

City pool at maximum capacity, Public Security required Heat wave plus celebrations created 'perfect storm'

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The extended heat wave starting before the Canada Day weekend caused long line-ups at Westmount's pool and required the presence of a public safety officer to defuse a number of complaints, Sports and Recreation officials said July 3. It was Day 5 of the heat wave.

The pool's maximum capacity of 350 resulted in up to 45-minute waiting for some people, said facilities manager Bruce Stacey. "Some were happy they got into

This issue is the *Independent's* last before our usual, three-week summer break (no issues on July 17, 24 and 31). We are back in the office regularly the week of July 30-August 3 to work on the August 7 issue.

the pool; others were unhappy when they didn't.

"It was sort of a perfect storm, considering the celebrations and the heat advisory from Environment Canada," he said. The city brought in some substitute lifeguards and paid overtime to some of the staff.

After the weekend, but starting with the holiday Monday and continuing through the week, the pool maintained its normal Dolphins practice time and morning lessons "that people have paid for," Stacey explained. But the afternoons – at the heat of the day – were to remain open the entire time for unrestricted free swim. Closing time was extended to 10 pm.

The Westmount recreation centre was also to be kept open longer, until 11 pm, to serve as *continued on p. 8*

Northbound Decarie expressway's Sherbrooke exit, entrance closed for months



Seven streets west of Westmount, the Sherbrooke St. exit from (inset), and entrance to (main photo), the north-bound Decarie expressway/autoroute 15 are closed. These pictures were taken July 9. At the Turcot NDG-Westmount-Montreal West Good Neighbourhood meeting June 11, they were forecasted to re-open in October and September respectively.

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Would require demolition hearing

Hillside plan proposes four townhouses to replace clinic

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A proposed residential project at Hillside and Metcalfe – site of the former Hillside medical clinic – was described last week by the developer as consisting of "four luxury houses" designed to conform to the current zoning.

Named 4 West, the three-storey Hillside development would replace the current

single-storey building and aims to provide LEED-certified homes of four-plus bedrooms with finished basements, according to Darren Reid of Verterra developments.

"These are being sold as townhouses," he said. They are designed to include a double "integrated garage" with a common entrance off Hillside, backyard and rooftop terrace.

While he hopes to start *continued on p. 10*

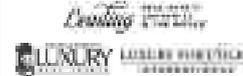


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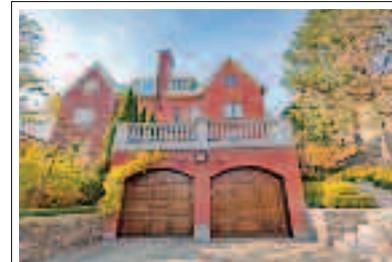
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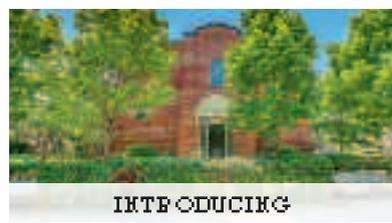
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Westmounters celebrate a very hot Canada Day



NDG-Westmount MP Marc Garneau, left, helps serve Canada Day cake along with Westmount city councillor Anitra Bostock, centre, and Mayor Christina Smith. Right, the Splash Bash at the Westmount recreation centre pool, a longtime Canada Day tradition, challenged participants to make the biggest splash after diving into the pool.

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

“Holy Canada Day!”

That was all that Westmount recreation centre operations manager Andrew Maislin initially had to say as he reacted to the massive turnout by Westmounters at the municipal pool during the heat wave on Canada Day.

“We’re at capacity – we are full – we are jammed,” said Maislin, acknowledging that the scorching weather did anything but discourage residents from coming out

to enjoy the city’s annual Canada Day celebration. It’s perhaps worth noting that last year on Canada Day, it was raining cats and dogs all over Montreal.

“This is way above last year’s Canada Day,” Maislin said. “This is one of our best Canada Days ever for attendance.”

By around 3 pm, up to 600 Westmounters had turned up at the recreation centre. Up to 200 more were expected by the end of the day. While some may have turned up specifically for the Canada Day events, it was pretty clear that many more

were there to cool off in the pool. And indeed, the waiting line at the pool entrance was long.

“I’d say this is probably one of our hottest Canada Days,” said Mayor Christina Smith who was on hand around 3 pm to do the honours: cutting up and serving the Canada Day cake on the edge of the pool area. “I love to see so many people from Westmount come out to celebrate Canada Day.”

Westmount’s Canada Day events started at noon with a BBQ lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks at the recreation centre. At 1 pm, the action shifted to Victoria Hall where a Canadian citizenship ceremony was held and 40 new Cana-

dians took the citizenship oath.

Splash Bash

Around 2 pm, it was time for a longtime Canada Day tradition in Westmount – the Splash Bash at the pool, during which children and younger teens were invited to compete to see who could generate the biggest splash after diving into the deep end.

Mayor Smith said she was particularly moved by the citizenship ceremony. “In this age, it makes me feel very grateful to be Canadian with all that’s been going on with immigration south of us,” she said. “I was thrilled that I was able to be there to see *continued on p. 8*



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Council moves to ban all smoking – tobacco & weed – from 19 park areas

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council July 3 tabled a draft by-law that would prohibit the smoking of not only tobacco, but also marijuana, in 19 city parks, parkland areas and lookouts.

The move went without comment from anyone in attendance following a brief description from Councillor Cynthia Lulham, who presented the notice of motion as urban planning commissioner for zoning, economic development and parks.

The city's current parks by-law is to be amended by inserting the following prohibition: "To smoke (*fumer*): to burn tobacco or herbs, or to generate a vapor in the case of electronic cigarettes, by inhaling the smoke or the vapor produced through the mouth or nostrils."

While the city already prohibits smoking within nine meters of a playground, the current measure is to involve entire parkland areas.

Locations are listed in the draft by-law as: Argyle Park, Bruce Park, Devon Park, Garden Point Park (Cenotaph), King George (Murray) Park, Prince Albert Park, Prospect Park, Selby Park, Stayner Park,

Somerville Park, Sunnyside Park, Westmount Park, Westmount Lawn Bowling Club, Summit Woods and the lookout, Queen Elizabeth Gardens, Greene Square (de Maisonneuve and Greene), Prince Albert Square, Westmount Athletic Grounds and Roslyn lookout.

"Now with the marijuana law coming through, we wanted to do this," Lulham told the *Independent*.

Quebec's regulations prohibiting the smoking of tobacco are reported also to apply to marijuana. These include common areas of buildings as well as retail establishments, outdoor terrasses, and around a wide area outside the entrances to various buildings.

Legalization response

The ban on smoking in parks carries

out what Mayor Christina Smith had stated the council was considering in response to the legalization of cannabis by the federal government, now set for October 17 (see story May 8, p. 1).

It also addresses concerns expressed by some residents about the smoking of marijuana on park benches and comes on the heels of similar legislation in a number of other municipalities such as Hampstead, Dorval and Pointe Claire.

Lulham also said the city's new Urban Planning committee would likely look at the possible outlawing of marijuana sales in commercial zones near high schools or CEGEPS. At the moment, however, Quebec is reported to have designated only four outlets, the nearest one to Westmount being near the Lionel Groulx Metro station.

Black Watch brings Highland music to Westmount High

On June 13, the Black Watch Scottish Arts Society held its Spring Fling at Westmount High School. The end-of-year show presented the students of the BW School, the Black Watch Association Pipes and Drums and representatives of the Stephenson School of Highland Dance. About 170 people enjoyed the performances. People of all ages from all over Montreal come to Westmount High to take lessons with the society on learning the Highland bagpipes and snare. – VR.

John MacKenzie and Crystal McNorton, bag-piping instructor, with the Black Watch Association Pipes and Drums.



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THANKS TO POOL STAFF

Thanks Westmount, and thanks pool lifeguards, check-in people and all who help us relax in the extended pool hours during the heat wave. We are seniors, no AC, and have been enjoying a pre-sleep cool off. Well done!

LYNN AND JOHN PECKNOLD,
GROSVENOR AVE.

THANKS FOR THE TRAFFIC LIGHT SYNCHRONIZATION

For a long time, it has been on the city objectives list to synchronize the traffic lights on Sherbrooke St. The project was not as easy, as it seems, due to other parties involved like the provincial Transportation ministry (MTQ) and the Société de transport de Montréal (STM).

It's in place now and traffic flow is much more fluid, and this will help at rush hours and all day with fewer cars stopping, waiting and trying to use side streets to avoid traffic jams.

Great work to the people involved in this project. It's positive and much appreciated.

JEAN-FRANÇOIS EMMANUEL,
WINDSOR AVE.

THANKS FOR DE COURCELLE PAVING PLAN, MORE NEEDED

In response to your article in the June 26 edition: "Turcot update" (p. 12): I am not a Westmouter but regularly use de Courcelle St. [in St. Henri] by bicycle to get from St. Ambroise/Lachine canal to the de

Maisonneuve bike path. As a regular reader of your newspaper, I was pleased to read that de Courcelle St. between the tracks and St. Jacques would finally be re-paved [by the city of Montreal], but disappointed that the section between Notre Dame St. and the tracks was not included. This section badly needs re-paving as well. Bicycling on de Courcelle over the past several years has not been a pleasure. Hopefully, the omitted section will be included in the re-paving plans. Also, I think flexible bollards or a clearly marked bike lane would be better and safer than the metal bollards currently in place.

HELEN DYLLA, VERDUN

LET METRO CLIENTS LINE UP

I am writing with reference to Mr. Sandro Patulli's letter on the police giving tickets to shoppers lining up to use the Victoria Ave. Metro grocery store's parking lot ("Let the shoppers line up," June 26, p. 8). Have the authorities gone crazy? Do they really want the Metro to lose a substantial part of its clientele by depriving them of the ability to wait in line to park? The no-stopping signs should be removed immediately and, if the police really wish to give out tickets, let them fine the ill-mannered bozos who try to cut into the line as they come racing down Victoria Ave. from Sherbrooke. Also, the couple of pay parking spaces adjacent to the Metro parking lot, which sometimes result in double parking, should be removed. Enough stores in Westmount have shut down already. Let us not put our excellent Metro

News item: Controversial no-stopping sign flattened



The no-stopping sign at the entrance to the Metro grocery store's parking lot on Victoria Ave. has been under criticism recently. A truck flattened its post between June 22 (inset) and July 5 (main photo). The orange cone marks where it was. Commentary, coincidence or solution? Photos: Independent.

at risk. Immediate action* is needed from Mayor Smith.

SURESH THADHANI, RENFREW AVE.

*Editor's note: It is our understanding that Westmount sets the substance of the law in this legal and physical area (i.e. the presence or absence of a no-stopping sign), but not the enforcement approach of the Montreal police, who are an agglomeration responsibility. - DP.

LET METRO CLIENTS LINE UP (2)

This photo was taken June 28, two days after my p. 8 letter in the Westmount *Independent* about my complaint that Montreal police are making our customers not stop to get into the Metro parking lot.



As you can see with the flashing lights, the police are pushing our customers away and having them circulate till there is no line-up and not allowing them to stop.

SANDRO PATULLI, METRO/ALIMENTATION
FIORELLO VELLUCCI (VICTORIA AVE.)

ALSO DISAPPOINTED WITH THE FLOWERS

RE: "Disappointed with the flowers," (letter, June 19, p. 8), I agree 110 percent with the writer's observation... we are subjected to the same drab vegetation year after year.

I am eagerly waiting for a response from the "flower committee." I am disappointed no one responded to the observation. Can we expect better flower performance next year? Please look around for inspiration... it really is there!

MARY MAJOR, VICTORIA AVE.

WESTMOUNT SHOULD HAVE MORE BIXI STANDS

Councillor Philip Cutler has nixed more Bixi stands for Westmount (see "Greene's Bixi station is busiest in Montreal," July 3, p. 1).

Businesses are closing and the mayor is effectively keeping potential customers out of Westmount. This is what emerges from the city's refusal to expand the system with three new docking stations.

What also emerges is that the Greene and Victoria docks at de Maisonneuve are the busiest in all of Montreal; with almost triple the ridership of other docks.

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Green bin collection service expanded to multi-residential buildings



Councillor's column

MARINA BRZESKI
DISTRICT 5

At the last mid-month general committee of council, council approved the expansion of the city's composting program to multi-residential buildings of nine units or more. This addition represents an almost doubling of service coverage, without additional collection costs.

The expanded programme will target some 3,594 households, which represents roughly 40 percent of Westmount's total private dwellings. (Note that the programme will be carried out over three phases. A first phase already started last week, covering buildings located south of de Maisonneuve

between Lansdowne and Clarke. Two other phases are planned in 2019.)

Residents introduced to the programme will see one of their twice-weekly garbage collections replaced. Given organic waste accounts for about a 47-percent share of total residual materials (according to Recyc-Québec), the transition should be seamless. The impact, on the other hand, will be tremendously positive for our environment.

Now in its 10th year, the city of Westmount's green bin food-composting programme is not only due for this expansion, but also for a major revitalization. The current participation rate of those living in single homes and buildings of 8 units or less is 60 percent, which translates to a composting rate of 45 percent of total organics produced in Westmount, including food and garden waste. This is well below provincial and regional targets

of 60 percent.

For those of you who compost already, you likely find this participation rate very low given how simple it is to participate and how detrimental the consequences when organic waste ends up in our landfills. Firstly, organic waste contributes to limiting landfill capacity. Secondly, because of a lack of oxygen when compressed with other garbage, it does not reduce as much in volume and its anaerobic decomposition generates methane – a greenhouse gas that is approximately 21 times more potent than carbon dioxide (source: Communauté Métropolitaine de Montréal report).

Ten years ago, the city of Westmount was one of the first cities in the agglomeration of Montreal to introduce a composting programme. Its leadership was thanks to an excellent suggestion by resident-members of the Healthy City Project. It

would be great to see that leadership shine again with a full participation rate to its green bin food-composting programme.

So, whether you are a new participant or a late bloomer in the composting area, I invite you to take advantage of our current investment in bins and communications materials, and get with the programme. It is the perfect culmination of the food experience, from harvesting and/or selecting to returning to the soil... or full circle from "cradle to cradle," as the industry calls it.

I wish all newcomers to composting a great introduction to this programme!

For more information on the city of Westmount's green bin food composting programme, contact 514.989.5390 or visit westmount.org/greenbin.

District 5 city councillor Marina Brzeski is the commissioner of Sustainability & Accessibility.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

hubs for cafés, restaurants and shops.

Cllr. Cutler said that the one-time cost installation of \$185,000 "did not seem to justify...the expansion." He adds that the city currently doesn't have the "requested \$185,000" allocated for this purpose.

Meanwhile, the city is establishing a new zoning committee and expanding the mandate of another to give us feedback on neighbourhood characteristics that have already been reviewed several times. However, it would seem that there is always money for studies. The city is also hiring (or rather, unbeknownst to the rest of us, has already hired) a new permits person.

There are three places for docking that would not affect parking: the east side of CIBC at Victoria and Sherbrooke; the north end of Park Place; the wall along Prince Albert Square; and the courtyard of the conservatory (at least for this year).

How are these decisions made? The only way to find out is to attend council meetings and participate in the question period. On July 3, the mayor complained that question periods were running over.

It would help if explanations were provided at the opening of the meeting: during the mayor's and council's reports. The mayor should, but does not, provide an overview of what is transpiring in the municipality. Question periods would undoubtedly be shorter if she disseminated such critical information.

One of her campaign promises was to facilitate cycling and active transportation. It's still not too late to add the docks.

JOHN FRETZ,
LANSDOWNE AVE.

YORK ST. NEEDS A STOP SIGN AT VICTORIA AVE.

I agree with the letter by Bill Smith ("York needs a stopping box too," July 3, p.8).

For years, we have drawn the attention of mayoral and city council candidates, and Public Works, to the need for a safer intersection at Victoria and York St. So far, no action. Painting lines is not a huge investment, and the least Westmount could do.

But there is more.

With the exception of York, all the streets that cross between Claremont and Victoria (Côte St. Antoine, Windsor, Chesterfield, Sherbrooke, Somerville, de Maisonneuve and St. Catherine) have either a traffic light or a stop sign and street-narrowing or a cross-walk. York is the only street where drivers and pedestrians must creep forward with very poor visibility to attempt to turn.

While a no-stopping box will help crossing when traffic is lined up at the stoplight at St. Catherine, it is also important for drivers to be able to see if traffic is speeding down Victoria to make the green light. Due to blocked visibility from cars parked on Victoria right up to the corner, it is very dangerous to emerge at York. We urgently need a stop sign at this intersection. That way, even if visibility around the parked cars is close to nil, the possibility of serious collision is reduced when drivers learn to obey the stop sign and become aware that a street intersects Victoria at York.

LAUREL BOSSEN, YORK ST.

TUPPER PARK, NOT PARK-ING (AND NOT BUILDINGS)

I have a vision for the now-famous parking lots south of Tupper, north of Dorchester, and east and west of Gladstone. We will make them into a park. It is the easiest, cheapest and best solution. It adds green-space to Westmount. It crushes the dumb idea of narrowing Dorchester. It eliminates the threat of increased density. It links the "southeast enclave" to St. Catherine, as council desires. The park will be for walking and playing and sitting. Trees and hedges are already there. We would only need to add dirt and grass and paths where the cars now park,

and do a bit of landscaping. We will call it "Vision Park." This works *en français* too – "Parc Vision." This vision of a new park for Westmount is better than any other vision for the parking lots. And better than division.

WILLEM WESTENBERG, STAYNER ST.

THANK YOU AND BEST WISHES, JACQUES CHAGNON

With Jacques Chagnon now having confirmed his departure from political life, it is time to send personal and sincere thanks to him for all he has done – for the province, the riding and more particularly, for *continued on p. 18*



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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Public Consultation Meeting – By-Laws 1525 and 1526

- At its regular meeting held on Tuesday, July 3, 2018, the Municipal Council adopted, by resolution, the first draft of a by-law entitled "BY-LAW 1525 TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 1303 – ACCESS RAMP FOR PERSONS WITH REDUCED MOBILITY" and the first draft of a by-law entitled "BY-LAW 1526 TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 1305 ON SITE PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMMES – ACCESS RAMP FOR PERSONS WITH REDUCED MOBILITY".
- Council will hold a public consultation meeting on **Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Council Chamber of City Hall at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West in Westmount.
- The legal notice relating to the foregoing is available at: <https://westmount.org/en/resident-zone/legal-services-city-clerks-office/public-notices/>

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Centre Greene ramp back to 'the drawing board'

Public consultations set for July 18 on access ramps

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A public consultation meeting is to take place July 18 at 7 pm on proposed amendments to two city Urban Planning by-laws that would ease the installation of access ramps to institutional buildings for persons with reduced mobility.

The consultation will take place at city

hall for changes to by-law 1303 on zoning and 1305 on Site Planning and Architectural Integration Programs (PIIA). The draft by-law changes were tabled at the council meeting July 3 by Councillor Conrad Peart, urban planning commissioner for permits and architecture.

The city's 2018 action plan for persons with disabilities was also adopted by coun-

cil at the meeting as required by Quebec.

While the proposed by-law changes for access ramps are described as "to meet the needs of an aging population," it should also be pointed out that ramps are also needed to help people pushing strollers, stated Clandeboye resident Toby Morantz.

She was referring in particular to the need for a ramp at the front of the Centre

Greene community centre.

Plans for a heated ramp at this location have gone "back to the drawing board," when the cost was found to be triple the original estimate, noted Marina Brzeski, commissioner of sustainability and accessibility.

Project manager hired to update Urban Planning by-laws

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A review and updating of the city's Urban Planning by-laws is expected to gain momentum following the hiring of a project manager two weeks ago, questioners were told at the city council meeting July 3.

He is Nicolas Gagnon, a specialist in this field, who will undertake the work, which Burton Ave. resident Denis Biro noted during question period had been a major issue on which Mayor Christina Smith (and others) had campaigned.

"Could you come up with a timetable for changes?" Biro asked, to which Smith said, "let (Gagnon) get settled in and we'll have an update." He would start "with the most pressing issues," she added.

Windows & doors

A review of the by-laws and guidelines for items such as replacing windows and doors had been requested for more than a year.

The subject had also included roundtables involving Westmount architects over several years, but Smith noted: "Before this, there wasn't someone" to do it. "So now we've hired someone."

According to Urban Planning director Tom Flies, Gagnon has 15 years of experience in similar by-law projects undertaken for established municipalities outside the Montreal area.

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these people get their citizenship."

NDG-Westmount MP Marc Garneau, who helped serve the Canada Day cake along with Westmount District 1 city councillor Anitra Bostock, also felt it was a time for feeling grateful to be Canadian.

"It's a great day to recognize how lucky we are as Canadians," he said. "Certainly, we live in a lovely part of this country here in Westmount. When I think about other countries, we are very fortunate to be Canadians."

'Southeast vision' to be part of their role

City calls for urban planners for new committee

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Members have not been chosen for a proposed new Urban Planning committee to deal with the overall planning aspect of the city, residents were assured at the city council meeting July 3.

The city would be advertising for candidates this week so they can be appointed at the August meeting, Councillor Cynthia Lulham explained. The committee would consist of three professionals plus Urban Planning director Tom Flies and Lulham, council's representative as urban planning commissioner for zoning, economic development and parks (see story June 12,

p. 1).

The three new members would be required to be Westmount residents, members of the Order of Urban Planners and have experience showing their interest in the urban planning of the city, she said.

It is this committee that would also work on a planning vision for the southeast section and the economic development of St. Catherine to Dorchester as part of an overall plan for the city, Lulham said.

Mayor Christina Smith said she wanted to clarify in regards to this issue that "I don't want to build sky-rises all along the southeast as the gateway" to Westmount.

Lulham also told questioner Toby Morantz the city was not planning on "moving" Dorchester, a reference to residents' requests not to change the configuration of the street.

Some questioners suggested the committee include more councillors as well as citizens who would look at the city from the view point of residents and shoppers.

"It would be great to have someone who is a pedestrian," suggested John Fretz of Lansdowne.

Morantz asked that District 8 councillor Kathleen Kez be on the committee as a voice for the neighbourhood. Kez was not at the council meeting.

Consulting on 13 houses of worship

City's new heritage website launches July 11

A city website is slated to be launched July 11 to provide residents with information on the Westmount Heritage Council, according to a press release issued last week.

This is to be the first step in an online public consultation process coming this fall concerning preservation of the city's 13 houses of worship. Studies and inventories on the buildings are to be posted at this site in the fall as part of the city's efforts to preserve their heritage value.

The landmarks have played a major role in the city's development, but will need to adapt to change and some may even have to be repurposed for alternate uses (see story July 4, 2017, p. 3).

To be accessed at Westmount.org/heritage, the release states, the website is to provide a method for residents to share concerns and ideas in a process "that aims to increase local appreciation for these historic places as well as a better understanding of the challenges and the potential for

the conservation of those buildings."

As part of studies on houses of worship, consultations and roundtables have taken place with their congregations.

Project manager Myriam St-Denys said last week the website will also explain the structure of the local heritage council, whose work has already led to the designation of the Glen viaduct as the city's first local historic site (see story December 14, 2016, p. 17).

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a cooling shelter, while Victoria Hall was open from 8 am to 9 pm as another venue, though the city did not receive any request from emergency measures personnel to open either site as an official emergency shelter, he said.

Public Works personnel were also to be keeping the splash pads open until 11 pm at Prince Albert and Westmount parks.

At the city council meeting July 3, Councillor Mary Gallery, commissioner of sports and recreation and community events, thanked the lifeguards for their "flexibility and shifting shifts many times."

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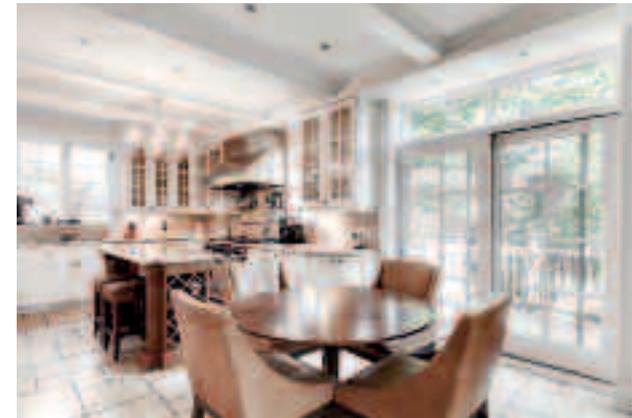
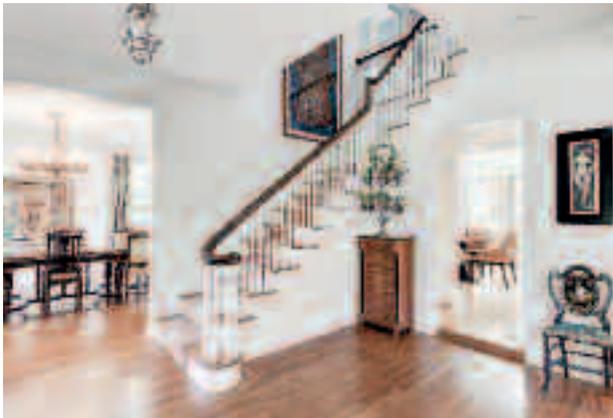
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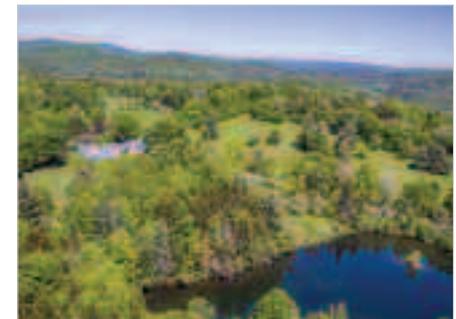
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Idling trucks, drug consumption**York residents cite speed, misuse of city lot**

The municipal parking lot at St. Catherine and Prince Albert on July 9, looking west towards the MUHC's Glen super-hospital.
Photo: Independent.

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Two neighbours on York St. called on city council July 3 to find a solution to cars coming up from Glen Rd. and then speeding west on St. Catherine. They also asked



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for a crackdown on idling trucks and illicit use of the municipal parking at St. Catherine and Prince Albert that backs onto their respective houses.

This area is “under attack” from construction noise and increased traffic from the Turcot project, stated Barrie Howells, who also said he and Mariel Beauchemin were representing residents of York St. and St. Catherine.

The small parking lot, he explained, “is constantly used, among other things, as a cell park; by the parking of heavy vehicles, often with engines running; school buses, sometimes two at once; Metro delivery trucks waiting their turn; UPS moving packages from one truck to another; consumption of drugs and alcohol; and people relieving themselves.”

As well, he said, “a lot of trash is deposited and rarely cleaned up. Even city trucks park there sometimes with engine running, especially in winter.”

Nothing had been done since residents had been shown city plans several years ago to modify the area including trees and greenspace, Howells pointed out.

Solution before winter

He asked the city to spend some of its \$800,000 surplus from 2017 to provide a solution before the winter.

“I wholeheartedly agree that you’re in a section of Westmount that is under siege,” said Mayor Christina Smith, adding she would “make sure the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) looks at this again.”

While the city supports the building of the Vendôme tunnel to access the super-hospital, she added, “we’re disappointed it’s being built in your backyard.”



Barrie Howells and Mariel Beauchemin, neighbours on York St., address council July 3.

Councillor Anitra Bostock, who sits on the TAC, said that speeding was “definitely a big problem.” A traffic study had been done on St. Catherine where the speed limit is 30 km/h and the fastest recorded speed was 51 km/h. She suggested that switching the eastbound speed indicator to the westbound side might help.

“We are working to find a solution as this is a dangerous situation,” she later told the *Independent*.



The former Hillside clinic, with 175 Metcalfe in the background, on July 9. Inset: A rendering of the 4 West design proposed for Hillside.
Photo: Independent, drawing courtesy of Verterra.

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construction this fall for delivery a year later, Urban Planning director Tom Flies

told the *Independent* the file was still under study. Though the project would be subject to a demolition hearing, it was not yet at that stage.

Reid states that at his most recent meeting with the Planning Advisory Committee, “it was favourable in principle to the proposed siting of the building along Hillside, to the four Hillside entrances – expressed by stepping back each unit individually along the main façade on a line parallel to the street and to the generous rear gardens...”

The development will be directly across the street from the 175 Metcalfe condo building on the former site of the Vanguard school.

Asked whether any of the units had already been sold, he replied that anyone interested should contact venterra.ca.

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Dog run dust to be tested for possible bacteria

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city is no longer experimenting with watering dog runs to control dust from the surface mix, but was having different types of tests conducted on the dust itself to find out if it contained bacteria, Councillor Cynthia Lulham said at the start of the city council meeting July 3.

"It's not believed we have an issue, but we want to make sure," she said. Results would be known in a couple of weeks.

Providing an update on dog runs in response to ongoing complaints from dog run users about the sand/granite materials, she said research had been undertaken along with information from experts. The watering had been stopped, she said, because "it was brought to our attention that watering can help spread bacteria."

Users had expressed health concerns about possible bacteria from the dust (see story June 12, p. 9).

Paul Marriott of Grosvenor said he should not have had to go through access to information to get a copy of a previous report on tests of the mix itself. "This is not transparency," he stated. "You should be proud of it," he told the council, referring to the report.

A Westmount dog walker, who said she represented 25 clients, said that after taking their dogs to the run at King George (Murray) Park she gets complaints "every day" that the dogs are coughing.

"It was a lovely, lovely dog park," she explained. "I feel sick because the dogs are filthy. I have to wash their paws before I take them home. How sad. This is not how it used to be."

Air Cadets close out successful year

The 1 West Montreal Air Cadet Squadron held its 77th annual ceremonial review on May 27 at the Royal Montreal Regiment armoury on St. Catherine St. Mayor Christina Smith was the reviewing officer. There were 100 cadets on parade and approximately 300 guests.

"We were delighted to have our squadron marching band on parade for the first time in many years," said Major Thomas Leslie, the unit's commanding officer. "The ensemble should grow in size and strength next year, and we will soon be able to have them participate in civic

events in Westmount and beyond.

"As the oldest air cadet squadron across Canada, we are fortunate to have a rich history and long association with the city of Westmount. As we prepare for our 80th anniversary in 2021, we will be compiling



Mayor Christina Smith presents Edward Cho with the Lord Strathcona Medal.

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Dog portfolio switching to Bostock

Councillor Anita Bostock, public security commissioner, will take over responsibility for dogs, Mayor Christina Smith announced at the council meeting July 3. This role has been handled for many years by Councillor Cynthia Lulham, urban planning commissioner for zoning, economic development and parks.

The change will allow Lulham more time to focus on urban planning, Smith explained. Lulham would work closely with Bostock on dog-related issues while divesting herself of the responsibility.

Smith thanked Lulham for her work regarding dog runs, dog control in Summit Woods and recently for leading work to create the city's dangerous dog by-law.

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The Lord Strathcona Medal was presented to cadet warrant officer (1st class) Edward Cho, the squadron cadet commander.



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Duckling rescued by Public Security, public



Shortly after the first of this summer's concerts in Westmount Park had begun on July 8, two public safety officers and half a dozen members of the public were able to capture and help a duckling in distress in the lagoon. A red plastic ring was lodged in its bill and wrapped around the back of its head. Once the bird had been scooped into a net, the officers held it carefully while a member of the public cut off

the ring and then cut away sections of netting that had become entangled around the duckling's feet and body.

"I am happy to say that I provided the nail scissors with which this task was accomplished!" said witness Joan McCordick.

The bird was then released and swam toward the waterfall, where it spent some time "preening and resting," according to McCordick.



Photos, from left: public safety officer on the hunt; freeing the bird; safely away and the rescuers.

Left-hand photo courtesy of Lynn Caplan; other photos courtesy of J. McCordick.

"Despite the distraction of the rescue, which involved multiple persons skirting the lagoon in pursuit of the duckling as well as several people wading in the water, the band – fittingly named Little Birds – played valiantly on."




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"Picturing the red line: an interview with Meryl McMaster," by Robert Enright in *Border Crossing* June, July, August 2018, pp. 36-48. Meryl McMaster's work articulates a relation to her past and present identity as it emerges from a self-described "dual heritage." Her father is Plains Cree and her mother is European, so she has focused her photo-based work on understanding and then addressing the two cultures that are a part of who she is.

"Welcome to the digital revolution," by Joshua Busby in *Foreign Affairs*, July/August 2018, pp. 43-48. Science and technology are actually what matter most, claims Kevin Drum. Just as the Industrial Revo-

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Ebooks (Overdrive)

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Livres numériques

L'héritage des espions by John Le Carré. Peter Guillam, staunch colleague and disciple of George Smiley of the British Secret Service, is living out his old age on the family farmstead on the south coast of Brittany when a letter from his old Service summons him to London. The reason? His Cold War past has come back to claim him. Intelligence operations that were once the toast of secret London are to be scrutinized under disturbing criteria by a generation with no memory of the Cold War and no patience with its justifications.

Mon frère by Daniel Pennac. Danie Pennac talks about his brother who died in 2007 and for whom he felt a great admiration. He evokes his memories alongside excerpts from Melville's short story "Bartleby, the Scrivener," whose characters remind him of his brother and himself.

Adult English: summer reads

Dreams of Falling by Karen White. Set in the low country of South Carolina, this story does what Southern fiction does best: family, lies, and secrets.

When Life Gives you Lululemons by Lauren Weisberger. Emily Charlton, the beleaguered assistant-turned-successful Hollywood image consultant, teams up with a former ace lawyer-turned-Greenwich stay-at-home mom to retain the services of an A-list model and politician's wife.

Adult French: Light reads for summer

Le bonheur est passé par ici by Francine Ruel. Fifteen years after *Bonheur, es-tu là?* we find Olivia, who, in spite of herself, is about to celebrate her 70th birthday. Were the years good for her, for her son Vincent, for her *continued on p. 15*



The Segal Centre hosted Segalflix, its 9th annual musical fundraiser, to a sold-out crowd. Performances were given by keen volunteers, with Andy Nulman adding his inimitable witty presence. Co-chairs were Westmounters Carrie Goldstein Mazoff and Elissa Lifson, working with other performers Peter Mazoff, Alyssa Yufe, Marcy Beraznik-Greenspoon, Carol Barrs, Miryam Fruchtermann and

younger stars – teen Sascha Ouaknine and little Sabrina Stoller. Songs spanned decades from the perennial "Over the Rainbow" (*The Wizard of Oz*) to "This Is Me" (*The Greatest Showman*). The event raised \$70,000, surpassing the original goal of \$50,000, in support of the Segal Centre's activities, including its academy that educates future performers from seven to 17 years old. – VR

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Police Report

Police make dope arrest at Sherbrooke and Kensington

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

While law enforcers grapple with the ambiguity of upholding existing marijuana laws although decriminalization is just a few months away, there's no doubt that harder street drugs remain strictly illegal.

On July 4 around 10:20 pm, officers from the Montreal police department's intervention unit stopped a vehicle at the corner of Sherbrooke St. and Kensington Ave. when they suspected the driver was in possession of illegal substances.

"They saw somebody throw something from the car so they decided to do an interception," said Cst. Stéphan Laperrière, a community relations officer at Station 12 in Westmount.

According to Laperrière, the officers smelled what they believed was the odour of marijuana. Based on that, they conducted a search and found a zip-lock bag containing marijuana, as well as hashish.

However, in addition to these substances, they also found 50 grams of crack cocaine, as well as ketamine, an anaes-

thetic diverted from medical use.

The driver, a 39-year-old male from east-end Montreal, was arrested when the officers discovered he was in breach of a court-ordered condition not to be in possession of a cell phone, as well as a second condition that forbade him from being in possession of a prohibited weapon.

Although it's now clear the federal government will be decriminalizing the sale and possession of marijuana October 17, Laperrière said the police haven't received any information as to the legal status of hashish (which is a refined and more potent form of cannabis).

"It's still unclear to me whether that's going to be legal or not," said Laperrière, while adding that the police have no clear directive either at this point for the enforcement of marijuana possession laws between now and mid-October.

SUV stolen

A motorist from Ontario who left his high-end SUV parked on Victoria Ave. near a friend's home around 10:30 pm on the evening of July 3 found upon returning around 9:30 am July 4 that the vehicle had been stolen.

Investigators from Station 12 who examined the crime scene couldn't find traces of shattered glass.

Laperrière noted that according to the Canadian Automobile Association, the Toyota Highlander is currently one of the

vehicles that is targeted most often by professional car thieves.

Graffiti on Greene

Two exterior brick walls on a building on the west side of Greene Ave. between Sherbrooke St. and de Maisonneuve Blvd. were extensively defaced with graffiti during the early hours of June 19, leaving damage estimated by police at around \$5,000.

No heat-wave visits in Westmount

While the heat wave that enveloped Montreal recently caused police to mobilize and knock on doors in search of frail or elderly people needing help, no such activity was necessary in Westmount, ac-

ording to Laperrière.

"We have been supporting other units," he said last week, noting that he had personally been out assisting and going door to door elsewhere in Montreal.

Engraving for bikes offered July 12

On Thursday, July 12 from 11 am to 2 pm, police from Station 12 will be holding an engraving operation at the gazebo in Westmount Park for any residents who might be interested in having their bicycles etched with identifying numbers to protect against theft. "We're going to be at least three officers and two cadets," Laperrière said.

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granddaughter Raphaëlle, for her lover Bernardo? And what does the future hold for them, while the aging process is insidiously being felt?

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HÔTEL DE VILLE

Assemblée publique de consultation

Le mercredi 18 juillet, 19 h, Hôtel de ville, 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest. Le conseil tiendra une consultation publique le 18 juillet pour expliquer les projets de règlement 1525 et 1526 concernant les rampes d'accès pour les personnes à mobilité réduite et pour entendre les personnes qui désirent s'exprimer sur ceux-ci. Consultez le westmount.org pour plus de renseignements.

Vous venez d'emménager à Westmount?

Bienvenue! Soyez au courant des activités, des services et des programmes offerts aux résidents. Consultez la page *nouveaux résidents* du site Web municipal westmount.org. Inscrivez-vous en même temps à l'infolettre électronique de la Ville.

BIBLIOTHÈQUE

Club de lecture d'été TD 2018

En cours jusqu'au 31 août. Demandez votre trousse de lecture d'été au comptoir des enfants. Le thème de cet été est : **Nourrir tes passions!** Plus d'informations au westlib.org. 514 989-5229.

ACTIVITÉS « À VOS MARQUES, PRÊTS, LISEZ! »

Chez Findlays – scéance photo

Le mardi 10 juillet, 16 h à 16 h 30, Bibliothèque.

J'aime la science : science détective

Le jeudi 12 juillet, 16 h - 17 h, salle d'activités. 7-12 ans.

J'aime les arts : coffrets souvenir en origami

Le jeudi 26 juillet, 16 h - 17 h, salle d'activités. 6 ans et +.

J'aime la musique, les jeux et la nourriture : surprise-party après les heures d'ouverture

Le samedi 28 juillet, 18 h - 21 h, Bibliothèque. 8 ans et +.

J'aime les livres : atelier artistique avec l'auteure et illustratrice Anne Villeneuve

Le jeudi 2 août, 16 h - 17 h, salle Westmount. 7 ans et +.

J'aime la cuisine : décoration de cupcakes

Le mardi 7 août, 16 h - 17 h, salle Westmount. 8 ans et +.

Storywalk® : Loula et Monsieur le monstre

En cours jusqu'au 31 août, parc Westmount. Une activité amusante présentant un livre pour enfants tout au long d'un sentier dans le parc. Pour tous les âges. Partage tes photos en utilisant le mot-clic #WPLStorywalk. 514 989-5229.

Prochaine séance du conseil
le lundi 6 août

ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES



Les concerts d'été au parc Westmount
Les dimanches du 8 juillet au 12 août, 14 h, parc Westmount, près de l'étang. Concerts gratuits de musique jazz, classique et pop. 514 989-5226.

Le 15 juillet : La Horde Vocale

Le 22 juillet : Gramophone

Le 29 juillet : Derek Falls Trio

Le 5 août : Duo Contra-Danza

Le 12 août : The Bagg Street Klezmer Band

Galerie : exposition de groupe

12 juillet au 18 août, Galerie du Victoria Hall. La galerie du Victoria Hall est fière de présenter les artistes Sirin Baki, Kristin Bennett, Anna Gedalof, Luci Lacava, Claire Salzberg and Keyuan Wang. Horaire : lundi au vendredi 10 h à 21 h, samedi 10 h à 17 h. 514 989-5521.

Tournée Shakespeare en plein air

Les mardi et mercredi 10 et 11 juillet, 19 h et

Les samedi et dimanche 28 et 29 juillet, 19 h,

parc Westmount. La troupe Repercussion Theatre présente la tragédie de Shakespeare *Romeo & Juliet: Love is Love*. Représentation en anglais seulement, application Web disponible pour suivre en français (theatre.plank.co). 514 989-5226.

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CITY HALL

Public consultation meeting

Wednesday, July 18, 7 p.m., City Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West. Council will hold a public consultation meeting July 18 to explain draft By-laws 1525 and 1526 concerning *access ramps for persons with reduced mobility* and to hear any person wishing to express an opinion. For more details, consult westmount.org.

New to Westmount?

Welcome! Keep up to date on all the activities, services and programmes available to residents. Consult the *New Residents* page on the City's website at westmount.org and sign up for the municipal electronic newsletter at the same time.

LIBRARY

2018 TD Summer Reading Club

Ongoing until August 31. Ask for your Summer Reading Club kit at the children's desk. This year's theme is: **Feed Your Passions!** Find out more at westlib.org. 514 989-5229

"GET YOUR SUMMER READ ON!" ACTIVITIES:

Findlay's Diner – photo booth

Tuesday, July 10, 4-4:30 p.m., Library.

I love Science: Detective Science

Thursday, July 12, 4-5 p.m., Storytime Room. 7-12 yrs.

I love Art: Origami Keepsake Boxes

Thursday, July 26, 4-5 p.m., Storytime Room. 6 yrs+.

I love Music, Games and Food: After Hours Sock Hop in the Library

Saturday, July 28, 6-9 p.m., Library. 8 yrs+.

I love Books: Art Workshop with author and illustrator Anne Villeneuve

Thursday, August 2, 4-5 p.m., Westmount Room. 7 yrs+.

I love Baking: Cupcake Decorating

Thursday, August 7, 4-5 p.m., Westmount Room. 8 yrs+.

Storywalk®: Loula and Mister the Monster

Ongoing until August 31, Westmount Park. A fun activity that places a children's book along a path in the park. For all ages. Share your photos using the hashtag #WPLStorywalk. 514 989-5229.

Next Council Meeting
Monday, August 6

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Summer Concerts in Westmount Park

Sundays from July 8 to August 12, 2 p.m., Westmount Park near the lagoon. Enjoy free jazz, classical and popular music concerts. 514 989-5226.

July 15: La Horde Vocale

July 22: Gramophone

July 29: Derek Falls Trio

August 5: Duo Contra-Danza

August 12: The Bagg Street Klezmer Band

Gallery: group exhibition

July 12 until August 18, Gallery at Victoria Hall. The Gallery is pleased to present works by artists Sirin Baki, Kristin Bennett, Anna Gedalof, Luci Lacava, Claire Salzberg and Keyuan Wang. Gallery hours: Mon-Fri 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sat 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 514 989-5521.



Shakespeare in the Park

Tuesday and Wednesday, July 10 and 11, 7 p.m.,

Saturday and Sunday, July 28 and 29, 7 p.m.,

Westmount Park. Repercussion Theatre presents Shakespeare's tragedy *Romeo & Juliet: Love is Love*. 514 989-5226.

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PUBLIC SECURITY

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POLICE

Free bike engraving in Westmount Park

Thursday, July 12, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Westmount Park Gazebo. Bring your bicycle for free anti-theft engraving by SPVM officers from Neighbourhood Station 12. 514 280-0212.



Rain no deterrent for Chapeau Mont Royal success

Social Notes

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Gray skies and more than a Scottish mizzle did not deter 500 fans from attending the annual Chapeau Mont Royal benefit luncheon for Les amis de la montagne.

And the drizzling downpour did put a damper on toppers. Along with Ascot-style fascinators, this year there were wool and fur tuques as well as wide-brimmed cowboy hats and fedoras: the better to stop raindrops falling on the head. Hat décor ranged from a row of neon-red dahlias to chirping birds and complete face veil – no doubt removed to sample the rave-worthy luncheon, catered by Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth.

Tables were set with delicate mauve iris, whose tones were echoed in the Mediterranean cool blue tableware. Environmentally responsible measures wasted as little as possible, with an emphasis on reusing and recycling, and residual material was composted.

Westmounters noted in the packed



Peter Howlett, Hélène Panaïoti, Paule Doré, Mayor Christina Smith, Christine Lengvari, Paul Genest, Margot Provencher and Julie L'Heureux

room included Peter Howlett, founder of Les amis, there with his wife Morag. The event was chaired by Diane Lancôt, owner of Lancôt Ltd and of Canadian Hat/Harricana. The organizing committee was co-chaired by local res Mary Bruns Creighton, Judith Kavanagh, Carole Labelle Molson, Kathryn Lund Drummond and Sandra McGill.

Other Westmounters noted included Mayor Christina Smith, Diana Ferrara Scalia, Sara and Eugene Riesman, Jeff Drummond, Christina Miller, Daphne Shamie, Susan Nemec, Mary Gallery and Gael Fraser-Tyler.

Also seen were Rucsandra Calin, Francine Ethier, Clare Chiu, Erika Del Vecchio, Teresa Fata, Thérèse and Erik Moisan, Jill

Green, Louise Savoy, Laurence Charlebois, Hélène Panaïoti, Paule Doré, Christine Lengvari, Paul Genest, Margot Provencher, Julie L'Heureux, and Anna Goth.

Key partners were platinum sponsor Samcon Inc.; gold – Sandra McGill, Plastic Surgery, La Maison Ishi and Canadian Hat; bronze – Cogeco Communications, Des- continued on p. 18

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Top row: Dr. Sandra McGill, Jill Green, Anna Goth; bottom row: Caroline Lafleur, Daphne Shamie, Susan Nemeec and Westmount city councillor Mary Gallery.



Francine Ethier, Clare Chiu, Christina Miller and Louise Savoy.

Social notes, cont'd. from p. 17

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lowsky Fraser, Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton, Rogers Communications, Power Corporation, Woods s.e.n.c.r.l.

Products and services partner was

Famiglia Zonin. Media partner was Cogeco Media, and public partner was Ville de Montréal. The sold-out event raised \$150,000 to support the continuity and enhancement of youth educational programs on Mount Royal.



Diane Lanctôt and Laurence Charlebois.



Kathryn Lund Drummond and Jeff Drummond.

Letters, cont'd. from p. 7

Westmount – some of it, quietly behind the scenes. This I appreciated most during my years as mayor.

Throughout our merged years and the subsequent demerged period, contact and negotiation with the Quebec government was frequent and important for our community. Both as mayor and as the head of the demerged cities, it was often essential for me to lobby, and to clearly explain our positions and our needs as legislation was being drafted.

Jacques Chagnon was extremely helpful in making connections and arranging for quiet meetings out of the public eye with many MNAs and senior bureaucrats. This enabled us to have open and frank discussions and to help them understand the perspective of the cities and the realities that they were experiencing. This was very important as the provincial government was still making significant decisions about our future. It was his credibility and good relationships with his colleagues that made it possible for him to ar-

range for these meetings. It was this same credibility that made him the unanimous choice of all members of the National Assembly for the position of speaker, which he has held since 2011.

Jacques was also there to provide links to relevant decision-makers and to offer his unfailing support over the course of two years as I tried once again to convince Quebec MNAs and their staff of the value and justification for Westmount to successfully get a substantial grant to fund our Westmount recreation centre.

For many years, I have had the pleasure of being vice-president of Jacques' riding association executive and working with him in that capacity. Through all of our associations, we have been colleagues, partners and, I am pleased to say, friends. While the political roles will no longer bring us together, the latter role will remain. And so, to my friend Jacques, I say: *Merçi, bonne chance, et pour cette nouvelle étape, mes meilleurs souhaits pour une vie après la politique, en bonne santé et pleine de joie.*

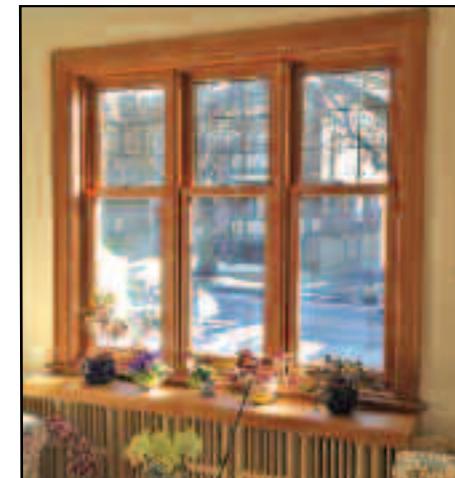
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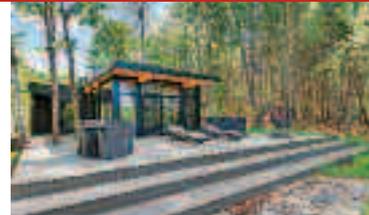
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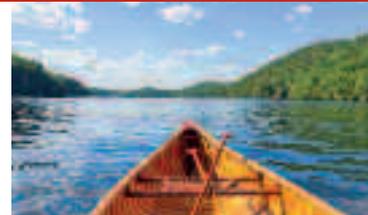
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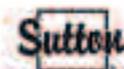


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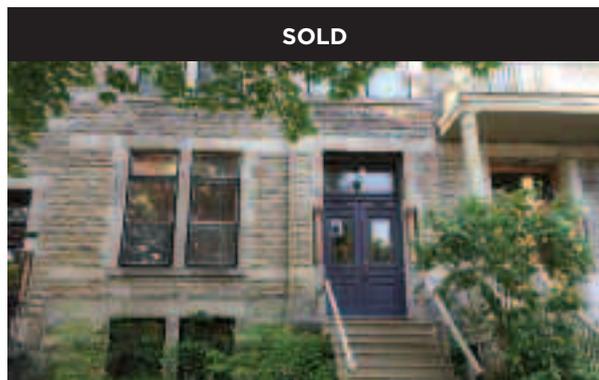
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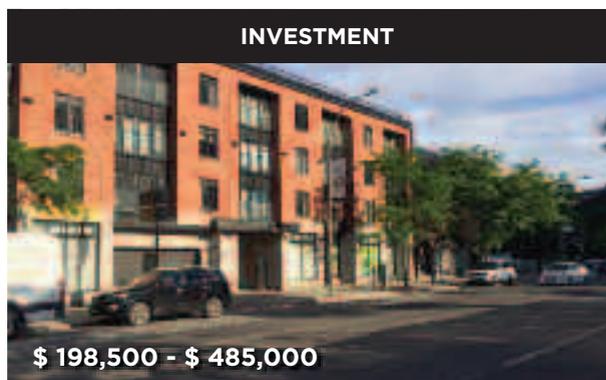
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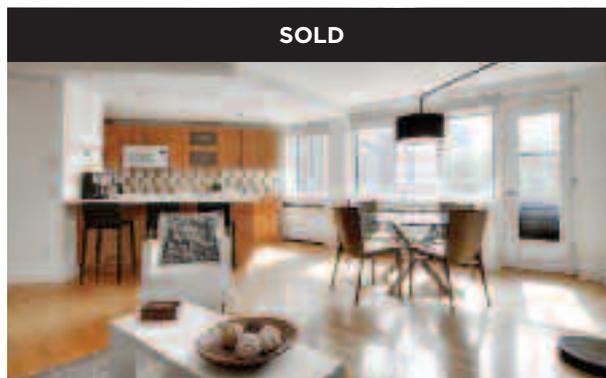
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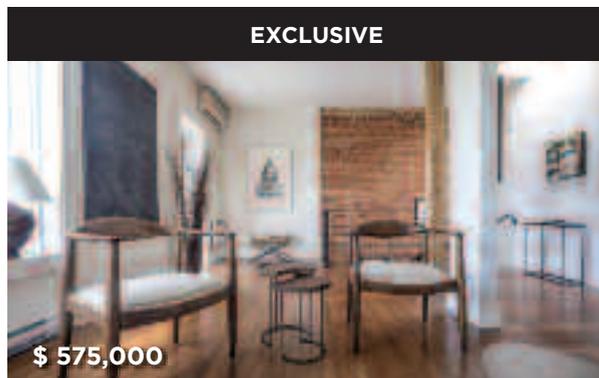
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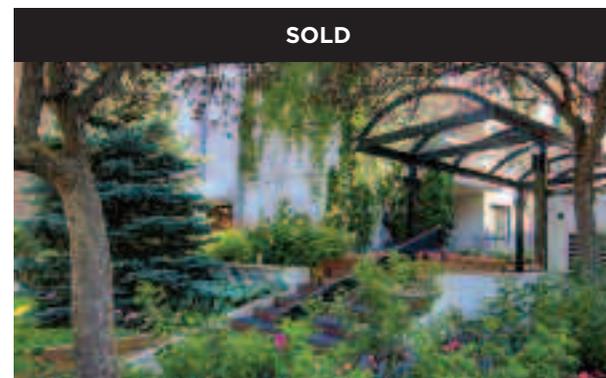
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