

City seeks bids for expert 'needs study' on indoor pool

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount took its first step into launching a professional process relating to an indoor pool during the city council meeting October 2.

Mayor Christina Smith announced that the city would be going to tender October 5 to solicit bids for a needs study as a tool for the basis of a feasibility study. She suggested that there might have been a "misunderstanding" that the city could be undertaking the needs study in house.

"It's much more complicated than I thought," she later explained, pointing out that the preliminary study would not be looking at locations or costs.

The professional study would assess what pools exist in and around Westmount, what they offer in terms of multi-generational use such as diving, splash

pads, gyms and other features as well as the city's demography.

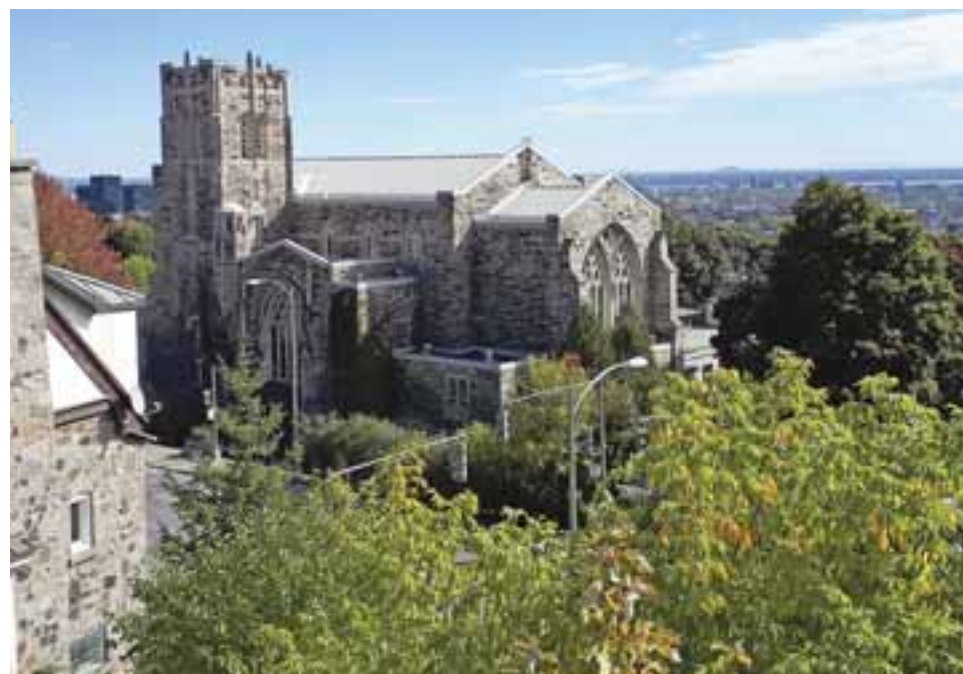
A user survey conducted by the city last year resulted in 1,100 returns, 80 percent of which "generally favoured" the desire and need for an indoor pool (see story August 8, 2017, p. 1).

Required for grant

However, a professionally conducted study would be required in the event the city were to seek infrastructure funding, according to city director general Benoit Hurtubise. "It's got to be done professionally."

"If the outcome from the needs study is 'yes' and council believes that Westmount would benefit from a pool and at what size, the next step would be to pursue a feasibility study to look into other aspects continued on p. 7

Mountainside United sold to developer



Mountainside United Church from the Upper Roslyn lookout on October 5. The church has been sold to a developer. See story on p. 2.
Photo: Independent.

Public Security nabs suspect with stolen goods, narcotics

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A 38-year-old man faces "multiple charges" related to stolen goods and possession of drugs after he was recognized September 26 in Clandeboye lane by a public safety officer, Public Security officials said. He was "wanted" in connection with an incident a couple of weeks earlier in Elm lane.

The officer was patrolling around 4:45

pm behind houses on Clandeboye when he noticed the man on private property backing onto the lane. The man was stuffing items into garage bags and placing them in a large garbage bin, which he started wheeling away.

The man was wearing the same clothing and matched a description of a suspect the officer had seen on security camera footage trying car doors and the back doors of continued on p. 4

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Houses, condos probable

Sale announced of Mountainside Church to real estate developer, gives church 3 years



The Lansdowne-side parking lot and lawn of Mountainside United Church from The Boulevard on October 5. To be houses in three years' time? Photo: Independent.

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

After going up for sale some two years ago, Mountainside United Church has been sold to a real estate developer, the *Independent* learned last week.

The century-old imposing stone structure and land on The Boulevard stretches from Lansdowne to Roslyn and is considered one of the most venerable institutions in Westmount. It was formerly known as Dominion-Douglas.

“We will have time to work out our future plans,” writes Don McLeod, chair of the board of trustees, in a notice from the church office to members October 2. The congregation would continue worshipping at Mountainside “for at least the next three years.”

Developer Daniel Revah of Corev Immobilier said last week he was planning to build “probably houses and condos.” The church itself, he said, had the potential of selling as a large private home. “The moment I walked inside, I saw how lovely it

was and what could be made of it.”

Revah, who built his own home on Summit Rd. where he continues to live, says he is no stranger to working with the city. He also was a partner in the condo project at 215 Redfern.

Asked why he purchased the Mountainside property, he answered simply: “Location. Location. Location.” Negotiations with the church community went easily, he said, and he will be using the three-year “grace period” to develop his plans.

The selling price “as announced” by McLeod was \$4,025,000, generating net proceeds after commission and legal fees of \$3,786,454. The property has a city valuation of more than \$10 million.

He cited the quality of work done by the company at its current project in Outremont, Le 1420 Boulevard Mont-Royal.

The news comes as the city continues its process of exploring ways to help Westmount’s 13 heritage houses of worship survive in the wake of generally declining congregations and sources of financing

(see story September 25, page 8).

Maintenance vs. donations

While Mountainside is believed to be one of the more heavily endowed establishments, the cost of maintaining it does not match current donations from church members, former minister John Forster told the *Independent* in a story April 5, 2016 after the church had been put up for sale March 16.

The church, he explained, had commissioned two studies on its future and “our research showed it would probably take seven or eight years to get any redevelopment approved.”

He said converting the building into condos, for example, “was out of the question” since the city would not allow new windows to be made in the façade.

The church is currently without a minister, though it is understood that a new one is to be proposed to congregants October 10.

See photo on p. 1.



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Westmount has no say on cell tower installation, says city official

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Despite a de Maisonneuve Blvd. high-rise apartment dweller's complaint that a cell phone antenna array installed recently atop a Kensington Ave. building may be unhealthy and is obstructing his view, a city official says there is practically nothing Westmount can do about it.

Installation of the antennae on the roof of 239 Kensington Ave. began more than a month ago, Stephen Goodman, who lives at the top of the 4300 de Maisonneuve building, said in an interview with the *Independent*.

"I didn't realize what it was," he said. "I thought maybe it was something temporary. My friend said to me, 'Those are cell towers. They get money for that.' I said, 'It's really ugly. I hope it's not going to stay.' He said it is."

In addition to raising possible health issues involving exposure to radiofrequency fields, Goodman lamented his loss of a once spectacular and unobstructed view of



This photo taken recently from high up in the 4300 de Maisonneuve building of the antennae on the roof of 239 Kensington Ave. shows southwest Montreal in the background. Inset: A close-up view of some of the antennae.

the southwest portion of the island of Montreal.

"Why should I lose a beautiful view?" he said. "And not only that, but substituting it with something as ugly as this."

He said he was apprehensive about the possible effect of the cellular antennae's RF field on the people living underneath. "It's a matter of concern," he said. "It can't be very good for them."

City of Westmount director-general Benoit Hurtubise told the *Independent* that as a general rule the installation of cell towers on private property is regulated by the federal government, and that municipalities have practically no say in the matter.

After checking with city urban planning director Tom Flies, Hurtubise confirmed that *continued on p. 4*

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Looking south down the Clandeboye lane on October 5.

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Cell tower, cont'd. from p. 3

Westmount has no by-laws regarding cell towers. “Generally, when it comes to cellular antennae on private property, all of this is regulated through Industry Canada,” he said, referring to the former name for Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada.

“Municipalities could be consulted in very specific circumstances,” Hurtubise added. “But in terms of integrating things into by-laws, it would be extremely complex if we were to do that because it would require the full participation of Industry

Canada. And most cities including ourselves are not getting into that because in the end they [Industry Canada] have the final say.”

Asked whether the city of Westmount keeps track of cellular antennae being installed on its territory, Hurtubise replied, “There’s no obligation whatsoever for an owner to tell us that there’s an antenna somewhere.”

On a web page dedicated to safety issues involving cell phones and cellular towers, Health Canada states, “The radiofrequency fields given off by cell

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houses off the Elm lane.

As the suspect “wheeled away,” the officer called for back-up and began following the man to Stayner. There, he and another officer intercepted him on the sidewalk for having just been on private property.

When the man was told about his trespassing, the bags were opened and found to contain tools and power equipment.

The suspect asked, and was allowed, to retrieve some papers he said he had put in one of the bags to keep them dry, which he subsequently was seen trying to conceal in some bushes. Narcotics were found wrapped inside.

Police were called. Public Security issued him a ticket for \$149 for prowling (being on private property without authorization) and police took him away.


As a result, the suspect faces “multiple charges” for being in possession of stolen items, possession of drugs and trespassing at night in connection with the incident on Elm, said Public Security director Greg McBain in relating the incident.

“It was thanks to both the resident, whose camera footage was given to Public Security, and the observation of the officer, that the suspect was intercepted,” he said. It was not known where the tools had been stolen, he added, but it was apparently not from the houses on Clandeboye.

phones and cell phone towers is a type of non-ionizing radiation,” which unlike ionizing radiation (as emitted by X-ray machines), “cannot break chemical bonds in your body.”

As well, the department says that cell phones and cell phone towers must meet regulatory requirements that limit human exposure to RF energy. “With respect to cell phone towers, as long as exposures respect the limits set in Health Canada’s guidelines, there is no scientific reason to consider cell phone towers dangerous to the public,” claims Health Canada.

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Sound barrier along the falaise?

Council agrees to pay up to half the feasible study



The CP tracks and falaise crest from the end of Abbott Ave. on October 5.

Photo: Independent.

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council approved a resolution October 2 to pay “under protest” up to half the cost of a new feasibility study concerning a sound barrier to reduce noise

from the new highway 136.

The study would be required to determine the feasibility of erecting a sound barrier along the *falaise* between the CP train tracks and the highway, as proposed recently by the Quebec ministry of Transport (see story October 2, p. 1).

Moved by Councillor Jeff Shamie, the motion states the sound climate projected at the end of the highway’s construction will be “well beyond the acceptable threshold of 55 decibels.”

As a result, it states, “it is in everyone’s interests” that preliminary steps leading to the construction of noise barriers be taken immediately rather than at the conclusion of the city’s court case, “which could extend over several years.”

Five years ago, the city undertook to pay 50 percent of a feasibility study for a sound barrier east of Hallowell (see story August 20, 2013, p. 8). Two years later, residents expressed opposition to options proposed in the study and suggested a barrier be built along the existing Ville Marie expressway (see story August 4, 2015, p.1).

The previous study related to a barrier between houses and the tracks. A number of problems were encountered with this positioning. These included insufficient space between houses and the CP right of way, as well as the need to break the barrier at Greene.

This eventually led the city to launch its court action asking the MTQ to construct one at government expense along the new highway during its construction from the area near Blenheim Place or Glen Rd., similar to what is being done for residents of the Southwest borough.

Expands hours to include breakfast

Perez takes over Bilboquet; adds soup and sandwiches, Paris-inspired pastries and quiches

Bilboquet’s new owner, Paris-born Yann Perez, took over in May, but has already shaken things up at the Sherbrooke St. ice cream parlour. For starters, it is no longer just an ice cream parlour.

“I wanted to add food choices, given my experience as a pastry chef and to help get the store through the winter, when we will be open,” said Perez last week at his Victoria village store. “We have also added home-made fruit pies and croissants, and the hours to have customers in for breakfast.”

The new hours are every day from 9:30 am to 7 pm until summer, when the store will close at 11 pm.

Of course, ice cream remains a key part of the store’s offering, with the iconic counter remaining in place the length of one wall.

Paris to St. Barts to Westmount

Perez was born in Paris, France, but has lived for the last 28 years on the Caribbean island of St. Barts (St-Barthélemy). There, he made and sold furniture at his own store, and worked as an interior designer. He is also an artist and brings that sensibility to the new Bilboquet. “I am having artists exhibit their work here, so my décor changes each month,” he said.

While in his late teens, he worked in the restaurant industry, an experience he is bringing to Bilboquet. Also new to the menu, and as take-out, are sandwiches, a wide range of coffee choices (prepared and



ground to take home), pizza, cheesecake and quiches. There is also a soup bar, with a choice of *gratin*-style French soups: including vegetable and sweet potato.

Why come to Montreal and Westmount? “For the education of my children and because it is French speaking,” he said. “And St. Barts is only 5 hours away.”

A happy coincidence

Perez’s experience in the food industry made operating an ice cream parlour/café/restaurant an obvious choice, but the specific choice of Bilboquet was a happenstantial “*drôle d’histoire*” (odd story).

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MORE INFO NEEDED ON POOL'S CONCRETE

RE: [City council's resolution] on negotiations regarding WRC pool rust spots (September 11, p. 1).

It seems that Westmount residents are not getting the necessary information to understand the issue with regard to the rust stains in the pool, and the phrase of "good standards and practices" is casually referred to.

The responsibilities of each of the participants is important to note.

The professional team of architects, engineers and soil engineers is responsible

to specify the strength and characteristics of the concrete, the coverage required, the type of rebar (regular, galvanized or epoxy coated) to be used and the type and installation specs for the paint used.

The contractor along with the sub-contractors is responsible for ensuring the proper slump (shrinkage of the concrete during the curing process), the strength of the concrete, the placing and proper vibration of the concrete during installation and the curing of the concrete (which is weather and temperature related), all to ensure that the specifications are respected.

An independent inspection company was engaged to supervise the work during construction to ensure that these plans and specifications were respected.

Solroc, upon the evidence of rust stains, was engaged to verify the work delivered

and confirmed in a preliminary opinion that "there was insufficient coverage of the concrete over the rebar" as quoted in the article. The study is not available from the city.

So the real questions prior to any negotiations are what was specified, what was delivered, what concrete testing services were engaged to ensure the quality of work, and what did the inspector's reports conclude in such regard?

Most importantly, it is not a question of "good standards and practices" at this point in time for this type of contract.

It is only after the identification of these items should there be any discussion with regard to negotiations and remedial work, and taxpayers are entitled to be made aware of any possible solutions concerning the durability of the pool, the possible increased maintenance costs and the periods of loss of use that may be encountered.

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PEDESTRIANS, WATCH OUT AT SHERBROOKE AND VICTORIA

I am writing to warn pedestrians who cross the street on Sherbrooke and Victoria to be extra careful and always check for cars running the red light. I attempted to cross Sherbrooke from the north-east corner of Victoria recently at 7 pm. The pedestrian sign was on. The bus had stopped at the light and so did a car on the inner lane of Sherbrooke. I attempted to cross but for some reason stopped in front of the bus when a car came flying through the red light beside the bus. He could have wiped me out if I had not been careful. I don't know what the solution is to stop people from running the lights on that corner but maybe just getting it out there for people to be extra cautious will help.

ROSY JOHNSTONE, VICTORIA AVE.

PRINCE-ALBERT PERSON: PLAGIARIZED PUNS PUBLISHED PAR PRICE

On October 2 (p. 6), you published an amusing letter about puns overheard by a reader at various locations in Westmount (National store, Westmount High, etc.), such as "Buy pre-shredded cheese – Make America Grate Again!" Good to see a bit of humour getting into our community paper!

This pun and the others in the October 2 letter have gone viral. For five years, Vince Rozmiarek, an unassuming volunteer at the Indian Hills community centre in Colorado back-country, has been amusing drivers-by with his own puns on road

signs. Vince makes no claim to inventing them all. But he's certainly the instigator. See: www.facebook.com/IndianHillsCommunitySign/.

The author of last week's letter intentionally manufactured false news by writing that these were "overheard in Westmount" – they weren't!* – while also plagiarizing by copying and pasting lines from another source (on the web, I'd bet) – without acknowledging the source. This is surely below our collective red-line and it must not be digested as harmless, just another case of the "new social media-age normal."

I read about this this genial Coloradan in an artists' blog called Hyperallergic. Vince Rozmiarek's work merits the label "artistic," the mag argued. I figured I could do this. Sadly, I could only come up with an offensive two-liner, maybe not a pun at all: "Kissing sucks!" (Sorry.)

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*Who knows? Maybe they were. Were you everywhere in Westmount at every hour of the day for the past year? – DP.

ALL FLAGS SHOULD BE PRISTINE

I am forwarding a letter that I sent two years ago. The message continues to be the same today as it was then. Kindly reprint.

I noticed the pristine flags (municipal, provincial and federal) located at the cenotaph on Sherbrooke across the street from the École Internationale this week just in time for Remembrance Day. Would it be too much to ask our city, government officials and building owners to ensure that ANY and ALL flags hoisted remain pristine at ALL times out of respect for the fallen soldiers as well as its citizens? For some, it may seem unimportant, but I believe by recognizing this gesture it reinforces the pride and honour that we should all have to live in this free and democratic society.

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*Meeting at Vic Hall***Kiely: Consultation on Mount Royal access an 'absolute failure'**

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The public "consultation" meeting on the closure of Mount Royal to through-traffic held in Westmount September 12 was "an absolute abject failure," Maureen Kiely of The Boulevard told city council October 2.

The event, held by the Office de consultation publique de Montréal at Victoria Hall, was organized as a workshop where people at one table never got to hear what those at others had to say, she complained.

"I was absolutely furious," Kiely said. "I didn't know you had to register. I take real exception to this." It was not the Westmount way, she pointed out.

Many outraged

She, like many outraged others, were initially turned away by OCPM organizers until eventually allowed in when additional tables were set up (see story September 18, p. 13).

Mayor Christina Smith said she had already given them her feedback but that it was "hard for me to dictate" how they

would hold their meeting. "I asked for a broader consultation."

Kiely, however, persisted in her objection saying that Westmount mountain was one of the three peaks comprising Mount Royal "so we should have a say" and that such a meeting held in Westmount should adhere to Westmount standards.

"I take real exception. We are a democracy." She suggested Smith write a strongly worded letter expressing this feeling.

Mayor Smith urged residents to fill out an online consultation form expressing their concerns. The form can be found on the OCPM website accessed from westmount.org and searching OCPM Mount Royal access.

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such as possible location."

While an indoor pool had been identified as a priority of the current council, which was elected almost a year ago, preparation of the specifications for the current professional services contract had itself required time and expertise, he said.



Maureen Kiely asks Mayor Christina Smith to write a letter to Montreal over the Mount Royal access meeting.

In this respect, the city was fortunate its assistant director general, Sandra Avakian, had experience in the building of an indoor pool while in charge of infrastructure in Boucherville.

He also said the city had been liaising with Lachine, which is also going through the same process.

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The line-up at 9:30 am at Victoria Hall on election day, October 1.

Photo: Ralph Thompson.

Provincial Liberal Jennifer Maccarone garnered 14,547 votes or 67.7 percent of the valid votes cast in the Westmount-St. Louis riding for the October 1 election, becoming the electoral district's first female provincial legislator.

Québec Solidaire's Ekaterina Piskunova came second with 2,236. There were 21,805 valid ballots and 178 rejected ones.

Élections Québec clocked the preliminary voter turnout in the riding at 48.47 percent.

Jennifer Maccarone (Liberal)
14,547 (66.71%)

Ekaterina Piskunova (Québec Solidaire)
2,236 (10.25%)

Michelle Morin (CAQ)
2,110 (9.68%)

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Champlain bridge to open on time, speakers tell Women's Canadian Club

By MARTIN C. BARRY

"Will it be open on time?"

According to Stéphanie Lassonde, senior communications director for SNC-Lavalin, which is leading the consortium building the new Champlain bridge, that's all she and Sylvie Rabbat, a controls engineer on the project, have been hearing since construction started more than three years ago.

"We got that the first day we started working and we get that every single time we meet people," Lassonde told 175 members of the Women's Canadian Club of Montreal who gathered on September 18 in the auditorium of Victoria Hall where she and Rabbat were the guest speakers.

While factors like the weather are from time to time temporarily slowing down some aspects of the bridge's construction, as things now stand, it is still scheduled to be completed by late December, said Lassonde.

"So is it a challenge with three months left? Absolutely," she said. "There's no question in my mind it's a challenge to meet that schedule. We don't have a choice. We need to open on the 21st of December. It's been all over the media: we get fined heavily if we don't open. So there's a \$100,000 fine the next day if we don't open and the same every day. And in a week's time, we get a \$400,000 fine every day."

Lassonde described the experience of working on the new Champlain bridge as a "once-in-a-lifetime project," while adding that for Rabbat it's possibly twice-in-a-lifetime since the latter, after working on the new bridge, is now assigned to the REM rapid transit train project, which will be crossing the new bridge to Montreal's South Shore.

In the meantime, it would seem the timeline for getting back to a degree of normalcy in the Montreal region, when all the major projects currently under way – including the Turcot highway interchange



SNC-Lavalin senior communications director Stéphanie Lassonde, right, is seen here with Sylvie Rabbat, who worked as a controls engineer on the new Champlain Bridge project, during their presentation to the Women's Canadian Club of Montreal on Sept. 18 in Victoria Hall.

reconstruction – are finally done, could be even longer than you might have imagined, based at least on what Lassonde's words suggest.

"Once Turcot is done, once Champlain is done and once the REM is done, so in 2025 by the time that the grass is green and the flowers and the trees are all done – maybe by 2030 when everything has just been set – it's just going to be a very different city," she said.

While the new Champlain bridge is being built to last 125 years, Lassonde let Rabbat explain why a structure like the Victoria bridge has been in place 159 years and will probably be around even longer. "It's a railway bridge so they have a completely different mindset when they build for trains and the loads that they carry," said Rabbat.

Lassonde said close to 1,500 personnel are currently working on a 24/7 schedule

to complete the cable-stayed Champlain bridge replacement. The REM train will pass along the centre of the span. There will also be pedestrian and cycling paths along the full length.

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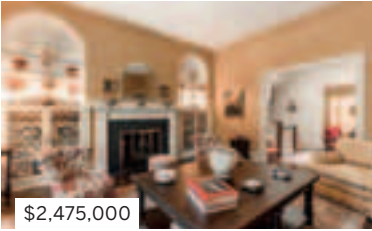
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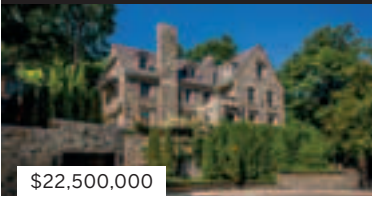
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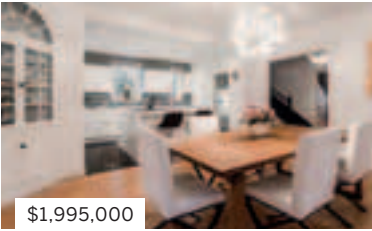
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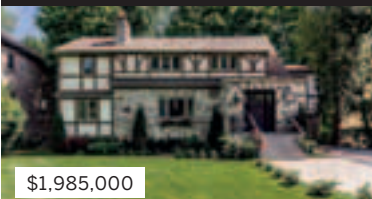
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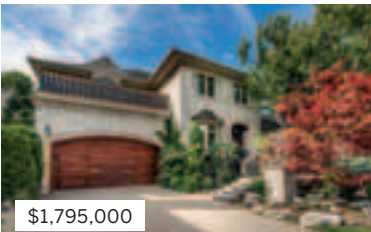
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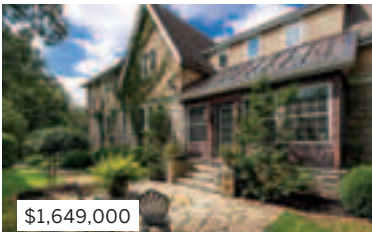
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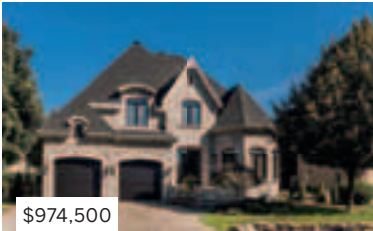


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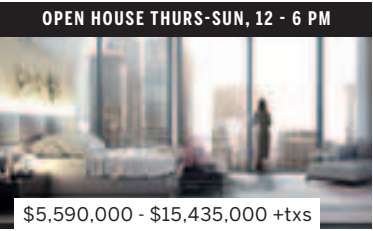


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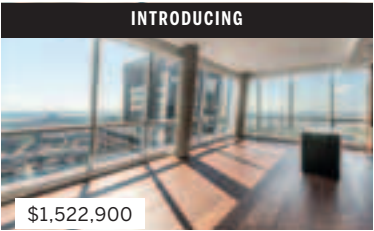
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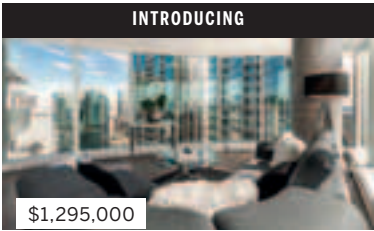
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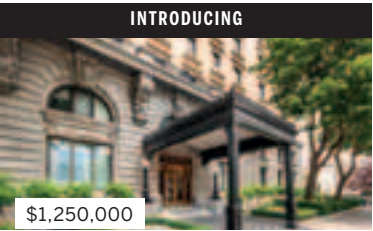


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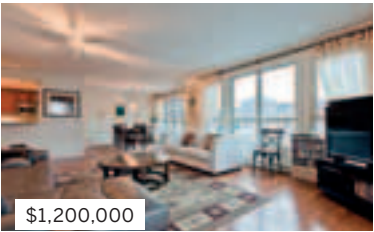


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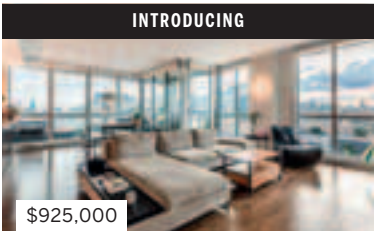
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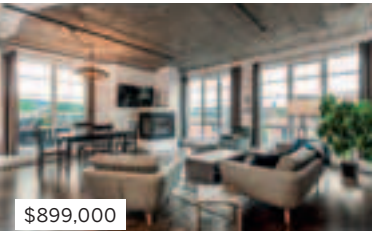


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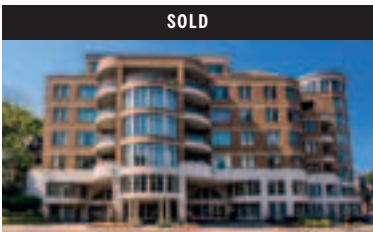


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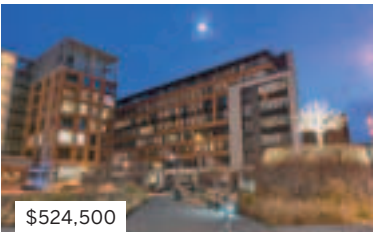
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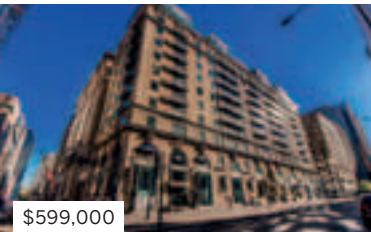
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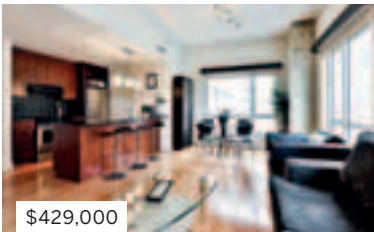
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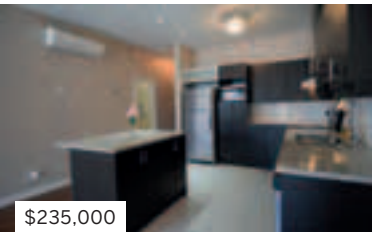
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First 'Off the Wall' sale features works by Aislin, Cosgrove, Heimlich

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

"Off the Wall," a sale of gently used art held at Westmount Park Church on September 29 for the Stephen Lewis Foundation's Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign against AIDS in Africa, featured works in a wide range of genres – including some pieces by renowned artists.

Among the 400 works displayed and available for purchase were two nude sketches by Montreal artist Stanley Cosgrove. Cosgrove was a member of the Canadian Group of Painters. Founded in 1933, the CGP succeeded the Group of Seven.

First time

According to event committee co-chair Ena Doyle of the West Hill Grandmothers group, it was the first time they held the sale. The posted price for each of the Cosgrove works, which were evaluated by a professional art appraiser before being put on sale, was \$600.

"In the early spring, we started making appeals to communities through churches and libraries and our various own contacts



'Off the Wall' organizing committee members Vera Burt (left), Jan McConnell and Sheila Denton are seen here at the September 29 event with the two Stanley Cosgrove sketches in the background between McConnell and Denton.

at senior citizens' residences, asking people for anything they might be getting rid

of while downsizing," Doyle said, explaining how they acquired the works.

While the two Cosgroves were still up for grabs during the early afternoon when the *Independent* dropped by, a work by another renowned Canadian artist, Herman Heimlich, sold earlier in the day, according to Doyle.

A sketch by Montreal *Gazette* editorial cartoonist Terry Mosher, better known as Aislin, was also snapped up. "We sold it for \$30," Doyle said, noting that the Aislin and Heimlich works were also appraised before being offered.

Doyle was uncertain whether they would hold a similar event next year. She said it would depend on the outcome of this year's sale. While noting that most of the remaining art pieces would be donated to Nova Montréal, she said the more valuable items would be kept and sold privately with the help of social media.

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These joined pieces of metal were set up in the east-west portion of the Clandeboye alley on October 5. They looked like an infantryman's mortar, but their actual purpose is not known. Photo: Independent

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Jamie Kitty

9 Lives

LYSANNE FOWLER



Here she is, superstar Jamie. She has the looks, the dainty walk and the gaze ... Such incredible water-green eyes, drawing you in! Jamie Kitty is a delightful grey-and-white tiger-striped domestic shorthair, with a bit of caramel mixed in for a unique continued on p. 15

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Dawson College's physiotherapy clinic doubles its footprint

The physiotherapy clinic at Dawson College CEGEP is not yet two years old, but it has already doubled in size. It opened in early 2017 and renovations over the summer have roughly doubled the size of its third-floor facility in Dawson's main building.

Prior to last year, students in the physiotherapy program, founded in 2012, had to go off site for their clinical education.

Anyone can go to the clinic for treatment. A licensed physiotherapist evaluates patients and supervised students oversee the prescribed regimen. Approximately 75 percent of patients are Dawson students and staff. Other frequent users have been the elderly, refugees and students from other CEGEPs.

The clinic is a private not-for-profit, but rates are low, said the faculty's physiotherapy coordinator, Vanessa Gangai, on September 27. "It is a win-win for the community and us. Patients get affordable care and our students get hands-on training."

"We want to let the community know they have affordable physiotherapy available," added administrative assistant Andrea Rudolph.



From left, Andrea Rudolph and Vanessa Gangai on September 27.

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look. This young sweetheart was taken in by the SPCA Montérégie when she was left in their driveway this spring. She was extremely weak and thin, but with the wonderful care of the shelter staff has blossomed into this affectionate and playful youngster. At a year and a half of age now, Jamie is very healthy, having received all her vaccinations and been spayed.

Please contact Cindy at 514.704.3445 or email her at info@spcamonteregie.com to find out more about Jamie. The SPCA Montérégie is a no-kill grassroots shelter located at 178 chemin du Vide in St.

Angèle de Monnoir. It would be a colourful fall drive through the South Shore if you would like to drop by for an adoption visit on their regular Thursday or Saturdays from 2 to 4 pm, or on appointment. Their website is www.spcamonteregie.com to find out more about the shelter, their activities, and their foster program as well.

Update: Great news! Miss Kitty, featured in our September 11 (p. 28) issue, has been adopted. Many thanks to the family that reached out and gave her a home!

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Confusing times on de Maisonneuve (part 3)

On September 19 (left), the *Independent* noticed yet another placement (or migration?) of a de Maisonneuve/Prince Albert detour sign. This time it was situated on de Maisonneuve west of Prince Albert in the section of the road that has been closed from time to time this month. It did not seem to make sense since the sign directed westbound motorists up Claremont, while de Maisonneuve west of Claremont was open (see background of photo). That was the still the case on October 5 (bottom).



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Rogue sign

Meanwhile on September 20 (right), the *Independent* noticed this rogue sign on the east side of Claremont near Somerville (i.e. with its back to oncoming, north-bound traffic) directing any drivers who could see it into the block of apartment buildings on the west side of Claremont. On October 5, the *Independent* talked to an actual motorist who was confused about what to do.
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Social Notes

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"Someday my prints will come."

With apologies to the famed sound-alike Disney phrase – which had a totally different meaning – the prints première at Westmount's Han Art Gallery on September 20 was also a hit.

Local res and gallery director **Chloe Lui** and her husband **Andrew Lui**, an artist, welcomed guests to their soirée. The vernissage featured prints – many with a red dot/sold sticker – from renowned international artists such as Henry Moore, Sam Francis, CoBrA founding member Pierre Alechinsky; Dutch painter Karel Appel and Tapiès, whose foundation/cultural center in Barcelona is dedicated to this Spanish artist's work. Quebec artists shown were Alfred Pellán, famed leader of the Prisme d'Yeux collective, and Jean-Paul Riopelle, the accomplished abstract painter, sculptor and graphic artist. West-mounters noted at the reception included

The Indie will soon publish its fall social calendar. Please send information on your events to redgrave@videotron.ca.

Prints, charming, at Han Gallery



Chloe and Andrew Lui.

Annette Hellmeister and her husband Marvin Epstein, Dorota Kozinska, Rhoda



Sue and Jawaid Khan.

Pinsky, Lena Caralopoulos, Sue and James, and lawyer Vincent Prager, just back continued on p. 18

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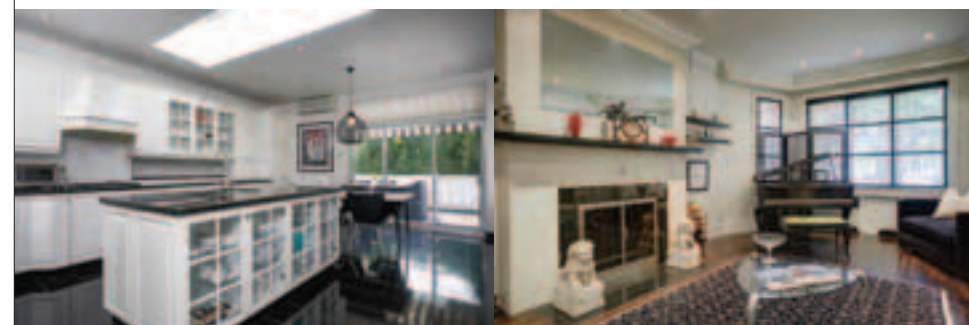
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Sylvie Laplante, Tass Grivakes, who has since died, and Diane Sharpe.



Marvin Epstein, Annette Hellmeister and Vincent Prager.



Hubert Marleau.

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from the gala he organized at his Oppenheimer-Prager Museum at Dayspring in St. Andrews, New Brunswick. Owned by Prager, Dayspring was the former residence of Lady Dunn and Sir James Dunn and the gala was reminiscent of their “Farewell to Summer” evenings held there in the 1950s.

The Oppenheimer-Prager Museum was established by Prager to feature the art of his grandfather Joseph Oppenheimer and mother, artist **Eva Prager**, a long-time Westmount resident, who passed away in 2010.

Also noted were former Westmounter **Mary-Ann Ferguson** as well as **Don Royer**,

Sophia Paleotheodoros and **Walter Qualizza**, lawyer **Sylvie Laplante**, **Hamish Macauley**, **Diane Sharpe** and her husband **Tass Grivakes**, who has since passed away, and **Hubert Marleau**, board chair, Palos Capital Corp. Brooches were the accessory of the night. Sue Khan wore a gorgeous gold ready-for-fall scarecrow, Dorota Kozinska a sparkly diamanté on her jean jacket and **Cheryl Goffman** (there with **Alan Goffman**) wore a beautiful black pin on her bright yellow jacket; the stand-out shades echoed in her mile-high Prada stilettos. Just back from an African safari, she noted that they were the colours of the African monarch butterfly they saw there. But their favourite viewing was the giraffe.



Mary Anne Ferguson.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

Women's Canadian Club of Montreal.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

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Westmount banned smoking of tobacco and marijuana in parks and most smaller "slices" of municipal land on September 4, including Prince Albert square, where this photo was taken October 4. The sign is new, too.

Photo: Independent.

Mary Martha Guy launches exhibit at Vic Hall



Mary Martha Guy and "Red and Ochre"

Photo courtesy of Sam Beitel.

The vernissage for artist Mary Martha Guy's Gallery at Victoria Hall exhibition took place on September 26, attended by about 60 people. It is a two-person show with Gabrielle Pilot. "The current exhibit is about my love of and feeling for New-

foundland," Guy told the *Independent*. "It contains many monoprints using simple images to convey my reaction to the end of the cod fishery plus the simplicity of the small outports." The exhibition opened September 27 and runs until October 26.

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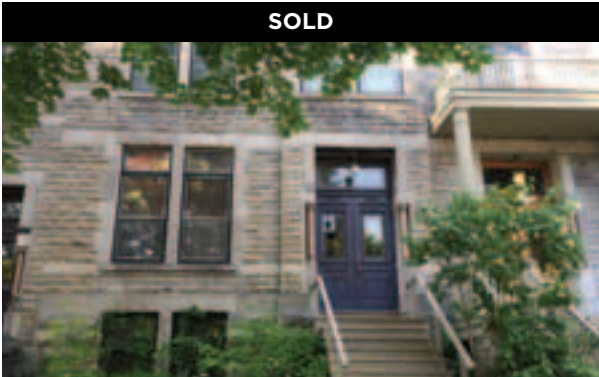
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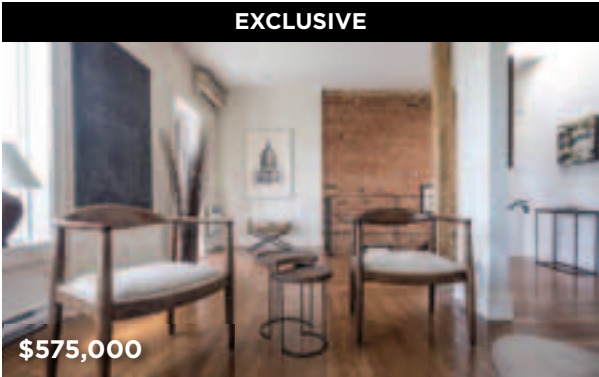
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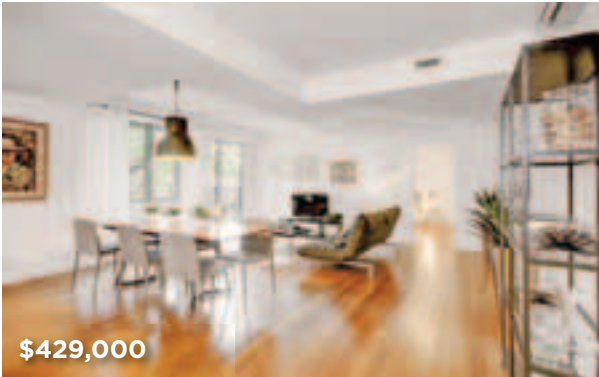
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