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## 'Lost the battle, but not the war': Mayor Smith Court refuses city request to stop 136/720 work for sound barrier

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Quebec Superior Court has turned down the city's request for an injunction to stop work on the new Highway 136 so a sound barrier can be erected before construction is completed.

A 40-page ruling in French dated May 17 and received by Mayor Christina Smith the next day, just before the Victoria Day weekend, rejects the city's request for an interlocutory injunction, "but that doesn't mean we're not getting a sound barrier," she said.

"We may have lost the battle, but not the war," she told the *Independent*.

She said she will be contacting the office of Quebec Transport minister André Fortin this week in hopes of meeting with him in the coming days.

The city's legal action against the ministry of Transport and construction consortium KPH-Turcot was heard February 12 to 14 and the city had been expecting a decision by the end of March (see story February 13, p. 1). The ruling, Smith said, "is very disappointing at this stage."

"It doesn't make sense not to build the sound barrier while the highway is still under construction," she explained. "Everywhere across the ..... province, you see sound ..... continued on p. 12

## Allan/Cameron survivors meet, prepare to sue



Addressing a gathering of Survivors Allied Against Government Abuse (SAAGA) as well as media during a May 20 press conference on St. Catherine St., Westmounter Marilyn Rappaport is seeking compensation for the treatment given to her sister by Dr. Donald Ewen Cameron at the Allan Memorial Institute. He died in 1967. See p. 4 for story.

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## 'Looking' under the ground Contracts given to study two park water features

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Leaking water features in Westmount's two largest parks are going under the magnifying glass this summer to explore the reasons for their problems and prepare plans for repairing and updating them.

City council at its meeting May 7 ap-

proved separate professional services contracts totalling \$140,000. Both are stepping stones to decisions on what work will be undertaken (see story March 13, p. 1).

One is for "an infrastructure assessment study" of the condition of Westmount Park, including the water and drainage systems of the ..... watercourse and lagoon; ..... continued on p.



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# McCabe raises purse-robbing incident during 'Coffee with a Cop'

By MARTIN C. BARRY

Constables Stéphan Laperrière and Adalbert Pimentel, the Montreal police's community relations officers at Station 12 in Westmount, hosted a Coffee with a Cop event on May 5 at the Second Cup on Greene Ave.

Business owners and nearby residents were invited to drop by and discuss security issues. Kathy McCabe, who has an office on Greene, touched base with the two policemen about a bad experience she had a year ago involving some purse thieves who were operating in the area.

"I was having a coffee here and I had my purse ripped off with my cell phone in it," she told the *Independent*. "I and my colleague were the only two people here,

when a guy came in, then walked out and returned with another fella."

According to McCabe, one of the two men sat down at an adjacent table. While she and her colleague were momentarily distracted, the second man, who was looming behind them, reached stealthily into her purse, which was slung behind her chair.

While they didn't see the theft take place, items that were in McCabe's purse were missing when she checked shortly afterwards, and the two men had also disappeared. Cst. Pimentel confirmed that this kind of scenario is indeed all too common in restaurants and coffee shops where there is a lot of coming and going.

"We've had a few cases happen not only here, but at other coffee shops," he said.



Greene Ave. businesswoman Kathy McCabe attended Station 12's Coffee with a Cop event at the Second Cup where she is seen on May 5 with community relations officer Adalbert Pimentel.

"Definitely leaving the purse behind a chair is not a good idea." He offered some tips to avoid becoming another victim of this kind of crime.

He recommended that anyone with a purse should buy an anti-theft clip that hooks onto the side of a table and allows the purse to hang in full view of the owner rather than leaving it exposed behind a chair where it can't be seen.

Besides learning from McCabe about her experience, Pimentel said he was approached by several people over the course of the afternoon for information on other

issues, such as the impending decriminalization of marijuana.

He said the changes in the law are raising concerns among some individuals as to what means the police will be using to determine whether someone is intoxicated on marijuana to the point of being unable to drive a vehicle safely.

"Right now, there's no device to detect the level of toxicity in the body when it comes to cannabis consumption," Pimentel said.

"For certain questions, even we don't have definite answers yet."





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# Rebick turned her sexual abuse into political activism

By MARTIN C. BARRY

Talking about her latest book, *Heroes in My Head*, at the Atwater Library on May 10, Canadian feminist activist Judy Rebick said she found that writing the book was much more difficult than her previous works, because it dealt with personal issues while she is more at ease when writing from the standpoint of a journalist.

"When you write a book like this, it's more like writing fiction," said the former president of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women. In the book, she tells the story of the 11 personalities that dwelt in her at one time as a psychological consequence of childhood sexual abuse.

As Rebick recounted, her father started abusing her when she was five and her reaction to it "was to dissociate." In her particular case, she dissociated to the extreme, developing a mental ailment known as dissociative identity disorder, although she prefers to refer to it as multiple personality disorder.

"The only weapon I had to defend myself was my imagination," she said. "That's how I understand multiple personality disorder. It always starts when you're a child, because only children are able to do this."

Rebick said she had 11 personalities (although she and the psychotherapist who helped her call them "alters"). They all had names and most were children.

As Rebick writes in her book, "At five years old, my mind had fragmented into



Seen here on May 10 at the Atwater Library, Canadian feminist activist Judy Rebick spoke about her latest book, *Heroes in My Head*, recounting her sexual abuse and multiple personality disorder.

different compartments to protect me from the terrible things that my father was doing to me ... Once I started slipping into different personalities, I no longer knew that my father was abusing me."

One of the things she said she did, although several publishers tried to stop her, was to combine the story of the healing from her abuse with the story behind the development of her political activism.

"The big publishers wanted it just to be that I had multiple personality disorder and I got better, but that's not what my life is about. My life is about my political activism." She said her ability to dissociate combined with her multiple personalities "made me a better activist and activism helped me to heal."

Rebick, who had been a radical Marxist and Trotskyist during the 1970s up to the early 1980s, became president of the National Action Committee in 1990 when the Conservatives were in power in Canada under Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

It happened at the same time as she was dealing with the issue of her personal abuse. She links her feelings of powerlessness with the sense of political futility that she was experiencing at the time.

"My story is a good one because it's a story about how fighting to help other people helped me to help myself," she said. Among Rebick's previous books are *Ten Thousand Roses: The Making of a Feminist Revolution*, which documents the history of feminist movements in Canada from the 1960s through the 1990s.

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*CIA funded Cameron’s experiments*  
**Rappaport seeks damages for sister’s mistreatment at Allan Memorial**

By MARTIN C. BARRY

A Westmount woman is part of a group of more than 40 people who have decided to join a class action lawsuit claiming compensation from Canada, Quebec and medical authorities for suffering endured after their relatives were subjected to controversial psychiatric treatments at Montreal’s Allan Memorial Institute.

“Many of you have been robbed of a mother, father, sibling and a normal family life as a result of the experiments our loved ones endured,” Marilyn Rappaport told members of Survivors Allied Against Government Abuse (SAAGA), which held a press conference on May 20 at Rappaport’s St. Catherine St. condo building.

The experiments in question, involving long periods of sleep, electroshock and LSD, were conducted for research to determine if the minds of psychiatric patients could be reprogrammed. They took place from the 1940s to the 1960s under the supervision of the late Dr. Donald Ewen Cameron, founding director of the Allan Memorial, who received financial

support from the US government’s Central Intelligence Agency.

While at least 85 former patients of Dr. Cameron sued and obtained settlements during the late 1980s and early 1990s, hundreds of others – including former patients and members of their families – saw their claims turned down. Sometimes it was because the extent of treatment was judged insufficient to qualify for compensation, or because a statute date to file legal claims had expired.

“We question why it is that our families and loved ones were not given a public apology and awarded a proper compensation,” said Rappaport. “The government of Canada should recognize its legal responsibility, which it has never done.” She said SAAGA is appealing to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to issue a public apology and satisfactory compensation “so that the victims and their families may find closure.”

Rappaport said that as a young girl, her sister, who is now 77, was sent for treatment at the Allan Memorial by their parents, who had no idea what she was being

subjected to. “My sister and family sought advice from a medical professional, and instead their brutal experiments erased her memory and reverted her into a child-like state.”

After her sister’s discharge from the hospital, “she did not remember my late mother and today does not even know I am her sister,” said Rappaport. “She was not able to marry, have children or hold a job. She remained in an institution most of her life, buried in a prison within her mind. She was my big sister with whom I shared the same bedroom as a child. And I would ask my parents, ‘Where is the sister I used to know?’”

Montreal lawyer Alan M. Stein, who represented former Allan Memorial patient Gail Kastner when she was awarded \$100,000 compensation by the Canadian government in 2004 after her initial claim was turned down, is representing SAAGA and its class action.

“This probably will not be an easy case,” he admitted during the press conference. “But there’s always hope ..... and there’s always some- continued on p. 5

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# Interior demolition of 500 Claremont under way

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Interior demolition of the century-old institutional building at 500 Claremont is now in its third week after the city issued a permit for that phase, developer Gideon Pollack said last week.

The process is expected to take some three to four months.

Dumpsters can be seen in the parking lot at the back of the building with the work starting from the top storey down.

The project to convert the Category II heritage-rated building into apartments gained zoning approval from the Planning Advisory Committee and then finally from the council in February (see story February 6, p. 1).

The entire non-structural interior is to be stripped and decontaminated of asbestos used in building materials of

that era, as discussed at a public consultation meeting September 19 (see story September 26, p. 1).

In 2015, the city began requiring proof of asbestos levels during major interior renovations since many Westmount houses and other buildings date to the turn of the previous century when asbestos was regularly used in plaster and other building materials, according to city officials (see story November 17, 2015, p. 10).

The friable or crumbling form has been generally outlawed since the 1980s.

*The worksite on May 25.*

**Rappaport, cont'd. from p. 4**

thing at the end of the tunnel – perhaps some light.

“Because if we do institute the proceedings and the proceedings are authorized – you have to get a class action authorized by a judge of the Superior Court – I think that maybe we can get a settlement on behalf of all the families, of parents and spouses and siblings who were very badly damaged by what took place at the Allan Memorial Hospital.”

*See photo on p. 1.*

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**DON'T FINGER POINT,  
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The *Independent* is a great source of local, and particularly real estate, news. Local newspapers are an important part of creating inclusive and active communities.

Andy Dodge's article "Almost as many Chinese-married buyers as Quebec-married ones in the last 6 months" (May 15, p. RE-12), combined with the quote by Richard Kurland, is not a good example of being inclusive or welcoming. While the phenomenon of new arrivals as home buyers is an interesting one from an economic perspective, the article lacks context or real data related to the larger economic or demographic situation in Montreal. We don't know from this article if these are new arrivals or off-shore purchasers. The conclusion comes across as pointing a finger at the lack of financial acumen of a particular group of consumers.

I doubt that any of us would like to see our ethnic identity highlighted in a similar headline. As Canadians, we should be working hard to use our knowledge of historical mistakes to avoid labeling and generalizing.

MAXYNE FINKELSTEIN, DE MAISONNEUVE  
*Editor's reply:* I have also had a phone call from a reader unhappy with this column, so let me take some time to explain how it originated and how we looked at it.

As a long-time local real estate columnist and (now-retired) real estate appraiser, Andy reads every Westmount real estate transfer deed that he can get his hands on and has since the mid 1980s.

In recent years, he noticed that Chinese-married buyers were becoming a

very large proportion of new purchasers.

Although he is a columnist for us (and so has more latitude than reporters, i.e. his columns contain his opinions), he is also a former reporter. As such, he thought this finding was newsworthy and worth an extra column from him.

We agreed. We are very comfortable with demographic stories. We have covered the census several times over the years, including data relating to demographic sub-groups. This information is of general interest, but can also have real-world consequences. For instance, in this province, the percentage of francophones, anglophones and allophones in an area can affect what English services are provided, where and to whom. And Andy's data (although it answers only one very specific question) is much more recent and updated much more frequently (i.e. monthly) than the census.

We worked hard with Andy to present his findings in an objective, neutral, unbiased and un-sensational way, which we did for the first time in our October 24, 2017 issue (p. RE-22). We hope that we would do the same with any other demographic news.

In terms of re-quoting Vancouver immigration lawyer Richard Kurland, Andy knew that his very local story likely connected up to a larger national one (principally in two major cities, Vancouver and Toronto) and sought to make the link. My interpretation of Kurland's remark is not that these buyers lack financial acumen (and so pay high prices), but rather that they are well heeled relative to the markets

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

in which they are buying and are likely working to achieve objectives unrelated to the precise price of one piece of real estate. My guess? They aim to get some money out of China and to purchase *pied-à-terres* to help get themselves out, if need be.

As regards presenting metropolitan-level economic or demographic data, we could always do more for any story, but are happy with our local focus to this one. It is true and interesting, my two touchstones for any story or column. Also, and as Andy wrote, it is virtually impossible to calculate what moves real estate prices.

In terms of finding out whether these buyers are offshore investors or new arrivals, I don't see a feasible way to discover that. Contacting all of them would be difficult. They might not want to answer. They might not yet know themselves... – DP

**SOUTHEAST GETS  
THE SHAFT, AGAIN**

*Open letter to neighbours, Councillor Kathleen Kez, the MTQ and the Independent*

As you may already know, the provincial ministry of Transport (MTQ) will begin work in the Prospect area [on May 24]. They have erected what they refer to as a temporary sound barrier (I am sure you have seen them), which will do absolutely nothing in mitigating noise. [A resident] has been actively working to have the MTQ change the schedule to weekends (when the train traffic is far less and could be stopped at Vendôme), but to no avail. Is this what consultation is all about? Are we supposed to accept a timetable and schedule imposed on us by the MTQ? Where is Jacques Chagnon and his office on this issue?

As we have become so accustomed to, the southeast area of Westmount is constantly getting the shaft. You may have also heard that Westmount has lost the injunction to stop the MTQ from continuing the work on Turcot until it addresses the sound barrier situation. This does not mean that we have lost the court case, but it is certainly a setback.

The Prospect Park upgrade has also been imposed on us. There has been little to no consultation with the neighbours. Westmount will go ahead and plant some trees and shrubs without any consideration to the soil and leave the tree stumps to degrade biologically. Apparently, this is a new policy that they are using in Westmount Park to avoid damage to the soil.

Whom are we kidding? Is Prospect Park or Prospect Field or Prospect Dog Poop Area now being compared to Westmount Park? What damage could they possibly do to an area that has received no attention for years? It seems to me that

leaving the tree stumps is simply another example of "we don't care."

Do you sense any frustration in my email? I encourage you all to voice your concerns, disappointments and anger at our city councillor, at our mayor, at our MNA and at the MTQ. Please attend city council meetings. If we do not complain, write letters, make phone calls and possibly soon picket, we will never get anywhere. FRANK CANDIDO, PROSPECT ST.

**GIVE THE INDOOR POOL  
A CHANCE**

It should not be a popularity contest, or "only I matter," or "not with my taxes."

"Brzeski (circumspect)" [part of 'overline' headline, May 15, p. 1].

Do you hear what I hear?  
"It's become a familiar situation this election cycle: Trump once again making an outrageous claim or questioning easily confirmable, widely accepted facts, then spinning an alternate reality that better matches his message – even if it undermines his credibility with voters and the press, or contradicts his earlier stances."

– Joseph P. Williams, staff writer, *US News & World Report*

According to the 2011 census, the total number of Westmount private dwellings occupied by usual residents was 8,635; but there were only 3,240 apartments in buildings with five or more storeys that could have an indoor pool. If only 50 percent of those buildings "had pools," and if 50 percent "wouldn't use" the indoor pool for circumstances such as age, health or mobility, then we might have only 810 households or 9.3 percent households' disapproval for a public indoor pool.

For the arena project, the city sent information brochures to every household, asking residents for their opinions. Only 27 percent of 8,100 households responded to the poll. And of those, 83 percent said were in favour of the project. In the end, the city went ahead with the arena project with 73 percent of households most probably\* against the project or undecided, 4.5 percent against the project, and only 1,814.4 or 22.4 percent of households in favour.

It has been proved: the city does not need Councillor Marina Brzeski's "50-percent approval." Any number of households in favour of the indoor pool project will be enough to go ahead with it.

DIANA HERNANDEZ, ST. CATHERINE ST.

\**Editor's note:* I find this conclusion to be a leap of logic. We know nothing about the non-respondents' views or circumstances: for, against, indifferent; forgot to mail in reply, never-got/dog-ate/kids-threw-out poll, reply was lost in transit.

All we know is that the city did not get their replies! – DP.

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# 'Clear opinion' on 2017 financials – and future looks solid too

## Councillor's column

KATHLEEN KEZ  
DISTRICT 8

Recently you may have read about the city of Westmount's independent audit of its financial statements. This audit for the year 2017 was completed by the firm Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton, which gave a "clear opinion," meaning there were no discrepancies found. This was the result of the budget and planning from the previous council, but as the commissioner of Finance and member of the Finance and Administration committee, it is important to me that residents understand that we are in a very solid financial position and have a strong base to build upon.

Some key points of the audited statements are that the operating surplus was \$796,274 compared to \$1,346,227 in 2016. This surplus is very reasonable and came very close to the amount projected in September: \$626,600.

I am also happy to report that as at December 31, 2017, Westmount is in a net asset position, meaning its financial assets

are higher than its financial liabilities. The city is in a net financial asset situation of \$11 million.

Upon closer examination of the 2017 financial report, the following are some of the revenue and expenses items that had significant variances from that budgeted that contributed to the surplus.

Some of the higher revenues are due to the increase of duties on transfers (the welcome tax) amounting to \$9 million, which represents a favorable variance of \$3.7 million over the budget of \$5.3 million.

Permit revenues also went up significantly totaling \$1.4 million, compared to \$740,000 budgeted, which is largely due to an increase in house renovation projects.

Property taxes came to a total of \$86.7 million versus \$86.1 million budgeted (favorable variance of \$577,000). This is largely due to the added value to the roll because of renovations and construction.

Interest revenue also went up due to an increase of \$160,000 in tax arrears and a \$221,000 increase in interest revenues.

The category titled "other revenues" also went up. This category includes items such as vehicle and equipment disposal, accounting corrections, supplier discounts, insurance revenues, various reimbursements etc. Many of these items are budget-

ed on past actuals and are difficult to predict. For example, when the city bought new vehicles, it disposed of the old ones, which resulted in an unforeseen gain of \$266,000. This amount was not budgeted for.

Parking revenues went down from \$3.5 million budgeted to \$2.9 million. This is largely due to the fact that parking hours were cut in the east end of town. On Greene Ave., instead of charging up to 9 pm, we charge until 6 pm. On St. Catherine and the Tupper lots, we started charging at 9 am instead of 7 am.

Some of the expenses that were higher than anticipated include snow removal which went up to \$1.3 million from \$775,000 budgeted. Pay-as-you-go (our method of funding capital works) was higher than budgeted by \$135,400. Law suit settlement costs and professional fees in the negotiation of Bill 15 went over budget by \$900,000.

Also, the budget strategy to use \$3.3 million of the appropriated surplus to pay for a portion of the debt and other expenses was not used as there was no need as sufficient additional revenues were generated.

The financial report and the auditor's report have been tabled by the treasurer and have been forwarded to the minister of Municipal Affairs and Regions.

The 2017 financial statement is available on the city's website for consultation.

We have now begun the process of planning for the 2019 capital and operating budgets and will share with you more information in the coming months. The Westmount share of the agglomeration was increased by 6.7 percent this year, which we continue to believe was an unreasonable increase. Mayor Smith is working with the Association of Suburban Mayors on improving the budget process with the agglomeration of Montreal to ensure we pay only our fair share.

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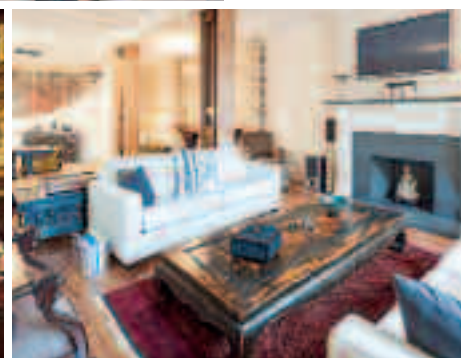


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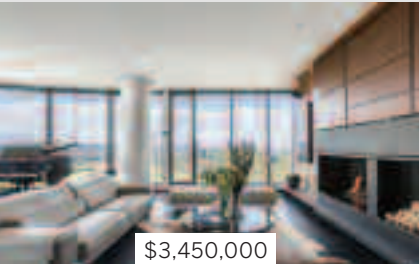
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the other at King George (Murray) Park, “for the conception and preparation of plans and tender documents” for reconstruction of the pond and waterfall, which has been dry since the end of 2016.

The Westmount Park contract went to T2 Services d’Ingénierie, the lowest conforming bidder, for a maximum of \$80,988.

“We need to know what’s underground,” said Councillor Cynthia Lulham,

whose commissionership includes parks, in commenting on the Westmount Park work that will form part of a larger refurbishment of the park.

Its watercourse has not only been losing water for several years, she has previously explained, but could benefit from a system to automate the water level, which now has to be managed manually. Also being considered



The Westmount Park lagoon was full on May 25 and both “rivers” were running. The Independent noticed three ducks, including this one (inset), and one seagull.

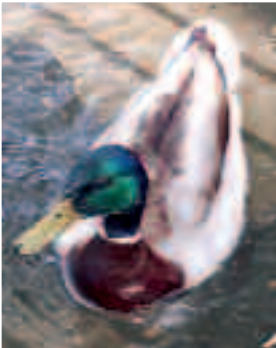
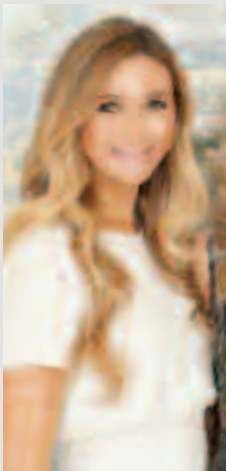


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Children playing at the Murray Park water fall in May 2016, the last year of its operation.

is transforming the lagoon into a bioswale, a landscape element designed to remove pollution and silt consisting of gently sloped sides with vegetation.

At King George, the contract for “conception and preparation of plans and ten-

der documents for reconstruction of the pond” was awarded to Le Group Conseil Genipur, described as the lowest conforming bidder, for a maximum of \$58,637.

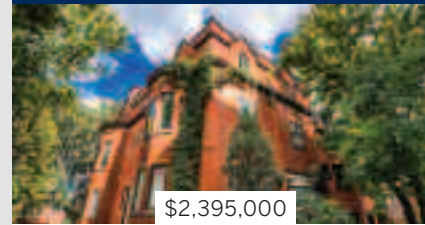
“We want to make it more natural-looking,” Lulham told the council meeting.

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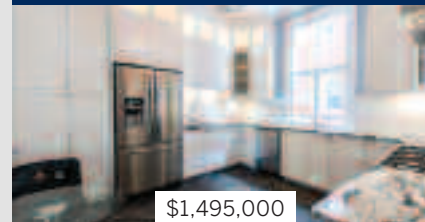
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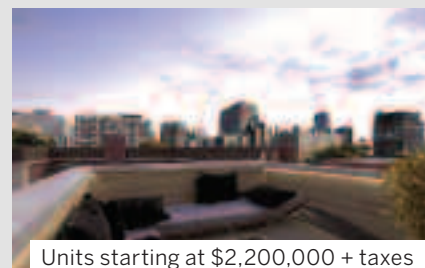
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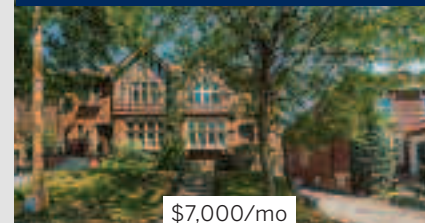


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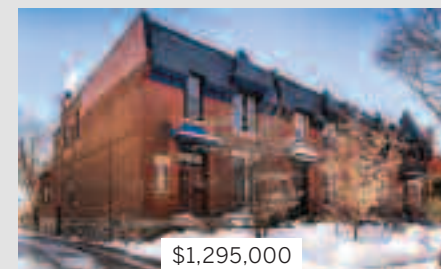
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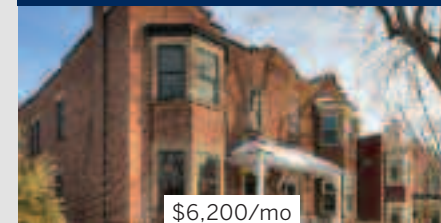


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Last step in long restoration process

# Gun carriages now being built for city's historic cannon



Tony Walsh, right, and a colleague work on part of a gun carriage for the Westmount cannon at Walsh's Forge and Sawmill in Lanark, Ont.

Photo courtesy of Patrick Martin.

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

After more than 10 years of absence from Westmount Park and public view, the city's pair of 1810 bronze cannon are undergoing the last step in their restoration, the *Independent* learned last week. This is the building of authentic replacements for the rotted wooden gun carriages.

"I expect that at least one could be ready in time for the cenotaph service this November," said former councillor Patrick Martin, who had sponsored the project last year and put the city in touch with a non-profit group now overseeing the restoration, the 3rd Field Artillery Battery.

This is a volunteer organization dedicated to promoting artillery traditions. It is affiliated with the militia's 2nd Field Artillery Regiment and based at its armory on Côte des Neiges at Remembrance Rd., just east of the Westmount border. The regiment has a historical association with Westmount.

Martin had used his military contacts last year to make a presentation on the gun carriages to the general committee of council, city director general Benoit Hurtubise said last week. This led to a city contract with the 3rd Field group for a maximum of \$33,000, he said.

"These people are passionate about cannon restoration and are being very generous," Hurtubise explained. The city will be mainly paying the cost of the materials, he added.

As a result, the cannon were moved early this year from storage at the city's Public Works department to the workshop at Walsh's Forge and Sawmill in Lanark, Ont.

Some pieces of metal used to secure the cannon on the carriages had disappeared until Martin managed to locate one a few months

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Cast during the reign of George III (1760-1820)



George Bowser, at the time a city councillor, with the pair of cannon in March 2009 at Public Works, where they were awaiting the building of four new wheels.

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The cannon are fired for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee June 21, 1897 by the 2nd Field Regiment of the Royal Canadian Artillery at the grounds of the former St. George's Snowshoe Club.

Photo from *A View of Their Own* by Aline Gubbay

ago. He took it to Lanark to be used as a mold for making the three others.

Martin became an honorary member of the Artillery Association of Montreal this year.

#### Restoration began with new wheels

The restoration process of the wooden gun carriages was begun by former councillor George Bowser, as reported June 3, 2008. This led to the building of four new wheels to replicate the original design used to hold the gun carriages for 12-pounder cannon. The "new" wheels were pictured at Public Works in an *Independent* feature September 25, 2015, p. 1.

Meanwhile, the cannon and wheels remained in limbo while the city sought specialists to replicate the gun carriages.

In information provided to the city by the Royal Artillery Institution in Woolwich, England, in 1973, the cannon were identified as "12-pounder medium-brass smooth-bore muzzle loaders of the type continually in service with the crown from 1750 to 1860." The bronze cannon were cast by the King Brothers of Woolwich in 1810 during the reign of George III.

The cannon, which had made their way to Canada, were fired by the 2nd Field

Regiment in Westmount for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee June 21, 1897. Soon after, the "obsolescent" cannon were removed from service, purchased and donated to the city by the Sons of England, Westmount Lodge, and installed in the new Westmount Park in 1899.

Research is now under way to determine the cannon's history before 1897, Martin said.



Photographed in 2015 are the four new "authentic" wheels that are awaiting the building of new gun carriages.



The cannon in Westmount Park, 1967.

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# 43rd Family Day



Emiko Addleman riding a tiny pony. “I’m 4¾ years old and enjoyed [the] ride. It felt really funny. Yes, it was all bouncy,” she said with a giggle.



Nuru Kibelloh, 22 months old, was a little sheepish when approaching this goat, but very curious, preferring to tickle its nose with a straw.

By RALPH THOMPSON

Westmount’s annual Family Day was held as usual in Westmount Park, May 26 between 10 am and 4 pm. What looked like a washout at 8:00 am, turned out to be almost perfect weather conditions by lunchtime; no rain and not too hot. A few hardy families were undeterred by the

early weather and the line-up for the Euro bungi was already quite long by 11 am. Even when the second Euro bungi was erected, there were still line-ups. Trendy events included several inflatable games and slides, races and competitions; pony rides, a petting zoo and the popular miniature train ride around Westmount Park. Westmount Public Security was providing child-seat inspections and the police exhibited their retro cars; a blue ’70s cruiser and a black 30s style radio car. There was plenty of food, including hot dogs and marshmallows organized by Café Mouton Noir, the Girl Guides and Venturer Scouts. There was also the opportunity to learn

about community activity from the Westmount Public Library and its summer concert series, the Healthy City Project, the Rotary Club and Contactivity Centre.

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

barriers have been built along new highways. Let’s just do it now when it will be less costly.”

In the judgment by Élise Poisson, the court rejected the city’s main arguments that a government decree in 2010 required the new highway to be built in such a way as to respect noise levels for the nearby residents of Westmount. The ruling cited a new decree in June 2017, followed by a certificate of authorization, neither of

which had been contested.

The city had also argued it had been told the new route would be lowered sufficiently to mitigate noise levels, but that the configuration had been changed without the city’s knowledge.

The court concluded that the validity of the decrees and authorization certificate as well as delays that would be encountered in the Turcot project did not justify granting an injunction.

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# Real Estate Foundation's Grand Bal another stunning success

## Social Notes

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Held at the Fairmont Queen Elizabeth with the theme "Florescence," the Grand Bal of the Montreal Real Estate Founda-

tion for Kids (Fondation immobilière de Montréal pour les jeunes, FIMJ) was under the honorary presidency of **Danielle Lavoie**, senior vp of Cadillac Fairview, who attended with **André Paquette**.

Vice presidents of honour representing the platinum sponsors of the event were **Sylvain Cossette**, CEO, FPI Cominar; **Dario Montoni**, president, Montoni, attending with **Franca Riso**; **Ezio Sicurella**,

executive vp (residential, hotels and real estate investment funds), Ivanhoé Cambridge, with **Maria Sabusco**; **Michael Stones**, vp (real estate management), Oxford Properties Group, with **Kimberley Hall**; and **Guy Charron**, executive vp exploitation – commerce de détail, FPI Cominar, attending with **Luce Charbonneau**. **Mathieu Duguay**, CEO Cogir Real Estate, was unable to attend.

Gala committee president was **Nathalie Bédard**, partner Donati Maisonneuve Avocats. Westmount-born **Renée Vézina**, there with her husband **Daniel Archambault**, announced she was retiring as president of the FIMJ because she was just named president of the Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation.

She introduced the new foundation president **Mario Bédard**, who thanked her as the original founder of the FIMJ. Other local res noted included ..... **Vincent Chiara**, president, *continued on p. 14*



Michael Stones, Kimberley Hall, Renée Vézina, Daniel Archambault, Robert Vézina and Christian Gagné-Cholette.



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Groupe Mach; **Pierre Scott**, Johnson Controls; and **Susan and Peter Varadi**, president, Canvar. **Robert Vézina** (Renée Vézina's brother, attending with **Christian Gagné-Cholette**), ably assisted by **Kat Coric**, organized the sparkling eve.

It was sparkly in more ways than one. Attending with his daughter **Chanelle Cormier**, **Paul Cormier**, president, Créations Paul H., donated a gorgeous prize of a \$10,150 diamond pendant, won by happy winner **Mylène Guertin**.

MC was celeb **Marc-André Coallier**. The

\$275,000 raised will help support youth-oriented organizations. The Montreal Real Estate Foundation for Kids, created in collaboration with BOMA Québec (Building Owners and Managers Association) and IDU Québec (Urban Development Institute), helps disadvantaged youth, as well as sick children or children living with a disability in the greater Montreal area.

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## Gadoury receives Nicolas Matossian Award



From left, Jean-Gilles Gadoury, Paul Archer and Nicolas Matossian.

BY VERONICA REDGRAVE

Jean-Gilles Gadoury was awarded the TD Nicolas Matossian Junior Community Award of Excellence on May 10 at the Montreal Children's Hospital.

At 9 years of age, Jean-Gilles Gadoury had a promising career as an actor. Then he was diagnosed with leukemia. Refusing to let his disease get him down, he "decided to sing songs that made me feel good, like 'Happy' or 'What Does the Fox Say?'"

While talking with his physician Dr. David Mitchell, Gadoury decided to record an album. Helped by several Quebec musicians, he donated the proceeds to the Montreal Children's Hospital. And so the young patient, who turned 13 years old on May 24, began a new career as a philanthropist. After a second stem-cell transplant, he remains an ambassador for the Children's. He is even donating his \$1,000 Award of Excellence personal prize money

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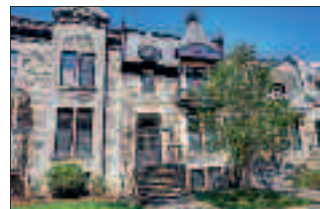
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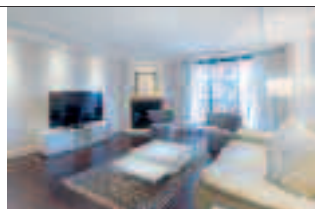
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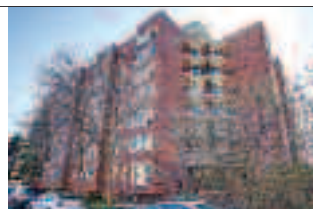
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