## No city contingent at St. Patrick's Parade this year, see p. 10

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No decision yet on French primary, planner says

# City imposes 11 conditions on demo at ex-Children's site

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council approved a request February 26 to demolish a low, utilitarian building along the east side of Atwater in the Westmount portion of the former Montreal Children's Hospital site. A threestorey heritage-rated nurses' building at the corner of Dorchester is to be preserved.

Greenhouse project launched with call for tenders for plans, p. 17

The decision came at a demolition hearing at city hall at which 11 lengthy conditions were imposed on the work and temporary landscaping of the cleared area until a 32-storey building is built.

Referred to as Tower 1, this proposed building at Atwater and Tupper was presented as the second phase and the last of six high rises providing condos, rentals, social housing or multi-uses. The development is being called "Square Children's."

And while the hearing was devoted to the demolition and replacement landscaping, various council members voiced concerns continued on p. 8

## St. Stephen's sold to Stanford Properties



St. Stephen's Church on Dorchester on March 1. Coincidentally, when the Independent went by to take this photo, police and ambulance personnel were escorting a man out of the premises in the building that are rented by The Open Door homeless drop-in centre. See p. 18 for story.

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## Gas leaf blowers get reprieve

By Laureen Sweeney

The city's ban on gas-powered leaf blowers proposed for April 1 has been delayed for now, but the permitted hours of use will be shortened to between 8 am and 4 pm from 7 am to 6 pm.

Mayor Christina Smith announced the changes February 28 after meeting with landscape contractors and receiving many calls from residents facing significant monthly charges if their gardeners had to suddenly invest in electric equipment.

"I realize the industry was not ready for the timeline, but it could come for October," she said. Now, however, the contractors have been made aware of the plans and have been told that the city will be looking at "heavy enforcement" of the regulations.

A ban on the use of gas mowers for properties of 20,000 square feet or less will also be delayed, she said.

Both were announced at the council meeting February 5 (see story February 15, p. 1).



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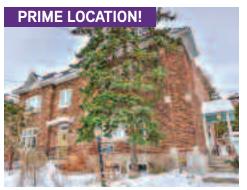




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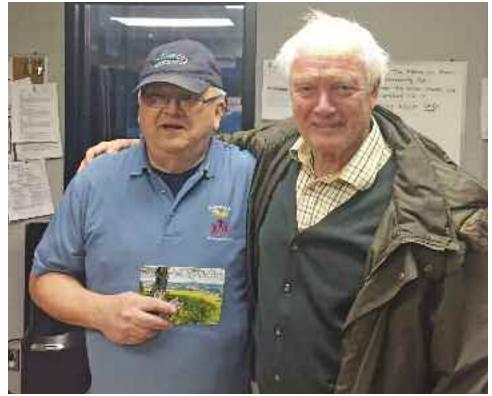


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## Guimond retires from WRC



James Pierre Guimond, left, retired from his post at the Westmount recreation centre (WRC) February 9 after 25 years on the job. "He will be particularly remembered," said keen hockey player Nicolas Matossian, right, "for his ever-present good humour and his unfailing and punctual presence every morning at 6 am to open the WRC doors and to give the rinks their first Zamboni glaze."

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#### Stop-work order issued - Cllr. Brzeski: 'There should not be any construction' there

## What's happening on the Westmount side of the MUHC campus?

By Martin C. Barry

In addition to concerns about noise generated by the Vendôme tunnel project, an element of mystery hangs over construction-related activity that appears to be taking place a little to the east of the tunnel work – on a parcel of land on the MUHC property facing north towards Prince Albert Ave. and St. Catherine St. in West-

Westmount District 5 city councillor Marina Brzeski said two portions of Westmount territory are within a sector where construction work hasn't been authorized, but where intensive movement of trucks is expected to take place in the coming months.

"Residents have been asking me about what's going on the Westmount side," she told the Independent.

#### Area 1: foot of Prince Albert

As for the area south of Prince Albert and St. Catherine, south of the CP train tracks and east of the main work site. Brzeski confirmed "there has been activity there" within Westmount's borders, al-



In this photo taken on February 28 of the MUHC property just east of the Projet Vendôme work site looking northward towards Westmount, trucks and excavation equipment can be seen at work in an area within Westmount's borders where the city has authorized "storage" and a temporary parking lot. though it is the MUHC's property.

While the area is not part of the tunnel development site, Brzeski said Westmount documents indicate it is supposed to be used as a temporary parking lot for construction workers as well as for "stor-

age" of an unspecified type.

The *Independent* observed the site from a distance on two occasions during the daytime last week and was able to confirm that trucks and heavy equipment were actively working or were parked on the site.

Saying that the city of Westmount sent an urban planning inspector to the site on February 28, Brzeski added that "technically, there should not be any construction work occurring."

She later added in email on March 2 that, "Following a site inspection, the city inspector found evidence of construction taking place at the Glen site. A stop order was issued today... The contractor had been cutting pieces of concrete that were too large for transport."

#### Area 2: St. Catherine at York

According to Brzeski, the sidewalk at the entrance to the work site on St. Catherine St. at York is within Westmount's borders, although the work site itself beyond there is in NDG.

All the same, she continued, the city of Westmount agreed with the STM to cut the concrete jersey dividers in the middle of St. Catherine St. (see story, February 20, p. 12) in order to facilitate the entry and exit of trucks to the construction site. As well, Westmount has agreed to install a special traffic light at the site entrance to manage the truck traffic.



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## Some Qs and As about 'Projet Vendôme'

#### Who will own the Vendôme tunnel to the MUHC?

According to STM spokesperson Philippe Déry, the owner at the completion of the project will be the Réseau de Transport Métropolitain (RTM) on the north side as well as under the tracks, while the MUHC will own the area south of the tracks. A small part of the tunnel a little to the south of the track area will also belong to the RTM, with the remainder of the tunnel belonging to the MUHC.

#### Timeline for project

The work started in October 2017 and is scheduled to continue for 29 months until the winter of 2020.

#### Who is footing the bill?

STM spokesperson Déry says the total cost of the project is \$76.5 million, all of which is being paid by the Quebec ministry of Transport, Urban Mobility and Electrification of Transportation.

#### Who is doing the work?

The general overseer is CRT Construc-

tion, a Quebec City-based company founded in the 1960s as a contractor for relatively small private projects. In recent decades, it has increasingly specialized in large-scale public projects. Among the company's current undertakings are hydro-electric stations in Quebec, British Columbia and Ontario, highway interchanges (including the Turcot interchange reconstruction in Montreal), as well as railway overpasses and infrastructure.

#### What work is allowed and what isn't?

According to the STM's Déry, work is allowed to take place day and night, although no major work has taken place at night so far, he added. The reason for the night work, he continued, is that for safety reasons the construction employees can't work near the railway tracks when trains are going by during the day. In addition, said Déry, there could be some prolonged periods of up to 72 hours straight, including weekends, when construction will be taking place non-stop. He said the STM plans to issue advisories to nearby residents in such cases.

## Tunnel to go from de Maisonneuve to MUHC super-hospital

## 'Projet Vendôme' work stirs noise complaints in Westmount

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Night-time noise related to the construction of a new tunnel from the Vendôme Metro station into the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC) site is causing consternation in Westmount – although it would appear Westmounters have relatively little say in the matter.

Since June 2015, an underground tunnel connecting the MUHC's Glen superhospital site to the Vendôme intermodal station has been accessible. Beginning on the commuter train side of Vendôme station, the 35-meter tunnel takes pedestrians underneath the rail tracks to the MUHC side, and leads into its underground parking lot and, via a staircase, onto the main plaza of the hospital.

However, says the MUHC, construction of a new entrance building equipped with elevators will involve the creation of a new tunnel to directly link the Metro station with the Réseau de transport métropolitain (RTM) train station and the MUHC's D block. According to the MUHC, construction work on the new tunnel is set to continue until the winter of 2020 The entrance to the work site is on St. Catherine at York St., south of where St. Catherine, Claremont and de Maisonneuve meet.

#### Pace to pick up

The Société de transport de Montréal (STM) is managing the project. According to information on the STM's "Projet Vendôme" web site, the pace of work is expected to pick up soon and take place "both by day and at night."

The night work, which the STM says has been authorized by the borough of Côte des Neiges-NDG, will allow certain stages near the railway tracks to be carried out, since they cannot take place during the day and "should continue until next fall." The *Independent* attempted to contact Peter McQueen, the CDN-NDG city councillor for the area, but he had not responded by deadline.

"I'm not complaining about noise during the day – I'm talking about noise in the overnight hours," said Dorothy Lipovenko, who lives on York Ave. a short distance from the site. Lipovenko maintains she was awakened several times last week around 4:30 am by trucks and heavy equipment being operated around the construction site.

"I have a clear view of it from St. Catherine St. from the back of my house and there were clearly trucks," she said. "There was some movement, activity of trucks in and out, going into or out of the

site. That went on for five minutes and then stopped. Okay, we're talking five minutes. But I don't appreciate being roused from my sleep at 4:30 in the morning when I have to get up at 5:30.

"I'm walking around this morning and I'm tired, because clearly you don't fall back asleep when you only have another 45 minutes to go, while you're bracing and waiting for the next boom to be lowered. The question is: if you have trucks, machinery,

entering that job site at 4:30 in the morning, why? In other words, where are the ground rules? Is this Westmount land? Is it not Westmount land?"

Lipovenko pointed out that noise from the Vendôme tunnel project is only the latest in a series of disruptions caused by the construction of the MUHC over a period of a decade. Although the STM has set up a special web portal where residents can make comments and lodge complaints about the Vendôme project, Lipovenko was not impressed.



The entrance on St. Catherine St. to the STM's Projet Vendôme work site is expected to become busy with truck traffic in the coming months.

"I am through with that," she said. "I am not going to be chasing after the fact. I don't want explanations of why something happened. I want to know what Westmount is going to be doing to ensure that the integrity and the quality of life in this neighbourhood can be protected as much as possible in the overnight hours."

Westmount District 5 city councillor Marina Brzeski said in an interview that she has received as many as four noise-related complaints since mid-January and that Westmount officials met with representatives of the STM on February 19.

The outcome of the meeting, according to Brzeski, was that the STM agreed to hire a consultant to deal with Westmounters' complaints. As well, she said the STM agreed to establish a committee to interact with the community and it will be organizing a public meeting with Westmounters, while updating information more often on the Vendôme project web site.

Despite that, Brzeski said

the one thing she's hearing from residents is that "they have a right to know what to expect, and what's permitted and not permitted, and that information is definitely lacking. I understand and empathize with their frustrations. But this is going to change, and the STM gave us their commitment to that."

However, given the fact that most of the project is taking place just outside Westmount's borders in Côte des Neiges-NDG, Brzeski also acknowledged in that sense that "yes, there's nothing we can do."



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### SPARE US THE PHOTO OP

Normally I would be happy to see my old elementary school featured in the *Independent*. However, as I read the story accompanying the full-colour photo of the unmistakable green gym floor, I became dismayed and then enraged.

What I saw was this: kids being taken out of class for a photo op to commemorate the largesse of the companies that donated 30 laptops in exchange for free advertising in the pages of the Independent. I'm glad that the school is receiving muchneeded computers, but at what cost? A grant that is conditional on kids missing class time (so that the companies can make a show of their community involvement to investors) is morally reprehensible. It's fine in the business world, but I believe that to implicate the kids in this brand of kick-back culture, replete with anonymous men in grey suits gripping\* and grinning in the foreground, is in conflict with the mission and values of Roslyn School. Spare the kids and us next time!

\*Editor's note: In fact, not one of suited men is "gripping" anything. They are clapping. Also, they may be anonymous in the caption, but one (second from right) is the principal, Nicholas Katalifos, who can hardly be a controversial presence at his place of work. Regarding your larger point, we are happy to have reported this news and feel that we have served the community with it, including you. Without endorsing (or criticizing) your point of view, we have alerted you that this giveaway

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went on, so you can inveigh against it, in these pages and elsewhere. Others can use the same story to laud the school's efforts or be indifferent. Regardless, it happened, and we're happy to have told everyone. As for the story being "free advertising," the companies' names are not in the headline and they did not control the message, nor did we publish their pricing or product or contact information. It was the school that alerted us to the potential story, which we were happy to report, again, whether you think Roslyn should be proud or ashamed of this giveaway. – DP.

## INDOOR POOL IS UNNEEDED 'STUFF'

I am constantly amazed at how much "stuff" Westmounters think they deserve: dog runs, bike paths, new rec centres, etc etc... Now the big whine is about an indoor pool. Even the mayor is jumping on the bandwagon (cautiously). Does anyone realize that there is a beautiful refurbished indoor pool at the Westmount Y? Do we need two pools a few hundred yards from each other? Yes, you have to be a Y member to use its pool, but how many tax dollars would be saved by spending \$50 a month (and you might get in shape, too)? Really folks, let's get a grip on the entitlements.

JOHNNY "RED" DAVIDSON, MELVILLE AVE.

## IMMEDIATE REPLACEMENT OF GAS BLOWERS UNREASONABLE

I am writing about the proposed by-law banning gas-powered leaf blowers due to take effect this April 1. Although I applaud the council for its efforts to reduce pollution and noise levels in the city, I am baffled by their insensitivity to how this sudden ban would affect a number of small business owners. The immediate replacement of their gas leaf blowers with electric ones is highly costly and therefore most unreasonable.

Additionally, the electric leaf blowers are inferior machines in terms of power and, more significant, is the need for recharging every hour or so of use. Where and how is this to be done? Presumably the city's Public Works department is using electric leaf blowers and can advise as to how they circumvent these deficiencies. I would urge the council to be more understanding of the new problems they are about to create and find a solution in the name of fairness.

Toby Morantz, Clandeboye Ave. *Editor's note:* The mayor seems to be on the same page as you. Please see our story, p. 1 and her column, p. 7. – DP

#### RESIDENTS: LOOK TO YOUR-SELVES BEFORE COMPLAINING

Upon reading the [January 29] edition, I could not believe how much people complained about the snow removal in Westmount. Snow removal crews picked up five times in six weeks, which is something unheard of, and Westmount was the only city to do so. Instead of complaining about some leftover flakes, how about we look into the problem of those individuals who leave their vehicles in the street the day of snow removal and need to be called at home in order to move them because they did not pay attention to the orange "7 to 19 hr" no-parking signs placed on their streets 12 to 15 hours before? This is an ongoing problem that occurs at every snow removal, by that point [in the process] we have 10 to 12 dump trucks, one blower driver, two bellmen and one foreman – a total of 14 to 17 hard-working individuals who are then waiting 20 to 25 minutes on many streets at -28°C to -35°C temperatures for public safety officers to contact owners at home to remove their vehicles. How much do you think this costs the city for every street that this hap-

Let's not forget that most residents have their own private driveways (so why park in the street?).

These hard-working blue-collar men and women wait while mister or missus finishes their coffee or shower before moving their vehicle. This is an ongoing problem for many years and yet no one speaks about it, but they do have the gall to complain about the five snow removals in six weeks. Ladies and gentlemen, every snowflake cannot be removed from our streets so, before criticizing blue collars' hard work, take a good look at yourselves and your bad habits.

Lomaglio Peter, St. Leonard

## MAYOR SHOULD CONTROL ENTHUSIASM

I am writing to express my surprise at the statement of the new mayor (reported in your February 20 issue, p. 1) that an indoor pool was "a council priority" and that she already had a site "in mind." That story went on to note that only 1,040 (of 10,000) individuals had responded "generally in favour of a pool" in response to an earlier survey. In view of the surprise tax rate we have just suffered, it seems very unwise to move forward with a large new project that would involve major construction and a permanent administrative expense to the city.

The mayor showed this same uncontrolled enthusiasm in the first meeting of council on December 4, when (as reported in your December 12 issue): "In an unusual break with Westmount tradition that the mayor votes mainly to break a council tie. ... she voted in favour of the 500 Claremont project to declare the approval was truly 'unanimous'. ..."

This practice is not simply "Westmount tradition," it is set out clearly in *Robert's Rules of Order* (even Vice President Pence has grasped this in his role as chair of the US senate).

So – could the mayor please show more control in expressing her personal preferences and spend a little time studying accepted democratic procedures?

Jo LaPierre, Metcalfe Ave.

## KUDOS TO COUNCIL ON UPCOMING ST. CATHERINE BUILDING, LESS SYMPATHY FOR DEP OWNER

In the February 27 edition (p. 1), I read with interest, and relief, of the council and Planning Advisory Committee's decision to grant the application to demolish this [4014-4022] building on St. Catherine St. Whether this stretch is seen as a "gateway" to Westmount or as a vital crossroads of Montreal, the nearly derelict building and transient businesses have waited far too long for significant change.

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## Gas leaf blower ban too ambitious for now, stricter limits aren't



Mayor's Column
Christina Smith

The new Westmount city council is now a few months into its mandate. The budget of the city of Montreal and the imposed tax increase on the city of Westmount has dominated much of my time since the beginning of the year.

Your councillors have been working hard on getting to know their new roles and putting into place measures that make city information, decision-making, and communication tools more readily available to residents. These are important concerns of our citizens that I and all councillors heard in our interactions with voters last fall. We are fully committed to delivering on the clearly expressed will of our residents.

We intend to continue the policy of managing the city's finances prudently and with a view to keeping tax increases to a minimum. The portion of the taxes our residents pay over which we have no control – the taxes paid directly to the Montreal agglomeration budget – will continue to be a focus of our efforts to achieve fairness both in the share we pay and the amount of any annual increases. We will seek to have more of a say in the preparation of the agglomeration budget, although structural changes to the process may only be attainable with the help of this or the next Quebec government.

#### Leaf-blower update

Recently, the city of Westmount announced its intention to prohibit the use of gas leaf blowers this year. Such restrictions on two-stroke engine leaf blowers are not unique to Westmount; they are in place all over North America. It is a trend that will only accelerate. These machines are highly polluting and often exceed the noise standards established by municipalities. Every spring and fall brings numerous complaints from Westmount residents disturbed by leaf-blower noise; a scourge that precludes peaceable enjoyment of their properties.

However, I cannot ignore the fact that it will require an investment by the land-scapers to adhere to the new rules. Council now concedes that we were a little too ambitious with our implementation date of April 1, 2018; therefore, we now pledge

to work with both landscapers and residents to establish a more reasonable timeline to implement these new standards.

After meeting with some landscapers to discuss how to move towards this goal, we have agreed to a few immediate changes. The allowable time for leaf blowers will be 8 am to 4 pm (formerly 7 am to 6 pm). No one should wake up to the sounds of screaming leaf blowers. They will only be allowed in early spring and in the fall. While this has been the case since 1993, the law was rarely enforced

#### Lead by example

The city will lead by example; our own leaf-blowing equipment will transition to electrical machines starting in April 2018. Landscaping contractors will not have to adhere to this tight timeline. Every contractor's leaf blower must bear a manufacturer's label certifying that it meets the Category 1 standard of the American National Standards Institute, which requires less than 65 decibels measured 50 feet away. This provision has been law since June 2010 but, again, not always enforced. It now will be.

I know this delay will disappoint many people who feel that pollution and excessive noise has no place in lawn care. There is much science to support that opinion. And common sense. Others will be relieved that the threat of unreasonable increases in landscaping fees will disappear. We will work towards an environmentally acceptable agreement, with residents, landscapers and the equipment manufacturers.

The ultimate objective will be both a material reduction in noise pollution and nuisance from noise and the widespread use of environmentally friendly equipment

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Local March to Save Lives to start at Dawson Peace Garden

# Vickery defies naysayers, organizes, wants to show Canadians 'care too'

By David Price

Grade 6 Roslyn student Lexington Vickery was watching the news after the February 14 shooting in Parkland, Florida and heard a US politician saying local 17- and 18-year-olds would not be able to organize protests.

She not only thought that they could, but said, "Hey, I could do that," she recounted in a phone interview with her mother, Amy Creighton, and the *Independent* March 4. The march is now on, starting at Dawson College CEGEP on Saturday, March 24 at 10 am. The precise starting point, the school's Peace Garden, is a deliberate choice, said Creighton.

Vickery is the granddaughter of the late Paul Creighton, a 1991 candidate for Westmount city council, who was well known in his later years for his advocacy of dog runs (see "Former diplomat, longtime friend of animals, Paul Creighton dies April 15," May 1-2, 2012, p. 11).

Her goal is a little different from some of the more policy-oriented marches in the US. Her objective is media coverage to show survivors in Florida that "people in Canada care too."

On that score, she has already reached some native Parkanders: three alumni of Stoneman Douglas High School, where the shooting took place, who live in Quebec have already agreed to join her march.

When asked if she has gun-control objectives for Canada, the answer is no. "We have pretty good gun control in Canada, and, although there are a lot of guns [here], we don't start shooting people all the time."

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Construction project manager Michel Côté, left, and urban planner Brian Fahey listen to proceedings after presenting the "Square Children's" project. The broken red line outlines the low white building to be demolished in Westmount along the east side of Atwater.



This rendering of the six towers by MSDL architects is shown looking south and west along Tupper to Atwater at right.

#### **Children's**, cont'd. from p. 1

about the impact some 3,000-4,000 new residents or occupants might have on neighbourhood schools, parks and health services.

During the session of close to 90 minutes, Urban Planning director Tom Flies described how the one-storey building to be razed at 2307 Dorchester had been built in 1956 as a half-basement link to a fourstorey service building.

The city's Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) did not object to its demolition, he said, and had recommended the landscaping plan. The overall site plan had already been approved by Montreal, where most of it is located, he pointed out.

Presentations of the plan and sequences of demolition and construction were presented by Brian Fahey, of the urban planning firm bearing his name, and Michel Côté, senior project director of Edyfic Construction.

#### Progressing quickly

The project by Devimco Real Estate was reported to be moving ahead quickly,

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they said, and work was expected to start in the Westmount territory as soon as the demolition and landscaping permits were obtained.

Among the questions from the council, Mayor Christina Smith asked whether a French primary school was to be included in the development. "This is a concern of the neighbourhood," she said referring to the potential for further overcrowding of Westmount's École St. Léon.

Fahey said his team had recently met with the Quebec Education ministry and the Commission scolaire de Montréal (CSDM) and learned that Square Children's was one of three possible sites identified for a new school. "To now, no decision has been rendered."

Councillor Cynthia Lulham, Urban Planning commissioner for zoning, economic development and parks, asked about the inclusion of a playing and/or soccer field on the site. She was told there would be new park areas and a large open greenspace "to kick the ball."

Where would the new residents obtain health services, asked Councillor Marina Brzeski, commissioner of sustainability and accessibility. "We haven't looked at that," Fahey replied. She also asked how people in the area would be kept informed of the work and was told through neighbourhood meetings and a website as well as door-todoor and email notices.

Councillor Anitra Bo-

building, which is to be administration offices. Councillor Conrad Peart, Urban Planning commissioner for permits and architecture, asked for architectural reports to be provided.

Before the council adjourned to deliberate, Fahey asked that the city drop its requirement for a \$500,000 monetary guarantee regarding the landscaping plan. He explained that Montreal had already required a similar one in addition to one for \$2 million aimed at protecting the nurses' building, a portion of which lies in Montreal.

#### Guarantee retained

When the council returned with its de-

cision, however, the guarantee remained among the 11 conditions.

"We have to protect our own interests," Councillor Conrad Peart told the Independent, noting Westmount was an independent city.

In respect to the integrity of the nurses' building, Westmount resident Miguel Escobar was introduced as the architect for its restoration and renovation.

While no questions were asked during a concluding question period, a handful of local residents on leaving reiterated the concerns about the development's impact on the neighbourhood. Maureen Kiely of The Boulevard singled out healthcare services as being already overwhelmed.



stock, Public Security com- This site plan by MSDL architects shows how the Westmount border cuts through the preserved nurses' building at the missioner, asked about the left corner as well through a nine-storey portion of the 32-storey Tower 1. The other five towers are positioned between future use of the nurses' Dorchester/René Lévesque, Tupper and Sussex/Hope to the right. North-pointing arrow added by Independent.

## Down comes the chimney



Westmounter Willem Westenberg took this photo as he and his daughter Emma walked to work and the library, respectively, on March 1. It shows both Westmount and non-Westmount portions of the former Montreal Children's Hospital site.

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## City, Public Security won't join St. Pat's parade this year

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A Westmount contingent will not participate in the St. Patrick's Parade March 18 for the first time in 33 years, the Independent learned last week.

The reason is that participation began to dwindle, explained Councillor Mary Gallery, commissioner of library, culture, sports and recreation.

"To simply have a Public Security car with a few people walking beside did not reflect what Westmount is. Our hope is to revitalize it for next year."

She added that Mayor Christina Smith was unavailable this year to participate, which added to the decision.

Photos show the city's participation dates back to 1985 when a fire truck from the Westmount Fire Brigade was entered for the first time.

This was followed by a rapid escalation in ensuing years that included highly decorated fire trucks from Westmount and other mutual aid cities as well as Montreal assembling at the Westmount station escorted by police and Public Security.

By 1987, the contingent was joined by a separate stand-alone Westmount float – a simple one at first, then an elaborate prizewinner - all carrying members of community groups.

Westmount mayors Brian Gallery, May Cutler and Peter Trent, in their time, led the contingent seated on a local fire truck, sometimes flanked by councillors while waving crowds called out "here comes Westmount!" or other such greetings.

Latterly, after the float needed repairs, it was withdrawn and Public Security personnel took on the organization of a small-

The city has been unable to enter another float since an accident involving a parade reveller ended the issuance of new float permits in 2010, Mary Gallery explained. "We're working on next year," she



A part of the contingent that turned up to accompany Westmount's parade float on March 16, 2008, the first time the Independent, founded in May 2007, covered the event. From left, front: Ayden Langlois, Kaelan Felcarek, Devin Langlois and Zachary Kirkpatrick; middle: Jessica Kearney, Lynn Kirkpatrick and Maureen Langbo; top: Kevin Dawson, Tommy Fogarty and Virginia Elliott, Westmount's community events coordinator, who is still working for the city. Photo: Independent.









A part of the city contingent in 1985 (far left), Westmount's first time at the parade. Mayor Brian Gallery, 1986 (mid-left). Mayor May Cutler, 1988 (top). Mayor Peter Trent, 1994 (left).



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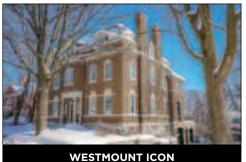
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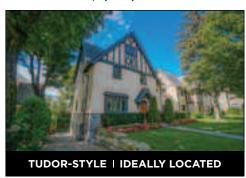
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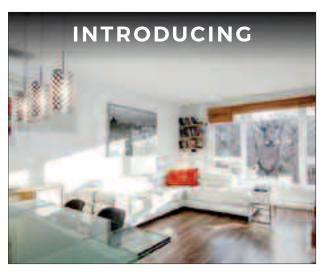
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## Bought & Sold – real estate transfers in November 2017, and others

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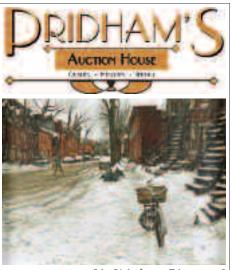
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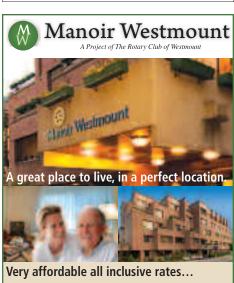
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#### November transfers

## Prices up, mark-ups down



Real Estate

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The following article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in November 2017, gleaned from non-city sources. A list of sales can be found on p. 15. Five sales over \$2 million headed the



9 St.George's Place on February 27. Biggest mark-down, 18.6 percent.

list of real estate transfers in November last year, capped off by the \$4,550,000 paid out for 617 Clarke Ave., a detached stone house in the cul-de-sac area above The Boulevard. With the December sales still to be counted, the 14 sales in November pushed the total volume for the year to its highest level since 2007. The average price was \$1,925,207, though the average mark-up dropped to 7.1 percent from 11.5 percent in October and 13 percent in September. The "typical" Westmount house still has a value over \$1.7 million, where it has



34 Springfield on February 27. Lowest price, \$830,000

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617 Clarke on February 27. Highest price, \$4,550,000

been for most of last year.

Four houses sold for less than \$1 million, only one of those – 34 Springfield Ave. – for less than \$900,000. The Springfield house now has a trailer out front, as does the house with the next-lowest price, 9 St. George's Place, which at \$925,000 was the biggest mark-down from municipal valuation, 18.6 percent. On the other end of the scale, 640 Grosvenor Ave. sold for \$1,885,000, some 66.6 percent above municipal valuation, from a renovator who had purchased it in April for \$1,080,000.

Though there are not many four-family dwellings in Westmount, two of them sold in November, one on Bruce Ave. and the other on Grosvenor Ave. at the corner of de Maisonneuve Blvd. Also sold were three condominiums, including two apartments and a portion of a former duplex on Mount Stephen Ave., two of those under municipal evaluation. Four condos sold in October, bringing the total for the fourth quarter of 2017 (so far) to an average of almost \$675,000 among seven condos, only 4.1 percent above municipal evaluation.

The *Independent* has also researched several earlier sales which had not been reported in the monthly lists, including three sixth-floor condominiums at 215 Redfern Ave., all of which brought more than \$2 million, but which sold for less than their respective tax values. Two land lots at *continued on p. 20* 



640 Grosvenor, Highest mark-up, 66.6%

#### Split into two phases

## Greenhouse project gets go-ahead, tenders launched

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Restoration of the city's greenhouse complex received the go-ahead from city council at its general committee meeting February 19, Councillor Cynthia Lulham announced last week.

And within days, the first phase – restoration of the historic conservatory and aquatic house (frog pond) – was launched with the posting of tenders for professional services, city director general Benoit Hurtubise confirmed last week. "We waited for the council decision."

"Our citizens want the conservatory opened as soon as possible," explained Lulham, "so this is very exciting."

Splitting the project into two phases enables the first one to get under way without being held up by decisions regarding Phase 2, which is assessing the future needs for the work greenhouses, Lulham said.

The entire complex was closed to the public for safety reasons in September

2015

The professional services contract for Phase 1 will involve the preparation of architectural, heating and other plans as well as the tender specs for the construction work on the historic portion.

How quickly will the actual work begin on Phase 1? "I think starting construction this year would be very optimistic," Hurtubise said.

#### Needs assessment for 'work greenhouses'

Meanwhile, an analysis of the work greenhouses will include more of the public consultations that began last year with certain interest groups, Lulham said.

"We need to determine which greenhouses are required: How many plants does the city need to grow? Should one be retained for educational purposes? And how about the popular 'jungle house' of tropical plants?"

When the complex was built in 1927, the city grew all its required plants. The

city's annual report for 1954 states 35,000 were specially grown for exhibits. A total of 41,000 perennials and annuals were also produced for summer planting as well as 12,643 tulips. The city now purchases most of its plants, but grows many used for display and other purposes.

While testing and analyses of the condition of the historic portion have been ongoing, it was not until last September that a report determined the condition of the foundations and most of the steel struc-

ture of conservatory area were sound enough to allow for its restoration rather than a complete rebuild (see story October 3, 2017, p. 3).

It's mainly the glass panes and frames of cypress wood holding them in place that have rotted and need to be replaced, it was reported. The recommended replacement wood was recommended as a long-lasting Accoya wood. The aim is to use laminated glass, a type of heavy, shatter-proof glass.

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#### Open Door finds new, 'mystery' home

# Redevelopment of St. Stephen's at design stage

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Plans for the redevelopment of St. Stephen's Church are still at the design stage, according to project manager Jesse Fournier of Stanford Properties Group, which now owns the property at the southwest corner of Dorchester and Atwater.

As a result, he told the *Independent* last week, it was too early in the process to discuss what is being planned until final drawings have been submitted to the city for feedback.

The sale of the property took place last August 28, he confirmed, though this had not been reflected on the property valuation roll last week.

Meanwhile, it also came to light that The Open Door drop-in centre for homeless people had found a new home at an undisclosed venue. The day shelter has been based at the church for some three decades and its lease had been extended a couple of times during a challenging search for new premises (see story July 4, 2017, p. 7).

"It's working out," said Jason Baxendale, who recently stepped down as chair of the board. He said the new site would be announced in the future in conjunction

with the city of Montreal, which had been "incredibly helpful" in the search. A date in May has been suggested.

#### Preservation challenge

Built in 1903, St. Stephen's is classified by the city as a Category I heritage property. This provides a challenge to its repurposing and redevelopment by requiring retention of many heritage aspects. These have been identified as including the stained glass windows, roof dormers and wood detailing of the nave (see story July 4, 2017, p. 3).

The residential zone (R6-35-01) permits one- or two-family and multi-family occupancy including a senior citizens' residence. Under Westmount's zoning by-law, the maximum allowable height is listed at 3 storeys or 35 feet.

This could allow for a conforming extension to be built as long as the maximum site coverage of 65 percent is observed, according to Urban Planning director Tom Flies.

The *Independent* originally reported the church's last Sunday service had taken place at the end of December 2016 (see January 24, 2017). The property was subsequently put up for sale.

## ON THE SHELVES

A list of titles singled out by staff at the Westmount Public Library this month.

Have you seen owls around the library? In the storytelling garden, the children's mascot, the Friends of the Library logo, and more... The owl became part of the Westmount Library after a real owl took up residence in the attic during the 1994-95 renovations. You can read about it in the book *Bibliothèques québécoises remarquables*, in a chapter written by *Independent* chief reporter Laureen Sweeney.

#### Magazines - Science for everyone

"The means of reproduction," by Karen Weintraub in *Scientific American*, March, pp. 60-65. Could scientists use blood and skin cells to replace sperm and eggs?

"The survivalists" by F. Pearce in *New Scientist*, 10 February 2018, pp. 32-35. Is the polar bear species marching to safety or disaster?

"Et si la Terre était plate?" par Normand Baillargeon dans *Québec Science*, mars 2018, pp. 12-13. Comment débattre avec un partisan de la terre plate.

#### **Book Club in a Bag**

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles. Deemed unrepentant by a Bolshevik tribunal in 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is sentenced to house arrest, where he lives while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history unfold. **Ebooks – Russian intrigue** 

The Deceivers (a John Wells novel) by Alex Berenson. In the wake of a fatal incident in Dallas that may have been staged to look like a terrorist attack, former CIA agent John Wells is dispatched to Colombia.

The Kremlin's Candidate by Jason Matthews. Overhearing a Kremlin plot to install a spy in a high intelligence position so that the Russians can identify CIA assets in Moscow, Dominika launches a desperate mole hunt.

#### Livres numériques

Les loyautes by Delphine de Vigan. Four characters' lives crisscross: Théo, child of divorced parents; Mathis, his friend whom

#### Construction continues at 1100 Atwater



A jackhammer was at work March 1 at 1100 Atwater, between Dorchester and Tupper. A permit was issued on August 7, 2017 to modify the entrance and create new windows (see September 5, 2017, p.16). This view is from Atwater, looking southwest. This building is the former Royal Bank Visa processing centre.

Photo: Independent.

he drags into dangerous terrain; Hélène, a teacher who was a victim of violence in her childhood and who worries about Théo; Cécile, Mathis' mother.

Une vie sans fin by Fréderic Beigbeder. After his 8-year-old daughter asked him if he would die one day (and he felt compelled to lie), Beigbeder went on a journey to find out what are the latest discoveries in the field of longevity.

#### Adult English - Winds of change

The Wizard and the Prophet: Two Remarkable Scientists and their Dueling Visions to Shape Tomorrow's World by Charles C. Mann. An examination into the lives of Norman Borlaug and William Vogt, two twentieth-century scientists.

Together We Rise: Behind the Scenes at the Protest Heard Round the World. An insider's account of the 2017 Women's March.

#### Adult French: Lives of artists

Alberto Giacometti by Catherine Grenier. Sculptor Giacometti was not only one of the 20th century's major artists, he was also one of its most original personalities.

Jean Rochefort: prince sans rire by Jean-Philippe Guerand. Guerand did research for eight years, examining Jean Rochefort's life and career, gathering dozens of

testimonies and letting him speak as much as possible.

#### **Documentary films**

Rumble: The Indians who Rocked the World directed by C. Bainbridge and A. Maiorana. Focusing on Link Wray, Jimi Hendrix, Buffy Sainte-Marie, and many others, this film shows how these pioneering native American musicians helped shape the soundtracks of our lives.

Whose Streets? written and directed by Sabaah Folayan. Told by the activists and leaders who live and breathe this movement for justice, Whose Streets? is an unflinching look at the Ferguson uprising. Children's

Le crayon magique de Malala by Malala Yousafzai. When Malala Yousafzai was a young girl she wished for a magic pencil to make her wishes come true. As she got older, she realized that hard work and standing up for one's beliefs were the real way to make change. (Also available in English)

Bloom: A Story of Fashion Designer by Kyo Maclear and Julie Morstad. As a little girl growing up in Rome, Elsa Schiaparelli was often told that she was brutta – ugly – so she decides to use her imagination to find beauty all around her.

#### Letters, cont'd. from p. 6

in Westmount and frequently take the bus across the street from the dépanneur. What I have witnessed numerous times are people drinking to excess – obviously already inebriated, quite loudly proclaiming that they are in need of more. They then cross back over to this store, exhibiting lewd behaviour, and do just that

But the owner should not be selling more alcohol to people who have visibly proven they've already reached their limits. Profits being profits, whoever is behind the counter, sees no reason to say "no." Now, admittedly, they are not the only customers who frequent the store – cars regularly stop, engines running, while someone runs in and out for something.

I've come to the conclusion that responsible ownership is more justifiable than simply shouting "unfair." In saying that, I wish the owner well – and can't wait for this corner to shine as it must have decades ago.

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## HURRAY FOR MAYOR ON Mt. ROYAL

Hurrah for Mayor Smith on the Mt. Royal road closure issue (February 27, p. 1). My question is [if it does happen]: will the south entrance, off Remembrance Rd. to the Mt. Royal Cemetery, still be accessible? Many people use this entrance to visit family plots in the cemetery, both the

Vickery, cont'd. from p.7

to Vickery's efforts, the first being a com-

ment online that more people will die

while texting on the drive to her march

than in AR-15 deaths in Canada in the last

10 years. Another called her mother a

fascist and Nazi, which was news to Vick-

me a Nazi. That is sick," she interjected.

"I'm 11 years old. You can't be calling

"This [kind of remark and attitude] is

ery during the interview.

There has been some negative reaction

Protestant and Catholic sections.

The papers are full of news and debates concerning the closing of the Camillien Houde from Côte des Neiges to Park Ave. to eliminate through traffic – all because one motorist illegally made a U-turn, with tragic consequences.

I feel the south entrance to the cemetery must remain open. I have no idea how to reach my family plot via Outremont. I do not feel I am alone in this challenge.

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## PARKING APP NOT FREE, NOT HELPFUL

On January 24, I parked on St. Catherine St. east of Clarke. As I had fallen on ice, injuring my hand and fingers two days before, I thought it more prudent, on yet another very icy, brutally cold, extremely windy day, to drive to my previously scheduled appointment.

I was grateful that I had the Westmount parking app on that very windy cold day, since it was unlikely I would be able to pay at the outdoor parking machine with my injury, I set off to my appointment with the intention of having my hand checked afterwards at the nearby medical clinic. After all, I had the much-touted parking app so I could add parking time, as needed!

As it happened, however, the parking app would not open. The symbol kept spinning with the words "loading, load-

one of the things she is working to combat," said Creighton.

Has it been weird to be on local media? Yes and no, it seems. Vickery is no stranger to the camera, having acted in the short drama *Snow* last year. Being on radio was odd, since some congestion from a cold "made me sound like I was dying."

Her mother seems positive about the experience, "From an adult perspective, she has proven people wrong and shown that kids are capable of doing more."

ing...," then spinning and back to "loading," so I turned it off and tried again. Again and again. Still, not wanting to be late for my scheduled appointment, and assuming it would surely kick in any second, I carried my phone in my good hand, so I could pay immediately the moment it activated. Unfortunately it did not, despite the numerous times I checked, then turned it off and tried again.

Naturally, after the appointment, any hope of going to the medical clinic too was out of the question. So I ran as quickly as I could against that bracing wind, to find there was indeed a parking ticket on my windshield.

Ironically, the reason I got the "free" app (which costs 25 cents each usage) in the first place is because I once received a ticket while waiting in line behind two other people to pay for parking! When neither the pay-by-plate, nor the app system works, what is an honest citizen to do?

If the intention was to make it easier for people to park and to shop in Westmount, as we often read, my own experience has been quite the opposite. In theory, the system sounds great, but in practice, as applied, this new system in fact discourages shopping in Westmount.

This long-time Westmount citizen/taxpayer will not be parking at Westmount metered spaces again.

Gretchen Brabander, Victoria Ave.

## LET THERE BE LIGHT, AND MAGIC

For those who prefer that all decorative illumination be whisked away immediately after the holidays (e.g. "Turn off lights, please," February 20, p. 4), I recommend moving to the greater Washington, DC area, where I lived for many years.

In those immaculate suburban neighbourhoods, the week after Christmas, there is a tearing-away, a throwing up of sashes and out of trees, as long, skinny, green, furry arms yank down the strings of lights, the wreaths, the bows, the tinsel, because it's an Efficient Place, and Grinch-

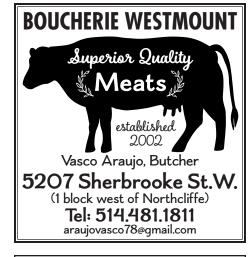
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es love checking things off their lists. You can almost hear them chortling...

As for me, I am writing to thank the people of Edgehill and all other parts of Westmount, who not only create lovely displays of coloured lights, but keep them up for a long time to brighten the extended winters here. Isn't it great that LED lights use less wattage and have such intense colours? No matter one's faith or state of unsure-ness, seeing light in the darkness reminds us of love that transcends all kinds of "difficult weather." When I walk up the mountain in the snow and see these, I feel a child-like excitement at such magic.

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#### Akiva names Grossman as head

The Akiva School on Kensington Ave. has announced that a new head at the school was recently chosen by the board of directors and will be starting work in Au-

According to a press release from the school, Rabbi Eric Grossman comes to Akiva with over 20 years' experience in Jewish day school education and leader-

Originally from Toronto, Rabbi Grossman has worked at Jewish day schools across North America, including a stint as head of school at Frankel Jewish Academy in West Bloomfield, Michigan. Most recently, he served as head of school of The Ramaz School in Manhattan.

According to Akiva, Rabbi Grossman will be working closely with Cooki Levy, interim head, to ensure a smooth transition. Rabbi Grossman will be visiting the school in May and June to meet with teachers, staff and parents.

"As we prepare to move into a new era at Akiva School, I would like express our deep gratitude to Cooki Levy ... who returned to the helm this past year to help guide us with her wisdom and insight through this transitional time," said board president Patrick Essiminy. - MCB

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Rabbi Eric Grossman

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#### Real Estate, cont'd. from p. 16

the corner of Edgehill Rd. and Lexington Ave. also changed hands, one in 2016 and one in 2017. The 2016 sale was for \$4,700,000, involving 2,037.4 square metres of land on which a huge house is now being constructed for Heather Blum, wife of Jonathan Amiel. And 646 Lansdowne Ave. sold in August, but the names of buyer and seller were reversed on the deed, corrected within the next month but apparently not yet corrected on the city valuation roll.

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#### Retail Watch

An assortment of news about retailers and retail spaces in Westmount. If you have retail news, please email us at indie@westmount independent.com before the 21st of each month.

#### Greene Ave. area

Construction under way 1336 (basement) Greene Ave. 1358-60 Greene Ave. 206-208 Olivier Ave.

#### Vacant

1394 Greene Ave. (south of Sherbrooke), former site of Lululemon and, before that, the Bank of Nova Scotia

1215 Greene Ave. (south of de Maisonneuve), former site of Lou Goldberg Jeweller

1201 Greene Ave., former site of Joaillier David Plotnick

4024A St. Catherine St. (east of Atwater), former site of Tutti Frutti

4026 St. Catherine St., former site of Morning Glory

4026A St. Catherine St. 4152A St. Catherine St.

#### Victoria village

#### **Re-openings**

Dairy Queen, at 4890 Sherbrooke, reopened on March 2 after its usual winter break.

Bilboquet, at 4864 Sherbrooke, will reopen in mid-March after its usual winter break with maple sugar ice cream, said a sign on its door seen March 2.

#### Coming

A location of the Aux Vivres vegan restaurant, is "coming soon" to 4896 Sherbrooke, corner Prince Albert, said a sign in its window seen on March 2.

According to signs on the outside of its store, Mochico, at 4945 Sherbrooke, corner Claremont, is moving, but when asked on March 2 when the move would be, a respondent at the store said "Really, I don't know," nor did she know when its last day at that location would be.

#### Vacant

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4823 Sherbrooke St., former site of Pier 1

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4920 Sherbrooke St., former site of La Canadienne's Westmount location 4922 Sherbrooke St., former site of Parm 5028 Sherbrooke St. just west of the Westmount border, former site of Copoli, Liquid Lounge and Crossroads. The Copoli restaurant at 4458 St. Catherine at Metcalfe is totally

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Social Notes

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Israel Cancer Research Fund (ICRF) held its 12th annual Women of Action event at Le Windsor offering an elegant tea/luncheon to the sold-out crowd. Cochairs were Elyse Rosen (with husband George G. Pollack), and Westmounters Alana Geller, Leah Moss (with husband Robert Bard), and Suzanne Wexler (with husband Dr. David Hauerstock).

The afternoon tea concept was in hon-



Dr. Lucy Kalanathi and Lori Weitzman.

## Strong ladies lauded at ICRF afternoon tea

our of Wexler's late mother **Dr. Sharon Wexler**, who started the "Tea Time" program for Cedars CanSupport. Suzanne's sister, Westmounter **Alana Wexler-Schwartz**, was part of the organizing committee, along with local res **Marsha Becker**, **Roslyn Druckman**, **Shari Gordon**, **Arlene Lazar**, **Stephanie Pesner** and **Annie Young**.

Other committee members included Winne Citrome, Sharyn Fagan, Jennifer Fellegi, Hila Kessous, Heather Levy, Joanne Marco, Maxine Marcovitch, Bonnie Ostrov, Karyn Pellat, Shari Rozansky and Sharleen Young.



Doctors Kevin Petrecca and Walter Gotlieb.



Anne Marie Boucher, AlanaGeller, Gail Grief, Elyse Rosen, Leah Moss, Suzanne Wexler and Jeffrey Bernstein.

Westmounters addressing the room included honorary chair Anne Marie Boucher, Jeffrey Bernstein, ICRF president; Dr. Walter Gotlieb, ICRF scientific advisory board chair; and Dr. Kevin Petrecca, neurosurgery chief at The Montreal Neurological Institute and Hospital, aka The Neuro.

Honoured at the event and awarded the title "The Strongest Woman I Know" were

Virginia Champoux (there with daughter Nora-Jim Sokoloff), Dr. Marcia Gillman (with husband Mike Flinker) and Nathalie Kaspy-Shtern (with her son singer Jake Shtern). They either struggled with cancer personally or helped a loved one through their battle with the illness, while still giving back to the community. The keynote presentation featured Dr.

Lucy Kalanathi, widow of continued on p. 22







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#### ICRF, cont'd. from p. 21

Dr. Paul Kalanithi, the young neurosurgeon who penned the *New York Times* bestselling memoir *When Breath Becomes Air* about his experience with terminal lung cancer. Onstage she spoke of her bittersweet experiences with moderator **Lori Weitzman**.

Local residents enjoying the event included **Debra Margles**, **Carrie Garbarino**,

Tina Baer, Ariella Gotlieb, Susan Wener, Ilana Shiller, Shari Gordon Black, Valeria Rosenbloom, Susan Lavy, Ariel Dayan, Heather Paperman, Cheryl Brownstein, Susan Alper, Randi Milstein Cohen, Penny Echenberg, Jennifer Fraenkel, Alice Lehrer, Eden Polansky, Niki Schwarz and Jodi Zimmerman-Frenkiel. Also present was Gail Grief, ICRF executive director.

The event raised over \$300,000 in support of brain cancer research.

## Comin' Up

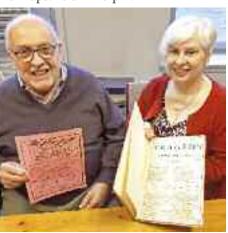
#### Wednesday, March 7

Héma-Québec Blood Drive. Victoria Hall. 2:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Film Club presents Eat That Question: Frank Zappa in His Own Words (2016). Westmount Public Library. 7 pm

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 10

Westmount Antiquarian Book Fair, Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave. (below Dorchester), Westmount. Books, prints and maps. 10 am – 5 pm.



Wilfrid de Freitas and Susan Ravdin of the Antiquarian Book Fair with William Shake-speare's Troilus and Cressida from the Fourth Folio, printed in 1685. It is being offered for sale at \$6,500.

Photo: Independent.

#### Monday, March 12

St. Patrick's Day crafts (4+ years). West-

mount Public Library. 4 pm

#### Tuesday, March 13

Westmount Horticultural Society presents Stéphanie Boucher of McGill's Lyman Entomological Museum on "Garden Insects – Friend or Foe?" \$5. Westmount Public Library. 7 pm.

The Women's Art Society of Montreal presents sculptor Shelley Miller. \$10. Unitarian Church of Montreal, 5035 de Maisonneuve Blvd. West. 1:30 to 2:30 pm.

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 16

Board game event. No fee, patronage encouraged. Leonidas Culture Chocolate, 318 Victoria Ave. 5 pm to 10 pm.

#### Monday, March 19

City council meeting, city hall, 7:30 pm.

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 24

March to Save Lives, starting at Dawson College and ending at Westmount Park United Church. 10 am to 12 noon.

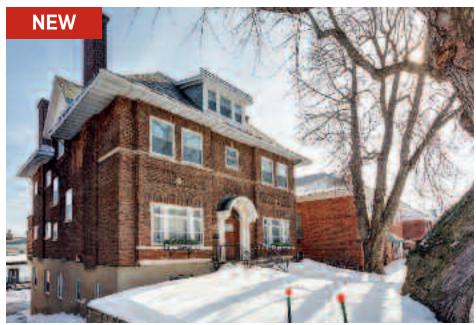
Earth Hour evening at Victoria Hall. The Westmount Healthy City Project presents exhibits and program related to climate change. Victoria Hall. 4:30 to 9:30 pm.

#### Tuesday, March 27

PhD candidate in English studies Marie Leconte on "What is Anglo-Québécois Literature?" \$10. Unitarian Church of Montreal, 5035 de Maisonneuve Blvd. West. 1:30 to 2:30 pm.



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