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Forced from Westmount Park School by reno, new configuration

Narnia relocating to Temple, city adds 'daycare' to permitted use

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Narnia daycare has found a new home. City council tabled a by-law February 4 authorizing it to occupy new facilities at Temple Emanu-el Beth Shalom. After 35 years at Westmount Park School, it will be forced out at the end of this school year.

That's when the elementary school on Academy Rd. will close for two years of renovations, after which there will no longer be space for CPE Narnia. Some 60 of the daycare's 65 children live in Westmount.

While the synagogue at 4100 Sherbrooke is not zoned for a daycare, the city found a provision in provincial regulations that allows it to add daycares to a location's permitted uses without having to re-zone.

"Thank goodness for the city of Westmount!" stated Narnia director Judith Lit-

vack on learning the by-law had been tabled. "Otherwise, we would have to close after 35 years."

Narnia looked for new space at 32 locations, Litvack told the *Independent*. "None met the criteria required by the *ministère de la Famille et des Aînés*."

She would likely be making only a few minor changes, she said, "but the *ministère* has provided us with relocation expenses because we were evicted."

According to a message from the synagogue to its congregation dated February 6, Narnia will have an agreement for exclusive use of the second floor on weekdays from 7 am to 8 pm "and discussions are under way with city officials to have a drop-off on Sherbrooke or Wood."

The second floor was once the home of Temple pre-school, the message states, and Nar- *continued on p. 13*

Winter Carnival comes to Contactivity



Nearly 100 people were served during Contactivity Centre's annual Westmount Winter Carnival luncheon on February 7. Seen in the photo, from left, are Olga Denis, city of Westmount programme and community services coordinator Claude Danis, Gail Sweeney and Theresa Gagliardi. See story on p. 14.

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Zoning change to ease up, allow commercial offices

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A public consultation meeting is to take place February 27 to rezone the south side of St. Catherine St. between Blenheim and Melville to allow for office-type commercial activity in the residential strip. The session is set for 7 pm at city hall.

Under the proposed change, however, no residential occupancies will be able to

convert to office use. Medical offices would be allowed to convert.

The residential zone (R9-32-01) was among several commercial ones that had been rezoned in September 2014 to prohibit any new medical offices or commercial activity (except those already existing), so the proposed change to permit commercial/professional of- fices would ease up the *continued on p. 3*

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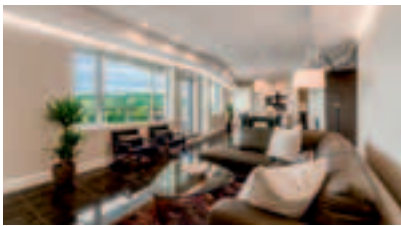


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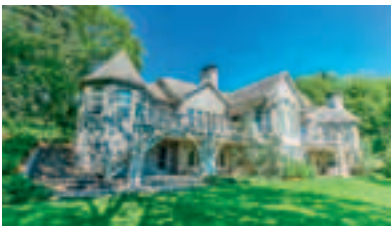


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Even elves get snowed in



January 30 in front of a house on Sherbrooke near Grosvenor.

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zoning slightly.

"This is to correct what we did when we went too far in trying to limit the amount of parking and impact that would be generated by a proliferation of medical offices," according to Councillor Cynthia Lulham.

The need to revisit it now is to allow some commercial offices that would generate less impact on the neighbourhood than medical offices or retail occupancies. The need was brought to light by the occupant of an existing medical office with vested rights who wants instead to use the space as a commercial office but can't, even though the city wants to get rid of

medical offices, Lulham explained.

The proposed change would open the door to offices of accountants, notaries, lawyers or companies doing office work, according to Urban Planning director Tom Flies.

Residential occupancies would remain the paramount permitted use.

Under current zoning, Clifford's Market, which recently closed, continues to have vested rights as a retail outlet for the duration of one year after its closure, otherwise, it would become residential.

New committee meets

The issue of vested rights is something the city's new Urban Planning committee will be looking at, Lulham told the *Independent*. The Clifford's location, for example, could mean the loss of a dépanneur in the neighbourhood if not re-used for that purpose within one year of closure.

This new element of the city's Planning Advisory Committee held its first meeting January 22, she said. It was an introductory session. The proposed zoning amendment for R9-32-01 had already been in the works, however.

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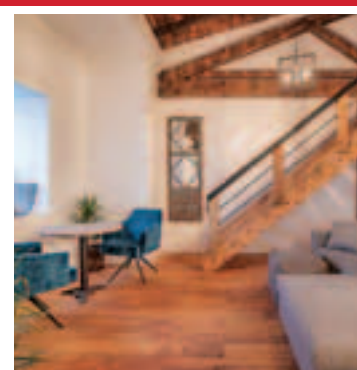
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Five-year 'framework' adopted for Urban Planning

Plan outlines goals to improve permit times, service

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A five-year strategic plan to essentially “modernize” and simplify the city’s Urban Planning department to meet today’s needs was unveiled by city council February 4. The department is currently based on a planning and regulatory framework dating from 1995 and 2001.

Among the goals for 2019 are reducing delays in the permit process so some can be issued at the time of application, re-

ducing the number of files to be reviewed by the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC), improving customer service and working to update and simplify by-laws.

Goals identified for the medium and long term include transferring some of the department’s resources to planning and community support (including public consultation), setting up an online permit system and adopting the new by-laws.

“Many of us around this table campaigned on trying to improve the permit process,” said Councillor Conrad Peart in announcing the plan.

Over the last year, “a deep analysis” was undertaken along with best practices regarding permits and that report was used as a base on which a strategic plan was developed as a “framework document.”

It states “where we are at, where we are going and an action plan of how we are going to get there,” through public consultation, he explained, “but it does not nail down specifics.”

To work to implement the 2017 election priority, Peart said, the city contracted an analysis of the department and the permit process by the École nationale d’administration publique (ÉNAP), an independent

body that offers consulting and diagnostic services to organizations providing public services.

Among the findings of ÉNAP were under-staffing compared with comparable urban planning departments, a lack of office space and an imbalance between the department’s four missions with 90 per cent of resources going into permits, by-laws and inspections.

This leaves the urban planning component with a rating of “weak,” support to citizens, developers and professionals as “minimalist” and project management deemed “non-existing” (see separate story).

Load of challenges

“It comes with its load of challenges,” explains department director Tom Flies of the strategic plan.

“In a nutshell, there’s a heavy process with the PAC that is efficient despite the process but the challenge is to simplify it through incremental changes without reducing or sacrificing quality.”

The department is at a “breaking point,” he says, citing rising numbers of permits (1,765 in 2017) as well as the size of some of the projects seeking approval

such as large extensions and complete renovations. “So the important thing is to focus where it matters.”

While 90 percent of the department’s resources are used on permits, by-laws and inspections, “we can liberate some resources (for other needs) by reducing time spent by issuing permits more quickly and instituting some quick changes,” Flies said.

One of the needs identified in the analysis report – strengthening the urban planning arm – has already been addressed in large measure through creating an urban planning sub-committee of the PAC.

To increase resources

As well, the city’s 2019 operating budget contains some \$495,000 reported by Mayor Christina Smith to increase the department’s resources (employees), which the ÉNAP found were half those of comparable urban planning departments though Westmount handles an average of almost double the number of permit applications.

The ÉNAP report, an executive summary and the strategic plan are posted on the city website under “Urban Planning.”

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Consultant: permit delays, lack of information contribute to frustration

Analysis of city's permit process, solutions detailed in report

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A consultant's analysis of the city's Urban Planning permit process found that delays in permit issuing and a lack of clear information and customer service contributed to citizen frustration, leading to some work being undertaken without a permit.

A number of recommendations from the report dated August 2018 have been included in the Urban Planning strategic plan adopted by council February 4, some of which have already been undertaken, such as a start on the updating of by-laws and creation of an Urban Planning sub-committee.

Twice the work and others have doubled the staff

The "Analysis of the Permitting Process" found the Urban Planning department was being called on to issue almost twice as many permits on average as some municipalities of similar scope that had

double the number of employees. This workload can lead to long line-ups at the service counter as well as other delays, it states.

The report speaks of "disgruntled applicants" and "working conditions always at an emergency level." This prevents the department from playing "the actual role" of an urban planning department rather than being "an auxiliary permit department for the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) as is currently the case."

Guidelines: open to interpretation

Citizen frustration was also attributed to a lack of clear information, by-laws and *Guidelines* open to interpretation and sometimes leading to a project deemed compliant under one by-law but refused by the PAC because materials selected, for example, "are not those recommended in the *Guidelines* or preferred by the PAC."

Other findings included problem files that can be viewed between eight and 15

times by the Board of Inspections and the PAC, and may take up to a year or more to be processed.

Inconsistency was also found in some decisions by the PAC as well as a lack of specific solutions from the PAC to provide applicants with clear information.

Lack of space to meet applicants

The findings also refer to a lack of office space or meeting room to discuss files with applicants in private and a telephone system needing repair.

The consultant met with city councillors as representatives of residents, the Urban Planning staff and PAC members. They were also given access to a detailed sample of permit files, according to department director Tom Flies.

The complete report and an executive summary are available in English and French on the city website under Resident Zone/Urban Planning.

AGIL report now translated into English

The 75-page AGIL report on the city's south-east revitalization has been translated into English to be accessed on the city's website, District 8 Councillor Kathleen Kez announced at the city council meeting February 4.

Its translation follows requests from citizens, including Kez, who pointed out that its technical information may have led to some residents failing to grasp some of the nuances in French. It can be found under Resident Zone/Urban Planning.

The French version of the report was posted by the city on its website on October 2, 2018. It was commissioned on March 7, 2017. It is dated July 10, 2018, although this late date was to allow for "edits and tweaks," according to Mayor Christina Smith (See "City to prioritize St. Catherine before Dorchester, Tupper lots," October 30, 2018).



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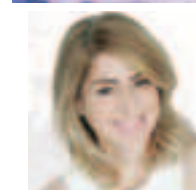
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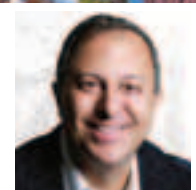
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4014-22 St. Catherine already okayed for demo

No work on highrise as property up for sale?

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The future mixed-use highrise development slated for 4014-4022 St. Catherine just west of Atwater remains unknown at this time following a notice seen online that it is up for sale.

Neither developer Ron Basal nor the firm of BSR development could be reached for comment by press time. Their voice mail boxes were full.

Demolition of the almost vacant three-storey building at the site was approved by the city's Demolition Committee at a public hearing February 19. This was based on the replacement plan presented at the time for building a seven-to-10 storey complex of retail space, offices and condos.

Since then, however, no permits have been issued, confirmed Tom Flies, the city's Urban Planning director. And if they had, he said, they would not be transferable.

If the property is sold, the buyer would have to undergo the same process for demolition as had already taken place unless

the replacement plan remained completely unchanged and the file continued to be open, Flies said.

Though he was not in a position to comment on the current status of the project, he said, files of projects remain open as long as there is "activity" within a six-month period.

Though it's been a year since the demolition approval, a number of steps typically follow before a permit is issued, such as the submission of engineering drawings.

The site is considered to be prime property for redevelopment and was upzoned by the city in 2014 to provide for revitalization of an entrance to Westmount at that location and make the street "livable" by introducing residential occupancy to the commercial zone.

"Our hopes are to see the property move forward," Councillor Cynthia Lulham said last week. As urban planning commissioner for zoning, economic development and parks, she added, "I'm disappointed now because most of the stores in the building are empty and that has an impact on the remaining establishments nearby. It looks terrible."

Trent to perform with Bowser and Blue

The Bowser and Blue evening at Victoria Hall February 23 will feature a "guest appearance" by former mayor Peter Trent.

Trent who previously has performed with former city councillor George Bowser under the name "Trouser and Bent" will appear around 8:20 pm after the break. The event starts at 7 pm. "I'll be playing guitar and singing," he says.



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City to review parking in Victoria village in wake of ice, snow



Richard Lock asks the city to find a way to help cars frozen in.

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The recurring freeze-thaw cycles that have been affecting snow operations are also hitting hard at parking for Westmount residents, especially those who rely on on-street parking.

The particular plight of residents in the Victoria village area was raised at the council meeting February 4 when Mayor Christina Smith pointed out the city had received feedback from those living on the smaller east-west streets when recent snow and ice reduced the number of reserved spots allocated to them.

Typically these are among the last to be cleared of snow.

As a result, the city would be reviewing the number of reserved parking spots for residents as well as the schedule of snow removal.

How to improve?

Richard Lock, a resident of the block on Lansdowne south of Sherbrooke asked if the city could find a way to help free up cars stuck in ice. A neighbour, he said, had

her car "frozen in." After calling city departments, garages and CAA, "no one could help us." Then someone managed to hook up her car to pull it out.

"The question is: how can we improve the ice situation?" and especially how it affects the city's aging demographic. "What can be done?" While the city would be looking into the recent weather-related stories, there were no specific answers.

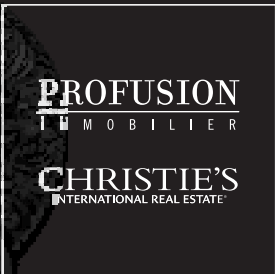
Councillor Philip Cutler, commissioner of infrastructure and innovation (Public Works) said, "It's definitely a safety issue, but not exclusive to the elderly" or those with mobility challenges. "It's something we've made clear that the sidewalks should be free of obstruction."

He noted it had been a tough time for Public Works crews who had had 52 kilometers of streets and 100 kilometers of sidewalks to clear.

"I know there were cars frozen in," Mayor Smith said. She said the city was going to be working on "better communication" with private contractors to reinforce the regulations about putting snow on sidewalks.



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Councillor's column

PHILIP CUTLER
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It is February in Quebec and winter is taking its toll on each one of us, our streets and our lifestyles. As has been the case the last many winters, 2018-2019 has proven to be a challenging one with regards to mother nature, once again giving us difficult conditions and challenging snow removal operations.

The team within Westmount's Public Works department is tasked with carrying out complex snow removal operations in order to maintain the safety of our 52 km of roads and 100 km+ of sidewalks. These operations are carried out over a number of days and cost the city millions of dollars each year. During and after each winter, we analyze our performance and spend time planning to improve for the upcoming winter. That said, preparation can only go so far as each year inclement weather dishes out a new suite of issues.

Increased budget this year

After last winter, council and the administration decided to increase our bud-

Each year brings new suite of snow removal issues

get for snow removal, adding additional hours of manpower and more machinery to better tackle operations. Even with this increased investment, we still face a number of barriers that can delay operations.

This year, we dealt with back-to-back snow storms, featuring a thaw and freeze in the middle. The thaw caused large amount of water accumulation that turned into puddles that then risked freezing vehicles and our streets in. Crews worked quickly to open up catch basins and sewers to ensure that the water would drain before turning to ice. At the same time, crews were also forced to salt the streets and sidewalks to ensure that vehicles and pedestrians would be capable to use them and continue our snow removal operations that had not yet been completed from the previous snowfall.

Provincially, snow removal operators are capped at 70 hours a week requiring a mandatory 36-hour pause once that point is met. This means that your typical operation now faces a day and half delay in its completion.

Unique to Westmount, Public Security officers will call permit holders parked on streets slated to have snow removed in order to prevent tickets and towing. Vehi-

cles left on the street during removal operations cause considerable delays (and trust me, we don't want to issue tickets for these types of infractions – the impact on the removal operation far outweighs the costs of any infraction, this is why we do our best to seek out the residents and have them move their cars well ahead of time). Our residents have always been responsive to clearing the roads and we are mindful that certain neighbourhoods are harder to navigate but also rely on neighbours to help as much as possible to get the roads cleared.

Sidewalks

Sidewalk safety is incredibly important. The vast majority of the private contractors in Westmount are respectful of the requirement to avoid dumping snow on our sidewalks, yet some continue to do so – often after our Bombardier sidewalk plows have passed. This creates a dangerous mobility challenge, blocking sidewalks and making it difficult, sometimes impossible, for pedestrians to pass (you can forget getting by with a stroller or wheelchair). This, in our view, is simply not acceptable. On certain occasions the loads left on the sidewalks are too big for even our sidewalk

plows to pass. As residents, we are responsible for our community and ask you to remind your contractors, who work hard to keep driveways and walkways clear, to avoid leaving snow blocking the sidewalks.

Finally, we continue to work towards improving communication of information. Residents are encouraged to follow the city of Westmount on social media as well as through our website for real-time updates on snow removal operations.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

QUEBEC LAW SAYS MAYORS MUST VOTE ON COMPENSATION

I don't typically respond to letters to the editor because they are generally opinions and citizens are free to express them but, when they are factually incorrect, it is important to address them. In response to Jo LaPierre's letter (Feb. 5, p. 7), I must clarify that it is municipal law in Quebec that any elected official, including the mayor, must vote on a motion that deals with remuneration. So while she might think that it is "tacky," as she put it, it is the law and I am certain that all of our citizens would expect that the mayor and council adhere to it, as was explained in detail at the council meeting so there was no confusion.

CHRISTINA SMITH,
MAYOR OF WESTMOUNT

WHAT DOES 'PUBLISH' MEAN?

It is really great that Westmount city council members raised their salaries by 50 percent. I wish I had the power to do that. However, there are a few matters that cannot go unmentioned.

First, the government of Quebec made a special law that deals with remuneration of municipal officials. In its law, it made it plain that citizens should be informed of any pay raises by a municipal council.

Why? Because letting councillors raise their own pay is open to great abuse.

The *Act Respecting The Remuneration Of Elected Municipal Officers* says clearly that public notices of pay increases must be published:

"The notice shall be published not later

than 21 days before the sitting."

This gives citizens the opportunity to ask questions, discuss the issue, and then make comments.

The law says "published." It does not say "posted on a bulletin board at city hall." It does not say "posted on the city's website," three layers down no less. It does not say "posted on social media." The law – for heaven's sake – says "published." What could be clearer?

The response by the city is that they have followed all laws. I say: "Hogwash."

An informed citizenry is what permits good decisions to be made by our elected representatives. They should not be afraid to let citizens know in advance what they are hatching.

Westmount is a great little place, but it could be better. The democratic idea of publishing important public notices in the newspaper should not be ignored. Especially as it is the law.

JACK LOCKE, STAYNER ST.

Editor's notes: (1) It is my understanding that the city council is complying with the law, or the combination of them that governs this situation. In early 2018, the city council took advantage of the provincial Liberal government's Bill 122 (that had passed into law), which loosened the definition of "publish" to include "putting on a website" as a permitted example of "publishing" (see "Council ponders change to public notices," January 29, 2018, p. 11.) So, when the city put the council-pay-increase notice on its website, it – from a legal point of view – "published" it.

(2) Leaving aside your views on council members' pay raise, on which I make no comment, I agree with some of your points on advertising and, indeed, I am already on record as opposing Bill 122's advertising provisions.

In January 2017, when *The Free Press* of NDG, Hampstead and Côte St. Luc still existed, I wrote the following editorial.

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Bill 122 threatens local journalism in Quebec

Currently in Quebec, municipalities are required to publish certain kinds of public notices in newspapers. (Many also publish, out of choice, additional ads about certain events, programs and news.) Bill 122, currently before the provincial legislature, would change this situation and give municipalities the *option* to publish notices or simply put them on their websites.

Our bias is obvious. Some of the *Free Press*' revenue comes from municipal ads.

Despite this conflict of interest, I wanted to put the issue to our readership: do you want this tradition of transparency to die in Quebec? Public notices frequently go unread, it is true. They are text heavy, legalistic and usually irrelevant to most readers. Often residents, as a matter of law or practicality, have no chance to change the proposal being publicized.

But they also give people notice of things that may affect them: e.g. changes in zoning, news about taxation, notice of public meetings. Yes, under the new law, these would be on municipalities' websites, but who goes to those sites regularly or to look at public notices? The traffic there is light and likely targeted at answering specific questions (e.g. how do I get such-and-such a permit?). Websites are not a broadcast medium, unlike local newspapers.

Do we want municipal governments acting less publicly or more?

Now some selfish stuff. I have no data about other newspapers' operations, but I would *guess* across the province that some papers will fold entirely if this law is enacted. I *know* that fewer pages will be published by local papers if this law is enacted, because every paper adds pages in relation to ads sold. If thousands of pages of ads are no longer purchased by municipalities, thousands of pages of content will disappear in the province.

Now it may seem weird to force municipalities to, in effect, support local newspapers with ads. Local newspapers often criticize municipal mayors and councils, directly (via editorials) or by providing a venue (via letters to the editor). They also sometimes write stories that are unflatter-

ing or inconvenient.

But we are seeing in certain countries right now that modern representative democracy is not just about the bare mechanisms of election and the exercise of permitted power. It is also a spirit of openness to a free press, to publicizing inconvenient facts (e.g. by semi-independent government agencies like an auditor general) and to allowing access to information.

Now I am biased, but it seems to me if the level of government (the province) that controls another level (municipalities) forces it to say what it is up to, in advance, in newspapers, that is good for democracy.

And if local newspapers can leverage that revenue to offer additional content, as they have for ages in this province, that's pretty good for democracy too.

And the aggregate price of advertising is immaterial compared to payroll, capital expenditures (e.g. on roads), snow and garbage removal, sports and rec, and other major municipal expenses.

(Please don't expect web journalism to fill any void. No one has found a way to make the internet work for content at the local level. If they had, why would newspapers pay for printing and distribution, two of their largest costs?)

If you care and feel the same way, please tell your local provincial legislator:

[names & coordinates of provincial legislators of *Free Press* readers]

If you don't care, or disagree with us, or if the legislation goes through anyway, you'll be hearing less from all of us in local journalism, and nothing from some of us.

David Price is the publisher of the Free Press and the Westmount Independent.

He is a former investment banker and private equity professional. He has witnessed numerous companies and industries in distress.

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It is hard to know what will make a difference in a business's existence and health, given all the many factors that influence its success and survival. But Bill 122's advertising provisions, and municipalities' individual decisions to implement them (which they did not have to do), did not help any newspaper publisher in this province.

On the government side, it is hard to see how municipalities' finances were materially aided by those provisions. I leave it to the reader to assess the effect on politics and citizen involvement of placing notices on cities' websites and the community impact – if any – of less journalism. – DP

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SOUTHEAST PETITIONERS AGAINST TALL, OUT-OF-TUNE BUILDINGS, NOT DEVELOPMENT

In response to C. Leclaire's letter of January 22 (p. 7), I would like to present some facts.

Here is the exact wording of the petition that was delivered to city council in January 2017, signed by over 240 residents:

Wishes of the Westmount Residents regarding the narrowing of Dorchester (South East Project)

We do not agree with the vision of the South East Project and believe that:

1. Dorchester Blvd. should be left as it is and eventually adding a bicycle path to accommodate cyclists.
2. The median should be left as it is.
3. The elimination of the curve to a right angle between Clarke Ave. and Greene Ave. is unnecessary.
4. If there is to be development on the north side, it should remain within the parameters of the existing zoning by-law R6-24-08, with buildings having a maximum height of three storeys (35 feet), with 35 percent of the surface area allocated to green space. Regarding building type, they should be in keeping with the architectural integrity of the south side.

* *

The petition confirms that our citizens'

group is not against development. What we are against is the unnecessary, disruptive and very costly (on the backs of taxpayers) rebuilding of Dorchester just to give developers more room to build bigger and taller buildings that are not in tune with the rest of the neighbourhood.

Dorchester is an arterial road and the extension of René Lévesque. It experiences as much traffic (between 10,000 and 19,999 cars/day) as St. Catherine St., according to the Westmount Traffic and Active Transportation Masterplan (westmount.org/en/the-city/major-projects/#1496181118724-714b2da5-3b71).

I strongly recommend that all Westmounters read the AGIL report*, the most recent of several reports commissioned by the city of Westmount on the south-east area at <https://westmount.org/en/posting-of-agil-report-titled-rapport-et-recommandations-secteur-sud-est/>

PATRICIA DUMAIS, GREENE AVE.

*Editor's note: It is now available in English too. See p. 5 for story. – DP

WILL SMITH FOLLOW TRENT ON PARKING INCREASE REDUCTION?

No one likes taxes, fines and fees but most people accept their necessity – so long as they are fair. We also accept that they will rise periodically. The last time there was a proposed major hike in 24-

hour parking fees, I was one of many who contacted then mayor Peter Trent to point out that most residents of Victoria village and many other Westmount streets do not have garages or parking aprons. I expressed the opinion that a massive increase, way beyond the rate of inflation, penalized residents who have no choice but to park on those streets, and asked that the amount of the hike be reconsidered. He took our concerns seriously. The amount of the raise was reduced to a less extortionate figure. I have the impression that Mayor Smith is equally fair and responsive to reasonable arguments. I hope she is. We shall see.

MATTHEW COPE, SOMERVILLE AVE.[p16-17]

Cutler, cont'd. from p. 7

The city remains committed to constantly improving the operations. We are mindful of the inconvenience and safety challenges that snow and ice accumulation causes and strive to maintain Westmount as the best community to live in. As always, I welcome constructive feedback and ideas that can be implemented to further improve the quality of life and safety of our streets.

District 2 councillor Philip Cutler is the commissioner of infrastructure and innovation.

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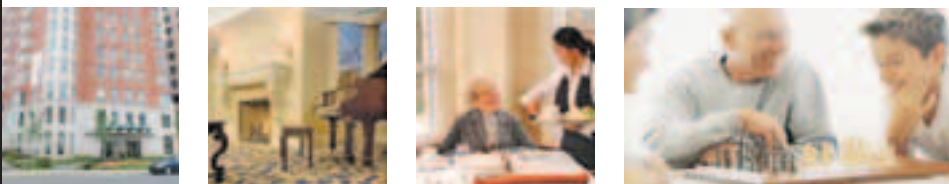


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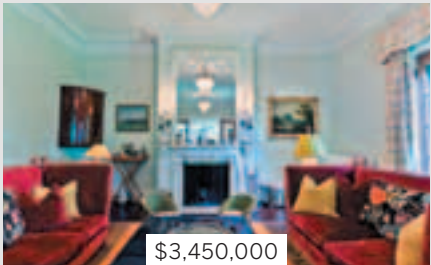
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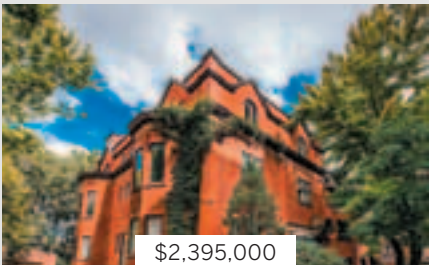
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Ottawa’s Michael Harrington at Galerie de Bellefeuille



Michael Harrington with painting “Whiskey Motel” on December 15.

By Heather Black

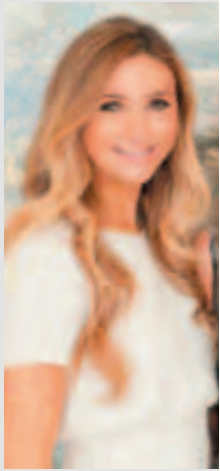
On December 15, Ottawa artist Michael Harrington welcomed viewers to his solo show at GdB’s Greene Ave. gallery. The exhibition of both large and small-format narrative scenes – inspired in part by films from the 1970s – featured subjects with sideburns and pompadours poolside, in a trailer park, or at a motel. Depicted in moments of conversation or camaraderie, Harrington described his characters as “the invisible.” Painted with neon colours in a realistic, yet cinematic style, these sub-

jects invite commentary. A contemporary note is added with details such as a man in elevator shoes partnered with a statuesque, tattooed woman in “The Moonlight Ball.” Harrington said, “I recently began to paint women and wanted to show the anthropological change in men’s status.”

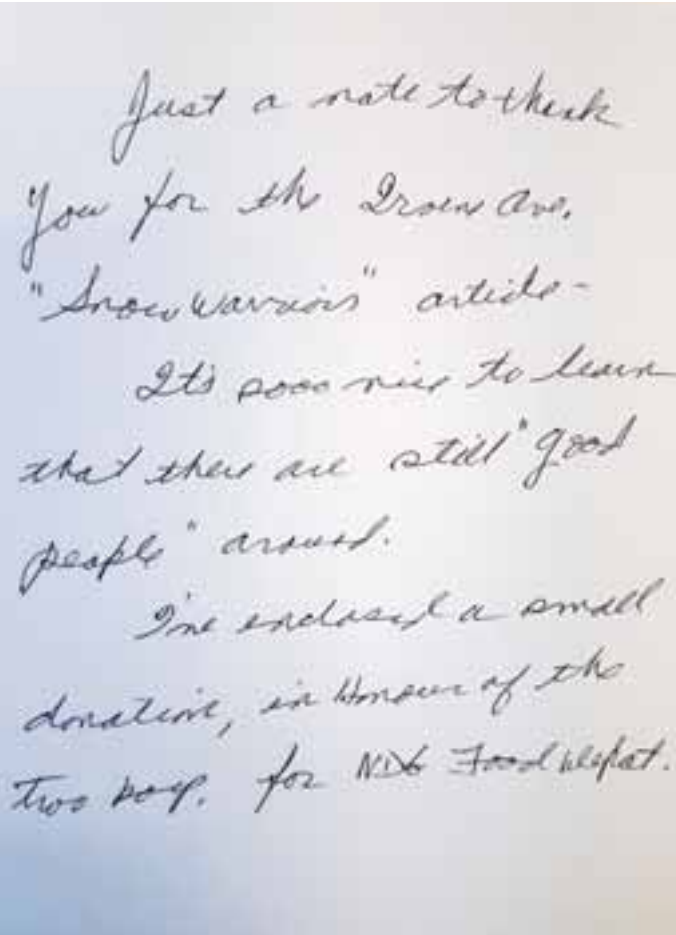
The artist also described his use of photographs and line drawings of gestural poses as painting references. Harrington’s exhibition of often humorous and poignant *mise-en-scènes* continued until December 24.

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Influence of Irvine Ave. 'snow warriors' continues



The *Independent* received the following letter – no signature, no return address – on February 6.

“Just a note to thank you for the Irvine Ave. “snow warriors” article.

“It’s sooo nice to learn that there are still ‘good people’ around.

“I’ve enclosed a small donation, in honour of the two boys, for the NDG Food Depot.”

The writer is referring to the efforts of grade 5 students Hans Whitelaw and Leff Page to raise money for Sun Youth by shovelling driveways on January 20 (see January 29, p. 1 and 4). Inspired by their example, residents of their street, Irvine Ave., have started a monthly food donation to the NDG Food Depot. The *Independent* has forwarded this \$20 to The Depot, as it is now called.

The anonymous note. The *Independent* initially tried to take a picture of the \$20 bill and the note, but the Photoshop computer program would not allow its layout designer to open the file, due to anti-counterfeiting safeguards built into it. The Bank of Canada would not give the *Independent* permission to photograph the bill. It did, however, provide a specimen for publication, but asked to see the layout beforehand. That did not work for the *Independent*. But trust us. There was a \$20 bill.

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Avis public : assemblée publique de consultation le 27 février 2019

Le mercredi 27 février, 19 h, Hôtel de Ville. Le conseil tiendra une consultation publique au sujet du **projet de règlement 1535 concernant le zonage – activités commerciales de type bureaux dans la zone R9-32-01**. La consultation a pour but d'expliquer le projet de règlement et d'entendre les personnes qui désirent s'exprimer sur celui-ci. Pour plus d'informations, consultez la page *Avis publics* à westmount.org.

SPORTS ET LOISIRS

Inscriptions : activités printemps et été

À compter du 12 février. Consultez le répertoire des activités en ligne à westmount.org ou procurez-vous un exemplaire à l'hôtel de Ville, au Victoria Hall ou au Centre des loisirs. **Rappel important : vous devez réactiver votre compte électronique avant de vous inscrire; il suffit de présenter deux preuves de résidence au bureau des sports et loisirs du CLW.**

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Invitation aux étudiants du primaire et du secondaire de Westmount : participez au Concours littéraire McEntyre en écrivant une histoire, un poème, ou un essai sur le thème *On peut être différent*. Apportez vos textes au comptoir des enfants de la Bibliothèque avant 21 h le **vendredi 5 avril 2019**. westlib.org.

Série Récits de voyages

Les vendredis jusqu'au 15 février, 13 h, Bibliothèque. Une activité hebdomadaire pour les individus atteints de la maladie d'Alzheimer ou de démence. Inscription requise. 514 989-5530.

Club de lecture en français

Le lundi 18 février, 13 h, Bibliothèque. *Emmanuel Carrère*. Animé par Gisèle Magny. 514 989-5299.

Atelier de poésie avec Ann Lloyd

Le mercredi 20 février, 10 h 15, Bibliothèque. Le Groupe de poésie de Westmount compose des poèmes à partir de thèmes proposés par les membres. Bienvenue à tous. 514 989-5299.

Prochaine séance du conseil le lundi 4 mars

Cercle de lecture *Finnegans Wake* de Joyce : *The Boaters and Sifters of ALP*

Le mercredi 20 février, 19 h, Bibliothèque. Joignez-vous au groupe de lecture pour une discussion de l'œuvre magistrale de Joyce. Apportez votre exemplaire du livre. 514 989-5299.

Ciné-club

Le mardi 26 février, 14 h, Victoria Hall. *The Wife* (2017). Billets requis. 514 989-5299.

Club de lecture en anglais

Le mardi 26 février, 19 h, Bibliothèque. *In the Midst of Winter* par Isabel Allende. Animé par Carly Vanderriendt. 514 989-5299.

ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

Galerie du Victoria Hall : appel de dossiers

Du 15 février au 15 avril. La Galerie invite les artistes émergents ou professionnels qui habitent Westmount de soumettre leurs dossiers pour sa programmation 2019-2020. Date limite : le 15 avril 2019. Pour plus de renseignements, veuillez visiter westmount.org. 514 989-5265 / galerieart@westmount.org.

Galerie du Victoria Hall : exposition

Jusqu'au 15 février, Victoria Hall. La galerie est fière de présenter l'exposition de groupe mettant en vedette les artistes Caroline Benchetrit, Hubert Cachat et John Reimann. Horaire : lundi au vendredi 10 h à 21 h, samedi 10 h à 17 h. 514 989-5265.

Conférences-midi

Le mardi 19 février, 12 h 30, Victoria Hall. *A Family Journey with a Transgender Child* avec Kimberley Manning, Ph.D. Présentée en collaboration avec le Cercle canadien des femmes de Montréal. 10 \$. 514 989-5226.

Spectacle : Bowser & Blue

Le samedi 23 février, 19 h, Victoria Hall. Les légendes montréalaises Bowser & Blue présentent leur spectacle *Local, Organic & Sustainable*. Bar payant. Billets 30 \$, disponibles au Victoria Hall, la Bibliothèque publique de Westmount, ou en ligne à Eventbrite.ca. 514 989-5226.

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CITY HALL

Public notice: public consultation meeting February 27, 2019

Wednesday, February 27, 7 p.m., City Hall. Council will hold a public consultation meeting on the subject of draft by-law 7525 concerning zoning – office type commercial activities in zone R9-32-01. The purpose of the consultation is to explain the draft by-law and to hear every person wishing to express an opinion. For more information, consult the Public Notices page at westmount.org.

SPORTS & RECREATION

Registration: spring and summer activities

Begins February 12. Consult the activities guide online at westmount.org or pick up a paper copy at City Hall, Victoria Hall or the Westmount Recreation Centre. Important reminder: you must re-activate your online account for 2019 before registration or just bring two proofs of residence to the Sports and Recreation office at the MRC.

LIBRARY

2019 McEntyre Writing Competition

Calling all Westmount elementary and high school students take part in this year's McEntyre Writing Competition by submitting an original story, poem or essay on the theme *It's Okay to Be Different*. Submit your entry to the Library's Children's Desk no later than 9 p.m. Friday, April 5, 2019. westlib.org.

Tales and Travels Series

Fridays to February 15, 1 p.m., Library. A weekly activity for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and dementia. Registration required. 514 989-5530.

French Book Club

Monday, February 18, 1 p.m., Library. *Emmanuel Carrère*. Led by Gisèle Magny. 514 989-5299.

Poetry Workshop with Ann Lloyd

Wednesday, February 20, 10:15 a.m., Library. The Westmount Poetry Group meets to compose poetry together working with themes proposed by members. Everyone welcome. 514 989-5299.

Next Council Meeting Monday, March 4

Reading group for Joyce's *Finnegans Wake*: *The Boaters and Sifters of ALP*

Wednesday, February 20, 7 p.m., Library. Join the circle for a discussion of Joyce's masterpiece. Bring a copy of the book. 514 989-5299.

Film Club

Tuesday, February 26, 2 p.m., Victoria Hall. *The Wife* (2017). Tickets required. 514 989-5299.

English Book Club

Monday, February 26, 7 p.m., Library. *Island Allendes in the Midst of Winter*. Led by Carly Vanderriendt. 514 989-5299.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Gallery at Victoria Hall: call for projects

February 15 to April 15. The Gallery at Victoria Hall invites emerging or professional artists residing in Westmount to apply for its 2019-2020 exhibition season. Deadline: April 15, 2019. For more information on how to apply, visit westmount.org. 514 989-5265 / galeriesbkj@westmount.org.

Gallery at Victoria Hall: exhibition

Until February 15. The Gallery is pleased to present a group exhibition featuring artists Caroline Benchetrit, Hubert Cachat, and John Reimann. Gallery hours: Mon-Fri 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sat 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 514 989-5265.

Afternoon Lecture Series

Tuesday, February 19, 12:30 p.m., Victoria Hall. *A Family Journey with a Transgender Child* with Kimberley Manning, Ph.D. Presented in collaboration with The Women's Canadian Club of Montreal. \$10. 514 989-5226.

Concert: Bowser & Blue

Saturday, February 23, 7 p.m., Victoria Hall. Local Montreal legends Bowser & Blue perform their show *Local, Organic & Sustainable*. Cash bar. Tickets: \$30, available at Victoria Hall, the Westmount Public Library, or at Eventbrite.ca. 514 989-5226.

PUBLIC WORKS

Outdoor skating rinks

Updates on the conditions of the outdoor rinks can be found at westmount.org/rinks.



Retail Watch

An assortment of news about retailers and retail spaces in Westmount. If you have retail news, please email us at david.price@westmountindependent.com before the 21st of each month. Major changes since the last coverage (December 4, p. 27) in bold.

GREENE AVE. AREA

Construction under way

Lucille's, 4124 St. Catherine St, is closed for renovations.

1358-60 Greene Ave. Construction of building façade looks complete, but there was no signage on February 8.
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.
1308 Greene Ave.
1215 Greene Ave. (south of de Maisonneuve), former site of Lou Goldberg Jeweller

Narnia, cont'd. from p. 1

nia's arrival there "will bring new energy to space that has been underutilized for many years as well as needed revenue."

It says the partnership with Narnia "is in keeping with our tradition of building bridges with the broader community" and it thanks the city for its "commitment to ensuring the continued viability of houses of worship in our community."

While the daycare will not be operational at its new site until July 1, it will have occupancy as of April 1.

Meets city objectives

The relocation meets two city objectives, explained Councillor Cynthia Lul-

1212 Greene Ave.
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
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VICTORIA VILLAGE

New

Office of Christina Miller, real estate broker, 326 Victoria Ave.

Coming

Office of Joseph Montanaro, real estate broker, 4918 Sherbrooke St. (upper), former site of Made in Italy

Moved/Moving

Artgold's shop at 4937 Sherbrooke St. has been rented to Ben & Tournesol, currently at 4915 Sherbrooke,

ham, urban planning commissioner for zoning, economic development and parks. These are attracting young families with children to the community and repurposing heritage houses of worship.

"So we're doing the walk to go with the talk," she says.

To provide Narnia with a playground after its move, the city will fence in the playground in Queen Elizabeth Gardens, the park on the north side of Sherbrooke at Wood, which it had already been planning.

Narnia, a government subsidized centre was founded 35 years ago at Westmount Park School by Barbara Kaiser. Litvack succeeded her in 2003.

beginning in March. Artgold has moved upstairs.

Bois et Cuir, 5014 Sherbrooke St., has moved to 3000 St. Antoine St. W., at Atwater Ave.

Closed/closing

Brasserie Melrose at the former site of Brasserie Central, Well House and Mess Hall, 4858 Sherbrooke, is closed.

The North Face boutique at 4924 Sherbrooke St. (south side) is having a closing sale run by Continental auctioneers

Happy Legs' store at 4928A Sherbrooke St. is closed but it continues as a website.

Swiss Chocolatier, 4945 Sherbrooke St., is closed.

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

4883 Sherbrooke St., former site of Manteaux Manteaux pop-up store.

4909 Sherbrooke St.

4920 Sherbrooke St., former site of La Canadienne's Westmount location

4926 Sherbrooke St., former site of Evolve toy pop-up store and, before that, JoshuaDavid

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1111 Atwater launches website, part of ‘Children’s’

The 1111 Atwater project recently launched its website, www.1111atwater.com. It is sparse on details, and at least one resident of south-east Westmount had the impression that this new building would be built on the southeast corner of Dorchester/René Lévesque and Atwater in Montreal. That is not the case.

The building is a part of the development on the former Children’s Hospital site. It is being built by EMD-Batimo, spokesman Pierre Ali told the *Independent* by phone on February 7,



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in Westmount (about 10 percent) and downtown Montreal (about 90 percent). Other groups are building other parts of the development.

The building will have 22 condos on the top eight floors, with an entrance on Atwater near Tupper, and approximately 30 floors for a seniors’ residence, with an entrance on René Lévesque. The goal is to have retail or restaurants on the bottom floors.

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Contactivity/Westmount luncheon decades-old tradition

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Seniors at Westmount’s Contactivity Centre took part in a longstanding tradition on February 7 when they sat down to a lunch of barbecue chicken that was ordered in as part of the Westmount Winter Carnival festivities.

The Winter Carnival luncheon is a custom at Contactivity Centre that goes back decades. As Valentine’s Day is just around the corner when the carnival is taking place, organizers at Contactivity Centre also mark the day dedicated to love.

Another tradition during the carnival luncheon holds that staffers from the city of Westmount’s Sports and Recreation department help out by serving tables.

Keyboard player Greg Inniss, a long-time contributor to events at the centre,

added to the merriment with his musical talent.

In all, nearly 100 Contactivity Centre members and guests were served, according to the centre’s director Mary Stark. “We have slightly more people in for Christmas dinner, but this is one of the year’s bigger events,” she said.

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1. On Monday, February 4, 2019, the Municipal Council adopted, by resolution, the first draft of a by-law entitled “*BY-LAW 1535 TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 1303 – OFFICE TYPE COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES IN ZONE R9-32-01*”.
2. Council will hold a public consultation meeting on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West in Westmount.
3. The legal notice relating to the foregoing is available at: <https://westmount.org/en/resident-zone/legal-services-city-clerks-office/public-notices/>

www.westmount.org

Beside the seaside – at Victoria Hall



Social Notes

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Dress code suggested “seaworthy” for Westmount’s Under the Sea eve at Victoria Hall.

Children rose to the occasion. Two little girls “planned their outfits for eight weeks,” said mother Laurie Campbell. And, indeed, their sartorial sense showed. Lilli Griffin was resplendent in sequins (including matching sparkling shoes) and her friend Leila King was stylish in a teal two-piece. Julia Camacho, aged 3½, was precious in a pretty abalone shell pink dress. Maia Fiset Ghaouti wore butterfly wings, the better to fly over soaring surf. Jeanne Rossini wore the palest sea-foam green outfit. One lad wore his Batman cape and Mika Huynh came as a “transformer.” *continued on p. 17*



Ashley Baker, Emily Gamble, Donna Lach and Ron Harris.



Mary Gallery and Julie-Anne Cardella.



Claude Danis, Andrew Maislin and Jennifer Heaps.

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Westmount Winter Carnival activities in King George Park



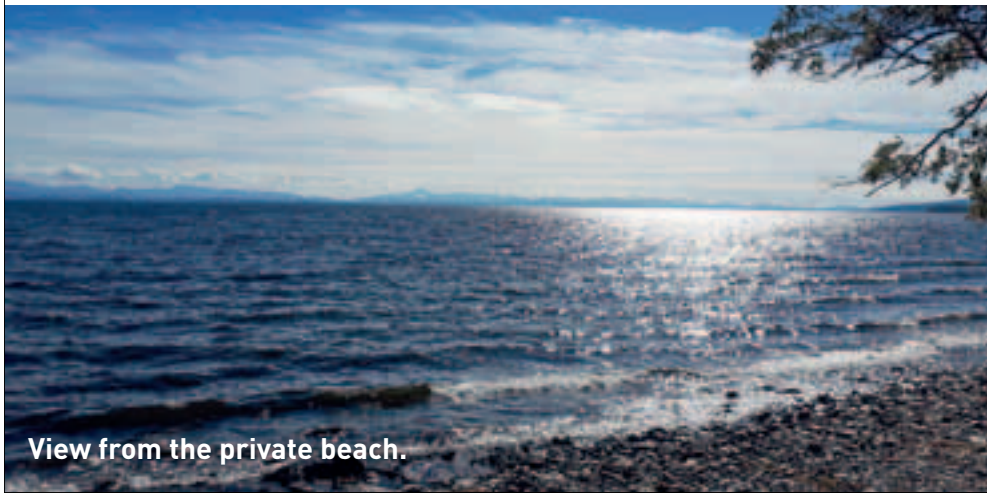
A program of activities held in Westmount's King George Park last Saturday February 9 as part of the city's three-day Winter Carnival included horse-drawn sleigh rides, family skating and an old-fashioned maple sugar shack. As can be seen in the photo of the horse-drawn sleigh, the icy surface of Murray Park was treacherous enough to cause the clearly-alarmed horse on the left to nearly lose its footing at one point. PHOTOS: MARTIN C. BARRY



Among those who enjoyed maple taffy on snow at the sugar shack were Westmounters Oren Nutik and his daughter Olivia. The day's activities also included snowman building, inflatable games, a bonfire, hockey and puck shooting contests, and skating with mascots.



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But youngsters weren't the only ones in colourful costumes.

Volunteers borrowed wonderful swishing sea-glass-hued long skirts from the children's department at the Westmount Public Library. Greeting guests, the hard-working gang topped their oceanic outfits with crowns à la Greek goddess-queens-of-the-sea. The night's tidal theme was carried out high overhead. Hanging from the ceiling were "jellyfish" created from round paper lanterns and "tentacles" made of streamers.

A Neptune's trident with tiny shells pasted on by diligent workers added a briny touch to the winebar. Cardboard-cut-out portholes transformed the dullish wood panelled walls.

But the stand-out was the stage. Blow-up creatures attracted young and old alike. A grinning bright green crocodile joined a



Fiona Smith

silvery slithery shark and a curiously cuddly pink octopus. A video presented gorgeous National Geographic-worthy images of sea creatures: a turtle swam under turquoise waves, parrot fish partied in packs and a massive breaching whale added to the marine magic.

Although some children arrived somewhat shyly, they quickly joined the popular play table where they coloured fun fish. At each table, some young ones (and adults!) worked on the activity booklets full of quizzes and games.

Food? Fish – of course! Delicious fish filets were served with kale salad.

Everything moved smoothly thanks to the efforts of volunteers from École Internationale, as well as Shay Lipensky, Marie-Léa Boutin and Fiona Smith, community outreach at Contactivity. Andrew Maislin, Claude Danis and Jennifer Heaps from Westmount's Sports and Recreation department, and Westmount's library and community events director Julie-Anne Cardella and assistant director Donna Lach ensured the wave-worthy night was a success.

City councillor Mary Gallery, in sea-sapphire blue, hoped for a "sunny Saturday" when Westmount's 36th Winter Carnival



Patrick Huynh, Mika Huynh and Sandrine Ohayon.

continued at King George (Murray) Park with snowman-building contests, sleigh rides, a sugar shack and free hot chocolate.

What a see-worthy community!



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Destruction of the old, raised 720 highway in southern Westmount continued on January 26 between St. Margaret's seniors' home on Hillside Ave. and the Imperial Tobacco headquarters on St. Antoine St. in St. Henri. The work is a part of the Turcot interchange reconstruction by the KPH-Turcot construction consortium.

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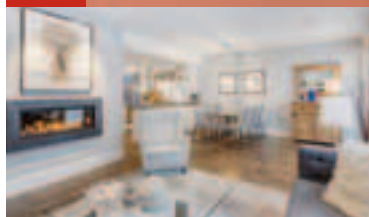
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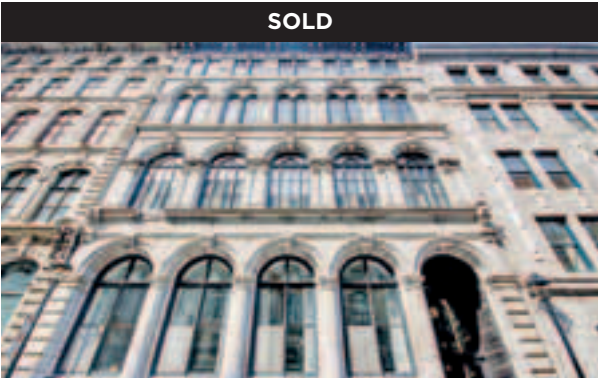
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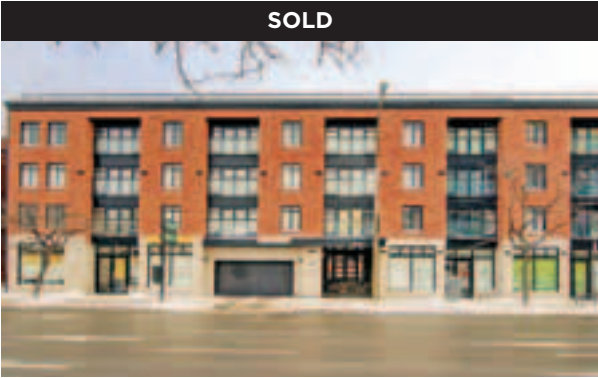
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