

People were ‘hopping mad,’ one resident says

City point-person works full time to resolve garbage issues

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city has had an employee working full time on issues related to the collection of garbage by a new contractor that took over the routes starting May 1, according to city director general Benoit Hurtubise. The previous firm held the contract for some eight to 10 years, he said.

“We have had quite a few complaints,” he acknowledged, “but the contractor is collaborating. It’s getting better and I’m hoping all will be addressed in another week or so.”

And this appeared to be so last week for many in the Victoria village area. This

seemed to have been the hardest hit, judging from a rash of complaints received by the *Independent*.

“People have been hopping mad,” summarized one resident of the area.

Hurtubise said the new contractor, which does the route once a week for residential buildings and twice for commercial, “is not unwilling” to do the work correctly but there are many peculiarities to work out in the congested area of mixed residential/commercial buildings.

These include the placement of bins, identifying their owners, knowing how to access them and learning other quirks of the route.

This is the *Independent’s* third-to-last issue before our usual summer break.

Public Works yard gets even thinner



Looking east on June 18 at a part of Westmount’s Public Works yard at the foot of Bethune St., south of the Westmount recreation centre. To the right/south of the construction hoarding, the provincial ministry of Transport has taken over a small portion of this already slim piece of land as part of its work on the Turcot/720/136 project. Some will be returned; some will not.

PHOTO: RALPH THOMPSON.

Almost inaccessible

At some homes, the garbage is placed at the

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North-south bike routes to be named July 2

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council is expected to announce two experimental north-south connectors to the east-west bike routes at the meeting July 2, Mayor Christina Smith said last week.

Proposals were discussed at the general committee meeting June 17.

These have been requested by cyclists for several years and recommended in the city’s Traffic Master Plan prepared by consultants and adopted September 10, 2013.

Now that Westmount’s westbound bike

path along Côte St. Antoine connects with the one in NDG following repaving of the street in that district, it is expected that the connectors might link this to the de Maisonneuve “commuter” route and possibly with the eastbound bike path on Westmount Ave.

There are still a few details to be worked out, she explained.

The only north-south bike path in Westmount is south of de Maisonneuve Blvd. on Lansdowne and Glen Rd. This continues into the one on de Courcelle in St. Henri.

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Bantam, PeeWee As win baseball pennants



Westmount's Bantam A Wings after their victory over CSL.

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Westmount's Bantam A Wings won the championship of the inter-community spring baseball league. The finals were a best of three series against the Côte St. Luc Athletics. They won game one 7-2 and game two 7-6.

Westmount's PeeWee As also won the league championship, against Côte St. Luc Avengers. Game one was 7-2 for Westmount, then 7-3 for CSL, then 9-8 for Westmount.

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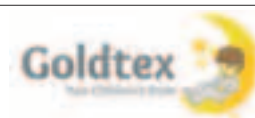


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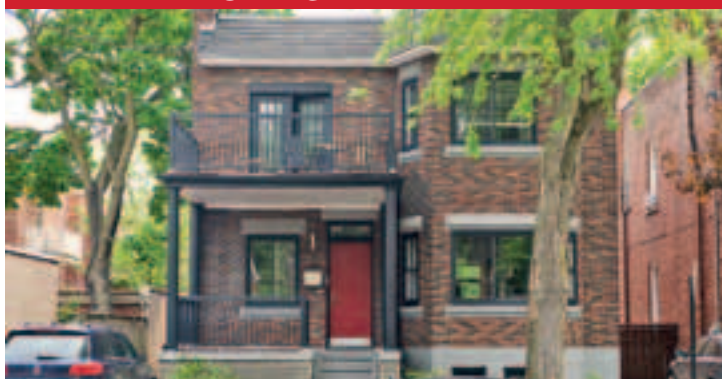


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Rooftop structure at 4160 Sherbrooke

Legal status of condo unit gets council's OK

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A zoning “variance” for the condo building at 4160 Sherbrooke received final approval from city council June 3. This was a change requested to allow the legal conversion of a rooftop common-use structure into a private residential condo unit. It had been used for this purpose over several

years.

The unique request had been required to go through the complex process for non-conforming projects called SCAOPI, for specific construction, alteration or occupancy proposal for an immovable (see story January 22, p. 8).

Final adoption of a resolution to grant the change came after no valid petitions

had been received by the city to open a referendum register on what had been called “a corrective measure.”

The unit was reported to have stood vacant for several years after its purchase from the building and then rented. The owner, however, had been unable to obtain a permit from the city to renovate and upgrade it and would not be able to sell it until its legal status was resolved.

When the six-storey building was built in 1989, the rooftop structure had been approved for the recreational use of all the condo residents. At a public consultation meeting April 25, potential approval of the conversion to private use was criticized as creating a possible precedent for other roof-top units that had also been also approved for common use (see story May 7, p. 1).



4160 Sherbrooke on May 9.

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Selwyn House School has taught us so many valuable lessons. It has taught us how to work in a team, bring humour into almost any situation so that difficult tasks can be more enjoyable, and how hard work really does pay off. I hope that all of us will take these lessons forward and put them into practice for the rest of our lives.

Charlie McLernon, Valedictorian

Demolition hearing for 45 Roxborough

Removal of roof approved to allow a second storey

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council acting as the city's Demolition Committee June 17 approved a request for the roof of a one-storey house at 45 Roxborough to be removed in order to add a second storey. An add-on solarium at the side is also to be demolished.

The decision was based in large measure on a favourable recommendation from the city's Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) and in part on only one letter of comment received, which did not raise objection to the partial demolition but rather to the project's timeline and impacts on the neighbourhood.

The letter writer, a neighbour whose house backs onto the Roxborough one, attended the meeting expressing concerns mainly about the height differences in the properties.

A resolution allowing the demolition contained a number of the city's standard conditions such as regulations regarding blasting (if required) and the submission of a site management plan as well as a monetary guarantee.

In this case, \$186,040 is to be paid before issuance of a demolition permit. This



One-storey 45 Roxborough, in the shadow of St. Joseph's Oratory, is shown beside the two-storey home next door.

represents 10 percent of the declared value of the project (\$1,860,400) to be retained until "substantial completion" of the work authorized by the building permit for the replacement program.

Built in 1955 on Roxborough near the intersection of Devon, the house has a Category III heritage rating. This generally

means it is not opposed by the PAC as long as the replacement project meets by-law and design criteria. The solarium at one side of the rear was built in 1987.

To better integrate

The PAC's recommendation had stated the demolition "is not warranted by poor

building condition" but that the replacement project on two floors will "better integrate" the house into the neighbourhood and streetscape (see story May 21, p. 7).

A posting of the plans outside the house as well as a legal notice stated that written comments could be received by the city no later than May 24.

Interestingly, similar approval was given almost five years ago to remove the roof of a bungalow a block away at 26 Shorncliffe (corner of Roxborough) and add a second storey (see story October 28, 2014, p. 3).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHAT ABOUT THE PEOPLE?

I noticed that in the last edition of the *Independent*, there were two letters to the editor about the sad fate of the ducklings in Westmount Park. The letter writers were rightly dismayed by what they witnessed.

However, I am wondering if the citizens of Westmount could be equally dismayed by the fate of at least 12 of our homeless brothers and sisters since the closing of The Open Door shelter [at Atwater and Dorchester], which was forced to move to the Plateau. The homeless who frequent Cabot Square are left with limited resources and police harassment to boot, with everything from tight municipal purse strings to the redesign of the square working against them.

NIMBY cannot be exercised all the time. As a Westmount resident who lives near the former Open Door, I was greeted there by friendly and professional staff and was saddened to learn about their moving. Surely, we can exercise a bit of humanity and come together to help our fellow citizens, whose make-up is largely of the Indigenous peoples of this land that we enjoy. Surely, we have it in us as a community.

STEFANIA MUSTILLO, ST. CATHERINE ST.

WARNINGS AREN'T ALWAYS ENOUGH

The morning of June 16, I read a notice on the new metal temporary fencing around the concrete area in Westmount Park: "Coming, 21st June. Fitness Equip-

ment for Adults. Thank You for Your Patience during Installation."

Being curious, I entered the enclosed area through an opening in the fence. And I read a notice attached on each piece of equipment stating:

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- * Failure to follow warnings and instructions may create hazards if not avoided could cause serious injury or death.
- * The equipment is designed for users aged 13 and older. Keep young children away.
- * Obtain a medical exam before beginning an exercise program.
- * Installation on a hard surface such as concrete, asphalt or packed earth may result in serious injury or death from falls.
- * Remove drawstrings and accessories from around the neck.
- * Keep body hair and clothing free and clear of all moving parts.
- * Equipment and surfaces may become HOT and cause burns. Check surfaces prior to using equipment.
- * Cease exercise if you feel faint or dizzy.
- * If you are unsure of how to use equipment visit playisi.COM/ab for further instructions.
- * Do not climb on equipment other than instructed.
- * Do not attach straps, bands or similar items to equipment.
- * Immediately report to the owner any equipment that is not functioning prop-

erly and for any instructions or labels that are damaged or not functioning or illegible.

- * One user at a time
- * Do not attempt to fix any equipment that appears damaged or inoperable.
- * Do not use the equipment if under influence of alcohol or drugs.
- * Designed for users up to 300 lbs or 136 kg.

The above notice in capitals: A WARNING was followed by Instructions in small print best read with the help of a magnifying glass.

Would users coming to use this open air gym have to come with birth certificate to prove they are aged 13 or older?

Would there always be an officer at opening times to check the age of all users? And would the officer have equipment to test users for alcohol and drugs?

Would a telephone be installed at the scene for urgent medical calls in cases of serious injury?

Or death?

I presume that the mayor of Westmount presumes that the notices attached to equipment will protect the city from any and all responsibility in cases of serious injury or death in this open air gym in the concreted heart of Westmount Park. And that our mayor believes that all residents are awaiting ever so patiently for its completion on the 21st of June: a very significant date.

STEPHEN CHIN, SHERBROOKE ST.

WESTMOUNT PARKING APP TOOK OUR MONEY WHEN NOT WARRANTED

On June 6, my husband parked our car on Greene Ave. near Sherbrooke. It was 5:45 pm and since we knew we wouldn't return for a while, we put in a payment on the parking app for the maximum two hours.

However, when we looked at the sign with the parking hours further up the street we discovered there is no longer any charge for parking after 6 pm on Thursday and Friday.

If that is the case, the parking app should not have accepted payment.

I had this problem several months ago and discussed it with a public safety officer at the Westmount station. He told me that it is up to the driver to read the signs. In my opinion, this is nothing more than a cash grab.

On the Montreal app, you are informed when payment is not required. I do not understand why Westmount cannot do the same.

ANNA CHORAN, SHERBROOKE ST.

BE VIGILANT!

On a rare occasion, a few days ago, I forgot to lock my car.

It seems in the middle of the night a thief went along the lane between Hallowell and Bruce avenues, and – you guessed it – found my car easy to rob.

Luckily, there was only \$20 in change for parking etc.

So this is an advisory: there seem to be "thieves in the neighbourhood."

We often see individuals looking earnestly at the backs of our homes. Be vigilant.

VERONICA REDGRAVE, HALLOWELL AVE.

WE DO TELL RESIDENTS ABOUT BOIL-WATER ADVISORIES

In response to resident concerns about being notified of a boil-water advisory (e.g. "Please tell us when we must boil water," June 18, p. 9), it is important to note that only residents impacted by the boil-water advisory will be contacted. If uncertain, a call to Public Works or a visit to the city website would clear that up for any resident and avoid concern.

When there is a boil-water advisory, each resident impacted receives a notification at their house.

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Once conforming results are received, the boil-water advisory is then lifted and a new set of notices is distributed to all addresses within the sector.

PHILIP CUTLER, COUNCILLOR FOR DISTRICT 2 & COMMISSIONER OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND INNOVATION

Editor's note: From other correspondence that I have seen on this matter, it is clear to me now that our original letter writer's friend on Windsor Ave. was *not* in the affected zone, and so did not receive a notice because she was not affected. – DP.

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Calls current law 'a slippery slope'

Smith signs Bill 21 affidavit filed in court

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Mayor Christina Smith said last week she had signed an affidavit submitted in Quebec Superior Court as part of a legal action against Quebec Bill 21. This is legislation adopted June 16 that limits the wearing of religious symbols by public servants in positions of authority including teachers and police.

"The affidavit is support of our application for a stay," explained lawyer Catherine McKenzie, who is the wife of the *Independent's* editor. This is an "interim" stay (or measure to suspend application of the law) pending judicial review.

Smith's was the only affidavit from a local mayor, she said.

Mayor Smith, who told the *Independent* she did not sign the application on behalf of the council, identifies herself as mayor and states in the affidavit dated June 14 how the council had already adopted a secularism resolution embracing diversity and calls the legislation "a slippery slope."

Morin seeks improved enforcement

Still recovering from being knocked down by one of several kids on bikes in Westmount Park May 5, 85-year-old Serge Morin attended the city council meeting June 3 accompanied by members of his family. He asked for greater enforcement of the rule to walk bicycles in the park. Without any "guardian" on duty at the time, he also asked for greater surveillance, as had his wife in a letter to the *Independent* (May 14, p. 6). Mayor Christina Smith directed him to local police Station 12 commander, Martine Dubuc, who was present. — LS

This, she says in the document, could lead to restrictions against other persons working for the city such as public safety officers, who are not police agents, and even elected officials.

Who can say the current list of persons affected by the law will not be increased? she says.

The government's adoption of Bill 21 was discussed by the Westmount council in general committee June 17, Mayor Smith said last week.

"We reiterated how disappointed and shocking it is along with the addition of a policing force." While she doesn't see it affecting anyone employed by the city at present, she *continued on p. 17*



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This is unfair and gives some rural areas twice the political weight of residents of our part of the province.

Minority communities in Quebec tend to be concentrated in some parts of the island of Montreal and the current electoral map particularly devalues their votes. On December 3 and 4, the court will hear the complaint against the director general of elections. However, the ability to see the case through resides on the continued support from ordinary citizens such as yourself. I am seeking contributions from residents and supporters to help win this struggle.

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Challenges geared to ‘the natural world’

Summer reading program kicks off at children’s library

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The children’s summer reading club at Westmount Public Library started off on a perfect-weather day June 17 for getting a head start on this year’s theme of “The Natural World” for libraries participating in the nation-wide TD Summer Reading Club.

“We went out into the Storytelling Garden and planted small petunia plants so each child could have something to take home and care for,” said children’s librarian Wendy Wayling.

There were 14 participants on the first day, a number that last year increased to 310 after the club went into full swing once schools closed for the holidays.

The bilingual program is open to all children “from zero to 14,” Wayling said, noting that parents are encouraged to read to the younger ones, including infants.

This year’s theme will lead to different “challenges” and activities that include ani-

mals, trees, leaves and types of clouds. Owl pellets will be dissected to discover what the owl had digested. There will be a mad scientist program on bugs, one on weather and others such as fossils from the Redpath Museum as well as a workshop on bees. The children can see bees at the two hives on the library’s roof.

Weekly prizes

Participants must do one hour of reading before undertaking one of the challenges. There are weekly draws for prizes that include gift certificates and tickets for the Eco and Redpath museums. “The more they read, the more chances they have to win,” Wayling explains.

The free TD Summer Reading Club is described by Wayling as presented by some 2,600 library branches across Canada involving 718,399 participants. In 2014, Westmount won first prize in the English category for how it had delivered the program locally (see story June 17, 2014, p. 5).



A view of the library from Westmount Park on June 20.

PHOTO: INDEPENDENT.



Victorian complexity: this heavy metal garbage bin behind the apartment building at 359 Victoria is hemmed in by parked cars and a fence.

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back (as the city encourages), while some row houses put it out front. At one apartment building on Victoria that adjoins the Metro parking lot, its heavy metal bin is almost inaccessible, hemmed in by parked cars and a fence.

“The former contractor used to throw the garbage over the fence,” says Silvia “Sisi” Bortoluzzi, whose Boutique Bodywares Sisi along with Café Crème is one of the two commercial outlets at the building’s ground level.

Depending how the contractor pushes the bin against the fence, it can be too difficult to open or close and Bortoluzzi fears the attraction of rats.

“It’s a learning curve for the new contractor. They had no one to pass them the torch,” said Barry Friedberg, whose office building at 310 Victoria has faced irregular pick-ups.

“We never knew when they were coming. Sometimes they missed us completely. We’d call Public Works but the information we got depended on who answered the phone.”

The new contractor, Derichebourg Canada Environment Inc. won the new three-year contract from GSI Environmental Inc. (Matrec) with a lower bid March 4 when the tender was awarded by city council.

Underestimated complexities?

“Maybe the reason the new company was able to submit a lower bid was because they underestimated the complexities of

the area,” suggests John Campbell of Campbell Framing. He has been meeting with the city over the situation as president of the Victoria Merchants Association.

“The lane behind our store (on the south side of Sherbrooke [between Claremont and Prince Albert] is so narrow,” he says, “that the big garbage truck has problems if there are delivery trucks in the alley. It also has all the commercial garbage to pick up from the stores on one side as well as the residential garbage on the other side” from the houses on Winchester.

At one point, Campbell said, the alley was full of garbage. “But it seems better today. The alley is clean.”

David Smith of Environnement Électronique, which backs onto the same lane, also says the situation seemed to have been resolved, adding “one week at a time,” but he “wasn’t sure why it took so long to remedy.”

When the new contract was awarded, it was noted that the change in companies would be “a transition” but that the “good news” was that the three-year contract to Derichebourg for \$1,029,693 was cheaper than the Matrec bid of \$1,365,706.

The contract from May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2022 has two renewable options.

Asked if there are penalties the city can impose on the contractor if needed, Hurtubise said there could be similar ones to those that had been assessed against the recycling contractor, but he hopes the more familiar that Derichebourg becomes with the route, this won’t be necessary.

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The man driving the red car in the foreground worked June 14 to fend off the attempt by the driver of the grey car to enter the Metro grocery store's Victoria Ave. lot. At one point just prior to this photograph, he was actually out of his car. The grey car's driver did not seem fazed.

PHOTO: INDEPENDENT.



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History by
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ANDY DODGE

The urbanization of Westmount, especially in the 1950s and 1960s, meant that many of the city’s older mansions developed “foot soldiers” in their front or side yards, in some cases because the owners ran out of money to pay the taxes (or needed the capital) and in others because buyers foresaw the opportunity to ease the purchase price by selling off the “excess” land.

The latter seems to have been the case in the appearance of 3279 and 3289 Cedar Ave., one on either side of the driveway leading to 3283 Cedar Ave., a huge mansion built in 1880 (or so) by Charles Wilson Mason Macdonald and since demolished. (The land of that property is currently for sale.)

Macdonald describes himself as a “gentleman” in the 1879 deed of purchase of a piece of land on what was commonly known at the time as “Brehaut’s Hill,” the driveway leading straight up Westmount mountain from “Côte St. Antoine Rd.” (now part of Sherbrooke St.), past the Rosemount mansion (of William Young), all the

Butterflies!



These butterflies were seen on the sidewalk on Prince Albert near Burton on June 19.

PHOTO: INDEPENDENT.

3289 Cedar Ave.: One of Westmount’s ‘foot soldiers’

way to Braemar, built by James Eadie and then owned by William Brehaut.

From Brehaut’s Hill to Mountain St.

As other buyers bought land for construction of mansions, the driveway became Mountain St. Henry Earle built a mansion above Rosemount and then sold off the land just north of his own mansion (now 3284 Cedar) to James Muir, who then sold to Macdonald.

For years, Charles W.M. Macdonald is listed in Lovell’s Directory as living on Mountain Ave., but with no indication of his professional status, nor were we able to find references in various other sources of information.

In 1893 he attached the name “Hazel Craig” to his residence, but the next year his address became 4245 Boulevard – attaching him to a new street that ran from Mount Pleasant Ave. to the west city limits, though the only address west of Mountain Ave. was St. George’s Snowshoe Club, at the corner of what is now Aberdeen Ave.

Boulevard (no ‘The’), Avenue Rd., then Cedar

The name “Boulevard” (without “The”) stayed until 1913 when the eastern-most section of what is now The Boulevard was opened and so named, and what is now Cedar became Avenue Rd. The civic number remained 4245.

The current name of Cedar Ave. (“avenue des Cèdres” in some deeds) was not given to this section of road until 1931, when the civic number for this property changed to 3283.

Macdonald apparently remained in the house until 1927 when he sold to Sarah Lemieux, a spinster who married Joseph Brochu in 1931.

Brochu’s name appears in the Lovell’s Directory for 1931 as working for “Sterling Corporation” – there were several companies using the name “Sterling” in Montreal at the time.

By 1932, a tenant had moved in: R.T. Ferguson, manager at Gooderham & Worts Ltd., distillers located on Peel St. in downtown Montreal. Ferguson remained at the address for the next decade until, in late 1941, the city seized the property for unpaid taxes of \$5,500 and sold it, two years later, to Stuart Dunlop, a contractor, all the while honouring the lease with Ferguson.

In 1945, the tenant changed to Alec Beique, a civil engineer with Consolidated Paper.

At the time, the lot measured 191.5 feet wide by 188 feet deep, thus 36,000 square feet or 3,345 square meters, and with the house at the back of the lot to increase its height and thus view over the river, there



3289 Cedar Ave. on June 7.

was plenty of space along the Cedar Ave. frontage without disturbing the existing mansion.

Subdivision

Dunlop apparently couldn’t accomplish his plans for the property and so sold to Freda Hymovitch, wife of William Morris, who ran a gift shop on St. Lawrence Blvd. and appears to have distributed Venetian blinds as a sideline, though that part of his trade appears to have become more important over the ensuing years. It was they who eventually determined that the 191.5-foot frontage on Cedar Ave. was enough to allow for subdivisions on either side of the driveway to the mansion, and in 1962 they arranged with the city to subdivide for two houses, all the while keeping the driveway from construction, which would have blocked off access to 3283 Cedar.

By the summer of 1963, permits were issued for the construction of two dwellings for \$35,000 each, including 3279 and 3287 (later to become 3289) Cedar Ave.

Morris created a company called “Willmor Discount Corp.” to oversee construction and they quickly sold 3289 Cedar to Dr. Horst Hubert Rosmus, a Shefferville radiologist and surgeon, whose major claim to fame came in 1959 when he was present at the death of Maurice Duplessis.

Recent owners

Dr. Rosmus stayed only three years before passing 3289 Cedar off to Peter Raymond Shaddick, executive vice-president of international banking for the Bank of Montreal.

In 1974, Robert Bandeen was appointed

president of CN Rail and purchased the house, moving from Toronto. In 1978 he moved on to Daulac Rd. and passed the house to Maurice Auger, who stayed there briefly but sold the house to a company presided over by Roger E. Baker, a lawyer who was to move on to a judgeship in 1993.

It appears the house was leased to Dr. Alessandro Sorrentino for a number of years, then in 1988 it was sold to Beverley Light, who moved in with her husband, Jerry Glazer. She is a psychologist who specializes in drug and alcohol dependency.

This time the tenure was 12 years until she sold to Kamal Mekhael and Mona Sarguis, who have a private insurance agency, in 2000. During their nine years of ownership the house tripled in value when they sold it in August 2009, for \$2,900,000. The final sale price in 2013 was \$3,500,000. The municipal valuation for 2017 is \$3,361,200.

History of 3289 Cedar Ave. (since construction)

Date	Buyer	Price
07 Nov 1963	Willmor Discount Corporation	\$40,000
11 May 1965	Dr. Horst Hubert Rosmus	\$72,500
13 Dec 1968	Peter Raymond Shaddick	\$72,000
31 Aug 1972	Dr. Robert Angus Bandeen	\$78,000
17 Jan 1978	Maurice Auger	\$125,000
13 Jun 1980	Magna Virtus Holding Ltd. (Roger E. Baker, pres.)	\$230,000
05 May 1988	Beverley Light	\$635,000
03 Jul 2000	Mona Sarguis & Kamal Mekhael	\$850,000
03 Aug 2009	Thi Quoc Anh Nguyen	\$2,900,000
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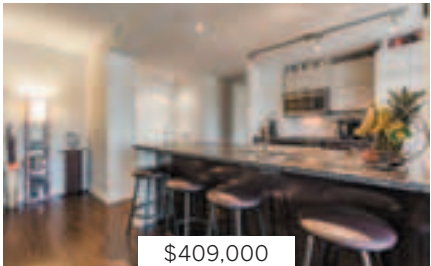
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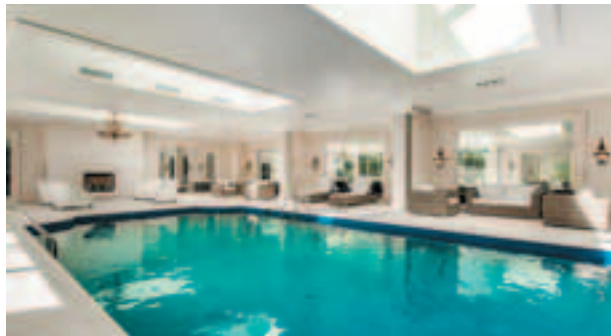
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From left, Phil Jones (bass and vocals), Westmounter Stephen Weinstein (guitar, harmonica and vocals), Suzanne Gagnier (vocals), Helen Binik (vocals and percussion), Brian Nicholson (guitar and vocals) and Andrew Toeman (banjo).

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Senior Staff and friends played at the 12th annual Folk Fest sur le Canal June 15

in the Lhasa de Sela tent. “Despite the rain, the tent was filled to capacity with eager and enthusiastic singers of all ages,” said band member and Westmounter Stephen Weinstein in an email afterwards to the *Independent*.

Lyric sheets were handed out and the audience sang along to Bob Dylan’s “Blow-in’ in the Wind,” John Denver’s “Leaving

on a Jet Plane” and Pete Seeger’s “Where Have All the Flowers Gone?”

The audience stood for Leonard Cohen’s “Hallelujah” and sang “this anthem with power and emotion,” he continued.

“The show ended with a raucous version of Woodie Guthrie’s “This Land is Your Land” – the Canadian version. With

big smiles all around and loud applause, the universal power of music was obvious.”



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First collaboration between St. Matthias, Shaar choirs

Jamie Bernstein emcees concert about her father, Leonard

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

The emotionally stirring music of Leonard Bernstein filled Congregation Shaar Hashomayim on May 29 during a gala concert paying homage to congregation member Marvin Corber, who was a driving force behind two important capital campaigns at the Westmount synagogue.

Leonard Bernstein's eldest daughter, Jamie, author of the memoir *Famous Father Girl* about her late father, was the concert's narrator, during an evening that saw a first-ever musical collaboration between the Shaar choir and its neighbour from the across the street, the St. Matthias' Anglican Church choir.



Seen here on May 29 at Shaar Hashomayim, Jamie Bernstein, Leonard Bernstein's eldest daughter, narrated the synagogue's tribute to her late father.



Shaar music director Roï Azoulay conducts the McGill Chamber Orchestra, as well as the Shaar and St. Matthias' Anglican Church choirs, on May 29 at Westmount's Congregation Shaar Hashomayim synagogue.

The multimedia event saw several of Bernstein's works performed, including excerpts from *West Side Story*, as well as music that inspired Bernstein by Aaron Copland and Gustav Mahler.

Roï Azoulay and Boris Brott conducted the McGill Chamber Orchestra as well as the choirs. The concert also featured Broadway actress and soprano Leah Edwards and the Shaar's own internationally-renowned tenor, cantor Gideon Zelermyer.



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Many Turcot openings forecast for this year

Glen Rd. to close to vehicles for three weeks this summer



BY DAVID PRICE

The KPH-Turcot construction consortium will close Glen Rd. for three weeks in mid-August, the Turcot Bon Voisinage committee of Westmount, NDG and Montreal West was told June 11 during a public meeting at the St. Raymond community centre in southeast NDG.

The group will be working on the road-bed of the Glen Rd. beneath the 720/136 highway, between the entrances to Home Depot and Hydro Westmount. Pedestrian and cycle access will be maintained.

Other Westmount news

Westmount citizen-member Virginia Elliott asked about the timeline for the resurrection of Selby Park at the foot of Greene. Stéphane Audet of the provincial ministry of Transport (MTQ) said that a three-way discussion is ongoing between the MTQ, KPH-Turcot and the city of Westmount, which “is progressing slowly at this

point,” but should speed up soon given that KPH-Turcot’s work in that area is ending soon.

The only Westmount city councillor in attendance was Kathleen Kez of District 8, who asked about graffiti under the 720/136 highway at Greene and sound barriers.

In general, graffiti on MTQ property at Greene will be removed once a year, as per MTQ practice, said Audet, with exceptions made for hateful or otherwise troublesome examples. At present, KPH-Turcot is sand blasting the installations there before placing a coating that aims to make it possible to remove graffiti with a simple water solution.

When she asked if the city of Westmount could clean it up more often, she was told by Audet, “The city can.”

It was confirmed that sound barriers will only be installed west of Greene. From past meetings, it was clear that these barriers aim to protect residents of St. Henri, not Westmount, which is suing the MTQ

The closed, eastern end of Vendôme Metro station’s bus turnaround on June 13. The western end, also closed, is to the right before the small office building. They will remain so until late August. The work for the MUHC’s Glen tunnel is to the left, largely out of the shot.

for its own barrier.

Turcot news

The vast majority – 97 percent – of the destruction of the old Turcot interchange has been completed, Olivier Beaulieu of KPH-Turcot told the meeting.

Partial closures expected in 2019 include:

- The A15/Decarie autoroute northbound just north of Sherbrooke (one lane of four, for two months starting St. Jean weekend),
 - The 720/136 westbound ramp to the A20 west (one lane of two for one month, starting this fall).
- Openings expected in 2019 include:
- The St. Jacques bridge over the Decarie expressway (late July/early August),
 - The ramp from the A15 north to the 20 west (this fall),
 - The ramp from 20 east to the 15 north (this fall),
 - The Girouard/Sherbrooke St. entrance to the 15 south/Champlain bridge (end of the year),
 - The entrances to the 20 west at Lucien L’Allier and Fort downtown (end of October),
 - Greene Ave. (end of the year).

NDG/St. Raymond news

Several NDG residents asked about final Côte des Neiges-NDG borough plans for various traffic rules and infrastructure items in the St. Raymond district of south-eastern NDG, now that the end of the Turcot project is in sight.

City and borough councillor Peter McQueen took to the open mic to explain that so many details and so many effects of new Turcot and McGill University Health

Centre (MUHC)/Société de transport de Montréal (STM) work are still unknown that proposals cannot be finalized.

For instance, the width of any empty space between the new entrance to the MUHC’s Glen hospital at Vendôme Metro station and the CP train tracks is not known, delaying any possible plans for a bike bridge over Decarie Blvd., which might in turn be connected to a bike path passing that point. He also explained that local residents would see three proposals during a first consultation; leading to a chosen, likely plan with at least one consultation of its own.

At present, the bus turnaround at the Vendôme Metro station is under construction and closed to traffic. Work is being done given the also under-construction entrance to the MUHC and to replace retention basins, the “roof” membranes of the station, the roadway and sidewalks. It is expected to continue until the end of August, the STM told the *Independent* June 12 by email.

Beginning of the end?

The very calm mood, and short length, of the meeting was different from most previous ones.

Montreal West residents decrying the loss the CN rail tunnel at the foot of their town were absent.

And there was a focus on the *ending* of many aspects of the Turcot project for the first time in this reporter’s experience.

The meeting was mainly in French with any English translated into French, as per MTQ practice.

The next public meeting of the Turcot Bon Voisinage committee is planned for an as-yet-unchosen date in October.



Greene Ave. below the 720/136 on June 13. The walls looked graffiti free.

PHOTOS: INDEPENDENT.

Compton remembered for his determination, innovations against polio

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

During Polio Quebec's annual general meeting at the Mackay Centre in NDG on June 7, Westmount writer Marilynn Vanderstaay gave a stirring account of the ordeals faced by late Westmounter Neil Compton when he came down with polio.

According to Vanderstaay, Compton was considered by many to be a highly-visible part of Westmount's fabric, since his house on Metcalfe Ave. was known to many as the "one with the wheelchair ramp."

In 1955 at age 35, he suddenly came down with polio, but managed to work his way back from being confined in an iron lung to regaining his voice, then becoming chairman of Sir George Williams University's English department.

"He dealt with the physical issues of severe paralysis, living in an iron lung and all the physical and emotional challenges that I don't have to tell you about," she told the gathering, many of whom also suffered from polio.

Innovative

While the Compton home was fitted with various devices and equipment to help during his recovery, Vanderstaay said the "always innovative" Compton gradually taught himself how to breathe on his own and speak without a respirator using a "glossopharyngeal" technique sometimes called "frog breathing." After months of practice, he was able to return to work.

However, when the strain of Compton's ordeal became too much for his wife to bear, she left, leaving the children largely on their own, Vanderstaay added.

"When their mother moved out, they didn't have anyone they knew other than their father to be there for them, and when he was at work they were left with strangers, nannies. They had trouble coping and really acted out."

Marries McCulloch

Gabriel McCulloch, a 23-year-old student and teacher from England, was heading home by ship when she decided to make a stop in Montreal. Her father, a church minister, had performed Neil's marriage. After seeing the turmoil the Compton household was in, she decided to stay. She and Neil were married in 1962.

While the family grew, Neil, who had overcome everything polio threw his way, died in 1973 when the electric wheelchair he was riding in tipped backwards as he was getting out of an elevator, cracking his head on the floor.

(McCulloch later married Philip Baug-niet and taught classics at The Study and

Concordia.)

John Donovan, past-president of the Rotary Club of Westmount, which has focused many efforts on eradicating polio, quoted from a piece Compton wrote on his experiences.

"With my body inside the huge cylinder and separated from my head by a tight-fitting plastic collar like a lady waiting to be sawn in half in some monstrous magical show, I sometimes had trouble believing that I still existed from the neck down," wrote Compton.

Those attending Polio Quebec's 2019 annual general meeting also heard keynote speaker Tracy "Unstoppable" Schmitt deliver a message on challenges and possibilities. A four-limb amputee, the Toronto native has travelled the world as a motivational speaker and corporate advisor, while acquiring university degrees in education and business.



Marilynn Vanderstaay presenting.



Seen here on June 7 from the left during Polio Quebec's AGM are Tracy Schmitt, the Westmount Rotarians' John Donovan, Marilynn Vanderstaay and Polio Quebec board member Mona Arsenault.

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said it could affect the Westmount community such as teachers.

She points out in the affidavit how the community has three public elementary schools and one public high school whose teachers and principals would fall under

certain provisions in the current law.

Plaintiffs for the legal action at hand are Ichrak Nourel Hak, the National Council of Canadian Muslims, the Corporation of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association and the National Council of Canadian Muslims.



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Police Report

Suspect faces multiple charges after Econoline van stolen

By MARTIN C. BARRY

A 45-year-old man from Laval was arrested and charged with assault, vehicle theft and impaired driving during the early afternoon of June 11 after a Ford Econoline van belonging to a construction company was stolen outside a residence on Grosvenor Ave.

According to Montreal police department community relations officer Stéphan Laperrière, public safety officers from Westmount Public Security spotted the suspect entering the vehicle, then driving off in an erratic fashion along Côte St. Antoine Rd.

After following him, the PSOs intercepted the suspect, whose struggles led to an altercation. The Montreal police were called and the suspect was arrested by them.

After undergoing a breathalyzer test, he was found to be more than two times above the legal limit for blood alcohol. As well, he was found to be operating a motor vehicle with a driver's licence on which conditions were imposed that he had violated.

Locker robbed

Around \$2,000 of personal property was stolen when a locker in the basement storage area of a St. Catherine St. apartment building was broken into sometime from June 8-10.

String of car break-ins

Police suspect that a string of car break-ins committed on the same day in the same area of Westmount may be the work of one individual.

In all cases, little or nothing was actually

stolen and the perpetrator used the same method to gain entry.

During the afternoon of June 13, a recent model compact rental car parked near the corner of Victoria and Windsor avenues was broken into and the contents were searched, although nothing was taken.

According to Laperrière, the would-be thief gained access by breaking a rear passenger-side window.

"The owner had left a bag in view," he said. "But instead of stealing the bag, the perpetrator searched it instead. People should still be keeping their stuff out of view so that no one is tempted to want to break in."

Also on June 13 between 10 am and 5 pm, another recent model compact car parked a few blocks away at Prince Albert and Windsor was broken into and robbed of some personal items as well as a handicapped parking permit.

In this case, again the rear passenger-side window was broken to get in. "It's possible that it's related to the previous incident," said Laperrière, while noting that anyone caught using the stolen handicapped permit could end up being investigated as a potential accessory to the break-in.

There was a third car break-in on June 13, this time between 3 and 6 pm near de Maisonneuve Blvd. and Lansdowne Ave. Again, a compact car was targeted and a rear passenger-side window was broken to gain entry.

In this case, only loose change was stolen from inside. Laperrière suggested it might be the work of adolescents willing to risk the consequences in return for such small amounts.

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Westmount Park Schoolers say 'à la prochaine' for two years

By MARTIN C. BARRY

Students, staff and parents from Westmount Park School gathered in the playing field on Academy Rd. on June 7 to say “*au revoir*” – but not goodbye – to the school that is closing on the last day of school for a major interior refurbishment.

Classes at the school ended for the summer on June 21 and the student population of more than 700 won't be returning in the fall.

The three-storey building will be closed for the next two years while an interior renovation is carried out. The students will be split between the Marymount Academy building on Côte St. Luc Rd. in NDG, and St. John Bosco School in Ville Émard.

According to the English Montreal School Board, Westmount Park School was built in 1913, originally for Westmount High School. It later became Westmount Intermediate High and Westmount Junior High.

In 1961, “Westmount High” (no longer having junior or intermediate schools)



Seen here on June 7 on the field outside Westmount Park School are some of the parents and students who attended a farewell event before the school shuts for two years for renovations.

moved to a brand new building on St. Catherine St. and the old building on Academy Rd. became Westmount Park School for elementary students.

The work to be done at the school over

the next two years will include the installation of an elevator, a new ventilation system, an acoustically-designed music room next to the auditorium, safe and sensory rooms for special needs students, and a

special waiting area for parents.

“The plan is to re-open for the September school year of 2021,” said Marylène Perron, principal of Westmount Park School.



9 Lives

LYSANNE FOWLER

Found outside at five days of age, Dumpling was an abandoned newborn who was rescued and cared for diligently by a veterinary technician. This adorable grey-and-black shorthaired tabby kitten is

Little Dumpling

now nine months old. She has received all her inoculations and treatments and was recently spayed.

Sweet little Dumpling is ready for adoption in a loving family that will cherish her as she delights them with her kittenish ways. She is very playful and cuddly with everyone, including children and dogs. You can find out more about her by contacting the reception staff at the Hôpital Vétérinaire Général MB at 514.935.1888 who will

be pleased to tell you more about her.

Have you seen Yoda?

As Westmount neighbours and Indie readers, I would like to feel that we can help bring Yoda home. He went missing outside accidentally from his home in lower Westmount on June 5 around 9 am. Yoda is a pure white Turkish angora, with a big fluffy mane from his



grooming in the spring, contrasted by his breathtaking green-yellow coloured eyes and pink nose. He is so affectionate and sweet, with an identical brother Gelfand waiting for his return home. Yoda is nine years old, neutered and healthy. If you have any information on him, please contact Nancy at 514.909.5503. A reward is offered for his return.

Your neighbour,
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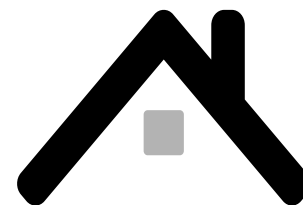
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Beer Review

Saint-Houblon (Quartier Latin)

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DAVID PRICE, The Philistine: Beer drinker
Ideal beer: stronger-than-average lager, even if it's commercial Canadian beer. He dislikes too much hops flavour or aroma in beer (i.e. most India pale ales or IPAs), and does not like roasted malts (e.g. stouts). He also dislikes wheat beers, which remind him of toothpaste, which he doesn't normally eat or drink.
Favourite beer: Harp or Sapporo, but Sapporo-in-a-can beats Harp-in-a-can, hands down. On-tap research on this question is still under way.

GREG DUNNING, The Connoisseur: Beer drinker, homebrewer, and beer hunter.
Ideal beer: The one that is manufactured by people who care more about the beer than the money *and* it depends on the season.
Favourite beer (spring 2019): Strikes Bock by Empire Brewing Co. (Syracuse, NY)

January 24, 2019

THE PHILISTINE

The evening started with a Beer Miracle!

The Connoisseur, our two friends and I ran into Westmounter Hugues Gagnon on the Metro platform as we waited for a train to take us to our intended location, St. Houblon. Gagnon co-owns the Benelux chain of brewpubs, whose Verdun location we reviewed in our November 12, 2013 edition (p. 18). He invited all of us for beers on his tab at the Sherbrooke St. (at Jeanne Mance) Benelux before going on to St. Houblon.

Beer Miracles, like Festivus Miracles, do not happen every day and we accepted.

We won't review these comped beers (for me: a Sigmund Pilsner, a cask IPA and a Voltigeur American – i.e. hopped-up – lager), but I will say this: Thank you, Hugues, for the beers and for having a lager (the Pilsner) on your menu. Also, I have normally found cask beers to be flavour bombs, which we Philistines should avoid. This one was not. Despite being an IPA, it was lemony (not skunky like many IPAs) and light on the tongue like a wheat beer. I foresee thirsty patrons quaffing it on a *terrasse* this summer. I will say nothing about the hopped-up lager.

THE PHILISTINE: Cerveza Lime (4.9%) – Pilsner

As we waited for a table at Saint-Houblon, a server brought us samples for tasting. I chose the Cerveza Lime, which I was hoping would be a straight lager. I had focused

on the word for the style, “Pilsner,” and had not paid sufficient attention to the actual name of the beer. This cocktail was beer mixed with lime. If you are looking for the taste of Mexico, this beer is one avenue for you. I was not in a Mexican mood. Why not serve a good beer with some lime wedges that people can add to their taste?

THE CONNOISSEUR: Cerveza Lime (4.9%) – Pilsner & La Noirceur (5.4%, 31 IBU) – Czech dark lager

I was so favourably blown away by this unexpected gesture of hospitality that I drained this refreshing Mexican “lager” for our second start to the evening. At the same time, I noticed that a pitcher of water and individual glasses were already set up at our table for our session. This is one manner in which a tasting room can distance itself from a bar that serves beer and maybe has some music. I followed with another lager; imagine that! Smooth with a malt backbone but not too sweet. Any brewer who tries to make a Czech lager typically stays safe and blonde (like L'Amère à Boire, up the street) but my compliments to the three brewers at Saint-Houblon for going dark in January and addressing my seasonal palate. Too “coffee-ish” for my wing-man, however, lager notwithstanding.

THE PHILISTINE: Blonde (5%) – American golden ale

Next was a blonde, the port-in-a-storm for lager lovers out sailing the aromatic ale seas. Like lagers, they usual have a fairly mild taste. This one was actually quite lemony. My notes equivocate between “half lemony” and “quarter lemony.” It was okay, but – again – why not go with good old beer flavour? Let the citrus lovers add lemon wedges to taste.

THE CONNOISSEUR: Columbus IPA (5.6%, 28 IBU) – American India pale ale

It was hazy, which means it's unfiltered, which equates to big flavour, and in this case, huge grapefruit. This beer has been lightly hopped during the boil and heavily dry-hopped in fermentation, which is why it lobs a grapefruit bomb in your face. Maybe some people like grapefruit drinks but I prefer balance in my beer, and if you are like me, I implore you to look for American IPAs whose IBU (international bitterness units) numbers are approximately 10x their ABV (alcohol by volume). This magic formula seems to achieve perfect sweet/bitter equilibrium (see The Alchemist's Heady Topper, Dogfish Head's 60 Minute IPA, and closer to home – La



The beer menu experiencing updating difficulties. The Philistine has never seen a chalkboard have this problem.

Voie Maltée's Soutien Gorge IPA Impériale (8.2% , 90 IBU), Labrosse's IPA (6.4%, 63 IBU), Farnham's 64 IPA (6%, 64 IBU). I certainly didn't hate it but I know someone who would. [DP: me! Thanks for the warning.]

THE PHILISTINE: Maibock (6.8%) – blonde lager

The Maibock was also citrusy (do you sense a theme for evening?), but less so. My notes say, “10 percent?” I often feel assailed by the skunky and grapefruity aromas of IPAs and especially the American varieties (sometimes called APAs), but today I felt like we'd taken a sharp turn into a citrus orchard. Or maybe there had been a lemon-and-lime glut, and so good pricing for the brewer?

THE CONNOISSEUR: Club Tropicana (7.2%, 52 IBU) – New England IPA

I had trouble distinguishing this one from my previous Columbus IPA, even though I drank a glass of water and ate some food in between. But according to Annie, our excellent server, mango and pineapple purée were added during fermentation and Simcoe, Mosaic, Amarillo, and Centennial hops are used, not Columbus. It was good but I think I am suffering from “palate destruction” after tramping through this lemon orchard. Got to go somewhere else next. In the meantime, my co-pilot must be already blind drunk; stumbling toward something called “Brett.”

THE PHILISTINE: Pale Ale 100% Brett (4.9%) – pale ale

Have I ever been drunk?
My interest in the pale ale style arose for my recent re-discovery of the original St. Ambrose beer (and for some time its only product), its pale ale. Back in the late 1980s, I found it very filling and aromatic. Greg, will, of course, blame this past opinion on the destruction of my young palette by those villainous macrobrewers. Maybe, but I find them less villainous with each pint of hopped-up perfume that I have to drink with Greg. (It's hard to be a beer reviewer!) Regardless, after years of aroma bombs, I find that the original St. A. Pale Ale (with its six varieties of hops) delightful and not overpowering in taste.

This beer was nothing like that. It was citrusy (underlined five times in my notes) and fizzy (underlined three times). I then also wrote “fizzy/citrus,” as if for added emphasis. Not for me!

THE CONNOISSEUR: Quadruple (9%, 26 IBU) – Belgian strong ale

Very caramelly, very rich. What a relief! Our specialist in the Belgian style from Vermont noted “raisins,” which I agreed with. He was hoping for a bread yeast aftertaste too but I didn't detect it, nor miss it. Really smooth and easy drinking and not overly complex; a precarious combination at 9 percent but most welcome at this latter stage of the session. I noted that this was not an “evening finisher” but it probably was, given my satisfactory all-night, controllable buzz.

THE PHILISTINE: Maibock (6.8%) – blonde lager

I went back to the Maibock, which I guess was my “favourite” of the night. Ten percent of a lemon is better than five whole ones.

Summary

THE PHILISTINE

This bar was fine. The service was friendly and I liked the touch of offering us a taster as we waited for a table. I liked the atmosphere. But I really had nowhere to go, beer-wise. If I did not like my drinking companions so much, I would have discontinued these journeys long ago and just picked up some Sapporo at the supermarket. Or, if I wanted to go local, Farnham's Pilsner, in a yellow can labelled “27,” (for its IBU measure), which is great.

I noticed nothing interesting about the bathrooms, but the beer menu was novel. It was an LCD screen that could be updated – and that periodically did indeed need software updating on our night there (see picture). You could find this cool or atmosphere destroying – or indicative that the menu changes frequently (a great thing for beer hunters) and, I know from checking the bar's website, something that has already happened since our visit.

THE CONNOISSEUR

This is a first-stage beer enterprise that has really

continued on p. 22

Montreal Chamber Music Festival gala ‘brillante’



Social Notes

VERONICA REDGRAVE

The Montreal Chamber Music Festival held its 2019 gala in the ballroom of the Marriott Château Champlain.

Gregory Charles hosted the elegant eve, which paid tribute to **Joseph Rouleau**, who was awarded the festival's 2019 Prix d'Excellence. The renowned opera singer was accompanied by his wife **Renée** and son **Marc**.

Tenor **Marc Hervieux** and Charles performed a wonderful musical tribute to Rouleau.

The event's honorary president was **Marie-Hélène Labrie**, senior vice president, public affairs and communications for Cogeco.

Arriving guests were serenaded by accordion player **Vladimir Sidorov**. Wines for the chic soirée were provided by Bambara Selection and included Terra Viva Brut Prosecco for the cocktail. The wine pairings balanced the delicious four-course meal *continued on p. 22*



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prepared by Marriott chef **Nick Papagianopoulos**. The scrumptious finale was dessert: Semifreddo Giandula.

The silent auction included an eight-night Viking River Cruise for two, Club Med and Westjet sun vacation, jewellery offered by Kaufmann de Suisse, Fairmont stays in Whistler, Banff, Lake Louise or Jasper Park and Montreal's iconic Queen Elizabeth.

Guests of honour included Senator **Raymond Setlakwe**, **Magda Popeanu**, responsible for culture for the city of Montreal, and **John Rae** and his wife **Phyllis**.

Noted in the sold-out room were the legendary **Oliver Jones** accompanied by **Monique Joachim**, and, of course **Denis Brott** and his wife **Julie**. Brott, an award-winning cellist, has had a stellar career, not only teaching but performing on four continents. He has recorded with the Orford String Quartet as well as a solo artist for his renowned Brahms sonatas for cello and piano.

Westmounters enjoying the evening included former city councillor **Theodora Samiotis** and **Michael McAdoo**, **Reuben Croll**, **Alexandra MacDougall** and **Hubert Colas**, and **Judy and Philip Johnston**, as well as **André Poulin**, director general of Destination Centre-Ville and his wife **Lieve Perneel**, **Davis Joachim** and his wife **Cin-**



Marc, Renée and Joseph Rouleau.

thya, Céline and Marc De Serres, Lauraine Cadoret (widow of the late Pierre Mantha and a generous supporter of the festival), **Julia Turner Brennan** of the William and Nancy Turner Foundation and her husband **Peter Brennan**, **Daniel Jarry** (BMO), **Louis Chasles** (TD) and **Dominique Bélisle** (Lavery de Billy).

The evening raised \$130,000, which will support the annual June Montreal Festival.

This year's festival is the Montreal premiere of Gregory Charles' new one-man show entitled *L'Air du Temps*.

Beer, cont'd. from p. 20

embraced the American craft brewery movement. Every aromatic hop from the Pacific northwest is represented here in large amounts in every serving. All well-made but just too much of them across the styles we sampled.

Even though American IPAs represent 30 percent of all world craft sales, I expect these skilled brewers will eventually buy other hops and brew the other styles to fill their 24 taps.

They have three locations already in Montreal (here in Quartier Latin, Côte des Neiges, and Little Italy) and serve their own and guest beers.

They have a 100-hectare farm and an indoor greenhouse in Papineauville to supply their beer and restaurants' ingredient needs locally. I've also read that they are working hard to change the archaic, post-prohibition beer laws that currently preclude breweries from making deliveries. You can already make a food order from their food menu online and Saint-Houblon will deliver to you via Foodora. No doubt they would like to pair edibles with their beverages in the same trip.

Comin' Up

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City's Canada Day celebrations. 11 am: Canadian citizenship ceremony at Victoria Hall. 12 noon: lunch at the Westmount recreation centre. 2 pm: Splash Bash at the pool.

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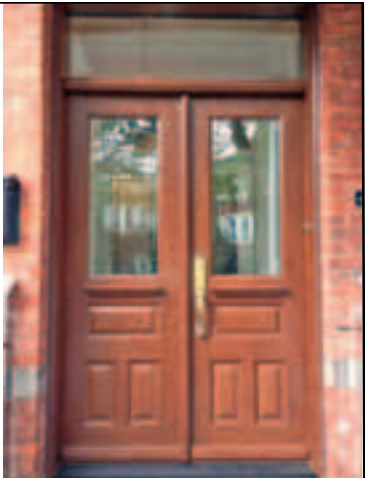
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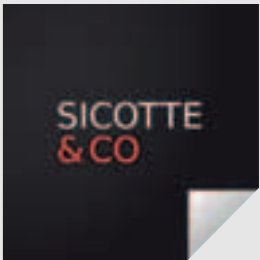


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