

Last 'big' meeting for 2019 marks council's mid-mandate

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Two years after this Westmount city council held its first meeting in 2017, Mayor Christina Smith recalled in opening the December 2 meeting how it was not only half way through the four-year mandate but was also the last "big" one of 2019. "This has been a very busy year and it's gone by with the blink of an eye," she said. One of the highlights singled out was the combined effort of Westmount with the Montreal agglomeration, other government levels and police to make possible the open-

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Don't Miss It

Hanukah celebration of the city of Westmount, the Congregation Shaar Hashomayim and the Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom. Monday, December 23 at 5 pm Lawn bowling clubhouse (just west of city hall). All welcome.

It's Christmastime!

The entire city council attended the lighting of the city's Christmas tree at city hall on December 2. From left, councillors Philip Cutler, Conrad Peart, Anitra Bostock, Cynthia Lulham, Jeff Shamie and Mary Gallery; Mayor Christina Smith; and councillors Kathleen Kez and Marina Brzeski. See p.18 for story.

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Changes aim to speed up some permits, bypass PAC, council

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Changes tabled December 2 to reduce the time it takes to obtain Urban Planning permits for landscaping design will be submitted to public consultation Wednesday, December 18 at 7 pm.

These amendments cover a wide range of work that includes some aspects of fences, retaining walls, decks, terraces,

stairs as well as driveways and other items that so far this year accounted for some 20 percent of all permits. The use of asphalt for driveway

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Cllr. Shamie to take resident on a tour

Perreault looks for uses for the former train station

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

What is happening with the former Westmount train station boarded up for more than 20 years? The question was asked at the December 2 council meeting by Daniel Perreault of de Casson.

“Every time I pass in front of the old station, I wonder what we can do to improve it,” he said. He would like to visit it with a group he believes could come up with an idea, “something to do with energy or saving the Earth.”

A number of possible uses have been suggested over the years for the building, whose interior is very small. They include a café, museum, office space and quarters for the Westmount Historical Association.

The 1907 station and land to the north was acquired by Westmount from CP Rail in December 2000 for \$250,000 and preliminary measures were taken to protect the building from further deterioration.

Tracks pose safety issues

Mayor Christina Smith said the issue



Daniel Perreault addresses city council December 2.

was something the council had just been discussing that afternoon. She pointed out that the city had maintenance issues with many of its buildings and the station required work just to bring it up to code. It also had zoning and safety issues that include its proximity to the train tracks.

“Can I visit it?” Perreault asked, adding he would like to take photos “to send to the newspapers” to solicit ideas.

At the end of the council meeting, Councillor Jeff Shamie, who represents District 2 where Perreault lives and had been talking to him about the station, told the *Independent* he would be taking Perreault on a tour of the building. “He has some good ideas.”

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Metro grocery’s Vellucci recognizes 40-year veterans

Patulli remembers the Steinberg’s days on Victoria

Metro grocery store employee and ambassador Sandro Patulli is in a reminiscent mood this season. At the store’s Christmas party, it recognized employees who have been there for 40 years.

They were Sandro Patulli, Raymond Ge-



PHOTO: INDEPENDENT.

nier, Peter Piccioni, Francine Baldeo, Roberto Albenesi, Halina Gulycz, Daniel Joannette and Sylvain Legault. In relaying the news to the *Independent*, Patulli wrote, “Could you somehow make sure that you mention how thankful we are to our director, Fiorello Vellucci, for his gratitude towards us and making our store a great success?”

At the party, Patulli remembered a story that he had kept from the June 8, 1992 edition of *La presse* about the week when the previous franchisee, Graham Fletcher – then two years into his ownership – received news that his Steinberg’s store would move over to the Metro banner as part of a sale of 15 stores.

By December 3 of last week, Patulli was handing out photocopies of the article to longtime clients as he loaded groceries (see photo at left).

The headline: “A Steinberg’s stronghold in Westmount falls into the hands of Metro.” One of the promises of Fletcher at the time: “clients will be reassured when they find out that they are being served by the same people.”

The person photographed for the story, 27 years ago? Sandro Patulli.



Forty-year vets attending the Metro grocery store’s Christmas party, from left, Sandro Patulli, Raymond Genier, Peter Piccioni, Francine Baldeo and Roberto Albenesi, and the franchise owner of Metro Westmount, Fiorello Vellucci.

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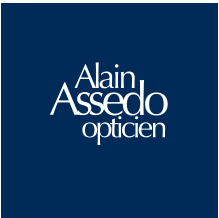
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Riverview, 515 Côte St. Antoine, built around 1847, photographed December 5 at 10 am, bathed in a fresh snowfall.

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Won by Pointe Claire team

SWAT's Old-timers hockey tournament scores 2 records

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The 29th annual Old-timers Charity Hockey Tournament hosted by the Senior Westmount All Star Team (SWAT) involved eight teams and many local volunteers to raise research funds for Montreal's two children's hospitals November 28 to December 1.

While the total amount of money raised was not available at the *Independent's* press time, a record amount of \$7,200 was generated by the annual silent auction while a new fundraiser – a raffle of two tickets from the Air Canada Foundation to anywhere that the airline flies – brought in



Tournament champions Pointe Claire are flanked by Westmount volunteers and committee members.

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another \$4,500.

"It was all organized by volunteers," said the organizing committee's treasurer Howard Hoppenheim.

Eight teams participated with Pointe Claire winning the tournament. The West-

mount team lost in the semi-finals to a team called the ADs.

All came from the Montreal area except for the Mighty Muckers from Ottawa, Ontario.

◀Fathers and sons SWAT members shown at the start of the tournament are from left: Adam Cutler, a member of the organizing committee with referee son Philip; and committee member Howard Hoppenheim and his son, referee Jonathan.

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Four days after previous graffiti clean-up

Suspect caught by Public Security for spraying tunnel

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Four days after the city had graffiti cleaned off the Greene Ave. tunnel after catching a suspect in action, public safety officers apprehended one of three spraying both sides of the tunnel November 30 at 12:40 am, Public Security officials said. The other two managed to flee.

The group of three was first noticed walking north off St. Antoine when one, described as the defendant, began spraying the west side of the tunnel while another

with a lighted hand-held device appeared to be filming him. The east side was then sprayed.

When the Public Security units approached the three, they fled in different directions, one going north and another west while the third was apprehended.

Two cans of paint, white and black, were collected at the scene along with a phone. All had been dropped in the effort to escape.

Police were called, took the defendant into custody and were to issue him a state-

ment of offence (ticket) under the municipal by-law.

While his identity was not known to Public Security at the time, “we will follow up with police to collect clean-up costs,” said department director Greg McBain.

The previous arrest occurred November 10 when a 28-year-old man was apprehended by public safety officers and issued three tickets at \$646 each for graffiti at three locations, one being the tunnel (see story December 3, p. 7).

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Holiday safety reminders

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As a result, Public Security officials are reminding residents not to leave their shopping and other parcels visible when parking cars, especially in the commercial areas.

They are also advising Westmounters who may be going away to ensure they have snow removed during their absence, have someone check their houses, advise neighbours to keep an eye out for suspicious activity, cancel mail, make sure their alarm is turned on and, if they have one on the second floor, that it is functioning.

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Editorial

Ending 2019 on a good note: Westmount Auto, CAA, VW deliver

I have written before (August 6, 2013, p. 7) about how lucky we are to have a full-service auto shop in Westmount. Even with shuttle services, who wants to drive out and back to some distant garage or dealer to change tires, or do any other maintenance, plus find one's way around from there while the car in question is out of commission?

When Westmounters leave their vehicles at Westmount Auto Service (Sherbrooke at Grosvenor), by definition, they are not from far from home, and also close to bus routes and the Vendôme and Atwater Metro stations, if desired. Westmount Auto also offers a limo service. *Full disclosure:* Westmount Auto is a client of this newspaper.

And the service is great too. A case in point follows.

Car in self-destruct mode?

As anyone who has seen the exterior of my car will suspect, and anyone who has had the misfortune of seeing the inside of my car will know, I am not a car guy. But they are very convenient rolling metal boxes for medium-length journeys, one of which I had planned for November 29. I had all my stuff loaded into the car, a little

Nota bene

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Westmount Auto Service on December 6.

early to beat the Friday traffic (don't tell the boss), and then I turned the key.

The dashboard lit up like the starship *Enterprise* in self-destruct mode.

"STOP," it told me. "Coolant low."

I muttered some choice words, put the car in gear and drove to Westmount Auto, where Jeff assessed the issue (a tiny amount of coolant was needed), filled the relevant container and had me on my way in one minute.

(By the way, my 2010 Golf City – I told you I wasn't a car guy – has saved me a few times with its auto-detect systems: low oil from a tiny leak, low everything from scraping a rock, worn-out brake pads and now this one. Hats off, VW.)

Jeff and David at Westmount Auto had been similarly helpful – and physically

close – a few weeks ago when my starter died. In the midst of their tire-change rush, they had the car ready to go when needed. That day, CAA also distinguished itself by coming to tow the car about 30 minutes

after calling them, a standard they had also achieved earlier when testing and boosting the battery, which – unfortunately – had not been the problem.

"Your tow is no additional charge up to so many kilometers," the operator told me. (I forget how many.)

"No problem. I'm not going far," I said.

That's convenience, and service, and a happy customer.

Happy 2020

This is our last issue of the year. We are back in the office on a regular basis the week of January 6 to prepare the issue of January 14. Thank you to our clients, sources, letter writers, suppliers and employees for all your support and work in 2019.

Don't drink and drive. Don't eat the yellow snow. We'll see you in 2020.

David Price is the editor of the Westmount Independent.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DON'T LOSE SIGHT OF LOWER WESTMOUNT'S RESIDENTIAL CHARACTER

Westmount has a split personality, with many areas pristine-quiet while in other neighborhoods (largely below Sherbrooke St.), long-term mega construction projects have disrupted tranquility and eroded residential character, with a corresponding increase in traffic.

Along comes Westmount's "Survey on Commercial Streets" (Greene Ave., Victoria village and St. Catherine between Atwater and Clarke), taking our pulse on how we feel about bars and "tourist accommodations" injecting new blood there.

First, the survey does not define "tourist accommodations," so the question cannot be properly answered. Are you talking boutique hotel? A bed-and-breakfast inn? Big name hotel franchises? Short-term or long-term rentals? Would such accommodations need parking? Designated areas for delivery and maintenance trucks? Stables for the horses?

Approving any such commercial initiative requires changes to zoning and other by-laws. But one thing is certain if council issues such approval: lower Westmount residents will (yet again) suffer the consequences of more noise, more traffic, more disruption to the overnight hours, especially the latter if late-night establishments are green-lit.

Does city hall not understand that its commercial streets feed into Metro sta-

tions, or that commercial activity beyond a certain civilized hour further compromises nearby residential neighbourhoods that have suffered enough?

This council is not the first to lose sight of the fact that areas of lower Westmount near downtown (or construction projects) are still residential. Ask yourself, if you live in proximity to the Westmount streets designated for commercial revitalization: at whose expense will come new bars and/or tourist accommodations?

If Westmount is keen to revitalize commercially, go pitch to Canadian retailers (e.g. Dollarama) that have no presence in Westmount, or American ones that have yet to open their first store north of the border.

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REFUSE IN PARK NEEDS MORE THAN ONE RECYCLED CAN

Another article with Westmount city councillors talking the talk. I'm not sure if they are walking the walk! If they had been, they would see something really wrong in our parks and streets.

I am referring to the article in December 3's *Independent* (p. 3) that quotes Councillor Marina Brzeski saying that Westmount would have to "ramp up" ways to reduce garbage at source, greater use of city's composting and recycling programs. Right! Great! Get on it!

But how about starting with the city's garbage cans on streets and parks that are so outdated and result in sending all con-

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tents to landfills! I've been on this one for a while, writing many letters over seven years both to the *Independent* and to the city. Time for the councillors to start reading what citizens are writing as opposed to meetings where there is just a lot of talk!

This is what parks look like on week-ends (top left photo).

This was their response a few years ago (top right photo). We have recycling in "the" park (Westmount Park). One! They painted an existing one!

Is having a system in place to limit waste going to landfills not a priority?

This is what a city such as Westmount should have (bottom photo). Enough with talking garbage! Give us somewhere better to put it, while we also work on reducing it.

Can only hope Councillor Marina Brzeski somehow reads this.

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WRITE-OFFS, REAL ESTATE BUYERS AND A LONG-WINDED EDITOR

Three observations, plus queries from December 3 edition.

"City writes off \$61K in unpaid hydro bills for 2016," (p. 9). Considering empty stores on Sherbrooke, is this part of [a landlord] factor?

I noticed the Bought & Sold homes list on p. 19. Where the paper used to give the vendors' plus the buyers' names, it now only lists the vendor. Is this because of lack of room, privacy or shielding out-of-country purchasers?

Also noticed that after the two letters to editor (p. 8), the editor's notes were longer than the letters. Just wondering.

DOUG PRICE, ROSEMOUNT AVE.

Editor's reply: I know of no connection between landlords and unpaid hydro bills. In



TONY MOFFAT

My green driveway

also along the strips of regular lawn on both sides of the strips. The asphalt surface would not allow this to happen, at least until it cracked and had to be replaced to make it still functional. Reducing water runoff like this is becoming critical for flood management as storms become more intense with climate change.

I heartily recommend everyone to consider and adopt this rather simple, economical and ecologically sound solution!



Almost 20 years ago, I decided it was time to eliminate my asphalt driveway, even if it was small – just for one normal car. Every five years or so before that, the driveway started to seriously crack and had to be replaced, costing close to \$1,000 to have it repaved each time.

It then occurred to me that there is an easy fix: replace the asphalt by two narrow strips of mixed grass and stone paver, consisting of heavy blocks with plenty of holes that allow the grass to grow through. (See photo from September 14 in my driveway at 82 Sunnyside, just below Lexington).

The two strips are each about 5 m long and 0.5 m wide, enough to easily accommodate the two wheel-tracks of my Honda Civic. (Sorry, I don't have a hybrid or electric car. Maybe next time if the prices come down and the maximum distance for an all-electric car on one charge increases.)

I have done only minor repairs over these 20 years, mostly consisting of levelling a few blocks after spring thaw each year, and encouraging grass to grow back in the holes after a hard winter. This is something I can do myself and it only takes an hour or so.

But of course, it's not only saving me lots of money; it looks good and is environmentally sound. Water can easily soak in, not only through the holes, but

my view, it is ridiculously speculative to suggest such a link.

While \$61,000 may sound like a lot of money and so requiring special explanation, remember that Hydro Westmount is a big operation with many small clients who and that can move, or go bankrupt, without notice.

As reporter Laureen Sweeney wrote, write-offs are a part of Hydro Westmount's business and always have been. I challenge anyone to run a utility (or any business) and not have bad debts.

I used to get flak for publishing real estate buyers' names. Now I get flak for not publishing them.

The internet tells me that 19th American preacher Lorenzo Dow coined the phrase "Damned if you do; damned if you don't" in a religious context, but he may as well as have been writing about newspaper publishing, or municipal politics more generally. See below for two more cases of being damned either way coming to my

mind from just this letter to the editor.

We can't please everybody, but we try to publish a true and interesting paper each week. If you are burning with curiosity, you can look up the new owners online, for free, on Montreal's "*role foncière*" (property roll).

We are not hiding any out-of-country trend. Indeed, in our November 19 issue (p. 15), real estate columnist Andy Dodge reported on the demographic trends as he saw them. The largest single group of likely foreign buyers that he can identify – people married in China – was way down from previous periods. FYI, people have complained about previous versions of that article.

I write the editor's notes that I think best serve the reader, including – ironically – here. I have received praise and criticism for them, too. If you don't like them, you don't have to read them. The writer's letter is always there first – headlined, edited and laid out as best we can. – DP

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To revitalize commercial districts Survey asks about rezoning options

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

In the latest survey launched by the city, some of Westmount's long held "taboos" are up for consideration in the name of revitalizing the city's three commercial districts: St. Catherine (Atwater to Clarke), Greene Ave., and Victoria village.

The brief (two-page) questionnaire asks residents if more restaurants should be allowed. Should businesses be allowed to serve alcohol without meals? And should tourist accommodation establishments be

1100 Atwater approval gets second reading

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A second draft resolution to approve the non-conforming uses of the seven-storey office building at 1100 Atwater was approved by city council December 2. This means the project is now eligible for a referendum register expected mid-January,



The survey card received by one Westmount household on December 5.

PHOTO: INDEPENDENT.

allowed to be located in commercial buildings?

One of the most recent zoning restrictions regarding limits on the number and size of medical clinics forms the fourth main question: should new medical clinics be allowed in ("on the floors of") commer-

cial buildings? Respondents are being asked to rate their opinions ranging from "strongly disagree" to "strongly agree" on the questions. The survey takes place from December 3 to 17 online or by hard copy available at the library. A PIN code sent to all addressed is required.



1100 Atwater on December 6.

PHOTO: INDEPENDENT.

though no date was announced.

The second draft resolution outlined variances to the current residential zoning with conditions as adopted for the first draft November 4. It was put to public consultation on November 20, attended by only three residents (see story November 26, p. 4).

The building, located on the west side of Atwater between Dorchester and

Tupper, has vested rights to exist in a residential zone though one of the variances approved allows for this without the building having to fall back on vested rights.

The other variances involve allowing the use of the main floor and first storey for retail or café purposes and to erect commercial signs in accordance with the city's signage regulations.

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'Kept a positive attitude' despite 0-3 start by team

Goalie Frazer Dunn becomes Nov.'s player of the month

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Frazer Dunn has been recognized as the player of the month for Westmount minor hockey by the Sports and Recreation department. The 11-year-old is goalie for the Pee wee B Wings team, according to operations manager Andrew Maislin.

"He is an exemplary player who brings such a great atmosphere to the team," Maislin said. "I am extremely proud of him for all his hard work and perseverance."

While the team went 0 and 3 in November with big losses, he said, and the league moved it down to the C level for the rest of the season, Frazer "held on tight and kept a great positive attitude, despite serious headwinds."

It was not an easy task for him as the goalie of the struggling team, he explained, "but I have never seen Frazer get down on himself or blame players on his team for a loss." They won their first game two weeks ago 3-2.

The player-of-the-month program was launched in October when Jake Lubarsky was named its first recipient. The recognition program was initiated not only to highlight the contributions of players, but



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also to acknowledge the opportunities and skills that minor hockey, and sports as a whole, can offer young people, Maislin said at the time (see story November 19, p. 1).

Tickets issued for prohibited overnight garbage collections

Two garbage contractors were issued tickets December 3, three hours apart at Westmount Square for collecting construction debris, in one case, and regular garbage, in the other, outside of permitted hours, Public Security officials said.

The tickets followed "numerous complaints" from residents over noise caused by overnight collections. The amount of the fines was not reported.

The first truck was spotted at 3:35 am collecting from a commercial container at the loading dock in the laneways behind Greene and St. Catherine. At 6:20 am, another Public Security patrol noticed a regular garbage truck enter the laneway to empty bins.



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St. Léon’s addition wins conditional first draft approval

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council approved a draft resolution December 2 to allow – with conditions – the addition of five classrooms, library, gym and resource centre for overcrowded École St. Léon. It is to be submitted to public consultation Wednesday, January 22 at 7 pm.

The project aims to increase the school’s capacity to some 735 from just over 600 at the site and more at an annex in St. Henri. It’s the only French public elementary school in Westmount. It is located at 360 Clarke, whose property with playground borders Kitchener.

Because the proposed \$11.5-million project does not conform in many aspects to the current zoning for R3-23-01, it has been considered under the city’s complicated by-law process for non-conforming projects.

The draft resolution grants variances to the new building’s increased size: floor-to-area ratio (FAR), height, site coverage and landscaping requirements, according to the draft resolution moved by Councillor Conrad Peart, urban planning commissioner for permits and architecture.

The conditions include a revised traffic



St. Léon’s on December 6.

PHOTO: INDEPENDENT.

plan for the school’s surroundings, the integration of “generous” and user-friendly

access to the playground from Clarke on the south side, and the submission of a communications campaign.

Requires traffic campaign

This campaign is to cover traffic policy, concrete traffic instructions for parents, the presence of “proactive workers” to maintain traffic flow at the morning rush hour and support for active transportation (trottibus), a “walking school bus” project that allows elementary school children to walk to school together in the morning, ac-

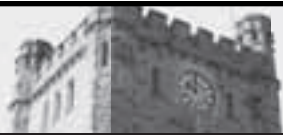
companied by volunteers.

The project as originally presented shows the extension to be built behind the school at the north end of the playground on Kitchener (see story and plan April 23, p. 1).

The funding had been announced by the CSDM (October 3, 2017, p. 1) but the plan was not unveiled until just prior to its public presentation to the city’s Planning Advisory Committee May 7 this year. Traffic was a concern voiced at this sparsely attended session (see story May 28, p. 3).



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PÉRIODE DES FÊTES 2019-2020 : modifications aux horaires et services

Les bureaux municipaux et la Bibliothèque publique seront fermés du 24 au 26 décembre et du 31 décembre au 2 janvier inclusivement pour les fêtes de Noël et du Jour de l’an. Le Victoria Hall sera fermé du 19 décembre au 5 janvier et un horaire modifié sera en vigueur pour le Centre des loisirs de Westmount.

Il n’y aura pas de collecte de matières recyclables le 25 décembre et le 1^{er} janvier; les matières seront ramassées le vendredi 27 décembre et le vendredi 3 janvier.

Le conservatoire de Westmount est fermé pour une période indéterminée en raison de travaux importants de restauration.

2019-2020 HOLIDAY PERIOD: changes to schedules and services

The municipal offices and Public Library will be closed December 24th to 26th and December 31st to January 2nd inclusively for the Christmas and New Year holidays. Victoria Hall will be closed December 19th to January 5th and a modified schedule will be in effect for the Westmount Recreation Centre.

There will be no recycling collection on December 25th or January 1st; materials will be collected instead on Friday, December 27th and Friday, January 3rd.

The Westmount Conservatory is closed indefinitely for major restoration work.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

- At its regular sitting held on Monday, December 2, 2019, the Municipal Council adopted, by resolution, the first draft of the following by-laws:
 - By-law No. 1547 entitled “BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 1303 – LANDSCAPE DESIGN”; and
 - By-law No. 1548 entitled “BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 1305 ON SITE PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMMES – LANDSCAPE DESIGN”.
- Council will hold a public consultation meeting on **Wednesday, December 18, 2019 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-notice/>

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Chez Doris shelter impacted by Open Door's closing

By MARTIN C. BARRY

Chez Doris, a shelter for homeless and abused women a few blocks east of Westmount in downtown Montreal, has seen its clientele increase drastically since the closing of The Open Door in Westmount, according to Chez Doris's executive-director.

"There's been a huge jump," Marina Winton Boulos told the *Independent* during a November 27 information evening at



From left, Marie Senécal-Tremblay and Westmounters Margaret Cuddihy, Carol Christie-Olsen, Marine Winton Boulos and Chantal Sorel are seen at the home of Senécal-Tremblay on November 27.

Chez Doris focusing on women's homelessness. The event was organized by the Montreal chapter of the International Women's Forum (IWF).

Winton Boulos, who is a Westmount resident, said Chez Doris has seen at least a 50-percent increase in demand for needs such as shelter and emergency clothing by homeless women compared to past years.

"For the past year – since Open Door closed last December – it impacted us, especially in the summertime," she said. "Because you see a lot more migrancy of

women who are indigenous coming from up north."

As indigenous women tend to gravitate to Cabot Square around Atwater Ave., Chez Doris has become one of their first points of reference for meeting primary needs, she continued.

"We used to see an average of, let's say, 80 women a day. We're now encroaching on 100 a day. And so we have had days here where it's gone to 120 to 150 a day. And our space is really small."

Among other things, the shelter was

faced this past summer with a sudden upsurge in demand for laundry services. It was something that had previously been offered at The Open Door, although never at Chez Doris

"So we appealed to the public, especially in the month of August, for free underwear and leggings," said Winton Boulos. "The need for clean underwear was daily. We were getting as many as 25 requests a day."

With that said, the unexpected drag on the shelter's resources has left Chez Doris with a mounting annual deficit. Still, Winton Bou- *continued on p. 36*



Seen here on November 27 at Chez Doris, executive-director Marina Winton Boulos says the women's shelter has been under pressure since the closing of The Open Door a year ago.



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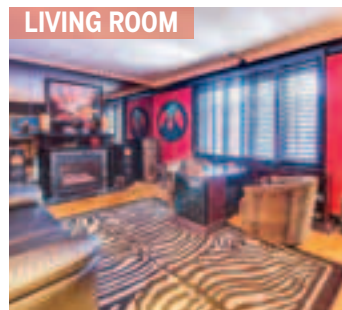


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Annual Christmas tree lighting



Leading in a *cappella* English and French carols were Claude Danis dressed up as Claude Danis (left) and Disney characters Anna (Melissa Denis-Daigneault), Olaf (volunteer Ed Wattier), Elsa (Emily Gamble) and possibly Sven (Ashley Baker).

By RALPH THOMPSON

Over a hundred hardy souls gathered outside city hall at 6 pm December 2 on a cold evening with a chilly northerly breeze for the annual lighting of the Christmas tree.

Julie-Anne Cardella, director, Library and Community Events, brought the chattering crowd to order and Mayor Christina Smith welcomed everyone. All city councillors were present and a countdown was quickly started.

Mayor Smith pressed the remote control to power-on the lights and a big cheer erupted as the magnificent spruce burst into light. Families strolled across to the tree to get group selfies, then everyone was scurried around to the lawn bowling clubhouse, where hot chocolate, jelly doughnuts and biscuits were served. Song sheets

were handed out at the door.

Surprise guests emerged through the side door; Disney characters Olaf (volunteer Ed Wattier), Elsa (Emily Gamble, agent, Community Events & Logistics), Anna (Melissa Denis-Daigneault, technician, Art Gallery and Events) and subtly disguised Sven (Ashley Baker, agent, Community Events & Logistics) along with Claude Danis (programme and community services coordinator) led a jam-packed room in a *cappella* carols including “Olaf (aka Frosty) the Snowman,” “Il est Né,” “Santa Claus is coming to town,” “Joy to the World” and many more, finishing-up with a rousing “Jingle Bells” with lots of bells handed out for tinkling accompaniment. The costumes belong to the city and Olaf has been seen previously at different events around the city.

See also photo on p. 1.



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	2017	2018	2019 YTD	% CHANGE 2017 to 2019	% CHANGE 2018 to 2019
MEDIAN SALE PRICE	\$587.084	\$630.000	\$693.000	↑18%	↑10%
AVG. DAYS ON MARKET	143	81	101	↓29%	↑25%
# OF LISTINGS SOLD	77	71	69	↓10%	↓3%
OVER \$1M	18	20	15	↓17%	↓25%
UNDER \$1M	59	51	54	↓8%	↑6%
# OF NEW LISTINGS	111	109	93	↓16%	↓15%
OVER \$1M	33	37	34	↑3%	↑8%
UNDER \$1M	78	72	59	↓24%	↓18%

WESTMOUNT SINGLE FAMILY HOMES

	2017	2018	2019 YTD	%CHANGE 2017 to 2019	% CHANGE 2018 to 2019
MEDIAN SALE PRICE	\$1.550.000	\$1.700.000	\$1.795.000	↑16%	↑6%
AVG. DAYS ON MARKET	97	72	103	↑6%	↑43%
# OF LISTINGS SOLD	175	145	120	↓31%	↓17%
OVER \$2M	35	52	48	↑37%	↑8%
UNDER \$2M	140	93	72	↓49%	↓23%
# OF NEW LISTINGS	200	241	242	↑21%	0%
OVER \$2M	61	107	136	↑123%	↑27%
UNDER \$2M	139	134	106	↓24%	↓21%

Source: Centris.ca and Christina Miller Group data @ December 6th, 2019

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McIntyre and Spector: A carnival of senses



Art Scene

HEATHER BLACK

Centre. But the carnival also reverberates in the geometric compositions of Westmount painter Heidi Spector, represented by Galerie de Bellefeuille.

Entertaining and colourful, these works are sensory invitations to both the young and young at heart.

McIntyre's playful impressions

Papier-mâché figures – a balloon seller,

an exotic trapeze artist and a strange-looking pig – greet viewers at the McClure Gallery. A life-sized paper elephant and juggler – pieced together with McIntyre's printed patterns – or a stage curtain line the walls. All elements of the installation “Ten Cent Heroes,” carnival colours, sounds and smells are recreated with paper streamers, recordings and popcorn.

A balloon seller is pres- *continued on p. 33*



“Ten Cent Heroes” by Anna Jane McIntyre.



“Dancing Queen” by Heidi Spector.

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“For every atom ...” on till March Desmarais curates exhibition from Bailey collection

By VERONICA REDGRAVE

Westmounter Mary-Dailey Desmarais, curator of international and contemporary art at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts (MMFA), has organized a new exhibition at the museum.

“For every atom belonging to me as good as belongs to you” has over 100 works drawn from the collection of philanthropist W. Bruce C. Bailey, “a gentleman-farmer, brilliant intellect, friend to artists and patron of the arts,” said Nathalie Bondil, director general and chief curator MMFA.

Praising the “incredible scope” of Bailey’s vision, Desmarais commented on the range of works, which includes great masters Rembrandt and Mantegna as well as Thomas Ruff, Kiki Smith, Marina Abramovic, Kent Monkman, Peter Doig and Robert Mapplethorpe. She arranged the selection in loosely grouped themes such as “Amour” and “Place.”

Along with historic masterpieces, there are photographs, paintings and sculptures by emerging Canadian and international artists. The exhibition draws its title from Walt Whitman’s poem *Song of Myself* (1881) and is on until the end of March 2020.



Mary-Dailey Desmarais, W. Bruce C. Bailey and Nathalie Bondil.

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Public Security hits the streets for ‘Giving Tuesday’



Public Security officers Matthew Talarico, left, and Stéphanie Rodrigues joined the unit’s mascot “Bee Safe” December 3 for a food drive outside the Metro grocery store on Victoria. The team also raised \$250 in cash donations, reported department director Greg McBain. “We are very appreciative of the generosity.” This specific event coincided with “Giving Tuesday,” but Public Security’s food drive began at the Artisans Festival at Victoria Hall November 9 and continues until Christmas at most municipal buildings.

PHOTO: INDEPENDENT.



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Royal Montreal curlers mark 125th of women’s club

By MARTIN C. BARRY

Westmount was well-represented at a “Victorian” gala dinner held at the Royal Montreal Curling Club on de Maisonneuve Blvd. downtown on December 4 to celebrate the 125th year since women in Montreal first started a curling club of their own.

According to the RMCC web site, the world’s first women’s curling organization was created at the RMCC.

The Ladies Montreal Curling Club was founded by Mrs. E. A. Whitehead on December 4, 1894. Although women had been known to curl before 1894, in those days curling clubs were for men only.

In renting the all-male Montreal Curling Club’s facilities, an opportunity was provided to women to develop their curling skills and to compete against their peers. Today, more than 40 percent of the RMCC membership is women.

“We don’t need to wait for a good snow storm to come and curl,” said Beverley Hutchison, a Kitchener Ave. resident who has been an RMCC member for 43 years.

“It makes the winter go very fast,” she said. “The ice is always ready and so are we. That

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Seen here during the RMCC’s Victorian gala dinner are just a few of the Westmounters in attendance, from left, Jean Aguayo, J.P. Picard, Tony Kalhok, Michael Taub, Wendy Cude, Ralph Faraggi, Pat Ackman, David Hanna, Barbara Kalhok, Sylvia Rourke, Glenn Rourke, Beverley Hutchison and RMCC president Andy Shatilla.

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Période des fêtes : modifications aux services
Voir plus bas l'horaire des fêtes pour les installations et services de Westmount.

SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE

Campagne pour les paniers de Noël
Jusqu'au 15 décembre, l'équipe de la Sécurité publique accepte avec gratitude les dons d'aliments, d'articles de toilette et d'argent pour les familles dans le besoin.

BIBLIOTHÈQUE

Atelier de poésie avec Ann Lloyd
Les mercredis 11 décembre et 8 janvier, 10 h 15, Bibliothèque. Bienvenue à tous. 514 989-5229.

Après-midis conférences (14 h)
Mercredi 11 décembre, 14 h, Bibliothèque. *First Contact – film viewing*, avec G. Scott MacLeod.
Mercredi 15 janvier, 14 h, Bibliothèque. *Cryptic Cross-words* avec Sarah Lolley. Billets requis. 514 989-5299.

Ciné-club
Mardi 17 décembre, 14 h, Victoria Hall. *The Farewell* (2019). Billets requis. 514 989-5299.

Cercle de lecture Finnegans Wake de Joyce : The Boaters and Sifters of ALP
Les mercredis 18 décembre et 15 janvier, 19 h, Bibliothèque. Apportez votre exemplaire du livre.

Films pour les fêtes à la Bibliothèque
Vendredi 27 décembre, 14 h : *Abominable*.
Vendredi 3 janvier, 14 h : *Mr. Popper's Penguins*. Projection en anglais. Salle Westmount. 514 989-5229.

Club de films documentaires
Mercredi 8 janvier, 19 h, Bibliothèque. *Un journaliste au front* (2016). Billets requis. 514 989-5299.

Prochaine séance du conseil
le lundi 16 décembre, 17 h 30
ADOPTION DU BUDGET 2020

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Concert : People's Gospel Choir
Samedi 14 décembre, 19 h, Victoria Hall. Adultes : 25 \$/enfants de 11 ans et moins : 10 \$. 514 989-5226.

Concert des Fêtes : Barbara Lewis
Dimanche 15 décembre, 14 h, Victoria Hall. Gratuit; billets requis. 514 989-5226.

Concert : Ensemble Caprice
Samedi 14 décembre, 19 h, Victoria Hall. Le célèbre groupe Montréalais interprète *l'Oratorio de Noël* de Bach. 10 \$. 514 989-5226.

Fête de la Hanoukka
Lundi 23 décembre, 17 h, pavillon du boulingrin. Musique, jeux et collations pour tous. 514 989-5226.

Parlons Opera!
Dimanche 12 janvier, 14 h, Victoria Hall. *Written on Skin* de G. Benjamin. 514 989-5226.

TRAVAUX PUBLICS

Période des fêtes : collecte de matières recyclables reportée au vendredi
Pendant la période des fêtes, la collecte de matières recyclables du mercredi aura lieu le **vendredi 27 décembre** et **vendredi 3 janvier**. Toutes les autres collectes se feront selon l'horaire habituel.

Collecte de sapins de Noël
Nouveau! La Ville coordonnera deux jours de collecte de sapins **entre le 13 et le 24 janvier**. Les dates seront annoncées dans le bulletin électronique et le site web de la Ville. westmount.org.

CITY HALL

Holiday period: modified services
See the calendar below for the holiday schedule for Westmount's installations and services.

PUBLIC SECURITY

Christmas basket collection
The Public Safety team will gratefully accept food, toiletries and cash **until December 15** to help local families in need.

LIBRARY

Poetry Workshop with Ann Lloyd
Wednesdays, December 11 and January 8, 10:15 a.m., Library. Everyone welcome. 514 989-5229.

2 O'clock Lecture Series
Wednesday, December 12, 2 p.m., Library. *First Contact – film viewing* with G. Scott MacLeod.
Wednesday, January 15, 2 p.m., Library. *Cryptic Cross-words* with Sarah Lolley. Tickets req'd. 514 989-5299.

Film Club
Tuesday, December 17, 2 p.m., Victoria Hall. *The Farewell* (2019). Tickets required. 514 989-5299.

Reading group for Joyce's Finnegans Wake: The Boaters and Sifters of ALP
Wednesdays, December 18 & January 15, 7 p.m., Library. Bring a copy of the book. 514 989-5299.

Holiday films at the Library
Friday, December 27, 2 p.m.: *Abominable* (6+)
Friday, January 3, 2 p.m. *Mr. Popper's Penguins* In English. Westmount Room. 514 989-5229.

Documentary Film Club
Wednesday, January 8, 7 p.m., Library. *Un journaliste au front* (2016). Tickets required. 514 989-5299.

Next Council Meeting
Monday, December 16, 5:30 p.m.
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Concert: People's Gospel Choir
Saturday, December 14, 7:30 p.m., Victoria Hall. \$25 adults / \$10 children under 12. 514 989-5226.

Holiday Concert: Barbara Lewis
Sunday, December 15, 2 p.m., Victoria Hall. Free; tickets required. 514 989-5226.

Concert: Ensemble Caprice
Wednesday, December 18, 7 p.m., Victoria Hall. This award-winning Montreal group presents Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*. \$10. 514 989-5226.

Chanukah Celebration
Monday, December 23, 5 p.m., Lawn Bowling Club-house. Music, games and treats for all. 514 989-5226.

Let's Talk Opera!
Sunday, January 12, 2 p.m., Victoria Hall. *Written on Skin* by G. Benjamin. 514 989-5226.

PUBLIC WORKS

Holiday period: recycling collection moved to Friday
During the holiday period, the Wednesday recycling collection will take place **Friday, December 27 and Friday, January 3**. All other collections will follow the usual schedule.

Christmas tree collection
New! The City will coordinate two collection days for Christmas trees between **January 13th and 24th**. Dates will be announced in the City's e-newsletter and website. westmount.org.

HORAIRE DES FÊTES HOLIDAY SCHEDULE	LUN / MON 23	MAR / TUE 24	MER / WED 25	JEU / THU 26	VEN / FRI 27	SAM / SAT 28	DIM / SUN 29	LUN / MON 30	MAR / TUE 31	MER / WED 1	JEU / THU 2	VEN / FRI 3	SAM / SAT 4	DIM / SUN 5	LUN / MON 6	MAR / TUE 7
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Christmas comes to Rotary, Manoir



The Rotary Club of Westmount’s Christmas luncheon was held with the residents of Manoir Westmount on December 4. Seen here is the Manoir choir, with its pianist Robert Kent at right in black, sending holiday greetings at the end of its performance. The annual event at the seniors’ residence included the mayor of Westmount and other city officials from the administration, Public Works, Sports and Recreation, Library, Community Events and Public Security, and Montreal police. Inset: Manoir manager Tom Thompson and Mayor Christina Smith spoke.

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9 Lives

LYSANNE FOWLER

These grey-and-black longhaired fluffy tabby kittens are sister and brother, with the same shade of dark blue eyes peeking out at us in this adorable photograph. Beatrice and Mathis are in foster care for the Montreal SPCA and they are growing beautifully. These cuties are a bit more than 10 weeks old now, being taken into care as the tiniest of wee ones born outside.

Beatrice is the bold, big-sister type and Mathis is the shy, little-brother type, so she is watching over him and he still counts on her to go first.

They have been very healthy throughout their kitten vetting program, with first inoculations and treatments on track, and planning for the next steps of their healthcare schedule.

If you would like more information on precious Beatrice and Mathis, as well as updated photographs and videos, please do not hesitate to contact the foster group at pfa@spca.com. Their new year will be so special in a forever family, please take them into your heart.

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History by
the House

ANDY DODGE

One of Westmount’s hidden *cul-de-sacs* stretches west from Metcalfe Ave. just above St. Catherine St., whose origins go back to the days when the westward pressure of the fledgling town was increasing.

Roads that had been private toll roads such as Western Ave. (now de Maison-neuve Blvd.) and Dorchester Ave. were being converted into public streets.

St. Catherine St. (formerly Sissons Lane) was being developed, and the owners of farmland west of Metcalfe Ave. were portioning off the land among their children.

The Livingstons, we presume

This was the case of Robert Thompson Livingstone, who in the 1870s may have been a part of the John Livingstone family, whose patriarch was a Montreal commission merchant and broker, first with Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co. (in about 1865) and later with Livingstone, Peck & Co.

Early in their careers, Robert and his brother, William, moved to Simcoe, Ontario, southwest of Hamilton, and had little involvement with the city, though it seems they or their families had invested in vacant land.

Robert died in 1890, having survived his wife, leaving two large lots in the town of Côte St. Antoine (now Westmount) to his four children and sister-in-law, Margaret (William’s wife).

Perhaps because the owners were so far away from Montreal and may have had little attachment to the city, the two lots, measuring 46,220 square feet, were sold by public auction on October 10, 1892.

Noted Montreal architect Alexander C. Hutchison paid \$7,000 for the land, just west of Metcalfe Ave. – one of the oldest streets in Westmount – and south of Western Ave., which had only recently been taken over by the city.

He petitioned the city to create a new street, Ingleside Ave.; information provided by Michael Walsh suggests this was proposed as early as 1891, but utilities and sewers were not connected until 1898.

Ingleside blocked to the west

By this time, the land had been taken over by Archibald W. Stevenson, a prominent chartered accountant. He had both lots subdivided for construction along the north side of Ingleside and the east side of what was variously called Drummond and Elgin streets, and finally became Melville Ave.

By packing six triplexes into Lot 250, all

11 Ingleside: A hidden street



15 and 11 Ingleside on November 10.

fronting on Melville, Stevenson effectively blocked Ingleside from being extended through to Melville, but because (apparently) there was no requirement for rear setbacks of triplexes, he was able to squeeze two small houses on Lot 250 at the end of Ingleside, Nos. 11 and 13 (later changed to 15). The rest of the street was bordered by Lot 254, which was similarly subdivided and developed by Stevenson.

The triplexes had been built by the turn of the century along with five houses fronting on Metcalfe Ave. Once Ingleside was established as a street, the two houses appeared in 1904, followed by three more in 1912 on the subdivided Lot 254. Stevenson sold the entire frontage to a real estate agent, Albert Staunton, who lived at 437 Metcalfe Ave. and worked for a firm called “J Stevenson, Brown & Co.”

We cannot determine the relationship with Archibald Stevenson, nor the connection to Richard R. Stevenson, who purchased 11 Ingleside in October 1905, and apparently rented it out to George Walker, a merchant whose name appears in the 1906 Lovell’s Directory. A year later, the occupant changed to William Barlow, who was employed by Lyman & Sons, wholesale druggists and manufacturing chemists.

Barlow, whose fame includes his mem-

bership on the first Stanley Cup championship team in 1893, remained as the tenant at 11 Ingleside until he bought the tiny house for \$6,500 in 1914, then brought up a family there and finally, in 1950, sold to his son, Gerald McKenzie Barlow, a salesman with Royal Trust.

Star Auto owner

The younger Barlow stayed there only five years before selling to Jules Desjardins, the owner of Star Auto Tire Repair at 4084 St. Catherine St., who lived there for 20 years. In 1975 he sold to Ann MacIntosh, wife of Dr. John McAusland Gourley, DDS, who among other things was a professor at McGill.

They only stayed there for two years before passing the house on to Edna Tien-Sheng, wife of Chun Cher Huang, an electrical engineer.

Another three years passed and the house was sold to Ruth Vera Nahum, widow of Gustave Dahan.

Apparently she took in boarders including R. Santos, Joseph Tawil and Richard Slezak, before selling the property – after 17 years – to Martine Janser, an art teacher at University of Montreal and Vanier College.

In 1980, Nahum-Dahan paid virtually

double what had been paid for the house in 1977; Janser then doubled the price again after 17 years.

Three years later the price almost doubled again as Janser sold to Robin Nish, a consultant; she then redoubled the price after four years. Finally, Derek Lindsay, a financial advisor and partner with Sierra Financial Corp., purchased the house for \$844,000 in January 2012.

The current municipal evaluation is \$987,000 and beginning next year it will be \$1,214,000.

**HISTORY OF 11 INGLESIDE
(since construction)**

Date	Buyer	Price
7-Oct-1905	Richard R. Stevenson	\$4,750
16-Jun-1914	William McKenzie Barlow	\$6,500
21-Dec-1950	Gerald McKenzie Barlow	\$1
7-Jul-1955	Jules Desjardins	\$15,000
1-Apr-1975	Ann MacIntosh	\$42,000
19-May-1977	Edna Tien-Sheng	\$45,000
27-Jun-1980	Ruth Nahum	\$87,000
18-Sep-1997	Martine Janser	\$170,000
9-Jun-2000	Robin Nish	\$316,000
15-Oct-2004	Odette Langevin	\$659,000
16-Jan-2012	Derek Lindsay	\$844,000

Comin' Up

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

► The Westmount Historical Association's December social: Photographs of prominent Westmounters from the Aline Gubbay photo archives will be shown. In the Gallery at Victoria Hall. 7 to 9 pm.

► Dramatis Personae presents *Fowl Plays*, an evening of four short plays. Lodge Room of Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke. 7:30 pm

Also Saturday, December 14 (2 pm); and Monday, December 16 and Tuesday, December 17 (7:30 pm).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Christmas lessons and carols service – traditional with a twist! St. Matthias' Anglican Church, 131 Côte St. Antoine Rd. 5 pm.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

Presentation of city's 2020 operating budget. City hall. 5 pm

Art scene, cont'd. from p. 25

ented as a totem with yellow, red or blue blocks. Pinned ribbons evoke country fêtes with prizes awarded for the best pie, strongest ox, or a lucky roll of the dice. On the far wall, printed bingo cards mounted above the caller's rotary cage conjure up rows of engrossed fairgoers. A recording of chirping birds and church bells dissolves to carnival singers to convey the momentary magic – and impermanence – of a summer fair.

Along the back wall – under multi-coloured flags and a disco ball – a performing mosaic elephant with a blue streamer in his trunk adds to the big-top circus experience. Flanked by a pig with a giraffe-like neck of 10 inflatable balls and a wooden strongman with barbells high above his head, McIntyre reminds viewers of those who called the travelling carnival home.

A juggler – dramatic in black print with

Mid-month council meeting. City hall. 5:30 pm.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Public consultation meeting on changes to zoning by-laws regarding landscape design. 7 pm.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

Hanukkah candle lighting by Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, Congregation Shaar Hashomayim and the city of Westmount. Free. City hall. 5 pm.

ONGOING

Parenthood drop-in. Free. Two Doulas is partnering with Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom to offer a weekly drop-in for coffee, cookies, and company with your babies (one year and younger). Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom. Wednesday mornings from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon.

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suspended colourful balls – is posed next to a unicycle and *papier-mâché* megaphones. As no performance is complete without a flying trapeze, a suspended and fanciful figure is a tribute to derring-do and the contemporary circus. A mix of experience and fantasy, McIntyre's choreography takes art activism to new heights. Playful and provocative, "Ten Cent Heroes" continues at the Visual Arts Centre until December 19.

Spector's musical rhythm

Striped compositions define Spector's lively work. Many are vertical patterns that – like colourful carnival tents – convey a festive mood. Painted in acrylic on birch panels – and finished with a high-gloss resin – primary and pastel colours vibrate against each other. The dynamic of red against green creates a bold, extroverted rhythm while lemon yellow against baby blue is softer and more introverted.

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ing of the temporary Resilience day shelter across from Cabot Square at Atwater and St. Catherine in the former McDonald's/Miso restaurants (see story October 29, p. 1).

"I'm very proud of that," she said, explaining that "we tend to get a lot more done when we work very closely together." Now a long-term solution has to be found "for the most vulnerable in our community."

In the last month, the city has also held a public consultation on Westmount Park with more consultations to come over Urban Planning's five-year "strategic plan."

This year as well, the city announced an increased "investment in people" for 2020 in Public Works with the aim to improve snow removal. She said it had evolved from a challenge (from Dan Lambert, president of the Association of Pedestrians and Cyclists of Westmount) asking how the city planned to make safer streets and sidewalks. "So we are excited about that."

Lots of work remaining

"There's lots of work left to work on," Mayor Smith added. "The city is never

The language of colour – the yellow of optimism, red of desire or blue of thought – conjures up associations and – when colours repeat – a rhyming musicality. The rhombus-shaped "Dancing Queen" invites viewers to sing and dance to the beat. This work was among several of Spector's paintings exhibited by Galerie de Bellefeuille at Art Miami in early December.

Sensory integration

Both McIntyre and Spector investigate perception through visual, auditory and textural means. A synthesis of popular culture from the carnival to disco, their sensory work offers viewers a memorable experience. As Picasso once said, "Everything you can imagine is real."

static." She said she wanted to thank council for its hard work "and while we don't always agree on everything, we share the same concerns to work for citizens and build on this great city."

About a dozen residents were on hand for the meeting, which moved several long-standing business items closer to resolution despite a relatively short agenda. These included public consultations for reducing the Urban Planning permit process, the non-conforming redevelopment of the commercial building at 1100 Atwater and the non-conforming major extension of École St. Léon (see separate stories).

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Refurbished fitness studio opens at Centre Greene

By MARTIN C. BARRY

Officials with the city of Westmount joined Centre Greene board members at the community centre on Greene Ave. on December 3 to celebrate some renovations that were recently completed to a fitness studio.

Located in the basement, the studio accommodates Centre Greene programs for ballet, tai chi, taekwondo, karate and other martial arts.

Several of the large room's walls are fitted with full-length mirrors. There is also a ballet bar to provide support during dance exercises. The renovations also included improvements to a basement-hallway changing area and several storage rooms.

Among the representatives from the city of Westmount who were on hand for the opening were city councillors Cynthia Lulham, Mary Gallery and Kathleen Kez, as well as director general Benoit Hurtubise, technical officer for architecture Dario Morillo, and director of Sports and Recreation Dave Lapointe.

"Centre Greene thinks the world of the city of Westmount and all of the council," Centre Greene board chairwoman Jane Wightman said in a brief address to the



Seen here up against the ballet bar in the renovated fitness studio at Centre Greene on Dec. 3 are Centre Greene staff and board members as well representatives from the city of Westmount.

guests.

"We could not have done this project without their tremendous support in multiple areas, but especially on the construction side. The city was always a phone call away and we can't thank you enough."

Although Centre Greene was originally built by the Westmount Rotarians during the 1940s to house a Unity Boys and Girls

club, nearby residents got together to establish a community centre in the three-storey building in 1989.

The city of Westmount purchased the building from Rotary in 1993. Under the terms of a long-term lease, the Centre Greene administration pays nominal rent, and in turn is responsible for operating, financing and maintaining the centre.

"Centre Greene is indeed a very special place and one that can be proud of its past to present while looking forward to an exciting future that evolves and moves with the times," said Wightman.

She paid homage to the many private donors who contributed to the studio renovation project. They included longtime dance and ballet teacher Sheila Lawrence and her husband Don, both of whom were on hand for the opening.



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makes the winter go by very quickly."

With the evening's chosen theme being the mid to late 19th century, many of the guests seemed to have had little trouble finding items of apparel typical of the Victorian age – whether they were from costume-rental stores or family heirlooms stored at the back of a closet or in the attic.

"This is my great-great-grandmother's," said Hutchison, pointing at an appropriately sombre shawl she wore wrapped around her shoulders. "Everybody tonight

used their imagination."

A towering standout among the guests was David Hanna of St. Catherine St. While many of the gentlemen arrived in black top hats, Hanna went one further, sporting a black "stovepipe" worthy of Abraham Lincoln.

That, combined with a paste-on dollar-store mustache and a flourishing jet-black cape, gave Hanna the menacing look of a capitalist robber baron or a heartless late 19th century landlord.

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Consultation, cont'd. from p. 1

paving will no longer be allowed.

"The goal is to speed up the issuing of permits," Councillor Cynthia Lulham told the council meeting. "During the last election, people commented about the difficulty of getting permits, so Urban Planning has been looking at what we can do in the short term to reduce the time... and make it easier."

As a result, many of these permit requests will no longer be subject to design review by the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) or need council approval, but can be given out through the department, she explained.

The changes involve amending zoning By-law 1303 and as well as the complementary By-law 1305 on the Site Planning and Architectural Integration Program (SPAIP or PIIA in French), which includes the *Guidelines for Building and Renovating in Westmount* (number 6 – landscape design).

The shortened time is to be achieved by removing some items (such as back fences) from the by-law on SPAIP that requires PAC review so long as their specifications are already covered in the *Guidelines*.

For 2019, these permits would have amounted to an estimated 320, or 20 percent of the total issued permits to date, according to Urban Planning director Tom Flies.

Streamlining the process

In a revamping of the by-laws, landscaping design was considered a fairly straightforward element to use as "a first step" or trial in streamlining the permit process, he said (see story November 5, p. 8).

Overheard

As her mother examines a parking ticket left on her car on Somerville at Victoria December 6 at 1:30 pm, her approximately 10-year-old daughter says:

"Mom, it's 'cause you're parked on the sidewalk!"

* * *

"It's getting a little old, let me tell you, especially when it doesn't work out."

– Woman into her cell phone, de Maisonneuve at Lansdowne, 2:20 pm, December 6

One of the big changes in the draft by-laws is that "we are disallowing asphalt (paving of) driveways due to heat spots," Lulham later told the *Independent*. Concrete and porous material will be allowed.

Some other changes involve authorizing swimming pools in the front yard of certain "transverse" lots depending on lot size and other criteria. These are lots facing on two streets such as Rosemount and Mount Pleasant.

Also mentioned is allowing the encroachment of porches and stairs into the front setback of R4-37-05, a stand-alone zone that involves the large Westmount Towers condo building (formerly the POM factory) where this has been an issue.

As well, schoolyards are being exempted from certain landscaping requirements such as the location of fences around playgrounds.

Also included is a long list of trees indigenous to the Mount Royal heritage site that are recommended for planting in Westmount. This replaces a previous one and provides their canopy size, which is required in some cases.

Further details are to be explained at the public consultation meeting at city hall at 7 pm.

Both draft by-laws numbered 1547 and 1548 on landscaping design are subject to city-wide referendums.

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Police Report

Public Security catches teen suspects in lawn bowling clubhouse burglary

By Martin C. Barry

PSOs with the city of Westmount’s Public Safety Department are being praised by the Montreal Police for their role in tracking down and helping arrest three teenage boys who broke into the Westmount lawn bowling clubhouse recently.

Around 2:10 am on November 30, the PSOs responded to an alarm that had been set off at the club on Kensington Ave. near the corner of Sherbrooke St. just behind Westmount city hall.

“When the public security officers got on the scene, they verified the doors and immediately noticed an individual who had just exited by a window,” said Station 12 community relations officer Adalbert Pimentel.

After catching up to the suspect, the PSOs found him to be cooperative. He disclosed to them that two other male suspects had also been inside the club building, although they had already fled the scene.

The PSOs pursued them on foot up Côte St. Antoine Rd. According to the police report, a Westmount Public Security supervisor ended up intercepting the sus-

pects near the corner of Thornhill and Church Hill.

It was later determined that the doors to the club house were securely locked, but that the intruders managed to get in through a window after removing the mosquito screen.

By the time a police car from the night-shift crew at Station 15 had been summoned to the scene, the three suspects were detained. “Public Security did almost the whole job here,” said Pimentel.

After searching the suspects’ backpacks, they were found to contain bottles of alcoholic beverages.

As the suspects were all under the age of 18, the police officers followed standard procedure when dealing with offenders who are minors.

Following the suspects’ positive identification, their parents were informed and the suspects were released in their parents’ custody.

“They [the police] went to the parents’ homes to meet the parents and explain that there are charges coming, investigations and so forth,” said Pimentel, while adding that the police account reported the suspects as expressing regret for their alleged

misdeeds.

A police dossier for each of the suspects has been forwarded to the Quebec Court’s youth division, which deals with cases in which individuals between the ages of 12 and 18 are accused of offences under the Criminal Code and certain federal statutes.

The youth division also deals with penal cases involving individuals between the ages of 14 and 18 who are accused of offences under Quebec statutes and regulations or municipal by-laws.

Although Pimentel couldn’t state whether the suspects are residents of Westmount because of youth protection regulations safeguarding their identity, he said they face charges of breaking and entering.

de Maisonneuve burglary accomplished via second floor

While it was otherwise a quiet week, a second break-in in Westmount was reported by police at Station 12.

Residents of de Maisonneuve Blvd. near the corner of Kitchener Ave. reported that their home was burglarized sometime between 9:30 and 11 am on December 3.

However, because they hadn’t noticed anything unusual in the house until later on, they didn’t call the police until 7 pm that evening.

It was only then, after going to the second floor of the residence, that the owners realized they had suffered a burglary during which an unspecified amount of money was stolen.

“They saw that the rooms were searched, the drawers were opened and emptied out and some objects were left on the floor,” Pimentel continued. The investigators conducted a search of the house for evidence.

They found a broken window on the second storey, as well as a red blanket that the perpetrators evidently used to shield themselves from glass shards and muffle the sound when they shattered the window.

Officers from the police department’s forensic investigation division made a stop at the house to gather evidence of footprints left outside by the suspects, as well as possible fingerprints that might have been left behind on the broken glass from the window.

BUILDING PERMITS What’s permitted

Council approves 14 buildings Dec. 2

The following 14 requests for demolition, exterior construction, alteration or renovation were approved at the December 2 meeting of the city council on the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC). There were no refusals.

Approved

3186 The Boulevard: to rebuild the bay above the front door;

4281 de Maisonneuve: at a Category I house, to create a window opening on the rear façade;

488 Victoria: to replace the existing concrete front staircase by a new metal and stone one and repair the landscaped stairs leading to the sidewalk provided the new stair risers are covered in stone and that the bracket underneath the landing aligns with the door, if possible;

528 Lansdowne: at a Category I house, to replace the roof of the rear upper balcony;

4100 Sherbrooke: at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Shalom, to integrate a new elevator in the building with a secondary new lobby accessed from Elm Ave. provided the ex-

terior cladding for the elevator shaft above the roof be copper or zinc to match as closely as possible the existing roof flashing color;

483 Strathcona: to replace the front door;

45 Surrey Gardens: to install a new spa, modify the design of an existing pool, add a water feature, modify an architectural detail of an existing pool house and do landscaping in the rear yard;

4 Winchester: to replace windows and a door;

85 Sunnyside: to replace windows provided the fixed windows (items #201, #210, #211) are casement windows with divisions as per others proposed;

66 St. Sulpice: at a Category I house, to replace the roof;

4470 de Maisonneuve: to replace windows and doors and make a patio door opening on the rear façade;

367 Metcalfe: to modify the railing on the rear balcony;

59 Oakland: to enlarge an opening to install a new door on the side;

4419 St. Catherine: to install a new sign.

Closed to vehicules til Dec. 2020

de Maisonneuve re-opens, for pedestrians and cyclists

A straighter cycling and pedestrian route opened on de Maisonneuve Blvd. between Atwater and Wood last week, but the roadway will remain blocked to through-traffic until December 2020, the STM told the *Independent* by email December 3. It plans to keep the “new” straight path open until mid-February.

Chez Doris, cont’d. from p. 15

los was cautiously hopeful.

“More than half of our income comes in the month of December,” she said. “So we have to see if we’ll be able to balance our books. But so far, as of October, we were at a \$240,000 deficit, but borrowing off of other restricted funds. We still have cash in the bank. It will really be dependent on how much we raise in December just before the holidays.”

Following a tour of Chez Doris, as well as a short presentation on homelessness by former Station 12 Commander Martine Dubuc, IWF members continued discussing the issue at the Cedar Ave. home of IWF member and former Heritage Mon-

Two-way vehicle access from Wood Ave. to Alexis Nihon’s parking lot remains open.

The street was closed April 1 (see April 2, 2019, p. 14). The STM originally planned to re-open the street in winter (see March 12, 2019, p. 14). It is refurbishing the Atwater Metro station’s waterproofing membrane, which lies below the roadway.

trealm executive-director Marie Senécal-Tremblay.

The question of community service and philanthropy was raised by Senécal-Tremblay, who outlined the charitable work carried out in the 19th and early 20th centuries by Julia Parker Drummond and her husband Sir George A. Drummond, who were ancestors to Senécal-Tremblay’s husband Bruce Drummond McNiven.

The Drummonds founded St. Margaret’s Home in 1894 as a pioneering nursing facility and residence for elderly women. In 1991, the residence moved to its current location on Hillside Ave. in Westmount, where it continues to operate as a provincially run long-term care facility.

Women celebrated at 'Governance's' 4th annual gala

Social Notes

VERONICA REDGRAVE



Isabelle Charest, Valérie Plante, Chrystia Freeland and Caroline Codsí.

Westmounter **Caroline Codsí**, founder and president of Women in Governance, (WiG) welcomed guests to the organization's 4th annual Recognition Gala at the Palais de Congrès.

A wonderfully mild eve meant that cocktails could be enjoyed outdoors. Honorary co-presidents were **Suzanne Bergeron**, president, Sodexo Canada Limited, and **Guy Cormier**, CEO, Desjardins Group.

Of special note was the presence and participation of women leaders from all three levels of government: the honorable **Chrystia Freeland**, MP, then-minister of Foreign Affairs; **Isabelle Charest**, provincial minister for education and minister responsible for the status of women, and **Valérie Plante**, mayor of Montreal.

MC was **Fabienne Colas**, founder and president of the Montreal, Toronto and Halifax International Black Film Festivals.

The evening awarded its gender Parity Certification to 48 organizations from across Canada in recognition of their commitment to gender equality in the workplace.

Sodexo Canada Limited was awarded the platinum certification for a second consecutive year after earning gold in 2017. Desjardins Group achieved gold for the third consecutive year. The following earned Platinum Parity Certification: Accenture, CBC Radio-Canada, CNESST, Intact Financial Corporation, National Film Board of Canada, Norton Rose Fulbright, Sodexo Canada Limited and Sun Life Financial.

Noted in the packed room were **Neil Parmenter**, CEO, Canadian Bankers Association, presenting sponsor; **Nathalie Palladitcheff**, president Ivanhoé Cambridge; **Lucie Guillemette**, vp Air Canada; **Charles Brindamour**, CEO Intact Corporation financière; **Claude Joli-Coeur**, president National Film Board; **Manuelle Oudar**, CEO and board president CNESST; **Robert Dumas**, CEO Financière Sun Life Québec; **Michel Leblanc**, CEO La Chambre de commerce du Montréal métropolitain; **Anik Tru-** *continued on p. 40*



Neil Parmenter.



Suzanne Bergeron and Guy Cormier.

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Social Notes
VERONICA REDGRAVE

A balmy Indian summer eve meant that guests arriving for “*Un verre avec Ludwig*” could be shoe shod.

The Beethoven concert featured internationally acclaimed cellist **Denis Brott** and the Ulysses Quartet. Founded in 2015, the quartet won first prize in the 2018 Schoenfeld International String Competition and Grand Prize and Gold Medal in the senior string division of the 2016 Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition.

In addition, the group finished first in the American Prize, won second prize at the Osaka International Chamber Music Competition in 2017, and was winner of the Vietnam International Music Competition this past August.

Denis Brott is the founder and artistic director of the Montreal Chamber Music Festival, which will carry on the Beethoven theme this June at the Festival’s annual event.

The cocktail dîatoire was held in the home of **Phyllis Lambert**. Bite-size culinary delights were served by Berthe Dansereau as guests admired videos by artists **Kent**

Beethoven eve classically chic



Christina Bouey, Rhiannon Banerdt, Grace Ho, Phyllis Lambert, Denis Brott and Colin Brookes.

Monkman and **Adad Hannah**, who was present.

Festival board members in attendance were local res **Jill de Villafranca**, along with **Dominique Bélisle**, partner, Lavery Avocats; **Marie-Hélène Labrie**, senior vp, public affairs and communications Cogeco; **Marissa Nuss**, **Francis Malka**,

Kim Nguyen, **McCarthy Tétrauld**; **Marc Roy**, **Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt**; and **Mark Saucier**.

Julie Brott greeted guests including **Michel de la Chenelière**, **Céline** and **Jacques Lamarre**, **Carmen Robinson**, **Jean-François Ouellette**, **Hoda Nematollahi**, **Hakam Hmiddouch**, **François Morency**,

Heidi Leih, **Luc Landreault**, sisters **Evelyne** and **Isabelle Verrier**, **Phyllis Deitcher**, **Alison Silcoff**, **Beryl** and **Peter Fraenkel**, **Lorraine Singer** and **Ghislaine Richard**.

Westmounters enjoying the concert held in a magical leafy atrium included **Dana Baran**, **Katherine Pourcelet**, **Jane Skoryna**, **Stewart Gottfried**, **Barbara**

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Domiiue Belisle and Julie Brott. Phyllis Deitcher, Beryl and Peter Fraenkel and Lorraine Singer.

Bronfman, Annette Pankrac-Liebman and Andrew Liebman, and Michael McAdoo, former board member and associate director, Boston Consulting Group, with **Theo-dora Samiotis**.

Other former board members in attendance included **Yves Blanc** and **Sylvie Demers**, chair, Quebec Market, TD Bank Group, attending with **Pierre Desrochers**, former chair, executive committee, Ville de Montréal.

Works performed included Beethoven's Kreutzer Sonata, Opus 47 arranged for string quintet and published in 1832. Scholars *continued on p. 40*



Jane Skorya and Hoda Nematollahi.





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Beethoven, cont'd. from p.39

believe the arrangement to have been made by Beethoven himself though this has never been confirmed. Music by Ravel and Schubert were also played to appreciative applause. But one would be remiss not to add that amidst the elegance, a much-admired note-able (sorry, couldn't resist!) attraction was a wandering creature with a softly curling brindle coat.



Ghislaine Richard and Katherine Pourcelet.



Artist Adad Hannah.

Women, cont'd. from p.37
del, CEO Lavery; **Denis Giangi**, president Rolls-Royce; **Cynthia Garneau**, CEO VIA Rail Canada; **Maria Della Posta**, president Pratt and Whitney Canada; **Christiane Asselin**, program – content director CBC/Radio-Canada; **Serge Sasseville**, principal vp Quebecor Media Inc.; **Banafcheh Hejazi** and **Mael Smail Akdim**, fashion designer who created Caroline Cods's gown for the event.

Women in Governance is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to support women in their leadership development, career advancement and access to board seats.



Fabienne Colas.



Serge Sasseville, Mael Smail Akdim and Banafcheh Hejazi.

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Miriam art auction held at MMFA



Judy Wolfe, Franki Yanofsky, Carol Tryanski and Jeannette Hoffman-Zaffir.



Joanne Vrakas, Eric and Tanya Michaud, and André Monet.



Social Notes

VERONICA REDGRAVE

The Miriam Foundation Art Auction for Autism 2019 was held at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts (MMFA).

Guests were wowed by a fabulous colourful balloon installation; a perfect – and crowded! – selfie moment. Living up to its rave-review catering reputation, Java U provided delicious tidbits.

Art lovers perused works ranging from digital creations (Paul Émile Rioux, whose work was recently featured on the cover of *Contemporary Photography* magazine) to acrylic (Michael Litvack and Yehouda Chaki) and sculpture (Ron Stattner). John

Little's oil painting instigated eager bidding, and sold for \$34,000.

Emcee was CJAD's Orla Johannes. Westmount art aficionados included Nick Niro, Vivian and Howard Stotland, Linda Smith, Linda Shaw and Frank Motter, sisters Mandy and Rebecca Wolfe, Gloria and Richard Bass, Erika and Louis Ludwick, Gaby Bitton, Richard Hart, Jonathan Goldbloom, and Marlene and Joel King.

Also noted amidst the chicly-dressed crowd were Margaret Lipsey and Chris Kassab, Frank Niro, Cary Miller, Roz Druckman, Evelyn and Larry Vatch, Jean-François Towner, Alain Nguyen, Vanessa Grimaldi, Madonna and Jean-Claude Levy, and Tanya and Eric Michaud, proud top bidders (\$4,400) for the Leonard Cohen work by local res André Monet, there with wife Joanne Varkas.

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Miriam, cont'd. from p. 41

tion were CEO **Warren Greenstone**, board chair **Tony Meti** and events planner **Erin Matheson**.

Committee members were co-chairs **Carol Tryansky**, **Judy Wolfe**, **Franki Yanofsky** and **Jeannette Hoffman-Zafir**, along with **Randi Kupfert**, **Deborah Malin**, **Lauren**, **Mandy Wolfe**, **Rebecca Wolfe** and **Peter Yanofsky**.

Mea culpa. The fabulous Centaur eve raised \$160,000, and not \$60,000 as I noted in last week's Social Notes (p. 15). Apologies. – VR.



Randi Rupfert and Lauren Wolfe.



Linda Shaw and Frank Motter.



Gloria and Richard Bass.

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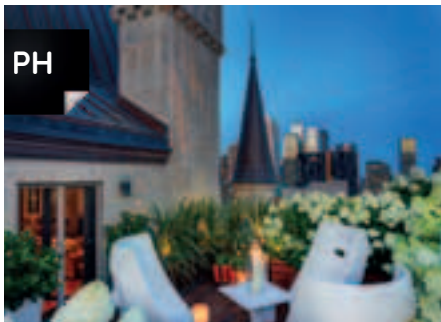


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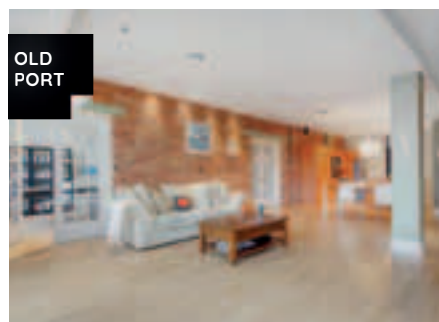
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