. Like all small municipalities, residents often know one another. They live next door to their elected officials, cross paths with neighbours out shopping or going to Victoria Hall for a concert or dance class.

The department of the Westmount Public Library and Community Events merged in 2014, joining forces to present varied and entertaining programs to the residents of Westmount and beyond. Renowned authors, internationally recognized artists, world-class musicians and plain old fun family events are just some of the types of concerts, lectures and events.

One of the advantages of living in a smaller community is having a voice, a say in what goes on. The Community Events Advisory Committee (CEAC) was

formed for just that purpose. Westmounters are part of the planning, executing and enjoyment of events presented for the community. This fall, Westmount singers, Anna and Jane McGarrigle present "Mountain City Girls" on October 11. The Westmount Artisans festival will be held November 11 and 12 at Victoria Hall. The popular Christmas tree lightings and Hanukkah party are just some of the activities the committee has planned for the fall season.

The success of these and other events benefits greatly from the input and efforts of the members of the committee. CEAC meets monthly and is looking for new members like you to bring enthusiasm and ideas for community involvement in Westmount.

If you are interested in your community, have ideas on events or just want to volunteer some of your time, you are welcome to contact me at nforbes@westmount.org or Emily Gamble at the Community Events office at Victoria Hall: egamble@westmount.org.

Councillor Nicole Forbes is commissioner of Cultural Events.



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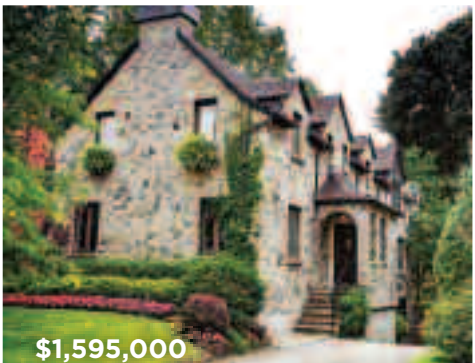
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Clandeboyne water main replacement to start this week

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Residents of Clandeboyne received notices from the city last week stating the replacement of the water main on their street from Dorchester to the tracks is scheduled to start this week.

The work includes replacing the city portion of water services leading off the water main as well as temporary repair of the street and sidewalk afterward.

The project starts with the installation of a temporary water supply – hoses connected to a hydrant. To transfer over water to the temporary system, the contractor will require access to the inside of homes to close the water intake valve. If no one is home, the contractor will be leaving a notice explaining the process to be taken.

The old 6-inch water main dates to 1910, according to city records, said city water and sewer engineer Christian Sipos. It is to be replaced by an 8-inch one “to create a better loop” with Prospect, Greene and Dorchester.

One of the challenges foreseen, Sipos said, is working in a very congested area for infrastructure. In order to not damage

a hydro massif, for example, the new water main will have to be diverted from one side of the street to the other, meaning the work can't be carried out in a straight line.

One component of the project is to add another hydrant to upgrade and improve fire protection, he said. This is to be installed just south of 124 Clandeboyne at the park.

If residents choose to take the opportunity to replace the portion of the service entry pipe on their private property (between the sidewalk and building), especially if it is made of lead or galvanized steel, they should advise the city's plumbing inspector at 514.989.5348.

While many residents have access to their parking from a back lane, if any parking entrances are blocked during the work, and they are forced to park on the street, residents are advised to place a parking permit included with the notice in the dashboard of the vehicle.

Dedicated parking zones for affected residents are to be created on the south side of Dorchester to the west of the Clandeboyne) and on Prospect.

“Please join me in supporting the candidacy of our friend Beryl Wajzman for the Mayoralty of Westmount. I want you to do what so many of our friends have done and commit to help - morally and materially - and also make sure you are on the electoral list so you can vote for Beryl at the election on Nov. 5th. We could not have a better advocate nor bolder planner than Beryl Wajzman. This is important to all of us who want to live in a sustainable, growing, and prosperous city for all Westmounters.”

Jonathan I. Wener, C.M.



Wajzman receiving a Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Award for the Promotion of Human Dignity from Rev. Gray and Yolande James, then Quebec Minister for Cultural Communities.

“Beryl Wajzman has done a unique service to all communities in raising conscience and consciousness on the challenges that befall our citizens. His work is not theory. It is roll up your sleeves, get on the streets and get down and dirty to help folks. Along the way he has achieved many firsts. When he was warned that there was no precedent for combining social action and media, his response was “Then we'll create one” and we have. I say we because I have been proud to stand with Beryl as he has with me. In our common struggles against prejudice and in our common responses to crises. Beryl has successfully confronted authorities. He has spoken truth to power. These have been his greatest gifts. That is why we support him today.”

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I am a long-time resident in Westmount, having moved here in 1977. On a recent morning, there was a big gas leak on the block where I live, causing an emergency evacuation of all residents. My husband and I were out on the street in our exercise clothes, without money, getting cold and with the prospect of possibly staying in that situation for some hours.

We decided to walk to Sherbrooke St. and ask a patisserie for coffee and a croissant on credit. We have been regular customers for many years at two patisseries/bakeries on Sherbrooke. We went to the closest one and were very surprised to be told “no” in a distinctly abrupt and unfriendly manner. Is this what one should expect from a neighbourhood patisserie?

In sharp contrast, we walked another block or so to Le Fournil and found a true neighbourly reaction to our story. In fact, they said they recognized us as regular customers and would be happy to give us coffee and scones. The warmth I felt from that was even greater than the warmth imparted by the calories and the lovely hot coffee. Westmount claims to be a neighbourhood, and people like those at Le Fournil do make it so.

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BREEDS DIFFER BECAUSE OF GENETICS

Regarding “Genetics is the culprit, not training” (Letters, September 5, p. 6), kudos to Barbara Kay for calling a spade a spade when many dog lovers continue to call foul to genetics. Whatever happened to the understanding that different breeds have different temperaments and characteristics? Whatever happened to the accepted knowledge that if you want to herd sheep, you look for a collie breed not a poodle? And if you want a dog that is particularly good with children, you do your research to find the best and gentlest breed. Why would this be common knowledge if it’s only the owners who cause differences between dogs that have a propensity towards attacking (hence are sought out as guard dogs) and those who are known to be gentle?

In the last analysis, breeds differ exactly because of their different genetic make-up, their DNA. So how do some people defend the pit bull, which has an innate tendency towards aggression, by supporting the “owner is to blame” stand when a dog mauls someone?

In the Underdog column in the same issue (p. 21), the dog being featured, Capone, a bull terrier, is described as “an

affectionate breed ... also very powerful dogs,” a clear acknowledgement that breed matters, genetics counts and breeds differ. Pit bulls are known to be aggressive (individual differences notwithstanding) and they have been bred for this tendency.

Please, let’s stop ignoring the scientific facts of genetics and innate tendencies in breeds by blaming the dog owner’s irresponsible actions for dog maulings.

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CREEPING DEVELOPMENT IS A THREAT

While the parties for and against the current 500 Claremont project present us with confusing statements, it is useful to step back and look at the overall situation.

We live in a well-managed city, where we feel that our opinions are heard by our city councillors, many of whom we know personally. We can vent our concerns monthly, we feel that our opinions have the ear of the councillors and may be debated by them and our neighbours.

However, despite this healthy situation, creeping development threatens the essence of our city.

Developers propose inappropriate projects consistently, and small groups of our fellow citizens valiantly succeed in keeping them at bay.

Threats of more monstrous buildings, like 4300 and 4998 de Maisonneuve, continue around us.

In the current case of 500 Claremont, we see an oversized and inappropriate building that has been purchased by a developer proposing to make it yet one storey higher,

and increase its footprint by over 35 percent.

To increase the tenant capacity on the first floor, the developer proposes underground parking for some 28 cars, with access on a steep part of Claremont, which has two bus routes, as well as school buses and stressed capacity parking. At some periods of the day, the sidewalks overflow with primary school children and Marianopolis students, engrossed with their cell-phones.

This year, we Windsor and Claremont residents must struggle to reign in unwanted development.

Next year, will it be St. Catherine, de Maisonneuve or your street?

Our next city council will hopefully consider whether our current municipal by-laws should be re-designed for citizens.

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DIRECT FROM MONTY PYTHON

Thank you ever so much for the hilarious pages you included in your most recent edition under the title “Trendsetters.”

I take it that this piece was commissioned from the writers’ room formerly employed by Monty Python’s Flying Circus.

If so, what an inspired idea!

Long before we had concluded our reading aloud, we found ourselves rolling about beneath our bespoke Canadian maple-and-walnut table, gasping for breath.

What a delightful *morceau* of the old Westmount afflatus, which we had sadly thought in the grave.

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DAYTONA 500 IN WESTMOUNT

Regarding “Abbott, Hillside, Metcalfe form new one-way loop” (September 12, p. 3), it’s my opinion that the loop was created to stop firetrucks from using Metcalfe and Hillside avenues as a way to turn around. This would happen at least 10 to 20 times a year.

Just about every summer, around 2 am, some cars will use the St. Catherine and Metcalfe traffic lights as a starting point for them to race their cars through Westmount. I’m sure everyone in the loop area can hear the revving engines and screeching tires. It’s as loud as the Daytona 500!

This loop was just another waste of money.

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Correction

There was a flutter (indeed swarm!) of responses from readers about the implied misidentification of the butterfly on p. 13 of the September 19 issue. It is indeed a painted lady butterfly (*vanessa cardui*) – and not a monarch. This was confirmed by the Lyman Entomological Museum, an insect collection and systematic entomology laboratory of McGill University.

To be sticklers, we did not write that the pictured butterflies were monarchs, but that “Westmount has been bustling with monarch butterflies recently...”

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Martin for mayor, Bostock, Kez & Wallace step into the election spotlight

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Patrick Martin – mayoral candidate

Business experience, leadership and his record of 12 years on council are the way Councillor Patrick Martin sums up his reasons for announcing last week that he is registering as a candidate for mayor.

An engineer who has owned his own business and worked in some 50 countries on large projects, he says he has been fighting for more open government, a focus on planning and increased attention to the city’s ailing infrastructure, which is only now being addressed but needs to be accelerated. It was “unacceptable,” he said, that the greenhouses had been closed for three years.

“The city will soon have a renewed council,” he explained. “It has five new department heads, a new director general, a big infrastructure deficit, and I believe I am the best person at this point to bring it all together and build on our firm foundation.”

But, he added, “if we have nothing to hide, why not open up our government to increased transparency and greater consultation?”

Along with representing District 1 for three terms, Martin has also served as vice-chair of the Montreal/agglomeration contracts committee.

“I have made a point of inquiring into items of city business, making myself available to visit residents’ homes to check out concerns over work permits and looking for alternative solutions.

“As an engineer and businessman, I like things explained in a factual, straightforward way, not tied up in a convenient political bow. My record shows I am not easily intimidated.”

He said he believes taxpayers are entitled to receive reports in full and in a timely manner that the city has paid for with tax dollars. “Let’s open up the permit process, update building materials and deal right away with the issues that most affect residents on a daily basis.

“We want to attract young families, but we have to make the city accessible and affordable.”

After having been the lead councillor on the planning and building of the Westmount recreation centre, which came in on time and on budget, he added, “we can do the same for an indoor pool without raising taxes.”



Patrick Martin at city hall, September 5.

Martin, who was raised in Westmount, attended St. Léon and Loyola and has science and engineering degrees from University of Montréal and Carleton.

On his career resumé, Martin lists being a project director for the World Bank, the United Nations and the Canadian and many other governments. He also was a member of then federal minister John Crosby’s advisory group during negotiation of the original Canada/US Free Trade agreement.

For four years, Martin was president of Aéroports de Montréal International, a subsidiary of the ADM, during which time he led the planning and design of the \$800-million expansion of Trudeau airport.

Martin and his wife Jane live on The Boulevard. They have a daughter, Jennifer with two young children, and son Nick. Martin was first elected to council in 2005.

Anitra Bostock, District 1

She’s probably a household name to many families throughout Westmount – at least she’d like to think so, she says.

Anitra Bostock spent 10 years as sports coordinator for the city’s Sports and Recreation department, coaching numerous girls in soccer and other activities “from the top of the mountain to the bottom,” she says.

Now, after branching out into the corporate world to focus on building community relations at the Cedars Cancer Foundation and currently as Quebec regional manager for Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities, Bostock announced last week she will be running for city council in District 1.

“It’s the next step in everything I’ve ever done,” she said.

“As a former employee of the city, and

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someone who currently works with governments across Quebec, I believe I have a unique perspective that would allow me to work effectively with the rest of council and with other municipalities and organizations.”

She said she believes she can be independent in making hard decisions on council if required, now that she has gained “a completely different view of reality” from the corporate side.

“I see working on council as an opportunity to bring change and to engage residents.”

The issues that are important to her, she says, are traffic and safety, snow removal on high risk streets, permits accessibility and protection of the Summit.

While Bostock lives on Victoria Ave. in District 4, where Sports and Recreation commissioner Rosalind Davis is running again, she said she decided to run in District 1 “because it’s an opportunity for change and for new voices to be heard at the table.” She is the only declared candidate for the district so far.

Bostock grew up in Westmount, did Girl Guides and ballet, and helped decorate the family home on Hollowell as a haunted house that became a Halloween landmark year after year.

From Grade 6 she worked at her mother’s Truffe Belge chocolate shop at Sherbrooke and Grey, managing it with her grandmother when her mother later became unable to due to multiple sclerosis. She also worked at the Second Cup on Clarendon.

“I’m proud of how hard I’ve always worked,” she

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Anitra Bostock at the city council meeting September 5.

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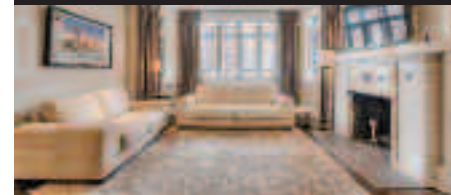


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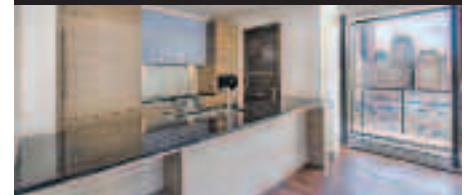


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- On **October 31, 2017 at 9:30**, Mr. Krantz's lawyers will apply to the Honourable Justice Gérard Dugré of the Superior Court of Quebec for approval of these settlement agreements, of class counsel's fees as well as of a protocol detailing how the amount of compensation for each eligible member will be calculated and distributed. The hearing will take place in room 15.07 of the Montreal courthouse, 1 Notre-Dame East, Montreal (Quebec) H2Y 1B6.
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The address of Mr. Krantz's lawyers is as follows :
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value to the neighbourhood.”
Councillor Theodora Samiotis, who chaired the meeting as commissioner of Urban Planning, said a summary of the comments would be prepared for consideration by city council before a second reading to approve the project would take place.

Any recommendations or additions made from this council following the consultation meeting would be passed along to the incoming council elected November 5, she said. The project is subject to a referendum process (see story September 12, p. 1).

On hand were city Urban Planning officials along with Gideon Pollack of Iconic Development with his team. All city councillors also attended, along with Mayor Christina Smith.

Frank Philpott, one of those spearheading and co-ordinating neighbourhood concerns, led off by congratulating Pollack for his efforts to work with residents, even though, he said, many were still against three aspects: the project's size, height and garage access off Claremont.

Solution proposed

Ken London, an architect living on Prince Albert, said safety concerns about the garage ramp opening onto the west side of Claremont could be solved by requiring all exiting cars to turn right into the flow of traffic.

London, who has been working to



From left: Project architect Catherine Vézina, developer Gideon Pollack and contractor Bill Abboud at the city hall public consultation meeting.

broker an agreement to this effect between residents and the developer, and including council members in his emails, asked near the start of question period: “Do we have an agreement with the city?”

“I’m game,” Pollack replied.
But Samiotis said any agreement would have to come from council. “This is not the forum to say we had a deal.”

Several citizens asked for the city to require an insurance bond for them in event of damage to their homes. “Are we on our own if things should go awry?” asked Silvia Bortoluzzi of Claremont.

Urban Planning director Tom Flies repeatedly assured residents they would benefit from the city's requirement of advance photo assessment and documentation of the condition of nearby homes. The city would also carry out daily monitoring as it had with the 175 Metcalfe condo project and enforce a construction management program conditional to the issuance of a building permit.

But, “we’re still left on our own?” Bortoluzzi persisted.

Alexandra Levy of Claremont said she thought it was important
not to have the heritage

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among issues discussed at 500 Claremont meeting



Silvia Bortoluzzi

duction, more green spaces and other factors that had been met by the Westmount recreation centre as part of the city's policy of sustainability.

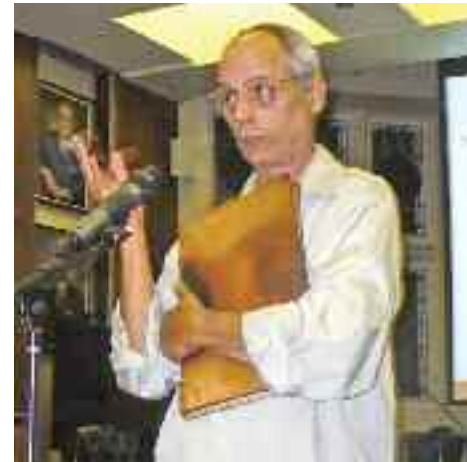
"We're going to design the smartest building in a very old building," Pollack said.

A one-time resident of Windsor himself, he said he was also "very sensitive" to concerns over construction annoyances and damages to the older homes. There would be some pile driving but no blasting, he said.

Regarding sustainability, added project architect Catherine Vézina, "We're giving an old building a new lease on life."

Samiotis also pointed out that the building was empty. "Do you want it to stay vacant?" she asked. If it were demolished and redeveloped with three houses on the property, there would still be a couple of years of construction, she pointed out.

Contractor Bill Abboud said all measures would be taken to mitigate noise and dust. There would be a CSST (safety board) inspector on the site daily as well as a security person and flagman.



Ken London

The first phase of construction to strip the interior and decontaminate it from asbestos would take about six months. During that time, trucks would use the property's parking lot.

Garage ramp

Julia Gersovitz, who chairs the city's Planning Advisory Committee, said the review committee had considered initial comments about creating the garage exit off Windsor rather than Claremont but found, among other things, the degree of incline required to enter the "basement" garage from that point to be too steep.

Instead, integrating the ramp into the natural downward grade of the land on Claremont would allow it to be more level with the garage. This, she found, would help increase safety and provide more control and visibility for exiting drivers. This had been approved by the city's Traffic Advisory Committee, consisting of engineers, police, Public Security and others, for being in tune with local traffic.

The development proposal is being considered by the city under its by-law for non-conforming projects known by the acronym of PPCMOI/SCAOPI.

The current zoning for buildings in this area (R3-16-01) allows only single- and two-family use. A penthouse as well as a proposed extension would also exceed zoning heights.

The meeting lasted more than two hours during which more chairs had to be put out as people kept arriving.

The project had originally been presented at a public meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee in December (see story January 17, p. 9).

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Westmounters **Susan** and **Jonathan Wener** were honorary co-chairs of the Israel Cancer Research Fund's (ICRF) 40th anniversary gala, joining co-chairs **Julie Wiener** (there with her husband **Marc Levy**) and **Robert Spector** (with **Tina Baciannakis Spector**).

Held at Place des Arts on June 12, the evening honoured **Stu Schwartz**, the public address announcer for the NHL Ottawa Senators, who was diagnosed with leukemia in 2016. He attended with his wife **Connie Bernardi** and his parents **Luba** and **Murray Schwartz**.

Committee members **Janet Presser** and **Shari Gordon-Black** organized the amazing pre-show VIP cocktail catered by Beso. Emcee was Breakfast Television's **Catherine Verdon-Diamond**, who spoke of her connection to the cause, having lost her father to brain cancer.

Westmount res, consul general of Israel **Ziv Nevo Kulman**, accompanied by deputy consul **Rotem Segev**, brought greetings on behalf of Israel and congratulated ICRF for its contribution to cancer research. Recognition of ICRF past presidents was presented by current president **Jeffrey Bernstein**, there with his wife **Maxine Foldiak Bernstein**.

Co-chairs **Susan Wener**, a two-time cancer survivor, and **Jonathan Wener** were presented a token of appreciation from **Dr. Walter Gotlieb** (attending with wife **Ariella** and sons **Raphael** and **Steve**) and the Israeli post-doctorate fellows funded by ICRF: **Liron Kogan**, **Roy Kessous**, **Adi Klil-Drori** and the husband-and-wife team



From left: Aaron Rand, Susan Wener, Dr. Walter Gotlieb, Stu Schwartz, Jonathan Wener, Jeffrey Bernstein and Gail Grief.

Amit and Idit Dotan.

The video of **Schwartz**, who received a bone marrow transplant last February, moved the audience. His emotional acceptance speech for receiving an ICRF honorary post-doc research fellowship award left many fumbling for a tissue.

Local res, CJAD's **Aaron Rand** (there with **Valerie Wise**) arrived on stage as a surprise. Rand was one of the key mentors leading **Schwartz** into his broadcasting career. Famed auctioneer



From left: Janet Presser, Julie Weiner and Shari Gordon-Black.

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From left: Raphael, Ariella, Walter and Steve Gottlieb.

Ross Paperman (there with his wife **Selina**) led an animated – and very successful! – live auction. Guests were then thrilled by global pop icon **Andy Grammer** and his band, which kept the chic crowd on their feet for most of the hour-long set.

The fabulous night ended on a sweet note. On the way out, ICRF executive director **Gail Grief** offered guests delicious delights with “thank you” written with icing.

Westmounters present included **Penny and Gordon Echenberg**, **Heather and Joseph Paperman**, **Alta and Harvey Levenson**, **Etty and Ralph Bienstock**, **Gloria and Allan Maislin**, **Gloria and Howard Richman**, **Susan Libman and Barry Pascal**, and **Moir and Michael Pesner**. Also noted enjoying the splendid soirée were **Alvin and Emmelle Segal**, **Monika and Mike Yuval**, **Roz Weiner and Sam Hops**, **Gretty Deutsch** and **Aubie Herscovitch** (chair gala president’s dinner) and **Gail Grief**, ICRF executive director.

The sold-out evening raised \$600,000,

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of Alan Cameron, who worked with Public Security as its dog catcher before joining what was then the Westmount Fire Brigade.

Payne has been working in Westmount since his days as a student in the parks in the summer and with Public Works in the winter before joining Public Security full time.

Public Security has been like a second family, he said. “You become part of the community, getting to know the residents and the merchants.” When he leaves, he said, he’ll take two particular memories with him.

One occurred the night he was patrolling at 10:50 pm and heard glass breaking at the Oink! Oink! store on Greene

Ave. He spotted someone running away and took chase. “I caught him, cuffed him and recovered stolen cash.”

The other was doing 12-hour shifts around the clock “with no day off” for three weeks during the ice storm in 1998. That included helping at the two shelters at Victoria Hall and the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue. “It was a very touching and memorable time,” he said.

And now that the “Twitter Master” is signing off, there’s the likelihood he’ll never be far away – thanks to his own initiative.

Glen closed over weekend, Greene open

Glen Rd. at the train tracks was closed over the September 23-24 weekend and opened by the morning of Monday, September 25, as forecast by the provincial ministry of Transports (see “Westmount concerns part of mix at Turcot meeting,” August 22, p. 11). As also forecast, Greene was open at the tracks when the *Independent* checked on September 25.

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said.

Bostock attended Roslyn, Westmount High, Dawson and Concordia, where she graduated with a bachelor's degree from Concordia in 2004 in applied human sciences, after which she joined the city.

In that capacity she also worked as a permit clerk, sat on the committee that opened the original TAG teen centre on Sherbrooke at Metcalfe and did a seven-week stint at the Canada Pavilion during the 2010 Vancouver Olympics and Paralympics.

Bostock continues to play on the city's women's hockey team and volunteers as a girls' soccer coach in the city's program. Over the years, she has volunteered in many sports programs at different organizations.

She has two step-daughters with her partner Aislin Mosher.

Kathleen Kez – District 8

Kathleen Kez is running for council to seek improvements to everyday quality of life in District 8, which, she says, needs more traffic calming, street and sidewalk repair, homeowner control over renovations, green space and action on the sound barrier, which is now before the courts.

"With all the development projects going on around us, our community needs some relief," she states.

Instead, she contends, everyday needs are being overshadowed by the priority the city is putting on its planning focus on the "Southeast revitalization project." This, she says, is what has driven her to run for elec-



Kathleen Kez at council meeting, September 15.

tion after "frustration" with a lack of transparency as a member of the city's task force on the subject.

She's an advocate for creating a greenbelt, where the Tupper lots are now, that could be created using some of the city's surplus. "That's what would really bring the community together," – a place where children can play and shoppers and others can rest and talk.

She said she is asking residents to give her an opportunity to "work to keep our unique community and make District 8 an even better place to live," adding, "a vote for me is a vote for you," the slogan of her campaign.

Kez, a graduate in commerce and accounting from Concordia and McGill, owns her own business in accounting and tax preparation services for small businesses and individuals. She also volunteers for a Canada Revenue Agency program that offers services for those in need.

She lived in France for 10 years but moved back to Westmount in 2002 with her children. Nicolas Bel, 20, is a student at Concordia's John Molson School of Business. Chloe Bel, 16, attends Collège de Montréal and, Kez says, is eager to follow in her brother's footsteps as a Westmount camp councillor.

A resident of Dorchester and divorced, Kez grew up in Westmount attending Roslyn and Westmount High.

She says the Southeast project needs to be divided into two separate plans.

One is the long overdue need to stimulate activity in the commercial area of St. Catherine and Greene, "for which, to date, the city has not presented us with any plan."

The other is Dorchester and the city's preliminary plan for developing the Tupper lots by building on them, which she calls "frightening."

Dorchester itself, she explains, functions well as an artery. "Simple traffic calming measures" are all that is needed rather than a reconfiguration as suggested and is deemed to create traffic congestion.

Kez said she was "initially excited" to be part of the task force group and be contributing to a vision for the area. She became distressed, however, by a large number of city representatives at these meetings and worried about possible conflict of interest.

By the final meeting, she said, "I was stunned and very disappointed that the task force seemed to be steered into choosing one of three urban-dense options," which, she said did not reflect ideas voiced at an initial public workshop.

This led to a petition she and her brother Tony put together and collected over 200 signatures door to door. "We had been mystified by the lack of communication from the city... I am not alone in feeling we are not being heard."

"We must put together a plan through consultation and consideration. Let's make Dorchester the gateway into Westmount, something beautiful that we can all be proud of."

Joanne Wallace – District 6

Joanne Wallace, who describes herself as a creative artistic consultant, says the needs of Westmount's seniors is one of the reasons she has decided to run for city council in District 6.

This comes in part from recognizing their needs from her involvement as a member of the city's Healthy City Project, the organizer of its two Smart Living Days and her own professional work in the field of home care services. She also operates her own company called Bright Colours Design, which provides art therapy programs for seniors.

"They are so in need of services that I believe can be provided by volunteers," she said. "I have many ideas, and I'm reaching out to help them at the level of city council."

Wallace said that just the other day she had seen a senior trying to cross de Maisonneuve at Clarke using a walker.

When the woman reached the middle of the street, she had to stop to let a cyclist speed by against his light. After waiting, her own light had changed, and she was stuck in the traffic.

One of Wallace's roles when working at Bayshore Home Health for five years, she said, was doing pre-assessment evaluations for people in need of special services.

While she actually lives in District 7 on Kensington Ave., just south of the border with District 6 on de Maisonneuve, she said she had chosen to run in ward 6 because it was being vacated by Nicole Forbes. Mary Gallery is also running there.

Interestingly, Wallace has worked on several committees with Forbes (commissioner of Culture and Community Events), including the Healthy City Project, the Community Events Advisory Committee and Art Westmount.

Wallace grew up as a teenager in Westmount in the family home on de Maisonneuve near Kensington. She attended Westmount High.

Raising her own son and daughter in downtown Knowlton for 13 years, she operated her company as a supplier of artists' materials before moving back to Westmount in 2004 to Kensington Manor. This is the large apartment building north of St. Catherine, where she is president of the tenants' association.

A painter, Wallace uses bright colours "which gave me the name for my company," she said.

Among exhibitions in which she has displayed her acrylics are Art Westmount, the Gallery in Victoria Hall (a group show) and at Theatre Lac Brome as well as the Knowlton Golf Club.

Divorced, Wallace has a son, William Vachon, 31, an architect who lives and works in Berlin, and a daughter, Jeanne Vachon, 27, who works in films and at Animalerie Little Bear. Vachon lives with her and is her official agent for the election campaign.



Joanne Wallace, September 18 on Kensington.

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Readers *really* care about proper labelling of butterflies

The *Independent* heard from many readers, who claimed the butterflies that appeared in the September 19 issue (p. 13) were painted ladies, not monarchs.

Despite the unanimous outcry from the readership, and as with all claims of incorrect information, the newspaper took the normal procedure to contact a credible source to identify the butterflies, which it found in McGill University's Lyman Entomological Museum. It confirmed that the type of butterfly was the painted lady, *vanessa cardui*. (See correction, p. 6.)

Here are some of the messages the *Indie* received on the subject:

- "I would like to point out that the butterflies on p. 13 are not monarchs but '*belles dames*.'"

- "They are not monarchs but painted ladies. They are on migration, but we don't know where they are going. They look similar to monarchs, which have two rows of white dots on the edges of their wings, but painted ladies have just one row."

- "I'm sure you are aware that the butterflies in this photo are not monarchs but painted lady butterflies. I had been noticing them all [recently], was curious and asked Google. I don't think I've ever seen so many butterflies in the air, on the ground and on flowers – just about wherever you look. When I really looked down on one, it didn't really seem like a monarch."

- "Just a little comment on the photo of butterflies on p. 13 of the September 19 paper. The caption seems to imply that the butterflies in the photo are monarchs. In fact they are painted ladies. Thought you might like to know."

- "This butterfly was a painted lady. If people were interested, they could call up a CBC program on it."

- "I have just finished reading the paper dated September 19, and there is an error

on p. 13. The butterflies [outside city hall] are not monarchs. They are painted ladies. I, too, made the mistake but on the news and in the *Gazette*, they said people are confusing them."

- "You probably know by now that the butterflies in the photo (September 19) are painted ladies, not monarchs as the *Indie* reported. Their visit was important enough to [make] a report in the *Gazette* and on the radio as well."

- "I'm such a stickler that I have to write this. In the September 19 issue of the *Independent*, there is a [caption] about monarch butterflies. [They] are not monarchs but painted ladies. If you could check out the *Gazette* article on them, the pictures included show the difference."

- "In the September 19 issue of the *Independent*, Ralph Thomson's lovely photo is of a type known as painted ladies that are nourished by a great many different flowers. By contrast, monarch butterflies feed only on milk weed, which is certainly not found in Westmount flower beds. The painted ladies are a delight to watch and will be around until suitable currents of air flowing southward will allow them to coast more easily to their winter homes in the south. Thank you for printing this beautiful photo."

- "I'm reporting to you about a small mistake in your article about the migrating orange butterflies. You see, the orange butterflies depicted were not monarchs but *vanessa cardui*, commonly known as "cosmopolitans" or "*belle dames*." These tiny tricksters are here in unprecedented numbers due to ideal breeding conditions as well as winds from the southwest, which are preventing them from following the St. Laurence *en route* to warmer climates. They may only be here for a short time, but they've put on a splendid show impersonating the most famous butterfly, the monarch."

– Kristin McNeill, editor



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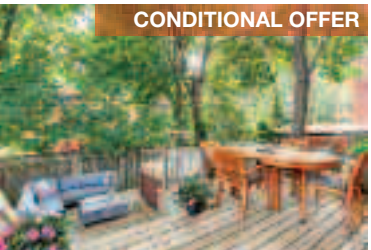
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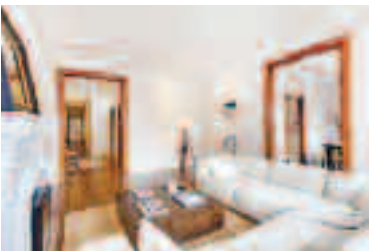
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