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## Mayor: Sherbrooke at rush hour was 'nerve wracking' Council's bike ride through busy traffic is 'eye opening'

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

As the saying goes: you have to walk in someone else's shoes to truly understand what they may be experiencing.

And that's exactly why a group of city council members led by the Association of Pedestrians and Cyclists of Westmount took to the street on bikes just before the onset of cold weather and snow to pedal through Sherbrooke traffic, troublesome intersections on de Maisonneuve and observe first hand the desire for north-south connector paths.

"My take-away was that it was definitely eye-opening, especially cycling along

Sherbrooke," said Councillor Mary Gallery, an occasional cyclist. She said it was a great initiative by the association "to show us various points they have been highlighting, which we stopped along the way to discuss."

For Mayor Christina Smith, riding along Sherbrooke "which I never, ever do" was "a bit nerve wracking, especially during the 5 pm rush-hour, but it was great."

Led on different days by Dan Lambert, cycling association president, and one or two of his colleagues, the council members started from the Bixi stand at Victoria Hall cycling west through the shopping strip on Sherbrooke to Decarie.

"We wanted them to feel what it was like to have cars coming up behind them and understand why a bike path was needed on Sherbrooke so people could do their errands by bicycle," Lambert said.

And for seasoned city cyclist Conrad Peart, who commutes by Bixi regularly along de Maisonneuve to his office near Place des Arts, there's a growing need for more segregated cycling lanes and north-south connectors to the de Maisonneuve path (see separate story, p. 15)

### Confusing crossing

On returning from Decarie, the council members used Ven-  
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## Garneau turns '10' — will run again



Seen here on November 16 outside his St. Catherine St. constituency office, NDG-Westmount Liberal MP has already begun quietly campaigning for the 2019 federal election. He was first elected in October 2008. See story on p. 6.

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## PSOs help rescue baby, toddler from locked car

A public safety officer was flagged down for help at Prospect and Clandeboye around 11:20 am November 20 after a mother accidentally locked the keys inside her parked car containing two young children, Public Security officials said. One was aged 5 months, the other was two and a half years.

A second officer was quickly called to the scene to watch over the children, described as crying hysterically, while the other drove the woman home to St. Henri to retrieve a second set of keys.

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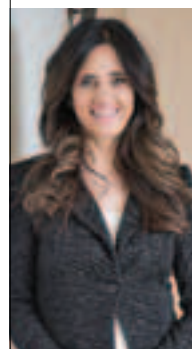
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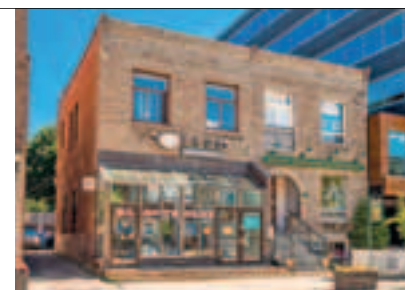
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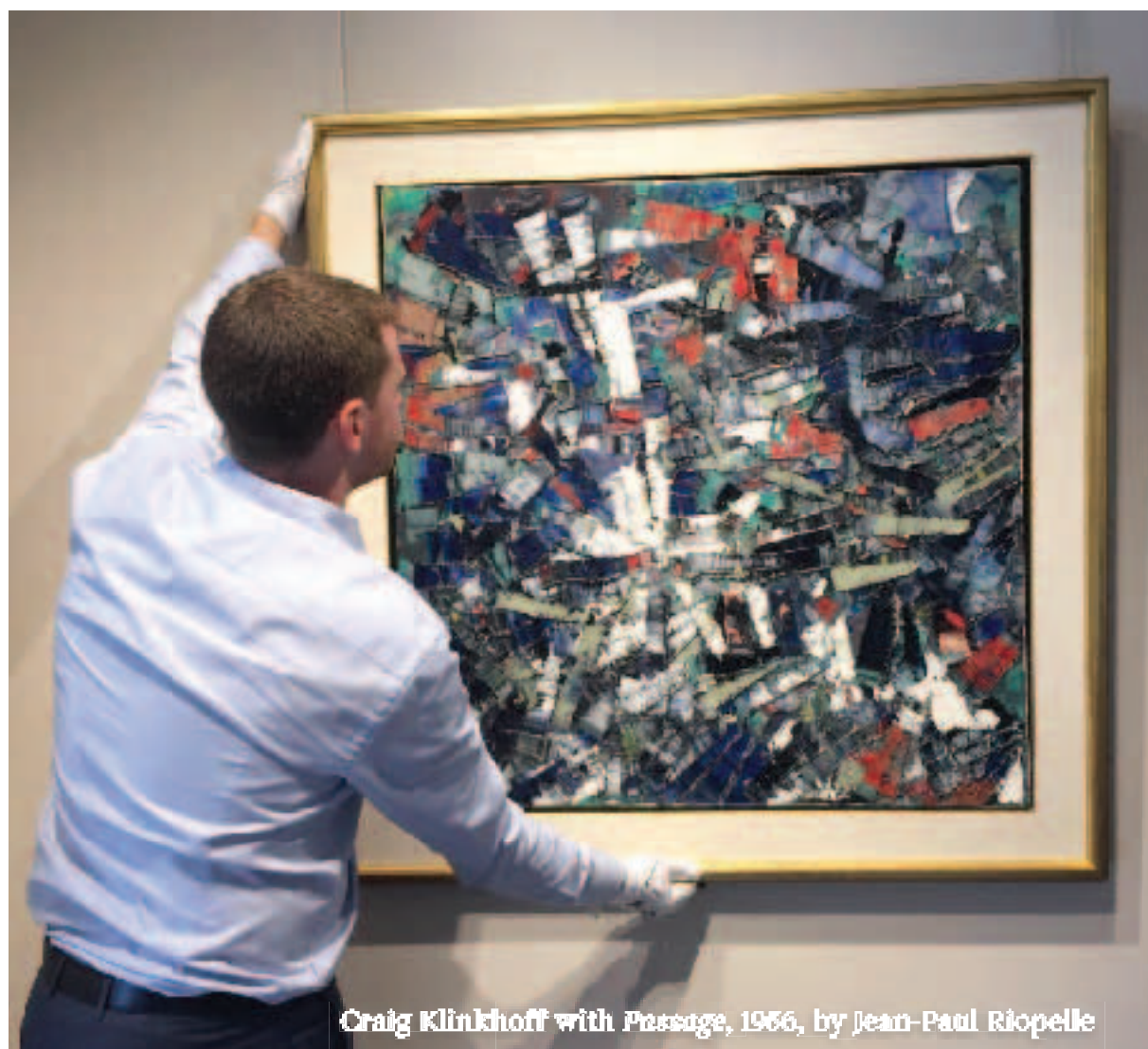
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Won't be a 'cheerleader,' he says, not an endorsement of Pink Line

# Plante appoints Trent to STM board

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Former mayor Peter Trent was appointed last week to the board of the Société de Transport de Montréal (STM), an autonomous body that runs the buses and Metro system on the island of Montreal.

"Public transit is something I've always had a passion for and all my allegiance will be to the users and the entire island of Montreal," he said. "I won't be a cheerleader for the STM."

His appointment along with Catherine Morency, a transportation engineering professor at Polytechnique Montréal, marks a change in direction aimed at depoliticizing the board, he told the *Independent*.

It was one of the reasons he accepted the position after his first face-to-face meeting with Montreal mayor Valérie Plante, he explained.

He said he would resign if he encounters a similar experience to his previous one as vice-chair of the Montreal/agglo Finance and Administration committee, which he called "a charade" (see story October 4, 2016, p. 3).

Trent said he was "skeptical when I first got the call from Plante's office about a month ago until I heard what she had to say – regardless of my political opinions – that she wanted to get people with management experience."

One of the conditions he attached to his

acceptance, however, was "that it not be seen as an endorsement of the Pink Line," he said. "I want to be seen as a free agent."

Trent will also sit on the STM's finance committee, one of its five standing committees.

He and his co-appointee replace two elected city of Montreal officials. They are Councillor Marvin Rotrand, a longtime member of the board, and Outremont borough councillor Valérie Patreau.

Asked what contribution he hoped to bring to the board, he said it was "too early to tell." He needed to find out more about some of the current issues facing the STM, such as alleged labour and maintenance problems or whether "they could be strictly to do with union strategy."

To Mayor Christina Smith, Trent's appointment was "very welcome news." She applauded Plante for selecting people to the board with management and municipal experience such as his.

## Long history with transit

Not only has Trent been a longtime advocate of active transportation, in 1998, he represented the Montreal suburbs on what was then the Montreal Urban Community's transit commission.

Since stepping down as mayor, he has become a member of the board of the wealth management firm of Jarislowsky Fraser as well as The Montreal General Hospital Foundation and Les Amis de la Montagne.

Along with Trent and Morency, the renewed 10-member board is chaired by Phillippe Schnobb, described as a transit users' representative. It includes four Montreal councillors (one being Craig Sauvé the vice-chair) as well as another users' representative, one representing paratransit users and Beaconsfield mayor Georges Bourelle representing the Association of Suburban Municipalities.

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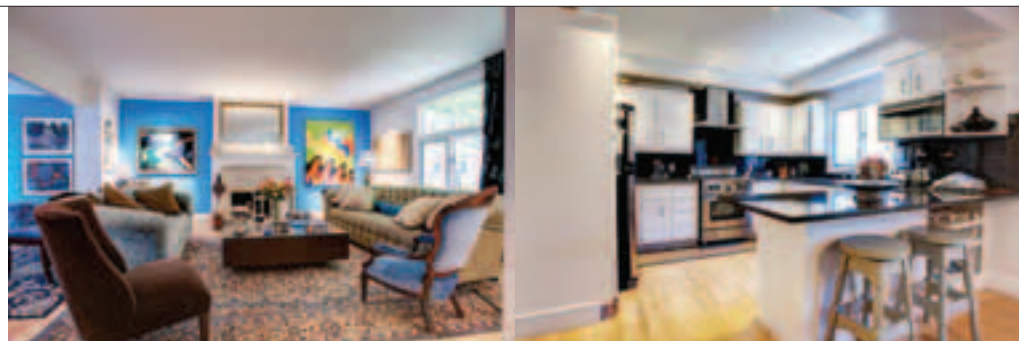
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Police Report

# Firebomb thrown on St. Catherine St.

By MARTIN C. BARRY

Police at the Montreal police department's Station 12 have opened an investigation following a firebombing incident which took place in the early hours of November 23 at a St. Catherine St. courier and delivery business.

A Molotov cocktail was used in the attack against the Save N Ship outlet at 4148-A St. Catherine St. at around 2:40 am, according to Station 12 community relations officer Stéphan Laperrière.

"A witness heard a window break," Laperrière told the *Independent*, adding that "an incendiary device was thrown inside." Two suspects were seen leaving the scene by the witness. "It's under investigation right now," he said. "We don't know the motive for now."

### 'Revenue Canada' fraud

Fraud artists representing themselves as Revenue Canada tax collection agents continue to victimize unsuspecting individuals who are being contacted over the telephone – including one Westmounter recently.

According to Station 12 community relations officer Stéphan Laperrière, an "elderly gentleman" living in Westmount received such a call on Nov. 13 from someone located in an area code outside the Montreal region.

"They said that he owed several thousand dollars in unpaid taxes," said Laperrière. After advising him that a warrant was about to be issued for his arrest, they convinced him to go to a location where he could pay via Bitcoin. "Which he did."

"The next day he got another call," he added. "They said he owed an amount that was about one third what it was the first time. But this time he didn't pay. He came to the police station and made a report."

"[People] should be aware that Revenue Canada never puts out warrants for your arrest over the phone," he said, noting that one way to verify if the call is legitimate is to have them spell out your name in full with address and other particulars, since fraudulent Revenue Canada callers usually don't have this kind of detailed information.

Laperrière also pointed out that tax agencies, such as Revenu Québec and Revenue Canada, usually originate in 418 and 819 area codes, rather than toll-free area codes such as 888, which is commonly used by phone scammers.

### To be installed in spring

# Adult exercise equipment ordered for Westmount Park

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Come next spring, adult exercise equipment will be added to Westmount Park, following council approval of its purchase November 5 at a cost of \$94,665.

It will be stored over the winter for installation in the previous shuttleboard area, which includes the ping-pong table, Councillor Cynthia Lulham explained. The equipment for upper body and leg development will include instructions illustrating how to use it.

As well, Lulham said the plan is to hold information sessions geared to users of the Contactivity Centre.

In selecting the equipment, Lulham later said she and Jayme Gerbrandt, the city's horticulture inspector, tried out



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many different types installed in various parks around Montreal. The best equipment, however, was what she had seen in California of the same type ordered by the city.

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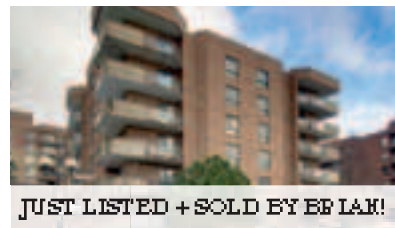
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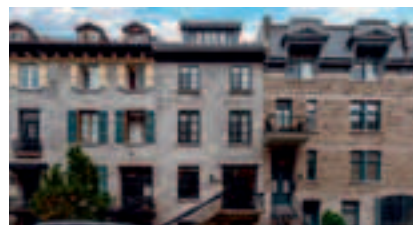
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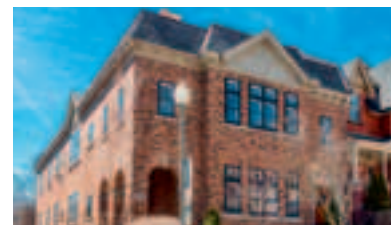
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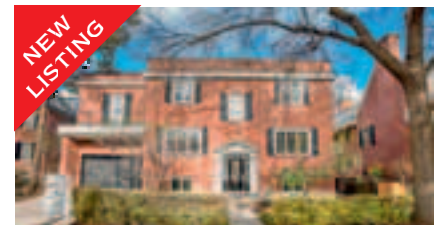
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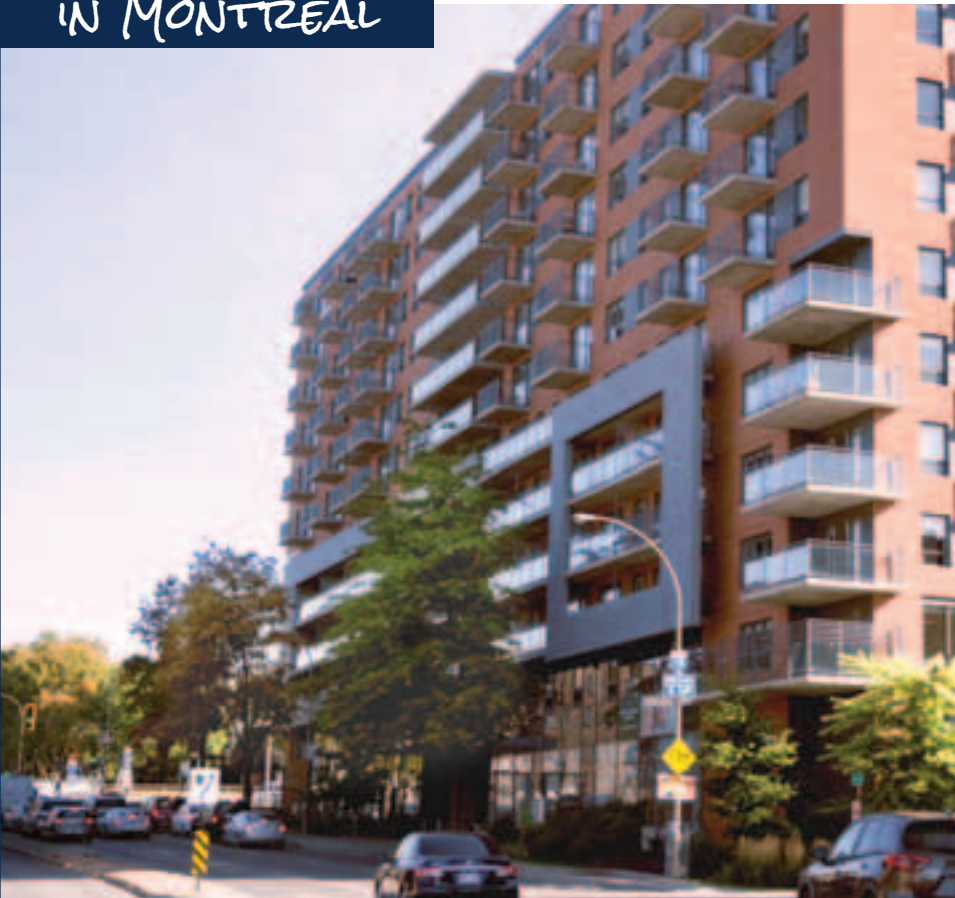




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# NDG-Westmount MP Garneau running again after decade in office

By MARTIN C. BARRY

With a federal election due to take place in October next year, NDG-Westmount Liberal MP Marc Garneau is preparing for a campaign that could end up being one of the most contentious in decades.

A “parliamentary bulletin” distributed door to door this past fall in Garneau’s riding may give some idea of the type of campaign to be expected.

Garneau’s brochure includes a centrefold page highlighting more than a half-dozen Liberal initiatives the Tories voted against, juxtaposed with a headshot of Conservative leader Andrew Scheer.

“It’s not personal – it’s just being factual,” Garneau said in an interview with the *Independent*, noting that the political ad merely points out action taken by the Conservatives in the house of commons.

Still, he acknowledged, “I think that the year of an election is always a time when everybody is mobilizing and getting ready for the actual campaign itself. And so it starts a little bit early and we know that the Conservatives are doing exactly the same thing. So it’s just in the normal course of events for an election.”

A one-time contender for the Liberal Party of Canada’s leadership and the country’s current

Transport minister, Garneau was asked what issues he believes may end up defining the 2019 election.

“From our point of view, we will be dealing with the environment,” he said. “We don’t believe that the official opposition has a plan for the environment. They’ve made that very, very clear in the house of commons, whilst we believe that we need to. We believe that pollution has a price associated with it, that pollution is not free and that we must all be serious about dealing with it.”

Another area of policy he suggested that could become an issue in the 2019 election is refugee status and immigration. “We’re not replacing ourselves here in Canada, so we need to bring skilled immigrants into the country,” said Garneau, while emphasizing that those applying for refugee status should be “real refugees” whose lives would be in danger where they come from, rather than economic ones.



Marc Garneau in Ottawa on May 5, 2009, during his first term as an MP. The Liberals were in opposition then, facing down Prime Minister Harper’s second minority government.

PHOTO: INDEPENDENT.

Garneau was asked whether there are any accomplishments over the past 10 years that he is especially proud of. “I think that the initiatives that we’re taking with respect to public transit are important,” he said. “I think that for Montreal this will turn out to be a benefit. It is our government that is bringing in the REM project. It’s also our government that brought in funding so we could renew some of the bus fleet.”

On a broader scale, Garneau said he considers the new United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement on trade to be an important accomplishment by the Liberal government.

“That may seem remote, but for a lot of businesses that are in this riding, this is now going to provide some long-term stability in making US and Mexican markets open just like they were before we negotiated,” he said, regarding the accord to which Canada agreed at the end of September.

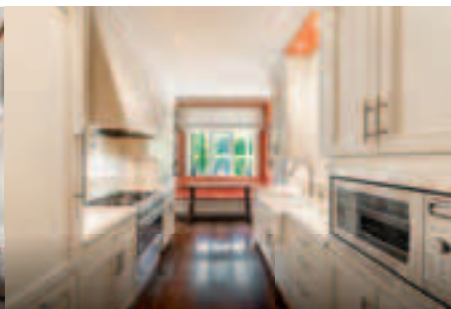


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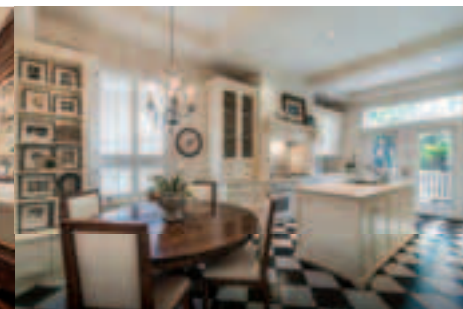


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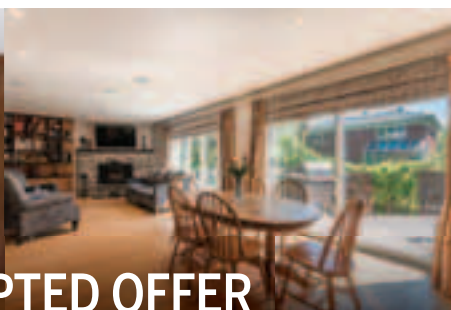


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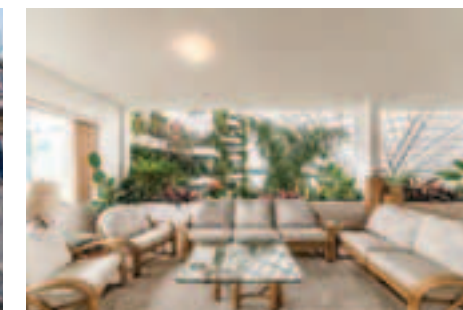


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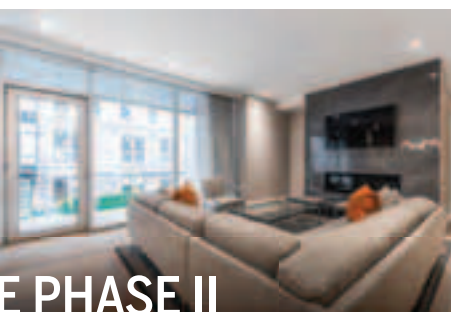
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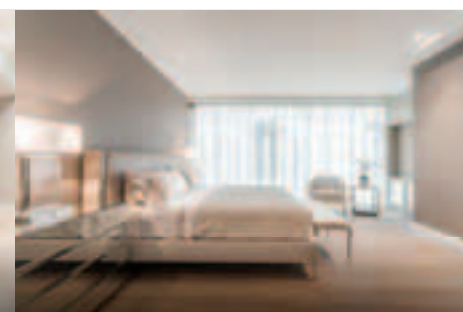
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IS THE WRC FINISHED?

I moved to Westmount in 2013, just before the new Westmount recreational centre was finished. My family and I have enjoyed using the centre for various activities over the years (hockey, swimming, skating, karate).

After all these years, however, there seems to be a landscaping aspect of the project that was never finished. Along the bike path near the corner of Lansdowne and Maisonneuve (see photo), there is a concrete structure emerging from the ground, surrounded by some insulation material. I wonder why the city of Westmount has not found a way to better hide this eyesore.

Do you have any information about it?  
GARY P. SCAVONE, LANSDOWNE AVE.  
*Editor's reply:* No, but we welcome the city's response in these pages. – DP.

AGIL WENT DE NOVO, BUT SOUTHEAST STILL NEEDS WHOLE PLAN

In response to the flurry of articles and letters regarding the AGIL report on the southeast sector, and as former two-term

councillor for District 8 and commissioner of urban planning, I thought I might weigh in on this on-going debate.

For whatever reason, and my guess is administrative inertia, this report has taken months to post on the website – similar to the struggles of the previous council to make reports available to residents in a timely manner. This in turn has slowed down the process as a year has gone by in this new council's mandate, with no visible progress on the southeast. Who can blame Prospect St. resident Frank Candido for calling the Tupper lots a forgotten area? (See letter to the editor, November 13, p. 6).

Of course, the AGIL report is not reflective of the thinking of the current council – it was commissioned by the administration under the previous council. But neither does it reflect the thinking of the previous council, and the citizen input it had received. Despite the formal resident input having been provided as a starting point to AGIL, this firm treated the project as a *de novo* study on the southeast, and sought to bring a high-density downtown Montreal approach to it. Seeing this, I stated clearly to the previous council that I would not support the preliminary report because it did *not* respond to the concerns of the residents who participated in the consultative process. But was told it would be brought forward to council nonetheless. The final report has not changed in essence from that preliminary report and still seeks to impose the density that Montreal has called for as part of PMAD (Plan métropolitain d'aménagement et de déve-

loppement). But, this type of density was excluded from early on in the process in favour of something that reflected the existing characteristics of the neighborhood.

Despite the AGIL study's shortcomings, there are elements in it that will inform this council as it takes this once-in-a-half-century opportunity to shape this area into something that we can be proud of, and not just react on a piecemeal basis. But this will only be possible if council adopts a strategy for the entire southeast, not just a couple of blocks on St. Catherine St. while leaving the more difficult decisions to be made later.

There is no doubt that any decision council takes on the southeast will not make everyone happy. But the alternative means that once again, we will be forced into a reactive mode. The Children's Hospital Site is being developed. The St. Stephen's Church at Dorchester and Atwater has been sold. Dorchester will have to be torn up in the next few years, as it is on the list to have its ageing infrastructure and systems replaced. So, as a community, we face a choice: Decide what *we* want for the southeast, or let others decide it for us, piecemeal.

If there is one thing I have learned in the past five years, it is that a small, energetic group with a narrow interest can, by sheer force of persistence, slow down and ultimately derail a well-intentioned plan being undertaken in good faith for *all* residents.

I urge council to think of all Westmount residents and take action now on the whole southeast. Let us replace these derelict buildings and surface parking lots with a place where a new generation of Westmounters will be thrilled to live, work, and play.

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CYCLISTS SHOULD BE, AND ARE, LIGHTING UP

Cyclists riding at night without lights are a danger to themselves and to others. Unfortunately, several cyclists do not seem to understand this danger, so they ride without lights and frequently dress in dark

clothing, making it worse. Also, many cyclists do not realize that lights are legally required by the Highway Safety Code and that fines increased from \$35 to \$127 in April 2018.

To help the bike light problem, the Montreal police conducted information and ticketing campaigns around Montreal in the fall when it became dark during the busy evening rush-hour. To encourage cyclists to use lights and to pass on the message to other cyclists, during the information operations, the police handed out inexpensive lights to a few cyclists as a good-will gesture.

The Association of Pedestrians and Cyclists of Westmount has participated in those operations over the past couple of years and also reaches out to cyclists through social media and by handing out information flyers to cyclists on the de Maisonneuve bike path.

To document compliance, we also count the number of cyclists with and without lights, mainly during the busy evening rush-hour period. Before this year's operations began, between 55 percent and 65 percent of cyclists had lights during our sample periods. We had hoped that the efforts this year would yield an 80 percent compliance level, making Westmount the safest community in Montreal in terms of cyclists with lights at night. We were pleasantly surprised when the last count at the end of the police operations showed a 92-percent compliance level during evening rush-hour – almost 15 percentage points higher than in the Plateau-Mont Royal area.

We know that regular rush-hour commuters are better equipped than cyclists riding later at night, so hopefully next year, compliance by that group will improve. Our association will continue to monitor compliance next spring and summer and we look forward to future police operations to help address this issue. We want to thank Westmount's Station 12 officers for conducting these bike light operations and for its ongoing efforts to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety in Westmount.

DAN LAMBERT, ASSOCIATION OF PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS OF WESTMOUNT

LET US ACCESS THE CEMETERY

There was an excellent letter [against the closure of roads on Mount Royal by the city of Montreal] from Arlene Lutter in the November 20 edition (p. 4). Thank you.

I have responded to acces-mont-Royal.com in English.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

in the summer. I enjoyed the quiet, peaceful atmosphere. I planted flowers, and now and then I went to do some weeding. All that was lost this summer! The cemetery, on the whole, was not well looked after by private citizens.

Accessing the cemetery from Outremont was difficult, time consuming and a challenge with all the traffic and orange cones to deal with.

Please open the mountain road from Côte des Neiges next summer.

There are many souls who join me in this request.

BEVERLEY HUTCHISON, KITCHENER AVE.

### AURI THE CAT IS HOME – THANK YOU!

A couple of weeks ago, we placed an ad about our lost cat in the *Westmount Independent* and were overwhelmed by the warm response. Many concerned readers called or texted to say they were looking, to offer leads or to inquire. We are delighted to say that Auri came home on her own after three long weeks away. She was

very dehydrated, skinny and weak but we feel confident that with warmth, love and food, she will be just fine.

As stressful as the experience of having her missing has been, we have come through it so touched by the kindness and friendliness of neighbours and members of the community. One family two blocks over let us put an SPCA humane trap in their back garden after she was spotted. Another invited us to check under her deck, apparently a popular hangout for neighbourhood cats. One kind soul rescued one of our posters from the gutter and affixed it to a tree on her front lawn. Many dog walkers promised to look for her. Others shared posts online with her picture.

My husband, daughters and I would like to send a hearty thank-you to all for your thoughtfulness and assistance. We felt very encouraged by all the support. These are the things that make Westmount such a wonderful place to live.

ALISSA SKLAR, UPPER ROSLYN AVE.

### Correction: U-14 girls won



In our November 20 issue, we incorrectly stated that both of Westmount's girls' teams lost all their games at the Cape Ann tournament. In fact, the under-14 girls' team won its second game 2-0. The *Independent* received incorrect information from a credible source. – DP. Photo courtesy of city of Westmount.

## Comin' Up

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

SWAT tournament, raffle and silent auction for St. Justine and Montreal Children's hospitals. Westmount recreation centre. Continues until December 2.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

"A Christmas Celebration of Music." Mountainside United Church, 687 Roslyn Ave. 3 pm.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

Hanukah celebration, candle lighting and reception by the city of Westmount in collaboration with Congregation Shaar Hashomayim and Temple Emmanu-El.

Beth Sholom. Lawn Bowling Clubhouse, behind city hall. 5 pm to 6:30 pm.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Neighbourhood carolling organized by the city of Westmount. Lawn Bowling Clubhouse. 1 pm.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

City of Westmount's Christmas tree lighting. City hall. 6:30-8 pm.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

► First performance of *Imagine This*, six short plays presented by Dramatis Personae. Admission by donation, \$10 to \$15 suggested. *continued on p. 18*

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Expanding the fibre network

# Agreement allows Bell to replace 50 hydro poles

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

An agreement between Hydro Westmount and Bell Canada was ratified by city council November 5 allowing Bell to replace some 50 hydro poles to deploy its fibre network across Westmount. The work has been under way this month.

A previous contract was concluded in 2009 for shared use of the hydro poles while the latest agreement calls for the new ones to be installed at an approximate cost of \$250,000, to be paid by Bell.

The older poles were described as “near the end of life,” according to city director general Benoit Hurtubise. He said Bell had “offered” to transfer ownership of the new ones to Hydro Westmount afterwards and “pay the rental fees as set in out in our by-law.”

Affected residents were to be notified by Bell before the work, he said. During the transfer of wires and transformers to the new poles, planned electrical outages could last from two to six hours. He said this is required for safety purposes.

“Hydro Westmount is involved and approves all the work done by Bell on its network but the civil responsibility for the installation of the new poles is under Bell,” he said.

The work was expected to be completed by the end of the year “weather permitting,” Hydro director Salah Bouziane said November 21.



▲ Houses in the way? No problem. Electricity was cut around Strathcona Ave. November 13 while Bell replaced a hydro pole between the houses on Strathcona and Mount Stephen. The huge mobile crane stretched over the houses on Strathcona to lift a pole into place.

PHOTO: RALPH THOMPSON

Quebec Writers' Federation awards

# Renaud carries off top prize in children's category

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount children's author Anne Renaud has won first prize from the Quebec Writers' Federation in the category of children's literature. The winners were announced at the 20th anniversary gala November 20 in Montreal.

The honour was especially meaningful to her to receive on “home turf,” she said.

Renaud won for *Mr. Crum's Potato Predicament*, a folklore-based story about the invention of the potato chip (see story September 12, 2017, p. 12). She is sharing half the \$3,000 prize with the illustrator, Felicita Sala, as is customary for a picture book.

“Writing, for the most part, is done in silos,” she explained in her acceptance speech. “We toil and we stumble, and we

sweat and we swear, each in our respective work spaces, in continual pursuit of those elusive sentences and passages that sing on the page. It is a craft that essentially separates us from one another.

“So this is what makes evenings like this one all the more special to me. Because in those moments when I do come up for air, it is extremely humbling, comforting and validating to be reminded that there are people with whom my words resonate.”

Having aspired to make a difference in children's lives as a writer, she said the take-away from the award was that: “when you put your hopes and dreams into the universe, sometimes they do come true.”

It was her second first-place award this year following the Canadian Jewish Literary Award for *Fania's Heart*



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From left, Luisa Ramos, and Pippa and Beckham Dunn and their grandfather, Peter Dunn, enjoying the snow at King George (Murray) Park on November 23. PHOTO: RALPH THOMPSON

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# Artisans Westmount brings crowd to Vic Hall



Lorraine Ménard and Michel Boudreau display their handmade products from bow ties to handbags and clocks made out of pliable wood laminate, supported in some cases by a leather backing.

BY RALPH THOMPSON

The popular Artisans Westmount event drew 35 artisans and 1,133 attendees from around Montreal and beyond to Victoria Hall November 10 and 11. Products available for sale included body care products, animal accessories, wood crafting, furniture, jewellery, candles and soaps, ceramics, clothing, teddy bears, stationery, toys and more.

A member of the organizing committee, Andrea Klein, explained that over a hundred people applied for the event, which is organized under the auspices of the Community Event's Advisory Committee under city councillor Mary Gallery, commissioner of library, culture, sports and recreation.

The weekend is managed by local volunteers and "aims to show craft items of interest to our community... items offered for sale are hand made, are high quality and there are a lot of products made of recycled materials," said Klein.

Klein also wished to mention the other members of the organizing committee, Elizabeth McCallum and Christiane Loisselle. There was a \$2 or non-perishable food item donation charge for entry, for Westmount Public Security's annual holiday food drive.



Flany Nimaga (left, behind the table) and daughter Mah Sissoko had a range of wearables from tops to scarves made with interesting fabrics.

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# Gingerbread Bundt Cake with Lemon Glaze

*Makes one 10-inch bundt  
Serves 12 – Make Ahead*

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This cake looks and tastes spectacular, so it's good enough for company, or even a birthday party. Bundt cakes are especially simple since they don't need to be frosted to look gorgeous; in fact, frosting them would be a nightmare!

This glazed beauty was inspired by a gorgeous bundt pan I was given several years ago; any cake baked in it gets rave reviews.

*Prep Time* 15 minutes or less  
*Ready In* about 1½ hours



**Gingerbread Bundt**  
3⅓ cups (500g) all-purpose flour  
1 tablespoon ground ginger  
2 teaspoons cinnamon  
2 teaspoons baking soda  
1½ teaspoons salt  
2 eggs  
1 cup canola oil  
¾ cup (155g) granulated sugar  
1 cup (330g) molasses  
1 cup hot water

**Lemon Glaze**  
1½ cups (170g) icing sugar  
¼ cup fresh lemon juice

*Tip* Always buy fancy molasses for baking. Cooking molasses is too bitter for cakes. Make ahead. Make and glaze the cake up to 1 day in advance of serving. Store at room temperature.

1. Preheat the oven to 325°F. Spray a 10-cup bundt pan generously with non-stick baking spray.

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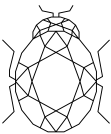


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3. Scrape the batter into the prepared pan. Bake 55 minutes or until a cake tester inserted into the centre comes out clean. Let cool in the pan on a rack 10 minutes.
4. To make the Lemon Glaze, whisk the icing sugar with the lemon juice until smooth.
5. Flip the cake out onto a rack set over a baking sheet. Let cake cool for another 5 minutes, then poke deep holes all over the cake using a long skewer. Drizzle glaze all over cake, trying to get some into each hole, and brushing the glaze so it covers the entire surface of the cake. Serve warm or let cool completely.

## Hanukkah Latkes

6 Yukon Gold or russet potatoes (2 lb)  
1 small onion cut in wedges  
1 egg, lightly beaten  
3 tablespoons all purpose flour  
¾ teaspoon salt  
¼ teaspoon pepper  
1 teaspoon baking powder (optional)

Peel potatoes. By hand or in food processor and using shredder blade, alternately shred peeled potatoes and onion

wedges, makes approximately 6 cups.

Transfer to colander. With hands or a cheesecloth, squeeze out as much liquid as possible and discard liquid (the drier they are, the crispier they will be).

Transfer mixture to large bowl. Add egg, flour, salt and pepper, and baking powder if using; mix well.

Bigger isn't better. To avoid greasy latkes, keep them small. Loosely pack mixture into a tablespoon.

Latkes are shallow fried and should be done in a wide frying pan. Carefully drop into hot oil that should be ¼ to ½ in. up the side, then using a fork spread out and flatten to form a circle.

A good test – drop a small amount of latke mixture into hot oil – if it turns golden in 1 to 2 min., the temp. is right. Fry in small batches.

Drain on paper towels. May be frozen.

To serve, put hot latkes on plate and serve with applesauce and/or sour cream on the side.

– by Arleen Candiotti



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St. Matthias fair

# Christmas comes early to Church Hill

By RALPH THOMPSON

St. Matthias Church, located at Côte St. Antoine and Church Hill, kicked off the Christmas season with its annual Christmas fair, held November 17 between 10 am and 2 pm.

A large group of volunteers managed a room full of tables packed with baked goods, jewellery, linens, coffee-table books, jams and jellies, crafts and “attic treasures.”

The Reverend Patrick Wheeler welcomed the enthusiastic treasure hunters, while the jewellery tables were teeming with bargain hunters, some with magnifiers.

Event organiser Heather Barwick explained that the annual event was originally called the Talent Fair.

“We held a rummage sale about a month ago and now for the Christmas fair, we have higher quality items for sale,” she said. “Part of the money will go to help the church and part goes to outreach programs. We support different organisations each year: Chez Doris, Auberge Madeleine, Native Women’s Shelter, St. Michael’s Mission, Mile End Mission... we bring in around \$8,000 or \$9,000 each year.”

Lunch was served after 11:30 am and there was the opportunity to take home a bottle of wine or beer depending on a random choice of a playing card.

►A mix of quality attic treasures and a large variety of jewellery got close scrutiny as soon as the doors opened.



Audrey McLennan (left), Mary Baldwin, Jocelyn McCurdy and Sally Stephenson dressed in Santa Claus aprons and staffed the baked goods table. All the cakes, puddings, biscuits etc. were made by church volunteers.

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# Chabad Westmount takes part in menorah workshop

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Hanukah, which is taking place this year from Sunday, December 2 to Monday, December 10, got an early start on November 18 when supporters of Chabad Westmount – including many mums, dads and kids – gathered at the Home Depot store in St. Henri to take part in a “menorah workshop.”

The hardware retailer invited them down to the store for the free activity, during which anyone who wished could hand-build a miniature menorah from a wooden kit supplied by the retailer.

It was the second year Chabad Westmount has taken part, according to Rabbi Ariel Stern, who runs its youth and student program along with his wife Mushky.



Among the Westmount residents who took part in the menorah workshop were the Kakon family: from left, Sarah, age 4, Rebecca age 2, their mother Josiane, and Leah, who is 6 years old.

“It’s part of our mandate to hold events like this with people in the community,”

said Maxime Pellerin, assistant manager of the Home Depot branch.

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# Library book sale raises \$19,000, fall reception told



At left, among new residents invited to the city of Westmount's fall reception at Victoria Hall November 21 are, from left: Lucy Zhu of Roxborough; Hong Qin of Upper Roslyn and Giona Geng of Thornhill (all from Shanghai) along with Gillian and Wee Wang Loy of Clarke Ave., hailing from Singapore. At right, two-year-old Daniel Paul and his parents, Priscilla Hellyer and Patrick Paul, meet Mayor Christina Smith.

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Some \$19,000 was raised for Westmount Public Library at the fall sale of quality books by the Friends of the Library, a volunteer group, November 17 and 18.

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The results were announced by Library and Community Events director Julie-Anne Cardella to a hearty round of applause at the city's fall reception to welcome new residents and recognize community volunteers. It was held November 21 at Victoria Hall.

Proceeds from the sale will help fund ongoing and new programs, she explained.

Building on the work of volunteers in Westmount, Mayor Christina Smith told the newcomers the city was looking for even more and encouraged them to participate.

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Lulham also explained how the city would be restoring the city's conservatory, next to Victoria Hall, in the coming year. She introduced the city's staff who were working at the event serving wine and Perrier.

As well, 33 jars were sold at the event of this year's honey from the two bee hives on the library's roof. More are available at the library though all are usually sold by Christmas, according to Cardella. These proceeds pay for the hives.

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## BUILDING PERMITS What's permitted

### Council approves 53 building projects, 2 cadastral operations in November

The following 36 permit requests for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the November 5 meeting of the city council. There were no refusals.

#### Approved

**16 Renfrew:** to modify a rear gallery provided the glass railing is replaced with a wood one as per approved plans given that the glass does not match the architecture of the building and provided that the privacy screen is reduced to a maximum height of 5'-6";

**324 Redfern:** to install a mechanical unit on the roof;

**4201 St. Catherine:** at a Category I building, to install an awning with a sign;

**4266 Dorchester:** at a Category I building, to modify the rear balconies, including adding a new staircase and doing landscaping work in the rear yard provided the new balcony extension is set back two meters from the side property line;

**1094 Greene:** to demolish a garage at the rear and build a new one;

**51 Sunnyside:** to build a rooftop addition provided the roof is zinc and the windows and doors are composed of wood with aluminum cladding;

**29 Church Hill:** to create window openings on the lateral façade;

**19 Grenville:** at a Category I house, to create a new door opening and build new stairs and landing on the west façade and do landscaping work on the entire property provided the widening of the driveway is excluded from the proposal;

**669 Grosvenor:** two permits, to modify openings on the rear façade and replace existing windows, and to do landscaping at the rear;

**623 Sydenham:** to replace the doors

and windows with the exception of the front door and change a rear window opening into a door with a number of provisions;

**466 Strathcona:** to modify the rear balcony;

**497 Mountain:** to replace a garage door provided it is made of solid wood;

**571 Grosvenor:** to replace a garage door;

**714 Upper Roslyn:** to modify a solarium and deck at the rear;

**4326 Westmount:** to replace two garage doors;

**423 Mount Pleasant:** at a Category I house, to do landscaping at the rear;

**349 Grosvenor:** to make an opening for a patio door and modify the gallery;

**4156 Dorchester:** at a Category I house, to replace the roof of a rear addition on condition it is in slate, copper or sheet fish scale;

**Glen Rd.:** to install seven lamp posts along the emergency service road leading to the MUHC;

**512 Argyle:** to replace windows;

**707 Victoria:** landscaping at the rear;

**115 Aberdeen:** to build an addition under an existing solarium at the rear;

**118 Irvine:** to replace a front door provided it is solid wood without cladding;

**4298 Montrose:** at a Category I house, landscaping work at the front;

**611 Roslyn:** to replace windows provided the divisions are SDLs which include spacer bars in between the muntins within the thermal glass;

**4336 Montrose:** to replace windows provided the divisions are SDLs which include spacer bars between the muntins within the thermal glass and that the basement windows are replaced with either casement or double-hung windows;

**667 Belmont:** to add a marquee over the front door;

**546 Grosvenor:** to replace two doors at the rear;

**422 Wood:** to replace windows provided the basement windows are aluminum-clad;

**345 Clarke:** to replace two windows and a door provided the windows are double-hung ones as per those on the front façade and that the balcony door is replaced with one made of wood (interior and exterior) without cladding;

**1100 Atwater:** to modify a sign;

**577 Grosvenor:** to replace two windows and a door;

**566 Lansdowne:** to replace windows;

**2 de Casson:** to replace some windows;

**325 Olivier:** to create a new opening for a door on the south façade.

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The following 17 permit requests for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the November 19 meeting of the city council. There were no refusals.

**26 Edgehill:** to make modifications to the building, including enclosing the space beneath the sunroom, modifying window and door openings, and replacing windows and doors;

**788 Upper Belmont:** to build an addition under an existing one at the back and enlarge the balcony;

**635 Sydenham:** to build an addition at the rear and make modifications to the house;

**4620 St. Catherine:** at a Category I building, to build a rear balcony and replace the hand rail for the front steps;

**76 Holton:** to build new stairs at the rear and do landscaping on condition for security reasons that all the steps are built

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**29 Willow:** two permits, to install a new patio door and to block two door openings;

**714 Upper Roslyn:** to replace windows and doors;

**547 Prince Albert:** to replace some windows provided all are in wood with aluminum cladding;

**370 Victoria:** to modify the front walkway;

**354 Grosvenor:** to modify a rear balcony and install a fence on condition the second-storey handrail is in wood as originally proposed;

**3656 The Boulevard:** at a Category I house, to replace some doors and windows on condition the windows are in wood (interior and exterior) without cladding;

**4547 Sherbrooke:** at a Category I house, to replace windows provided they are of wood (interior and exterior) without cladding and that the existing stained glass in the half-circle transom is reinstalled;

**60 Chesterfield:** at a Category I house, to replace two windows provided they are wood (interior and exterior) without cladding;

**323 Victoria:** at a Category I house to replace windows provided they are made of wood (interior and exterior) without cladding;

**19 Lansdowne Ridge:** to install a fence;

**82 Somerville:** to install a fence and do landscaping at the rear provided the front view is facing the neighbour's property.

#### *Cadastral operations approved*

**4471 St. Catherine:** to merge two lots to create a new one;

**451 Mountain:** at a Category I\* house, to transfer 2.5 square meters of land to an adjoining property.

## Car spins and hits tree on slippery Mountain hill

Two vehicle accidents were reported in Westmount November 20 during slippery weather conditions.

In the first one around 9 am, a car skidded around 180 degrees and hit a tree on Mountain Ave., Public Security officials said. The accident occurred on the hill between Montrose and Severn in what was described as slippery weather conditions. No injuries were reported but the street had to be blocked to traffic.

Two cars collided at Sydenham and The Boulevard the same day at 12:30 pm but it was not reported whether weather was the cause. Air bags were deployed in the mishap that initially blocked the intersection. Both cars had to be towed.

## Public Security to be parked December 1 outside Metro grocery store

# Shoppers asked to 'Fill a Patrol Vehicle' with food for 63 local people

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Public Security's annual holiday food drive has taken on a new twist this year to boost the collection of cash and non-perishable goods.

Called "Fill a Patrol Vehicle," the campaign will feature a parked vehicle and officer on Victoria outside the Metro store Saturday, December 1 in hopes that shoppers going in and out of the grocery store will help feed the 63 people on Public Security's list provided by the local CLSC.

"It's something new we're doing in addition to the donation boxes at all municipal buildings," said department director Greg McBain.

The idea was initiated as a way to mark the city's efforts at celebrating Giving Tuesday, which took place November 27 when the patrol vehicle was parked and signed outside the store for the first time.

This year's food drive is already off to a good start, McBain said. A significant amount of food along with \$1,800 in cash was collected as the price of admission to the Artisans' Festival November 10 and 11 at Victoria Hall.

The cash is used to buy turkeys and hams for the food baskets of non-perishable items as well as Metro food vouchers.

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## Sar-El offers foreigners chance to volunteer

# Indie sales rep Candiotti supports Israeli army – in person

BY DAVID PRICE

The *Westmount Independent's* sales representative, Arleen Candiotti, took some time off work this October to go to Israel to volunteer with Sar-El, a non-profit group that organizes foreign supporters of Israel to help the Israeli army.

According to its website, the program is open to people 17 and older who are “eligible for Israeli citizenship under the Law of Return” and “other supporters of Israel,” although Candiotti acknowledges

that all but one in her 27-person group were Jewish.

Participants pay their way there and for any trips on weekends, or before or after their volunteering period.

“The idea is to have volunteers do chores so soldiers can concentrate on other things,” said Candiotti.

On Candiotti's trip, it was older Canadians and Americans, plus one each from Australia, Germany and Holland, who had the time to volunteer. Several participants were in their 80s and 90s. Many volunteers return annually, the longest streak being 40 years in a row.

There was one supervising employee for their work and two army supervisors.

On Day One of her two-week stint, she was taken to a base near the Tel Hashomer Hospital in Ramat Gan and shown the work that her 4-person unit would be doing: disassembling the backpacks of army doctors, removing expired supplies and re-assembling them with fresh ones.

“We had medical supplies for every part of the body and all types of operations: from eye operations to tracheotomies, and syringes to sutures. You name it. While assembling the kits, I thought, ‘Hopefully, no young soldier will need this.’”

After disassembling the old kits, volunteers would walk through a carefully laid-out pick-up line taking the prescribed number of items for one new kit. Once many kits were ready, they would be packed.

“Five days a week, we worked from 8 am until noon, and from 1 pm to 4 pm, except when we did overtime.” All told, the group assembled 271 kits in two weeks.

Candiotti was moved in many ways.

“Each day's ‘flagpole,’ or raising of the flag and singing of the anthem, was an important event,” she recalled. “It was very emotional, and it grounded you as to who you are and why you were there. It's like the Canadian flag and wearing poppies in November. It reminds us of war and how fortunate we are.”

“I loved the overall experience so much. I just can't get over, how amazing Israel is. Doing that work made me feel good. It's easy to write a cheque, but this felt like I was truly helping.”

But it was not all good times. Candiotti described the food as “minimal.”

“‘Oh, boy,’ I thought when I saw my first meal. ‘And it's 30°C. I am going to lose weight.’” (Which she did.)

When she was asked to pick her uniform

out of a box of loose, unfolded clothing, “I was flabbergasted. I did not think that was what they meant by ‘providing a uniform.’”

Participants also had clean-up duties like regular soldiers, including mopping floors and cleaning toilets.

A solemn, emotional moment of the trip was a visit with the group to the National Remembrance Hall in Jerusalem, unveiled last year. At the site, there are memorial stones for the 23,000 soldiers who have died in defence of Israel, which are lit up on their *yahrzeit* or anniversary of their death.

“Every person's life has meaning and no soldier dies without being remembered – forever,” she said.



Arleen Candiotti with one of the medical backpacks.



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*'At least' one north-south route needed*

## Councillor cites 'untapped demand' for bicycle use

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Councillor Conrad Peart, a cyclist who uses the bike path on de Maisonneuve to commute downtown during the Bixi season, has weighed in on what he calls “a growing trend” – the use of bike paths for a wide assortment of electrified vehicles such as skateboards, stand-up and sit-down scooters, hoverboards, wheelchairs and bicycles.

“With one third of Westmount being ‘slopeside,’ I anticipate some local interest” in this new wave of micro-mobility,” he told the *Independent* last week. “It’s going to get interesting.”

Peart, who participated in a council bike ride through troublesome cycling areas of Westmount led by the Association of Pedestrians and Cyclists of Westmount, said the city needs at least one north-south bike route.

This would address a perceived shortcoming cited at the November 5

council meeting by two 11-year-old boys from north of Sherbrooke (see story November 13, p. 3).

Their request “resonated deeply with me,” he explained. He called it “an entirely reasonable expectation that children should be able to reach the Westmount recreation centre by bicycle.”

He also referred to new data from Bixi indicating use of the bike-sharing service increased 46 percent in Westmount in five years. Frequently empty docking stations also “suggests there is untapped demand within our city.”

If the data are a reliable indicator, he continued, “then this demand should be addressed with safe-cycling options across our territory.”

One of Peart’s suggestions for a north-south link between Westmount’s three east-west bicycle routes is a segregated path “or even a shared street where pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles all intermingle at very low speeds.”

### Sherbrooke, cont'd. from p. 1

bike lane on the north side of de Maisonneuve in NDG and then cross diagonally at Claremont to the Westmount portion on the south side. It’s here that some 80 cyclists have been ticketed \$127 by police for – exceptionally – not crossing with the pedestrian lights as legally required, according to Lambert.

“We could probably certainly improve the sign,” Mayor Smith explained. “The print is too small.” She also liked the stronger bollards used in NDG, calling them “worthy of further investigation.”

This is where the cycling association has been calling for bike lights to improve some confusion as well as at the intersections of Clarke, Greene and Wood. The latter is where a coroner investigating a pedestrian death three years ago recommended bike lights, saying they might

prevent cyclists being hit by westbound cars turning left across the bike lane.

The council members also stopped at Greene to count how many new Bixi slots could be added to what is reported to be the busiest station in the entire network. The answer was eight, Lambert said.

Along the way, they also discussed possible north-south connector routes to link the east-west bike lane on Westmount Ave., Côte St. Antoine and de Maisonneuve.

Mayor Smith said the city was fortunate to have volunteers such as Lambert and his colleagues who are “so committed to cycling.”

Along with Smith, Peart, Gallery, Marina Brzeski and Kathleen Kez, who took advantage of the tour, Smith said she hoped the remaining councillors would also have the opportunity.

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# A 'rosy' night as Centaur celebrates

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Walls were covered in scarlet velvet "theatre curtains." Menegati's décor also included eclectic props from past productions. Arrivals were serenaded with the a cappella sounds of the *Choir Boy* cast, who sang on the majestic portico steps. A table of flute glasses of Freixenet Elyssia bubbly greeted arrivals who enjoyed bites from Verses Bistrot, Brasserie 701, Kyo and Modavie. Sweets were from Squish, the gourmet gummy firm owned by Westmount res Sarah Segal. Key organizers were Centaur's board members: chair **Michael Baratta**, partner KPMG LLP; Westmount res **Nancy Cummings Gold** (attending with her husband **Marc Gold**), and past chair **Hartland Paterson**, ex-

ecutive vp and general counsel SNC-Lavalin, there with his wife **Beth Noel**.

Hosts were **Eda Holmes**, formerly with the Shaw Festival and the Centaur's new artistic and executive director; CTV's **Lori Graham**, and the ever-witty local res **Aaron Rand**, host of CJAD's Aaron Rand Show. Jazz performer **Ranee Lee** wowed as usual. Westmounters present included **Susan** and **Steven Cummings**, **Pamela Korman** of the Westmount Piano Studio; **Francine Mashaal**, **Jeff Freder**, ..... **Helgi Soutar**, **Jennifer** continued on p. 18



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Campbell, Debbie Martz and Bill Brownstein, Tony Loffreda, vice chair, RBC Wealth Management, and Christine Gosselin, member of the executive committee and responsible for Culture, Heritage and Design for Montreal. Also seen were Vincent Prager, Cookie and Larry Rossy, CEO Dollarama; Angelina Wood and Guillaume Genin, vp Systra Canada; Suzanne Asselin and Claude Rouleau, vp portfolio manager, RBC Dominion; Eric Lauzon, manager community partnerships Air Canada; Denise and Dave Spagnolo, president Systra North America; Martin Landry, chief commercial officer VIA Rail Canada; Georgia and Émile Shamie, Reford MacDougall, Belle and Ernie Grivakis, CEO VVS Films; Anne and Brian Edwards, and H  l  ne C  t   Sharp and Dennis Sharp. Proudly surveying the scene was Elsa Bolam, the wife of Centaur founder Maurice Podbrey.

Patrons were Air Canada, Cummings & Gold Families, Fednav Limited, Power Corporation of Canada, Reitmans (Canada) Limited, the Rossy Family Foundation and Systra Canada. The charming evening raised \$146,000. The funds will support the Centaur's theatre productions and cover initiatives such as Theatre of Tomorrow and Saturday Morning Children's Series.



Larry and Cookie Rossy, Georgia and   mile Shamie.



Jeff Freder, Francine Mashaal and Pamela Korman, and Susan and Steven Cummings.

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► The Westmount Historical Association will hold its December Social 2018 on "Projecting the WHA's Image." See how the WHA's image is projected visually through its website, newsletters and posters. The Gallery at Victoria Hall. \$5.7 to 9 pm.



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