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City negotiating, but ready to sue over pool slab

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council September 4 approved a resolution to take legal steps, if necessary, against the contractor and inspection company concerning the installation of the Westmount recreation centre's pool.

The resolution states that "it was established after investigation that the concrete slab (bottom) was not designed or constructed according to good standards and

practices and that defects in design or construction endanger the useful life span of this work."

The design-build contract for the WRC was awarded to contractor Pomerleau Inc. in 2012. As well, a contract to monitor and follow up the work of the facilities was given to Genivar, now WSP Canada.

Work to remove and repair the rust indicators was carried out by the contractor at the end of September last year but more

have since appeared.

Mayor Christina Smith said the city had commissioned an independent investigator – Solroc – which determined the concrete had not been poured thickly enough on top of the metal rebar reinforcement.

As a result, the city would institute legal proceedings against Pomerleau and WSP Canada "to safeguard and assert its rights" in the event negotiations were unsuccessful.

Halickman brings Terry Fox run back to Westmount

The Terry Fox run will be held on Sunday, September 16 in Westmount Park at 10:30 am (registration: 10 am), organized by Spencer Halickman, pictured on Victoria Ave. on September 7. Westmounter Halickman is a Dawson College student. He has a long history of organizing runs, including while at St. George's elementary and Kells Academy, where he personally sold \$2,000 of lemonade for the cause.

Apart from schools' in-house runs, this is the first time that the event has been held in Westmount since 2011. "Since 1999, the Terry Fox Foundation has financed over \$50 million to cancer research projects in Quebec," said Peter Sheremeta, the Quebec provincial director of the Terry Fox Foundation.

"We must continue to support this very important cause and help make Terry's dream a reality." Runners need only "show up," Halickman told the *Independent*.



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How to enforce law on little ‘slivers of land’?

List of no-pot spots almost doubled in by-law

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

In the final version of the city’s revised parks by-law adopted September 4, areas where the smoking of tobacco, pot and any other substance have been banned include not only parks but also small green spaces such as public stairs and what Mayor Christina Smith described as little “slivers of land.”

The draft version tabled July 3 had

named 19 major park areas. These have now been almost doubled with the addition of spots such as the Mount Pleasant slope, the Thornhill-Stanton steps and islands in the street on Forden and Clarke. Most are areas containing a bench.

What kind of signage is planned and how will these smaller areas be enforced? asked Dorothy Lipovenko a resident of York St.

City director-general Benoit Hurtubise



Dorothy Lipovenko at the mic. Richard Lock is next in line.

said a standard no-smoking pictogram would be used at the entrance to all major parks and small space, to which Lipovenko suggested the addition of words to include the by-law number and amount of the fine.

She was told this would be difficult considering the changes in signage that might be needed whenever dollar amounts were modified. This would be handled in a similar way to other by-laws.

Lipovenko said the challenge of enforcing the new law could be more difficult in a small green space where offenders could simply step out onto the sidewalk with a joint when spotting Public Security or police than it would be in a larger park.

Locations originally listed in the draft by-law were: 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, the Westmount Lawn Bowling Club, Summit Woods and the lookout, Queen Elizabeth Gardens, Greene square (de Maisonneuve and Greene), Prince Albert square, the Westmount Athletic Grounds (WAG) and Roslyn lookout.

Added in the final version are: Belmont Cresc., Glen and St. Catherine intersection, York and St. Catherine intersection, public stairs and ramps, Thornhill-Stanton steps, Prospect St. greenspace, Surrey Gardens, Clarke island, NDG-Claremont greenspace, Weredale island, Dorchester and Clarke islands, Lansdowne and St. Catherine at the WRC, City Hall Park, Westmount train station grounds, Mount Pleasant slope and Olivier electric station.

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Patrick Reilly, city hall's 'steward,' retires at 71

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A familiar figure at Westmount city hall worked his last day on the job September 7 after 18 years.

Patrick Reilly, whose title was superintendent, also referred to himself as “driver and jack of all trades.”

“I enjoy working with the public and giving residents and tourists the information they need when they come in and directing them to the resources they need,” he said.

Reilly’s “well deserved retirement” was announced at the start of the council meeting September 4 by Mayor Christina

Smith, who thanked him and wished him well. “This is his last council meeting,” she added, to prolonged applause.

Among Reilly’s work was lowering or hoisting the flags, preparing the council chamber and other areas for meetings and receptions and ensuring that all preparations were in order. “I’m 71 in November,” he said. “I figure it’s time to go.” After late council sessions, he’s usually the last one to leave city hall and then the first to arrive early next morning to open up.



Watering the concrete? It's normal



The concrete beds of Clandeboye, seen on August 14, and Roslyn, seen on August 29, were watered by the contractors with sprinklers before the asphalt was laid. According to Westmount’s Engineering director Elisa Gaetano, it’s a normal part of concrete curing, “Proper hydration must

be ensured. The curing process can last between three and seven days, and it is during this process that the concrete strength and durability will develop. As a result, water evaporation must be avoided.”

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'Jenny' Patton (1943-2018)

Environmental activist led by example, urged new ways

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Jennifer Patton was on the front lines of environmental advocacy in Westmount for more than two decades, heading the environmental committee of the city's Healthy City Project, persistently promoting new programs to reduce, reuse and recycle, and enshrine them in by-laws.

"Jenny," as she was widely known, died August 28 at age 74. She was a business woman, lumber company owner, business consultant and devoted volunteer.

"Her efforts helped make Westmount a regional leader in environmental projects and by-laws," recalls former councillor and sustainability commissioner Tom Thompson, who worked closely with her for many years.

'Unique individual'

"She was a unique individual who led by example in the early forefront of the collection of composting, expansion of recycling and pesticides control."

One of her lasting contributions, Thomp-

son said, was recommending along with environmental activist and *Independent* columnist the late Don Wedge that the city hire a full-time employee dedicated to the environment, which happened.

Patton fought against CP's pesiticide spraying of the railway tracks. She organized a volunteer network of "compost ambassadors" in 2008 when the city launched its green bin composting collection, pushed for the city's subsidized backyard composters and urged it to embrace the use of plants native to the area.

Cited for efforts

For her significant contributions, she was nominated by the city for Quebec's Mérite municipal award. She was named volunteer of the year by the Westmount Municipal Association and received the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers in 2016.

"Thank you, Jenny, for being the voice of common sense on environment and public health in the city," said Councillor Cynthia Lulham on presenting her with a certificate from the city when Patton retired from the Healthy City Project in 2015.

"Westmount's a better place because of



Jenny Patton on her own carousel horse for her 2009 profile in the *Independent*.

it," she said (see story November 10, 2015, p. 16).

Patton joined the environment sub-committee during its first year (1991-1992) and served 15 years as its chair. She used her own experiences with composting and organic gardening to promote the concepts in Westmount.

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From the Independent's June 3-4, 2008 issue, Jenny Patton (right), in her capacity as Healthy City Project environment committee chair, with some of the 25 "compost ambassadors." From left: Kathryn Stevenson, Kathy Kaufman, Sheila Mason, Helen Rainville and Julie Keith. They received knowledgeable assistance from Alan and Kendall Kaufman (foreground).

She held an MBA from McGill and led courses at the Thomas More Institute. She owned and operated E. J. Maxwell lumber company on St. Ambroise, where she installed her "pride and joy": a clean energy system that used sawdust from the milling operation rather than oil as a heating source.

After retiring when the company was flooded in a record-breaking rainstorm in 1987, she worked as a financial consultant (see profile May 12, 2009, p. 15).

1,500 plants

She maintained a garden of some 1,500 plants at her country home at Manitou,

where she was vice-president and treasurer of the lake association. She also served as president of the downtown Montreal YWCA.

Raised in Westmount

Raised in Westmount with her twin brother, John, and sisters Kathleen and Rosemary, Patton was a longtime resident of Holton Ave., where she brought up her son Boyd and daughter Zeth. She is also survived by a grandson as well as her partner, Muriel, and Muriel's son, Brett.

A private service and celebration of her life was to take place at Ivry in the Laurentians.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MARK LONDON WAS A WONDERFUL MAN

It was truly illuminating and heart-warming to read your article of August 28 about a truly wonderful man and important Montrealer, Mark London. I knew Mark and his wife Linda Thompson when they lived on Stayner Park. Mark and Linda were always a much-admired couple who were always arm in arm!

As a former Westmount resident and board member of Centre Greene, I'd like to note that Mark, along with a small band of neighbours, got together and recreated the old Unity Boys and Girls Club into the now thriving Centre Greene. In those days, the centre was totally run by volunteers, and ever the dedicated citizen, Mark took up the cause (not to mention a paint brush).

Thank you for adding this to Mark's exceptional life as a citizen and a *mensch*!

DEEDEE RUSSELL, DOWNTOWN

DITCH ELECTED SCHOOL BOARDS, VOTE CAQ

A few days ago, I accepted the invitation to the campaign launch of Westmount-St. Louis Liberal candidate Jennifer Maccarone, former president of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA).

There is absolutely no question Ms. Maccarone was most instrumental in the destruction of pedagogically-sound Liberal school board reform Bill 86, which called for the ditching of the elected school board system. She was also most respon-

sible for the passing of Bill 185 that extended the mandate of school board commissioners for two more years without facing the electorate.

Simply put, the education policy of the Couillard government went from hope in April 2014 to despair in June 2018.

In both cases, Ms. Maccarone cited the Charter of Rights and Freedoms of the Canadian constitution and claimed she was fighting for anglo minority rights. Both those positions are the exact opposite of mine. They are reflected in our posted briefs on the National Assembly site. (www.assnat.qc.ca)

At any rate, as the festivities were going on at campaign headquarters on the 7th floor, at 1134 St. Catherine, on Aug. 30, where Ms Maccarone vowed to fight for anglo rights, I was on the street below near the corner of Stanley protesting.

Holding up a small sign with one hand, which read "ANGLO" and the other "CAQ," I spoke to many people. I saw mayor of Westmount Christina Smith and MNA David Birnbaum, who wrote an excellent opinion piece in the *Montreal Gazette* on December 16, 2015: "Bill 86's school board reforms are no threat to the anglophone community."

That said, Quebec's largest anglophone school boards, Lester B. Pearson (LBPSB) and English Montreal (EMSB), are celebrating their 20th anniversaries this year.

However, their celebrations are off to a rocky start. Here's why:

It is understood the first regular council of commissioners meeting of the school year is most informative.

It is, not only customary, but also necessary, for the chairman and director-general of the board to inform parents and the taxpaying public of any changes in educational and community services. Equally important are matters and issues dealing with material and human resources.

Simply put: A tone is set, and gives opportunity to the community to plan properly.

The French boards followed the expected protocol: the Commission scolaire Marguerite-Bourgeoys held a meeting on Aug. 28, and the Commission scolaire de Montréal on August 29.

However, on August 24, the West Island community learned, via a Public Notice in the *Montreal Gazette* (p. NP6), that the scheduled August 27, LBPSB council meeting "will not be held" – a first in 20 years. No reason was given.

At the EMSB, the two-page agenda of the Aug. 29 meeting, which would easily mean a three-hour meeting, was reduced to 22 minutes, which included mention of mysterious conflicts of interest. The web-cast is posted (www.emsb.qc.ca)

So much for anglo rights and democracy. Heaven help us if school boards are allowed to continue to exist.

CHRIS EUSTACE, PIERREFONDS

HIS NAME IS JACQUES CHAGNON, AND MACCARONE WAS CHOSEN LOCALLY

I would like to respond to Jack Locke's letter in the *Independent* of September 4 (p. 6) in order to correct a statement that was made and comment on another.

While I fully understand the anger about the changing of the highway level and the dust issue, I would like to comment on the reference to our MNA Jacques Chagnon as "what's-his-name" and the statement about our current candidate.

During my eight years as mayor and president of the Association of Suburban Mayors, I had many occasions to seek assistance and support from Jacques Chagnon. He was always there for Westmount and he worked hard to respond and provide help. He was there to support our applications and on-going efforts to convince the politicians and bureaucrats in Quebec of the value of our recreation centre project. He solicited backing from fellow MNAs when we applied for the \$10 million from the provincial government, which would then automatically be matched by an additional \$10 million from the federal government. So, neither his name nor his 33 years of service should be forgotten so easily.

As for our current candidate, Jennifer Maccarone, she was definitely not parachuted in. Members of the executive of the Westmount-St. Louis riding association discussed what we were looking for in our choice and determined that we would like someone who lived in or had lived in the riding (one which extends from Claremont to Chinatown) and who understood the kinds of concerns that our citizens have expressed over the years. A few people from the executive met with and interviewed several potential candidates.

In the end, Jennifer Maccarone was the unanimous choice of our entire executive to be our candidate. She did at one stage of her life live in Westmount for seven years, went to Marianopolis and McGill, and worked in the downtown core for 20 years. She has shown a solid commitment to education and to the protection of the institutions emanating from the English communities as well as to minority rights in general.

To be "parachuted in," the party would have had to tell us that this would be our representative and would have dropped her in our midst. That was never the case. We were impressed by what she had to offer as a result of her experience and were convinced that she would fight as hard for our needs as she had for the other groups she had served. In my experience with her thus far, I am convinced we made an excellent choice.

On October 1, each of us will send the message we think will give us the best government for our future. My message will be clear. Westmount has generally had an open and collaborative relationship with our Liberal MNA through several municipal administrations. When there are issues that need improvement, and we know there are some, let's use that openness to convey our needs, and try and come to some resolution that will improve things. We've seen in other areas and countries what the result is of voting a party out just to send a message without truly assessing what you are voting in.

KARIN MARKS, FORMER MAYOR OF
WESTMOUNT & PRESIDENT (WESTMOUNT-
ST. LOUIS LIBERAL RIDING ASSOCIATION)

PICKING UP ON VISUAL POLLUTION

In the interest of keeping Westmount beautiful, besides phoning our Public Security office to report graffiti vandalism (514.989.5222), we also have the option of picking up litter when we see it on our sidewalks and lawns. Which brings us to what is lately called "plogging," a word that combines "*plocka*" in Swedish, which

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means “to pick,” and “jogga,” which means “to jog.” It was in fact in Sweden where plogging, or the practice of picking up litter while jogging, began. It is now popular in Canada, namely in Stratford and Vancouver. I am not a jogger, but as a casual walker I’ve been picking up litter for years, often, as suggested, with a small disposable bag for the trash I collect.

RICHARD ORLANDO, SHERBROOKE ST.

COMMERCIAL LANDLORDS SHOULD TAKE ‘BEAUTIFICATION’ OATH

As in the majority of cities across the country, the retail sector is being hit hard with the online industry playing a major, growing role in how consumers buy their goods.

Here on Greene Ave., we are not immune to this phenomenon.

Having said that, it is my personal feeling that some of our commercial landlords are not doing enough to attract new tenants to the street, and in many cases use empty space to write off losses.

A prime example is the corner of Sherbrooke and Greene where the former Lululemon store has been vacant for more than three years! This empty space has been an eyesore and has reflected badly on the street as it is a prime entry point for new and potential customers.

A commercial landlord should take an oath to promote both their own property by beautifying their space even when vacant so as to not only promote leasing their own space but helping the surrounding area thrive in attracting quality tenants.

It is disappointing as a commercial tenant and owner of a business now in its 98th year to witness what we see looking out the window every day. Our landlord, on the other hand, has spent considerable money on beautification and as a result enjoys no vacancies.

ROB CALLARD, RESTAURANT CHEZ NICK
(GREENE AVE.)



The former Lululemon and Bank of Nova Scotia site at Sherbrooke and Greene on September 6.
Photo: Independent.

Provincial politics meets municipal politics



At the September 4 Westmount city council meeting: from left, Liberal candidate for the provincial legislature Jennifer MacCarone, former Westmount mayor and president of the Westmount-St. Louis provincial Liberal riding association Karin Marks and Fun Academy owner Jacinthe Deschênes, who has been denied a provincial permit for her daycare (see September 4, p. 1). None of them spoke.

Photo: Laureen Sweeney.

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En conformité avec le Règlement #1320 et ses amendements, les candidats recherchés pour ce mandat doivent être des membres en règle de l'Ordre des urbanistes du Québec et aussi des résidents de Westmount. La Ville précise que les urbanistes ayant soumis leur candidature en février 2018 seront inclus dans le présent appel de candidatures. Ils n'auront donc pas besoin de postuler une nouvelle fois dans le cadre du présent appel de candidatures.

Toute personne intéressée est invitée à soumettre sa lettre de motivation et son curriculum vitae au plus tard le mardi 2 octobre 2018 à 16 h 30. Les questions et candidatures peuvent être transmises à madame Gitta Dom par courriel à gdom@westmount.org ou par téléphone au **514-989-5278**.

Tout candidat retenu fera l'objet d'une recommandation auprès du conseil municipal qui, à titre d'autorité compétente, prendra toute décision quant à sa nomination, le cas échéant.

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**Planning Advisory Committee (PAC)
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The City of Westmount is seeking candidates to serve on its Planning Advisory Committee (PAC). The selected candidates would primarily sit on a sub-committee to study and submit recommendations to Council, at the latter's request, on all matters pertaining to urban planning and by-law revisions.

The retained candidates will serve on the PAC as members for a two-year term. In accordance with By-law 1320 and its respective amendments, eligible candidates must be Westmount residents and a member in good standing with the *Ordre des urbanistes du Québec*. The planners which already submitted their application in February 2018 are not required to file a new one. Their candidature will be included in the present call for candidates.

Interested candidates are invited to submit a letter of interest and resume before Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. For inquiries or to submit your candidacy, please contact Ms. Gitta Dom, either by email at gdom@westmount.org or by telephone at **514-989-5278**.

Any selected candidate will be the object of a recommendation to Council who, as the competent authority, will make the final decision regarding his or her appointment, as the case may be.

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Study also recommends alternatives

City aims to be 'trailblazer' in use of dust reducer at dog runs

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city will be experimenting with a dust-reducing product at its King George (Murray) Park dog run, Councillor Anitra Bostock told the city council meeting September 4.

This stems from a recommendation from a laboratory report by Solroc commissioned by the city to analyze air quality and dust kicked up by dogs from the sand/granite surface mix used at the city runs following health risks suggested by some users.

"We do know it was a concern to some," she said.

While the recommended product called Dust Stop Powder has been used throughout the years at equestrian arenas, as far as it is known, "it has never been used in dog runs before so we are a trailblazer."

The product is to be tested and evaluated this month, Bostock said. Any need to close the dog run would be posted on the city's website.

While some users have voiced concerns about discomfort experienced from the silica-based dust, the Solroc findings state that the risk of silicosis to both humans and dogs at the run is considered low due to the limited exposure to the sporadic dust clouds. This is contrary to studies related to silica exposure on people in the workplace, it explains.

As well, there was no significant trace of heavy or toxic metals in the sand analysed, though Solroc did not investigate fungal or bacterial risks.

The detailed and technical report, whose entirety is posted in French on the city website, recommends, however, implementing prevention measures to minimize the dust.

As a 'plan A,' it suggests use of Dust Stop Powder, a product described as known



Councillor Anitra Bostock reports on city's plan to use dust reducer product on Murray Park dog run.

to be an effective and biologically proven dust suppressant.

Should a reduction be judged insufficient, the study suggests use of several 'plan B' surfacing alternatives. These include a short synthetic grass especially adapted for dog runs as well as several granular silica-free products.

Other points of view

Dog owner Claudia Baruch of The Boulevard thanked the council for the testing. She said some residents had helped translate the report and reached out to two scien- *continued on p. 26*



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A sign of fall, and back-to-school



Buses filled Park Place between St. Catherine and Academy as they waited for students of Westmount Park School on September 6 at 2:30 pm.

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Voilà, the new brochure



Showcasing September 4 the city's 2018-2019 Fall and Winter brochure from Library and Community Events, Councillor Mary Gallery presented a long list of programs coming up in September and October. As commissioner of Library, Culture and Sports and Recreation, she also noted the re-opening of the second rink. The pool is scheduled to be closed September 12.

Photo: Laureen Sweeney.



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Retail Watch

An assortment of news about retailers and retail spaces in Westmount. If you have retail news, please email us at indie@westmountindependent.com before the 21st of each month. Major changes since last month's coverage (August 14, p. 13) in bold.

GREENE AVE. AREA

New

Ryu sushi, 4185 St. Catherine St., at the former site of Joaillier David Plotnick.

Closed

Second Cup, 1386 Greene Ave.

Coming

Zar beauty bar is opening in Alexis Nihon Plaza (first floor).
Saint Sushi, 1359 Greene.
Kinton ramen, 4090 St. Catherine St., former site of Metro dry cleaner.
Fleurescence florist, 1368 Greene Ave. (basement)

Construction under way

1358-60 Greene Ave. Construction of

building façade looks complete, but there was no signage on September 6.
206-208 Olivier Ave.

Not in retail use

1394 Greene Ave. (south of Sherbrooke), former site of Lululemon and, before that, the Bank of Nova Scotia
1362 Greene Ave., former site of Bistro on the Avenue.
1347 (approx.) Greene Ave.
1336 (basement unit) Greene Ave.
1314 Greene Ave.
1308 Greene Ave.
1215 Greene Ave. (south of de Maisonneuve), former site of Lou Goldberg Jeweller
1212 Greene Ave., former site of Marie Dumas, now open at 1234 Greene
4024A St. Catherine St. (east of Atwater), former site of Tutti Frutti
4026 St. Catherine St., former site of Morning Glory
4026A St. Catherine St., former site of Tia Maria prêt a porter
4028 St. Catherine St.
4146 St. Catherine St.
Unit 300 of Westmount Square retail concourse, former site of Galerie la Manière Noire
Three first-floor units in Alexis Nihon

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Chocolatier Suisse, 4945 Sherbrooke St. (at Claremont), former site of Mochico
ES2 shoe store, 4927A Sherbrooke St.

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Coming

Kavos Greek-inspired restaurant, 4922 Sherbrooke St., former site of Parm and Léa

Moving

Artgold's shop at 4937 Sherbrooke St. is for rent. Once it is rented, it plans to move, "probably downtown," said the store on June 27.

Envers – Yves Jean Lacasse, 4935 Sherbrooke St.

Moved

Guy Lachance pharmacist from 397 Victoria (next, and with access, to the Metro grocery store) to 370 Victoria (in the Victoria Park building, where Sous Chef was).
Galerie Licorne/Oleg Dergachove from 344-A Victoria. Now available by appointment only: 514.659.1616
olegderg@hotmail.com.

Not in retail use

4822 Sherbrooke St., former site of SunSource
4823 Sherbrooke St., former site of Pier 1
4825 Sherbrooke St., former site of Gascogne
4848 Sherbrooke, former site of Laurentian Bank
4909 Sherbrooke St.
4918 Sherbrooke St. (top), former site of Made in Italy
4920 Sherbrooke St., former site of La Canadienne's Westmount location
4923 (approx.) Sherbrooke
4927 Sherbrooke St. (upper)
4930 (basement) Sherbrooke St., former site of Sharyn Scott, now operating at 4916 Sherbrooke St.
4932 (upper) Sherbrooke St.
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She has taught English, media and drama at Lower Canada College and English as a Second Language at both McGill and University of Toronto.

Amy has a Bachelor of Commerce with a double concentration in International Business and Human Resources from McGill University. She worked at Aldo

Group International in business development and franchising, followed by a job at the Mark Edwards Group in business development & operations. She was also the Head Girl at Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School.

The yin to her yang, Amy brought a stellar knowledge of business and numbers (and some organization), to Andrea's creative side. Amy even became a star tutor herself in order to gain an understanding of the business, first-hand. Today, Amy and Andrea work more than full-time running Prep Academy's one-on-one in-home tutoring service, while parenting toddlers.

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Trafalgar School: Educating girls – and now parents – in the city

Ideally located midway between McGill and Concordia universities, for the past 130 years Trafalgar School for Girls has been preparing young women for post-secondary studies, and beyond.

Now, a unique new program has Traf opening their doors to younger girls, and to parents.

Trafalgar launched their signature IN THE CITY series last year, to great acclaim. A high school for girls in Grades 7 through 11, Trafalgar decided to extend the kind of innovative programming it provides its students to pre-teens in Grades 4, 5, and 6.

Day-long workshops held on Sundays throughout the year allowed participants to delve deeply into learning experiences

in different domains, including fine arts, science, and leadership.

Over the course of the Fine Arts day, groups of girls had opportunities to make music together, challenge themselves in improvisation activities, and create fabulous prints, all under the expert guidance of Trafalgar’s music, drama, and art teachers; at the leadership workshop girls learned to “Jump In” through goal-setting, skills inventory, and communications; and over the course of a full day of scientific discovery, keen and curious girls tinkered, problem-solved, and then designed their way to a better understanding of how science transforms lives.

These varied, deep learning experiences mirror the guiding

principles the school promotes on a daily basis: what Trafalgar teachers call their **CORE 4: Being Open, Being Curious, Being Collaborative, and Being Compassionate.**

These same principles guided the organizers’ choice of the topics for the series of “SMART PARENTING IN THE CITY” workshops at the school, which are open to parents of teens and pre-teens. From a “how-to” guide to the teenage brain, to a sane approach to fitness, nutrition, and body image, these presentations by experts in their fields provide an enlightening educational experience for adults. Comments by people who attended included, “a breath of fresh air,” “based on research, but so practical,” and

“Thank you, now Traf is educating me as well as my daughter!”

Based on feedback and requests, over the course of the upcoming 2018-19 school year Trafalgar School will reprise some of the themes of previous workshops, and introduce several new ones—including a timely presentation on Cannabis & Mental Health.

To find out more about the series and the school, visit **Trafalgar.qc.ca**, or visit TRAF LIVE at **Open House on Thursday, October 4th 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

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A World View

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Visit and See the School in Action

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LCC Has Designs on the Future

Within the confines of Lower Canada College's Montreal campus, amid its modern classrooms, sports complex and state-of-the-art facilities, a new way of learning is taking root, one that weds technology with the hands-on lessons of craftsmanship. Long considered one of Canada's top schools, LCC has incorporated design and innovation into the curriculum at every grade level.

The technology tsunami has left many schools scrambling to integrate STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) into their programs. Keep up, goes the thinking, or get swept aside. LCC has taken a thoughtful approach that combines the best of traditional classroom training with a shift towards 'maker' learning.

Fiona Nanson is LCC's technology integration coordinator. With a PhD in neuroscience, she's helping to introduce design theory-based creative problem-solving skills to kids of all ages. "Recently, Junior School students were asked to

design a playground for themselves on the LCC grounds," she says. "They wrote a proposal, built a model and presented findings.

Along the way, they learned geometry, software, English language arts, science and more!

Nanson is also overseeing the integration of virtual reality technology. LCC is one of the first schools in Canada to use VR in the classroom. Instead of reading or watching a video about ancient Rome or Egypt, students will be able to virtually visit their architectural marvels. "We're developing an approach to learning that allows kids to adapt to whatever technology comes along," says Nanson. "Today's students don't need to master each new high-tech advance: they only have to realize that every app, device, or virtual tool is accessible and can be useful."

Many of these tools are housed in LCC's Fab Lab, a workshop jam-packed with machines that wouldn't look out of place in a mad scientist's

laboratory. It is the lair of Fab Lab Coordinator Alec Mathewson, and in it, budding inventors, explorers and entrepreneurs use digital fabrication to create anything they can imagine. "It's based on a concept from MIT. We're actually part of a global network of similar labs in over 80 countries," Mathewson explains.

Like most Fab Labs, this one has a 3D printer, a device that can turn computer-generated designs into real objects by aggregating thin layers of melted plastic. But that's only one of the tools on hand here: a precise laser cutter slices through paper and cardboard and bends wood into fantastic shapes.

A milling machine, like those used by engineers to make car parts, can etch a circuit board, allowing future tech wizards to create their own microcontrollers or circuits.

A vinyl cutter hooks younger kids on creating logos for T-shirts. Older students have tackled pressure-sensitive surf boards, LED-studded lamps, and police vests

that detect and report injury.

In a design studio next door is what Mathewson calls the 'wall of things.' Accessible to all LCC students, it's an organized hodge-podge of crafting tools, electronic bits, textiles, and sewing machines. Each piece in its own colour-coded bin has a dollar value written on it: young entrepreneurs learn the cost of building things in the real world.

"Ironically, perhaps the greatest advantage to this new way of learning is that with no manuals to follow and no predetermined end result to reach, students must fail many times as they feel their way forward. And we know that this is how real-world success works," says Mathewson. "I recently led a trip with eight students to Silicon Valley where they met with LCC alumni who work at Google and Apple. These kids saw for themselves that there is no mystical gap between what they know and what can really change the world."



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St. George's School takes community approach to tackling digital distraction

When it comes to technology, often the biggest challenge is striking a balance—this is especially true in the classroom, where it can be both an incredible resource and an unwelcome intrusion, depending on the context. At St. George's School of Montreal, a K-11 independent school with campuses located on The Boulevard, an innovative new initiative seeks to tackle the paradoxical issue.

The aim is to help students develop awareness of their own behaviours, in order to take active control of how excessive screen time may be impacting their health and interpersonal relationships. “In the past it has been common practice for teachers to police usage,” reflects St. George's Head of School Sharon Klein. “And it just doesn't work.”

Digital distraction is a component of St. George's signature program—CORE5. Centred in the latest research in social and emotional learning, the CORE5 curriculum aims to nurture resilience in students through five essential elements.

Many of these elements—particularly those concerned with supporting mindful awareness of personal characteristics, behaviour patterns and attitudes, deepening the capacity to care for self, others and community, and exploring meaning and purpose through engaging with a world larger than oneself—become difficult to fulfill with devices constantly competing for attention. “It's so hard for anyone to engage with meaning and purpose if they are digitally distracted,” says High School Assistant Head Michael O'Connor, who is part of the team spearheading the project.

The school's leadership first sought input from their parent community, or-

ganizing a series of morning gatherings in which all attendees were first asked to consider their own device usage. Conversation surrounding the addictive nature of mobile apps—many of which are deliberately engineered to “hook” their users—has led to an approach that endeavours to empower students rather than to discipline them.

This fall, students will be at the centre of the ongoing discussion. Their perspective and ideas will guide the movement, with workshops, group discussions and one-on-one meetings planned to encourage active participation in what is truly a school-wide undertaking—one akin to other far-reaching projects tackled by the community of students, parents, educators and administrators.

The digital distraction initiative is grounded in a long-held conviction outlined at the school's founding nearly 90 years ago: Health must come first. “By helping our students monitor and manage their time spent before a small screen, we will be helping them live healthier lives, physically, mentally and emotionally,” O'Connor says. Getting the parents on board early was important—once they've examined their own actions, they can help reinforce healthy behaviour patterns as positive role models at home.

For 2018-2019, the new approach will be implemented at St. George's High School, with plans to introduce the topic at the Elementary School this year also. “Meaningful and lasting change can only be made if we tackle this as an entire community,” Klein says, noting that this multifaceted approach to overcoming obstacles isn't new at St. George's. She looks forward to seeing the entire school come together and rise to the challenge.



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Committed to best practices in early childhood education, The Priory School is a place where children are encouraged to be children, where childhood is cherished, and where meaningful

learning takes place in a nurturing and caring environment. "These are precious years, enjoy them, savour them, they will be over all too soon", Mr. Peters advises parents. An enthusiastic, positive and confident approach to learning is at the heart of the school's mission. According to Mr. Peters, "at our school we recognize that children learn because it is rewarding, interesting and fun and gives them a sense of pride. At The Priory, we don't ask students 'what do you want to be when you grow up?', rather we recognize that they have a great deal to give to the world today, as early as 5 years old. If children learn to give of themselves at an early age it will be a pinnacle part of their sense of self as they grow. The most important indication of The Priory's success is the genuine love that students, faculty and staff have for learning, giving, coming to school, and for each other."

At The Priory students do not end their learning journey with a test or a bulletin board to show what they have learned, they are

encouraged to take their knowledge and apply it to some greater good. Throughout the year, students participate in a number of community service initiatives, learning a sense of responsibility and the joy of giving. "As The Priory School makes the term 'igniting positive change' a part of everyday vocabulary, our school can proudly say that 100% of the student body participates in regular community service initiatives. Through deeper learning projects and active volunteering, Priory students explore ways to make a difference in the communities in which they live." As a true testament to the Priory's willingness to inspire children to create positive change in the world, the entire Priory teaching faculty and students were nominated and proudly received the 2018 Montreal Community Cares Foundation (MCCF) award for 'Community Leader, Elementary School', which recognizes Montrealers for being community champions actively involved in making Montreal a better place to live.

Confident that children learn better in a small, comfortable, community, the Priory has no intention of increasing its size. "Even though we are at full enrollment with waiting lists and there is sometimes an urge to grow, we know that children excel

in a small, supportive community" explains Mr. Peters, "Moreover, small classes mean that when Priory students are introduced to a new concept, it is done in a group of 12. Once the children have solidified the concept, they work on projects and extension activities in larger groups." This teacher-student relationship in small sizes enables students to be engaged as they actively construct their own understanding and knowledge of the world, through problem solving and reflecting on their experiences. "Only a small school can promote the prosocial and academic skills that certify success and confidence for every student. Our small class sizes ensure that each student's individual academic and social needs are met."

Mr. Peters concludes, "Here, at The Priory School, young children learn to view their world as a welcoming place where they have unique value, a place to explore, enjoy, and celebrate as individuals within a supportive community. This profoundly positive outlook of themselves helps our students become not simply life-long learners, but rather, life-long contributors."



If you would like to see first-hand what makes The Priory unique, you are cordially invited to attend:

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This year marks an important milestone for Akiva School as they celebrate their 50th year of providing a unique approach to Jewish education for elementary students from kindergarten to grade 6. Akiva School was founded in 1968 by a group of parents led by Rabbi David Hartman z'l who sought to create a school community that would meet the academic, religious and social-emotional needs of their students. Now as Akiva enters their fifth decade, the school is guided by the profound understanding of their founders while simultaneously growing and moving forward with a focus on the future for the next 50 years of Jewish learning. On the horizon are exciting new programs and educational tools, all lead by a new Head of School, Rabbi Eric Grossman.

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Rabbi Eric Grossman, Head of School at Akiva, and students are ready for another exciting year of Jewish learning.

NEW LEADERSHIP

This year, Akiva School welcomes a new Head of School. Rabbi Grossman comes to Akiva School with over 20 years in Jewish day school education and leadership. Originally from Toronto, Rabbi Grossman has worked in a number of Jewish day schools across North America including being Head of School of Frankel Jewish Academy in West Bloomfield, Michigan, where, during his tenure, the school achieved its highest enrollment. Most recently he served as Head of School of The Ramaz School, a K-12 Manhattan Yeshiva Day School. A passionate and forward thinking Jewish educator, Rabbi Grossman shares the Akiva School vision of a student-centric approach to education in which the underpinnings for all learning are based on Jewish values.

NEW INNOVATION LAB AND RELATED PROGRAMMING

The new Akiva Innovation Lab will be launched this September. The Lab will include an array of new learning tools and will represent an educational platform for unique hands-on programming across our entire curriculum. The Innovation Lab will also be home to many new extracurricular activities such as our first Lego League Robotics Program, Creative Puppet-Making and Drop-In Program for educational fun during lunch.

NEW JUDAIC STUDIES PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS

This year, Akiva School has begun a multi-year process of revising and enhancing their Judaic Studies program at Akiva. Starting this year, Akiva will be introducing Torah Sheb'al Peh, the Jewish Oral Tradition, into the 6th grade Judaic Studies curriculum. This addition will expose students to the works of the Rabbis and Sages of the Mishnah and builds on the foundation in the Torah Shebichtav, the Written Tradition, that our students have learned in grades 1-5.

Akiva School is also introducing an enhanced musical and educational component into their Tefillah/prayer program. With the goal of making the prayer experience more meaningful and more accessible to students, they are piloting a curriculum that combines the Akiva repertoire of liturgical music with in-depth knowledge of the words and tunes of the Siddur.

ATTEND OUR INFORMATION SESSION

To meet Rabbi Grossman and find out more about the new innovative programming at Akiva School, please attend their information session, Innovation at Akiva School, on Monday, November 5th at 7:00pm. Contact the school to register for the presentation and book your personal tour of the school at (514) 939-2430 or email at heather@akivaschool.com.

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«Smaller class size creates an environment that is both stimulating and warm, in which teachers can really give individual attention to each girl», says Effie Koufalis, mother of a Study student.

«For over 100 years, The Study has been a leading Montreal school where we 'teach things that really matter',» says Head of School, Nancy Sweer.

«What really matters for The Study is that we continue to provide an education that prepares young women to be at their best in both Quebec and global society.»

Visit The Study's Open House, Wednesday, October 3rd, 3233 The Boulevard, Westmount. If this date is not convenient, contact Admissions, at 514-935-9352 x 252, to arrange a personal tour.

Photo caption: The Study's Head of School Nancy Sweer with 2018 graduating student Vivian Maas

'Sports banquet' in Westmount means pizza!

The city of Westmount's twice-annual sports banquet was held at Victoria Hall on September 5. For pictures of some of the players receiving recognition, turn to p. 24-25.

Photos: Ralph Thompson.



Volunteer Peter Tilden distributing pizza to the hungry assembly



BY RALPH THOMPSON

The city of Westmount's 2018 spring/summer sports awards took place at Victoria Hall September 5 between 6 pm and 7 pm with the usual amount of enthusiasm, support and event management indicative of these semi-annual community happenings. The hall was decorated with sporty t-shirts hanging from the chandeliers, six rows of tables and twelve rows of chairs stretched from the front to back, and a table was filled with various soft drinks. Dozens of pizzas were heated in the ovens.

The babble of animated kids in the lobby was palpable.

A well-coordinated team comprising David Lapointe, Sports and Recreation director; Andrew Maislin, operations manager; Michelle Dodds, sports

In Westmount, 'sports banquet' means



Sophie Birks receiving a sportsmanship award for Peeewe Wings baseball with Councillor Mary Gallery (left), commissioner of library, culture, sports and recreation, and Mayor Christina Smith.

'Bulgaria' boys Atom soccer champions with coach Paul Coleman and Councillor Jeff Shamie, commissioner of Hydro Westmount and administration.



From left, Karele Ekwalla, Emilie Nelles and Toby Graham receiving a sportsmanship award for Pewee girls soccer with Councillor Cynthia Lulham, commissioner of urban planning, economic development and parks and Councillor Conrad Peart, commissioner of urban planning, permits and architecture.



Jack O'Keefe, Andrei Marentette, James Leon, Christopher Collins, Seamus Smalley, Olivier Morin and James Leber receiving sportsmanship awards for Atom boys soccer with Councillor Jeff Shamie.

awards for individuals, teams – and photo ops



Team 'Vancouver,' the girls Bantam soccer champions with coach Chris Dodson.



'Sherbrooke' girls Atom soccer champions with coach Erika Ludwick and Councillor Jeff Shamie.



Owen Peters and Pedro Amaral Stussi receiving sportsmanship awards for boys Bantam soccer with Councillor Cynthia Lulham and Councillor Conrad Peart.

coordinator; Matthew Lawton, sports coordinator and other staff members; the mayor, city councillors, volunteers and parents swung into action as the doors opened.

Like armadillos searching for ants, the kids quickly sought out and devoured the pizza and pop.

The evening was brought to order by Lapointe, followed by a welcome and big thanks to staff from Mayor Christina Smith and Councillor Mary Gallery, commissioner of library, culture, sports and recreation.

Lawton then proceeded by announcing the awards. Mayor Smith, councillors Gallery, Shamie, Peart and Lulham, and city director-general Benoit Hurtubise handed out the medals and trophies to the excited champs.



'Hamilton,' the girls Pewee soccer champions with coaches Serge Farman (left) and Krystyne Blaikie together with Councillor Cynthia Lulham and Councillor Conrad Peart.

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Photos: Independent.

Dog runs, cont'd. from p. 8

tific specialists for comments. These included the fact that some dog owners go to the run two or three times a day for lengthy periods and therefore would have greater exposure to the dust than the time suggested in the Solroc report.


It was also pointed out among other

factors that dogs' noses were closer to the ground and would be inhaling "far more" of the silica than reported.

Baruch quoted one specialist as saying: "We are not able to remove particles completely," Mayor Christina Smith said.

"We're still talking about limited exposure," Bostock added.

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Zebrowski's photographic tribute held at Glen campus of MUHC



Social Notes

VERONICA REDGRAVE

The Glen MUHC hospital is not only a ginormous structure; it also houses art. Sometimes the art is inspired by the very services the institution offers. In 1983, photographer **Ewa Monika Zebrowski** gave birth at a mere 29 and a half weeks. Her son Anthony weighed only two and a half pounds. For the next two months, Zebrowski and her husband, **Shulim Rubin**, whose architecture office is in Westmount, spent a lot of time at the Royal Victoria Hospital while the their baby received care through the delicate first months in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU). Two years later, Zebrowski's son Stefan was born, this time at 31 and a half weeks and weighing only four and a half pounds. Again, the parents relied on the team at the NICU.

Today, the brothers are healthy and thriving. In 1997, Zebrowski returned to



Erin Hogg, Ewa Zebrowski and Gwen Nacos.

the Royal Vic to pay tribute to the doctors and nurses who cared for her tiny infants, in particular doctors **Robert Usher** and

Diana Willis.

Usher introduced Zebrowski to new parents **Denis Lemoing** and **Lisa Gillis**,

whose son Stéphane was also born prematurely. The couple agreed to participate in Zebrowski's photographic essay on the NICU.

The result is a moving *continued on p. 28*



Dr. Daniel Faucher



Denis Lemoing and Lisa Gillis.

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Nurses Jennifer Guerrero and Hélène Caron.



Helen Malkin and Mario Sinai.



Portrait of Miss Kitty



Miss Kitty is ready to be adopted. Please reach out for her at the SPCA Montérégie, the grassroots shelter that took her in. She is a precious five-year-old grey domestic long-haired female, with the most memorable green

eyes and velvety grey nose. She is very healthy, up to date with her inoculations and is spayed.

Miss Kitty is a social girlie, affectionate with cuddling, and playful still in kittenish ways. She also integrates well in a family environment, and joins in if they have other pets. She is presently in a foster home in St. Bruno for the SPCA Montérégie, so please contact them at info@spcamonteregie.com to find out more about her and make arrangements to visit.

Your neighbour, Lysanne

..... tribute to the care team and a snapshot of the technology that was – and still is – transforming the field of neonatology. The photos from the late 1990s are a time capsule reflecting the resources and most up-to-date science available at that time at the unit, then located at the Royal Victoria Hospital.

The *Small Miracles/Petites miracles* vernissage was recently held at the MUHC Glen site, attracting a crowd that admired the poignant black-and-white images – a

visual narrative of memory, time and place. The photographs were donated by Zebrowski to the RBC Art and Heritage Centre of the MUHC.

Enjoying the reception were Westmounters **Gwen Nacos, Helen Malkin and Mario Sinai**, as well as **Lisa Gillis and Denis Lemoing** (Stéphane's parents), neonatalist **Dr. Louis Beaumier**, NFB's **Paul Cowan** and **Co Hoederman**, **Rhona Goldenberg** and **Normand Cote**, **Erin Hogg**, **Ethan Barry**, **Sylvie Bouchard** and **Louis Lussier**, **Serge Clément** and **Miche-**

line Beauregard, Michele Campeau, Linda-Marlena Bucholtz Ross, Susan Doubilet and Gernot Horlbeck. Also noted admiring the black-and-white images were the NICU's **Dr. Daniel Faucher** and nurses **Jennifer Guerrero and Hélène Caron**, and the MUHC's **Rachel Hawes**, communication manager.

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Stylish soirée raises funds for Miriam Foundation



Harrison Black, Joseph Salzman, Herbert Black and Véronique Saint-Pierre.



Warren Greenstone.

One passed the lovely David Austin cabbage roses, the beautifully landscaped pea gravel garden accented with topiaries and entered a home with a view. **Herbert Black** and his wife **Véronique Saint Pierre** welcomed guests to their stylish abode, where guests admired the library full of leather-bound books, the gorgeous orchids and the antiques – and, of course, the panoramic vista across tree tops to the river.

Black, an art collector and philanthropist, hosted an elegant cocktail dînette after the annual Miriam Foundation golf tournament, of which he is honorary chair. The pre-dinner reception was held on his Italianate balcony, reminiscent of a Lake Como villa. Sipping champagne, invitees chatted about their golf scores as they admired the pale moon rising. Pink has never looked prettier. Bouquets of perfect pink roses were complemented with bright green hydrangea blooms.

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

The sumptuous buffet dinner, catered by Mikado, was the crowning touch to the magic eve. Noted were Westmounters **Mose Persico** (emcee of the tournament) and his wife **Joanne**, **Andrew Hops**, **Sophie Marquis** and **Ricky Black** with his son

Andrew Black, **Sylvia** and **Allan Vosco**, **Linda Smith**, **Katia** and **Max Pacioretti**, and **Harrison Black**.

Also seen were, **Sylvie Cardin** and **René Douville**, **Gerry Frappier**, **Susan** and **Michael Stern**, **Allan Walsh**, **Rosalie** and

Gary Mintz, and **Joseph Salzman**.

Attending from the Miriam Foundation were **Warren Greenstone**, president/CEO; board members **Tony Meti** (board chair), **Norman** **Berkovitch** and **Jean-** *continued on p. 30*



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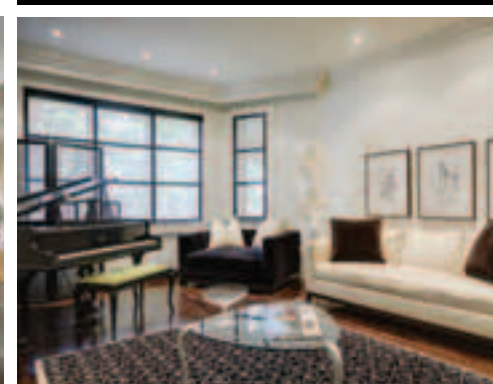
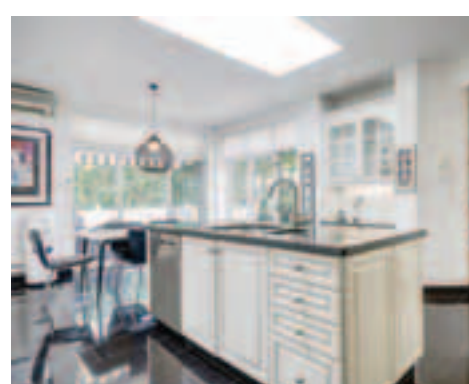
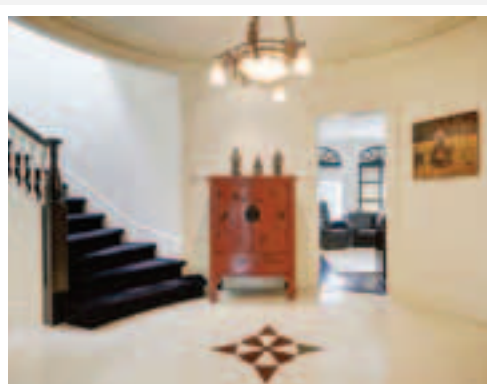
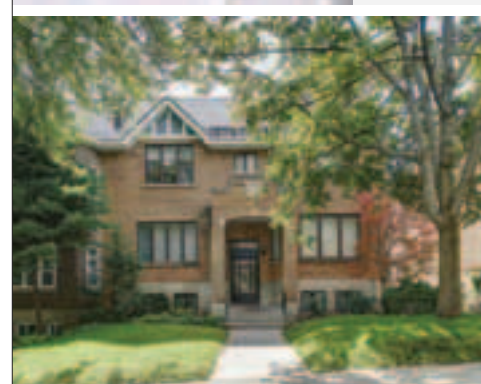
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Linda Smith, Katia and Max Pacioretty, Allan Walsh and Andrew Hops.

..... **Claude Gravel**, who also acted as chair of the golf committee, made up of Véronique Saint Pierre, Louis Ludwick, Adam Ray, Steve Shepherd and Howard Staviss.

Among the 222 golfers participating in the tournament were hockey legends Vincent Damphousse, Yvan Cournoyer and Guy Carbonneau, as well as Jason Devine (Bell Media), dentist David Kozloff, Jacques Aubé (Evenko), Denis Dupuis (Quebec Stevedoring Co), Robert Gemmell, and RBC'S Tony Loffreda (vice chair wealth management) and Miles Leutner

(vp portfolio management). One of the highlights of the match was a hole in one by **Mathieu Noel!**

Dresses ranged from micro-mini, worn with soaring platform stilettos, to maxi-ankle grazing length – paired with sensible shoes. Frocks were floral à la Dolce and



Ricky and Andrew Black.



Mose and Joanne Persico.



Sylvie Cardin & René Douville.

Gabbana. Designer purses were the very latest “it” bags: A *Vogue* moment. Lads wore loafers (no socks, of course) and sneakers.

The evening raised almost \$500,000 (\$498,419 to be precise) to support the Miriam Foundation's Lori Black Commu-

nity Centre. The centre, named after Herbert Black's late daughter, provides services for mentally and physically challenged children and adults. The Miriam Foundation is dedicated to serving those with autism spectrum disorders and intellectual disabilities.

Comin' Up

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- ▶ Meet the Candidates for the provincial election, hosted by the Westmount Municipal Association. Victoria Hall. 7 pm.
- ▶ Westmount Horticultural Society. Speaker Lia Chiasson on “Fermenting your Harvest.” \$5. Westmount Library, 7 pm.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Public consultation/workshop by city of Montreal on access roads to Mount Royal. Victoria Hall, 7 pm.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Atwater Library's Lunchtime Series: “The Americans are coming!” Mark Gallop introduces some of the heroes and villains of the Continental Army's occupation of Montreal in the early days of the

American Revolution. Free, 1200 Atwater Ave. 12:30 to 1:30 pm.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Stargazing presented by the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada in collaboration with the Healthy City Project. At Summit lookout. To be cancelled in event of rain. 7:30 pm.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Women's Canadian Club of Montreal hosts Stéphanie Lassonde of SNC-Lavalin on “Signature on the St. Lawrence: The Champlain Bridge Project.” \$10. Victoria Hall. 12:30 pm.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

▶ Westmount Historical Association lecture, “Parks and Open Spaces: 1890-1990,” by Professor Ron Williams (retired, School of Landscape Architecture, University of Montreal). \$5. Westmount Public Library. 7 pm.

▶ Atwater Library's Lunchtime Series: Brian Webb discusses the life and legacy of Rachel Carson, biologist and writer. Free, 1200 Atwater Ave. 12:30 to 1:30 pm.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

With the blessings of Abenaki elders, artist Sylvia Bertolini offers an interpretation of some universal wisdoms in “The 13 Clan Mothers of the 13 Moons” presented by the Women's Art Society of Montreal (www.womensartsociety.com). Non-members \$10. Unitarian Church of Montreal, 5035 de Maisonneuve Blvd.

West from 1:30 to 2:30 pm.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

▶ “Off the Wall” art sale of gently used art to benefit the Stephen Lewis Foundation's Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign. On offer are about 400 pieces in a wide range of genres and prices. Westmount Park United Church. 10 am to 4 pm.

▶ Journées de la Culture, *Hergé à l'Ombre de Tintin* (in French). Victoria Hall. 2 pm

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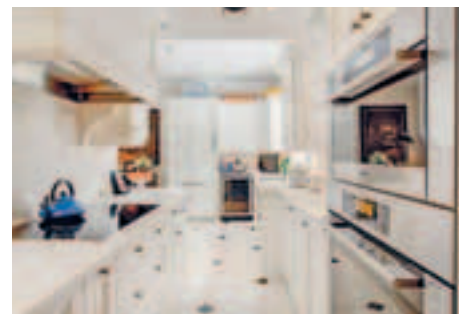
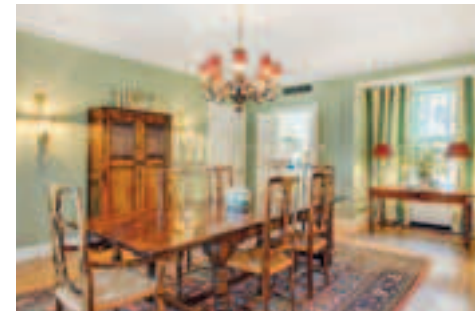
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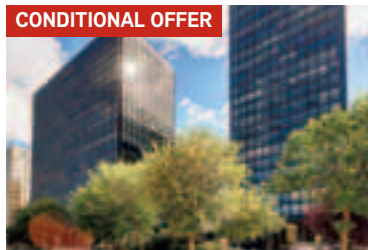
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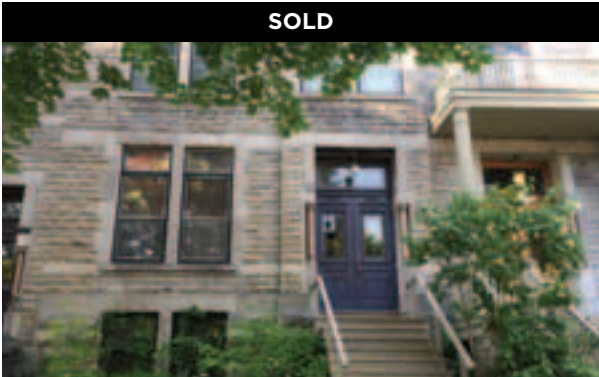
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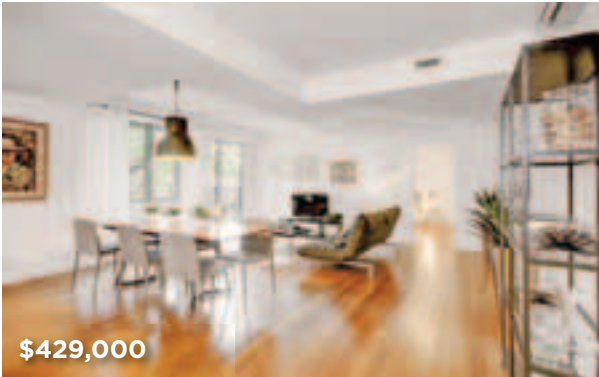
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