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A montage of the city's floral arrangements from this year. PHOTOS AND MONTAGE: RALPH THOMPSON.

4898 de Maisonneuve okayed by city, attending neighbours

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

After two non-conforming proposals

opposed by the city and residents of the area to redevelop the office building site at 4898 de Maisonneuve, a third plan that conforms to zoning regulations won council's approval August 5.

"Therefore, unlike the previous proposals, it is not subject to a public consultation," said Councillor Conrad Peart, urban planning commissioner for permits and architecture.

The project, called Albert Square, includes the conversion of the three-storey office building at the corner of Prince Albert into six residential units: three adjacent two-family dwellings. Construction of a separate three-storey build-

ing for two families is planned on the site's parking lot to the east (see story May 28, p. 1).

Developer to York St. residents: 'We will ... create an access through our driveway to your rear yard,' subject to city's okay re: backyard greenspace

The previous proposals were considered oversized and out of keeping with the neighbourhood by the city.

The approved project was unopposed by the neighbours who spoke at the council meeting, though they raised concerns over parking access and partial demolition.

Councillor Peart said that despite the lack of a public consultation requirement for a conforming project, this one had gone through a number of review meetings by the Urban Planning department and the

Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) to ensure it

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Permit issued for Lime e-scooters

Jump bikes now operating in Westmount



This Jump bike was found illegally attached to a pole outside a house at 324 Redfern on August 4. It was gone the next morning.

PHOTO COURTESY OF DAN LAMBERT.

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Lime e-scooters have received their permit to operate in Westmount and some were planned to be deployed over the weekend, city director general Benoit Hurtubise said last week.

The company is also in the throes of painting parking zones on the street as designated and instructed by the city, he said. Some of these zones are expected to be near street corners where cars are not to park. The scooters are also operating in Montreal.

The distinctive red electric-assisted Jump bikes that hit the streets of Westmount over the weekend August 3 are supposed to be fastened to city bike stands at some 18 locations designated in By-law 1542, all but four of which are on Sherbrooke or to the south.

If anyone finds one improperly parked, they are advised to call the Jump company to remove it, Councillor Philip Cutler told the council meeting August 5. “They’ve

told us they will be very responsive.”

He was answering a question on the parking locations from Dan Lambert, president of the Association of Pedestrians and Cyclists of Westmount. Operated by Uber, the dockless bikes are not allowed to be dropped off anywhere but attached to stands in designated public areas (see story May 21, p. 1).

The by-law listing the many locations can be found on the city’s website under council/municipal bylaws and searching for “1542.”

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141 Days...

The summer is slowly drawing to a close and there are only 141 days left before December 31. Take advantage of the months ahead to closely examine your property and do the repairs you have been putting off. Call a contractor for one or two quotes and hire someone you can trust to show up on time and finish the work 100%.

I will be doing my usual rounds of exterior **photography** during the weeks of **August 12** and **August 26** with more dates to come in **September** for homeowners who are thinking of moving within the next 6 to 12 months. You need summer shots on file to best show off your home when the cold weather sets in. Please contact me to add your name to my list so I can take exterior photos of your home. All in confidence of course.

This summer, I listed and sold quite a few properties and the market is better than it has ever been. Time to seriously think about your next move(!).

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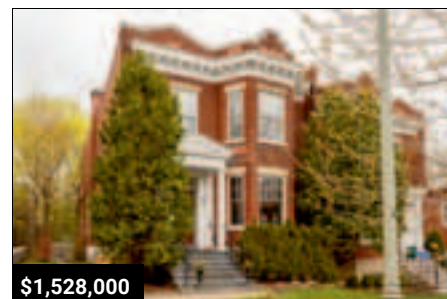
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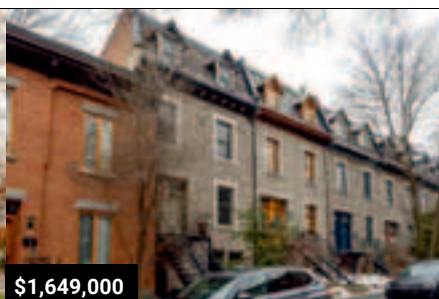
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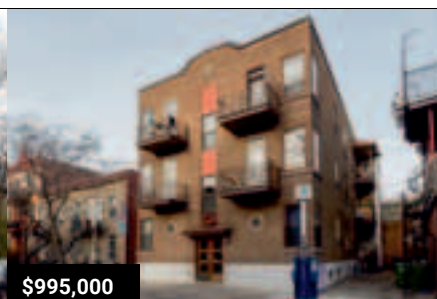
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500 Claremont passes last hurdle

Cllr. Peart answers concerns over register's timing, zones

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The redevelopment of 500 Claremont went through the council meeting successfully August 5 as expected, its last hurdle. Opponents, however, continued to express concerns over timing of the July 24 registry over the construction holiday and what they called "inflation" of signature numbers required to trigger a referendum.

Councillor Conrad Peart, urban planning commissioner for permits and architecture, stated in an overview of the project that the council maintains the register results would not have been different had it been held in August since "holidays in our city continue into August." (In fact, three councillors were absent from the August 5 council meeting because of vacations.)

The timing was required by provincial restrictions, he explained. As well, the city "must continue to operate at its capacity throughout the calendar year."

Furthermore, the project had been previously approved and the current proposed revisions "were not judged to be significantly different." He also pointed out the recent revisions had been through two public consultations that had been "only lightly attended and commented upon."

At the recent registry July 24, the 77 sig-



Elizabeth Currie, of Claremont, questions process.

natures fell short of the required 122 by 45. This compares with a previous registry required by the project January 29, 2018 when a total of 85 had been reported by the city clerk's office to have missed the required 127 by 42 (see story February 6, 2018, p. 8).

In 2018, Peart said, the register was signed by residents in four of five eligible zones. This time, it was signed by residents in all three of the three eligible zones. Within the affected zone, 74 signed in 2018 and 71 signed this year.

"To be sure, the names differed from one register to the next, but there was sufficient overlap to ensure that the vote was representative. The margin was large enough that delaying the vote would not have appreciably changed the outcome."

Opponents speak

Judith Le Gallais, of Claremont, asked how many people had actually signed the registry from the Parkview Apartments at 4501 Sherbrooke, corner of Mount Stephen. This is where residents had applied for their zones to be included in the register even though it was near the eastern edge of one of three eligible zones (see story August 6, p. 8).

While Peart did not have the number, he said the calculation of required signatures "favoured" those living closest to the affected property and was based on housing units.

Le Gallais quoted back similar wording Peart had used after the 2018 register when she had also challenged the timing, saying that the letter of the law had been observed but not "the spirit of democracy" (see story



Assistant city clerk Andrew Brownstein reads out register results at his first council meeting since being appointed to the position (see story August 6, p. 7).

City hall shrouded



Masonry work continued at city hall August 5. It began July 2. The building remains in use and open to the public.

PHOTO: LAUREN SWEENEY.



4501 Sherbrooke – also known as The Parkview – on August 12. The cross street is Mt. Stephen. PHOTO: INDEPENDENT.



Councillor Conrad Peart addresses concerns.

February 6, 2018, p. 1). Elizabeth Currie also asked about the registry application from 4501 Sherbrooke. Now that the project has passed all hurdles after its original submission at the end of 2016, Peart said: “I believe that this project will be a welcomed addition to our neighbourhood. It will address a need for new rental options in the city. The applicant has been reasonable in their (requests) and similarly reasonable in their counter-offer. “This is the type of responsible development that should be encouraged in our city. I look forward to its timely execution.”



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Council hears concerns

Petition against new Redfern bike way cites safety

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A handful of Redfern Ave. residents attended the city council meeting August 5 in support of a petition sent recently to Mayor Christina Smith opposing the newly created northbound bike path on their street connecting the de Maisonneuve route to the westbound one on Côte St. Antoine.

“The street is small enough as it is and we don’t need the bikes,” said Hanka Gordon, who did not speak at the mic but was one of those who turned out after signing the petition.

Mayor Smith opened the meeting thanking the residents for their input and saying their concerns were something to be discussed by the city’s Traffic Advisory Committee in order to make pedestrians



View August 5 of the way cyclists are now being directed from the new bike way on Redfern Ave. at its intersection with Sherbrooke to connect with the split pedestrian-bike path in front of city hall leading to the bike path on Côte St. Antoine. Residents of Redfern attended the council meeting the same day to raise concerns about the route on their street.

feel safe.

She assured them the route would not have bollards as some thought and was part of a pilot project to provide north-south connector routes to the east-west ones forming a bicycle network. The new connectors were “a long time coming.”

Lansdowne is the new southbound route while new bike paths on Claremont will provide two-way connection between Westmount Ave. and the Côte Rd. routes (see story July 9, p. 6).

The petition was signed by more than 140 residents of the area, explained Redfern’s Christine Caron. “We’re not against bike paths but need safety provisions.” She was pleased to hear it was a pilot project and said the city’s website presented it as a *fait accompli*.

Large buildings

The configuration of Redfern, she continued, includes two large apartment buildings at the corners of Sherbrooke. Their garage driveways are directly across Redfern from each other and require cars to back in, needing two lanes of the roadway. “Adding cyclists adds to the equation.”



Christine Caron wants safety provisions.

Caron also said many cars turning from Sherbrooke onto Redfern mistake it for a one-way street and present a danger to cyclists coming north. “We wonder why a north-south route is not put through Westmount Park,” which, she pointed out, “already had the dedicated east-west route.”

Smith said she and Councillor Mary Gallery, who represents District 6, “will walk the street with you when school is back and more traffic is on de Maisonneuve.”

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“meets the criteria of our by-laws, which have been put in place to balance the rights of all stakeholders.”

“We are very thankful to have had the opportunity to meet with the PAC to finalize the design,” developer Noam Schnitzer of Renwick Developments told the *Independent*. “The project was undertaken to recycle the (office) building after the PAC had previously said that every effort should be taken to do so. We expect to start work in September.”

This was the first time the neighbours had received any information from the city or the developer about the project but those attending the meeting had an opportunity to speak with them during and afterward.

“Nobody opposes the project, just the need to communicate,” stated Nadem Butt, who lives at 43 York.

This concern was led off at the question period by Steven Cobrin, of 41 York, who said they feared they would be land-locked, leaving them without long-time vehicle access to their backyard and parking area. It was a concern he had consistently raised during the various redevelopment proposals but which the city maintained was a private matter.



A rendering of the planned renovation for the building at 4898 de Maisonneuve shows entrances for units on de Maisonneuve and Prince Albert (right, foreground). One, not shown, faces south. A new three-storey, two-family building is to be built further east on de Maisonneuve (left). The Château Westmount nursing home is at far left.

IMAGE COURTESY OF RENWICK DEVELOPMENTS.

“If the green light is given by Westmount, we will 100 percent, and without hesitation, create an access through our driveway to your rear yard for you and your neighbour,” Schnitzer told Cobrin.

At stake was how much greenspace would be required by the city to provide legal backyard parking for the York dwellings.

Schnitzer’s statement prompted Cobrin to follow up saying, “Can we get a commitment from the city” to make this happen?

Pearl replied that there was no reason why this wouldn’t apply if the city’s requirement for green coverage is met. Under zoning By-law 1303, article 5.5.9 states that: “Soft landscaping must occupy at least 60 percent of the area of the rear yard, excluding the driveway.”

Concern over dismantling work

A resident of Prince Albert called the vacant building an eyesore and said “we’re really happy something is happening. She

was concerned about the partial demolition of some of the office building.

She was assured by Councillor Pearl



Steven Cobrin, of 41 York, seeks backyard access.

that the work would be closely monitored and a stop work order would be issued if the 50-percent threshold were exceeded.

In a lengthy presentation on the project at the start of the meeting, Pearl addressed both these concerns of residents. He reiterated the city’s position that land-locked backyards were “a private matter” between two property owners.

He also stated that the project does not require a demolition hearing and permit because calculations by the applicant’s professionals had attested to the feasibility of executing the work by dismantling up to 50 percent of the exterior walls and roof, though he and the city were skeptical this could be done.

Cobrin and Irma Alvarez of 41 York said the next day they were “hopeful” their long-standing concerns over parking will be resolved after the developer’s public commitment and that efforts by the city can help make it happen.



Developer Noam Schnitzer makes public commitment to York St. residents.

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THANKS FOR THE TRAFFIC CALMING



I wanted to outline the positive work and concrete actions that the city has taken in adopting many traffic-calming measure like the ones seen in this picture.

Montreal is getting busier traffic wise so is our city. These actions help to keep a safe environment and it's great that the Traffic Committee and city are using those tools more frequently.

Thank you for the great work.

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GIVE ABANDONED BIKES TO THE NEEDY



These bicycles have been outside St. Léon on Clarke Ave. since the close of school in June. They belong to children who have no further need of them.

Would it not be possible to give them to needy children, who would appreciate and look after them?

As you can see, these bicycles are locked up, but weeds have grown over one of them. Rust has set in and the other one has no seat!

It is unfortunate that some children do not appreciate how fortunate they are.

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Police Report

CNESST investigating Rosemount work site accident

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

A provincial agency mandated to investigate workplace accidents is looking into one that took place at a Westmount home where a construction company employee suffered a head injury during a renovation project.

The Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité du travail (CNESST) has opened an incident file following the accident, which occurred at the home on Rosemount Ave. around 2:40 pm on August 6.

To facilitate the renovations, a large disposal bin had been set up outside the house.

"As the workers were cleaning up and throwing things out into the big container next to the house, someone went into the bin for reasons we don't know at this point," said Montreal police Station 12 community relations officer Stéphan Laperrière.

"The person throwing stuff into the bin didn't see there was someone there and the person inside the bin received a piece of wood in the head. That person wasn't wearing a helmet and sustained a big laceration on the head and had to be transported to hospital."

While the incident was reported to police, Laperrière said the CNESST is handling the investigation.

Hundreds, then thousands taken

A Westmount man who was conned out of several hundred dollars by a telephone scam artist lost several thousand dollars more after being contacted just a day later and falling victim a second time.

According to Laperrière, the caller told the man on July 15 there was an active virus in his computer and the only way to get rid of it was to pay a fee of several hundred dollars for a removal service.

The day after paying the money, the man was contacted again by a phone caller claiming the company he'd spoken with the day before had gone bankrupt and a reimbursement was forthcoming.

Correction

In the article "Province's new education guide will refer to native genocide" (August 6, p. 17), the article should have referred to a 50-minute live interactive presentation, not a shorter presentation binder and booklet. – DP.

According to Laperrière, the caller told the man the refund had already been wired to his bank account, but it was mistakenly larger than the sum he was entitled to.

For that reason, the caller said the man had to wire a fairly large sum back. "He sent back an amount quite superior – more than ten times greater," said Laperrière.

"You're talking about a couple of thousand dollars. It was sent to a company with an Asian name, but in a city in Canada. There is a fraud investigation going on."

Laperrière said investigations of this type of crime perpetrated on Station 12 territory are handled by the Montreal police department's central fraud division. He said he was unaware whether they are ever resolved. "I haven't got word back on that," he said.

Road accidents

Three reported motor vehicle accidents in Westmount over the past few weeks caused light injuries but no serious ones.

On July 25 around 8:15 pm, a cyclist travelling east along Sherbrooke St. sustained an ankle injury after colliding with a car at the corner of Kensington Ave., where he was thrown to the ground.

"The automobile engaged in the intersection while the bike went on the red light and came into collision," Laperrière said, while adding that the car's estimated speed was 20 km/h.

He said the cyclist fell and hurt his right ankle. He was transported by ambulance to the Montreal General Hospital.

While no traffic law offence citations were issued at the time, Laperrière said the police department's accident investigation unit is empowered to issue tickets should the results of an investigation establish responsibility for an accident.

On August 30 about 6:25 pm, a west-bound driver on The Boulevard rounding the curve leading to the intersection with Westmount Ave. slammed into the rear end of a vehicle preparing to make the left turn at the traffic light.

"When the first vehicle got to the intersection of Westmount Ave. and The Boulevard, he slowed down and got ready to turn," Laperrière said. "The person following was surprised and ran into the rear end of the other person's vehicle."

While one of the drivers reported back pain to emergency responders following the collision, he refused an offer to be transported to the hospital.

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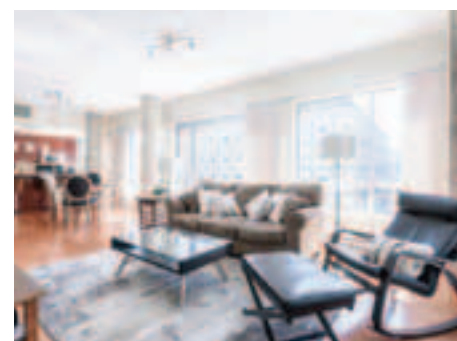


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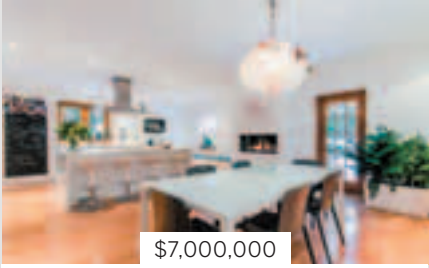
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Lacrosse nationals Westmount Lynx members join Quebec team

Seven young women – Grace Spitzley, Julia and Merla Ibelings, Lily Bowden, Toby Graham, Leah Nelson and Rachel Flynn – from the Westmount Lynx lacrosse team were chosen for the under-19 team representing Quebec August 4, 5 and 6 at the sport's nationals in Peterborough, Ontario.

Unfortunately, the Quebec team did not win any games, but team members did “gain a lot of experience on the field and feedback from all the teams and the referees,” according to Bowden’s mother, Westmounter Tina Jones.

Westmounter Julia Ibelings won the Carol Paterson sportsmanship award and Quebec team member Mia Mitchell was the most valuable player of one game.

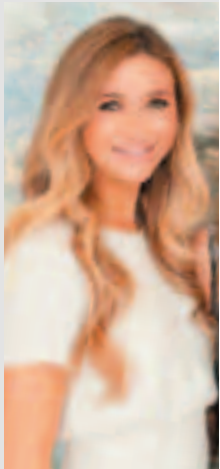
► From left, Grace Spitzley, Toby Graham, Julia Ibelings, Lily Bowden and Merle Ibelings were five of the seven Westmount Lynx members chosen to represent Quebec at the lacrosse nationals. They are pictured here on Victoria Ave. on August 9. Inset: Julia Ibelings accepting the Carol Paterson sportsmanship award.

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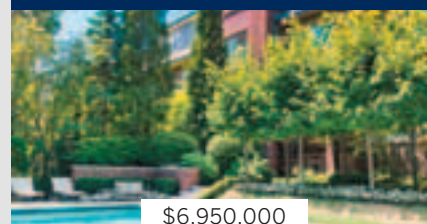
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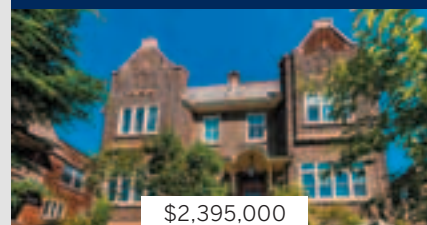


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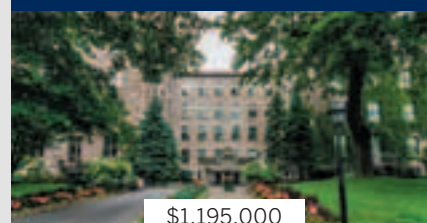


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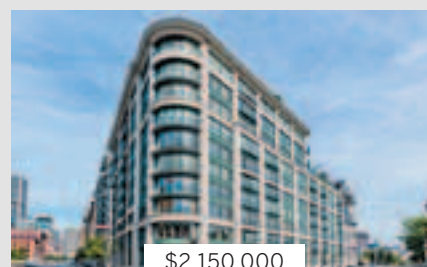
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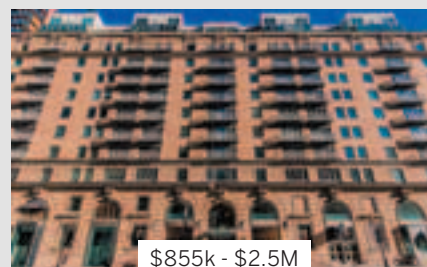
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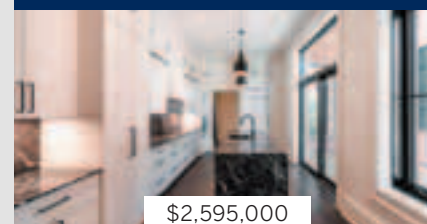


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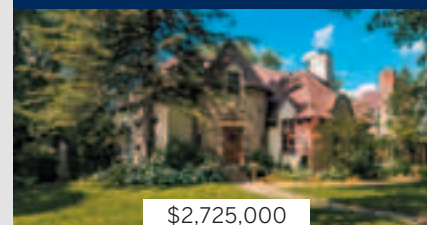


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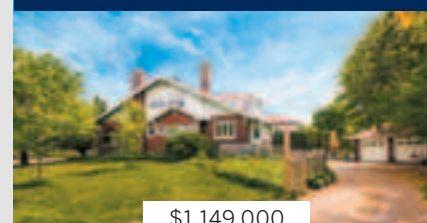


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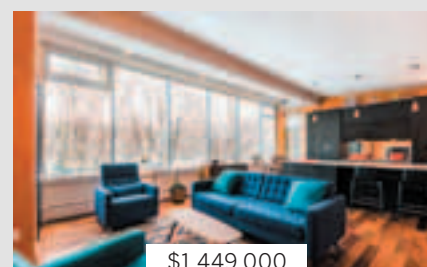
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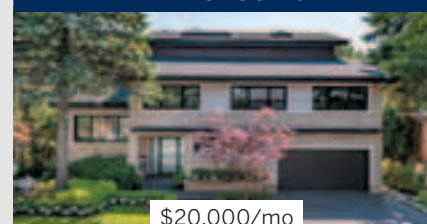


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Two of the three large destruction bins that are new to the site this week are visible in this August 9 photo of Westmount Park School, which is undergoing a two-year renovation. One container is already full. The impromptu parking lot to the left, presumably for workers' cars, is also new.

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The site for four townhouses at Metcalfe and Hillside is evolving. Three are sold. When the *Independent* went by on August 9 and 11, it found a large pit (main photo), which is so large that one of the posts of the neighbouring house's balcony is now hanging in the air (inset). A seemingly temporary metal post is visible at right. The bottom two photos are from May 6 (left) and May 23.

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Schreier marks Bauhaus' 100th at Westmount Square



John Schweitzer, Sandy Schreier and Robert Poirier at Westmount Square.

BY HEATHER BLACK

American fashion historian and collector Sandy Schreier visited Westmount Square on August 7. Designed by the Bauhaus's third and final director, Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, the square's black towers reflect Bauhaus' international style, which influenced contemporary design, graphics and textiles.

The author of several books on couture, Schreier said: "Architects are very important to me. There is a symbiotic relationship between architecture and fashion."

As a preschooler, Schreier accompanied her father, a furrier, to work at the now closed Russeks luxury department store in New York. There, she said: "Vogue became my storybooks and I developed a passion for fashion." Her collection began when store patrons gave her their couture cast-offs for dress-up. "These were too beautiful to wear," she recalled.

Today, her collection numbers 15,000 items – some of which have been exhibited at the Louvre and at the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Schreier said: "I've always been interested in everything creative and artistic."

Following a visit to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, she told her husband: "One day, my beautiful things will be displayed here at The Met with the incredible works of art."

On November 27, her dream will become a reality when the exhibition *In Pursuit of Fashion: The Sandy Schreier Collection* opens for an unprecedented, six-month run. The show – part of The Met's 2020 Collections Initiative in celebration of the museum's 150th anniversary – will feature 80 items including women's wear, accessories and fashion illustrations.

Schreier was in town for a private viewing of *Thierry Mugler: Couturissime* with Jennifer Laurent, curator of Modern and Contemporary Decorative Arts at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. She was accompanied by longtime friends Robert Poirier, a decorative arts dealer, and his partner, Westmount artist John Schweitzer. A former art dealer – as part of the 1985 citywide Bauhaus celebration – Schweitzer exhibited works by Moholy-Nagy, Kandinsky and Klee. He remarked: "At the Bauhaus, there was no 'hierarchy' of the arts. Textile design and fashion were viewed on an equal footing with painting and sculpture."

Buddies Sissi and Fifi



times. Please do not hesitate to contact their SPCA foster family at sg@simongrenier.com for more information on them. Their SPCA identification numbers are A39891553 for Fifi and A39891552 for Sissi.

Your neighbour, Lysanne



Sissi and Fifi are a bonded pair of easy-going fellows who are in need of a family together. They are presently in a foster home for the Montreal SPCA and looking forward to a forever family to cuddle with and entertain with silly play. These seven-year-old white-and-grey domestic short-hairs are both very healthy, up to date with their vaccinations and neutered. They are affectionate and quiet around the house, enjoying quiet naps in the sun and arriving just in time for fridge openings and meal

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Philanthropy pondered at Chabad's Westmount eve

Social Notes

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Over 250 people attended an elegant evening in benefit of Chabad Westmount. As cocktail-attired guests arrived, the valet team quickly moved cars. Fascinating panel discussions on philanthropy and innovation highlighted the dinner set in a chic summer garden party theme, enhanced by the iconic indoor/outdoor feel of Westmount Square.

The event was organized by Rabbi Ariel and Mushky Stern, Rabbi Yossi and Devorah Shanowitz.

The discussion on philanthropy featured Westmounter Albert "Aldo" Bensadoun, founder and executive chairman of the Aldo Group, there with his wife Dianne



Amy Satov, Mushky Stern, Rabbi Ariel Stern and Robert Wares.



Dianne Bibeau Bensadoun and Daniella, Logan, Connor and Aldo Bensadoun.

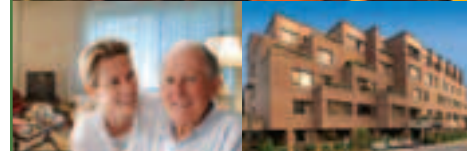
Bibeau Bensadoun, daughter Daniella, and grandchildren Logan and Connor Bensadoun; Patricia Saputo, CFO Placement Itacan, Inc. (attending with her husband Angelo Caparelli), and Robert Kleinman, executive VP, Jewish Community Foundation in continued on p. 16

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Caroline Montminy, Patricia Saputo and Robert Kleinman.



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Montreal.

The symposium was led by **Bita Cattelan**, vp Philanthropy Foundation WCPD (attending with **Paolo Cattelan**) and **Caroline Montminy**, vp Burgundy Asset Management.

Alexander Friedman of Tel Aviv, Israel, world-renowned space scientist and mission director of Israel's innovative lunar lander *Beresheet*, spoke in conversation with Devorah Shanowitz on the intersection of innovation, philanthropy and education.

Robert Wares, executive vp exploration and resource development Osisko Metals, was recognized for his contribution to Chabad Westmount's Giving Kitchen and Good Space. Also acknowledged were co-hosts WCPD, and co-sponsors RBC, **Martin Rouleau** of Engels & Volker, and Burgundy Investments.

Noted in the room were local res Israeli consul general **David Levy**, **Rosemary Christensen**, **Andrew Harper** and lawyer **Harry Bloomfield** with his sons **Jonathan** and **James**, as well as **Peter Nicholson**, president WCPD Foundation; **Sam** and **Karine Cohen-Scali** president, SCS DESIGN



Rabbi Yossi Shanowitz, Robert Kleinman and Murray Dalfen.



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FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

- Westmount Park campout (rain or shine), organized by the city of Westmount. Westmount Park. 10:30 pm.
- Victoria Village Sidewalk Sale. Continues until Sunday, August 25.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

Rabbi Allan Nadler, professor of Jewish studies and former rabbi at the Shaar. "Alabama's Abortion Ban or Quebec's Bill 21?"

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

City council meeting. City hall. 7:30 pm.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Susan Doherty discusses her book *The Ghost Garden: Inside the lives of schizophrenia's feared and forgotten*. Free. Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. 12:30 to 1:30 pm.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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library.ca. Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. 1 to 3 pm.

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Richard Goldman, lawyer and legal plain language specialist with Éducaloi, conducts an information session on powers of attorney and protection mandates. Free. Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. 1 to 3 pm.

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VERONICA REDGRAVE

Gracefully arching Solomon's seal were the pale green and white leaves of variegated dogwood branches in an impressive arrangements created by **Denise Grossman** at local Temple El-Beth Shalom. Grossman, the temple's past president, gathered them from Rabbi Lisa Grushcow's Westmount garden for the celebration of Grushcow's seven years as Temple senior rabbi.

The number seven is considered significant in Judaism.

Grushcow attended with her wife **Shelley Grushcow** and daughters **Ariella** and **Alice**. Guests enjoyed a delicious cocktail dînatoire with cedar-plank salmon, creative sushi and pasta stations by Java U. Cocktail tables were decorated with pots of basil and rosemary, scenting the air with garden notes. Temple rabbi and educator **Ellen Greenspan** and rabbi emeritus **Leigh Lerner** *continued on p. 18*

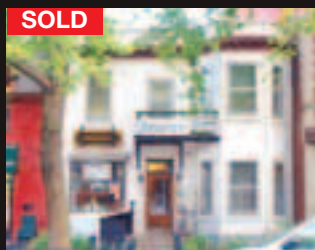


Back: Sally Yaffe, Susan Szalpeter, Leslie Alcorn, Risa Scherzer, Denise Grossman and Cynthia Telio; front: Sandy Martz, Nancy Strohl, Rabbi Lisa Grushcow, Jewel Lowenstein and Martha Oppenheim.



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(there with his wife **Silvi Plante**) addressed the sold-out crowd and blessed the challah, thus breaking bread together. The braided loaf was an apt symbol for Grushcow's ability to braid different communities and faiths together.

Cantor **Gideon Zelermyer** attended from the neighbouring Shaar Hashomayim and sang at the evening's concert.

Local res noted in the chic crowd included **Jewel** and **Paul Lowenstein**, **Julia Reitman**, **Martha** and **Mark Oppenheim**, **Leslie Alcorn**, **Gene Riesman**, **Sam Berliner** and **Betsy Pomerantz**, **Gordon Echenberg**, **Valeria Rosenbloom** and **Betty Palik-Prupas** and **Michael Prupas**. Also noted were **Sandy** and **David Martz**, **Lynn** and **Andy Nulman**, **Shawn Rosengarten** and **Lillian Vineberg Goodman** and **Morris Goodman**.

After cocktails, guests enjoyed an outstanding program, expertly emceed by local res **Jonathan Goldbloom**. Metropolitan Opera star **Joseph Kaiser**, raised in the Temple community, performed along with Zelermyer. They sang a medley, including songs from Leonard Cohen and Leonard Bernstein.

Also participating, as well as organizing



Jonathan Goldbloom.



Joseph Kaiser and Gideon Zelermyer.



Neil Wiener and Silvi Plante.

the concert, was Temple music director **Rona Nadler**.

Keynote speaker was *New York Times* correspondent **Dan Bilefsky**, recently returned to Montreal. The Temple's moving and proud communal moment finished with a flourish: a dessert reception to die for.



Rona Nadler, Noa Haran and Dan Bilefsky.

Incumbent Liberal Garneau opens 2019 campaign office

By MARTIN C. BARRY

Around 50 supporters turned up for a gathering held on August 11 at a vacant store on Sherbrooke St. in NDG near Royal Ave. where incumbent NDG-Westmount Liberal MP Marc Garneau was opening his campaign office for the October 21 federal election.

"You will know when the election is going to happen – it'll be launched by the prime minister – and it will kick off somewhere between the first and the 15th of September," said Garneau who currently is minister of Transport in the Trudeau cabinet.

"I don't know the date," he continued. "The prime minister is the person who makes that choice and he will decide how long it will be. It will either be the shortest that you can make it – 35 days – or the longest – 50 days – or somewhere in between. And it depends on a whole bunch of things."

Although NDG-Westmount is a long-time Liberal bastion, Garneau, who is seeking his fourth term, said, "We will not assume anything in this campaign other than the fact that we need to work hard to deserve the confidence and the vote of the people who live in this riding. They make

the decision and it is up to us to earn their confidence. We absolutely take nothing for granted."



From left, incumbent Mount Royal MP Anthony Housefather, and several Westmounters, including former city councillor Victor Drury, Francie Montgomery, Garneau's wife Pamela Soame, Marc Garneau and Lina Caporicci-Kinghorn.



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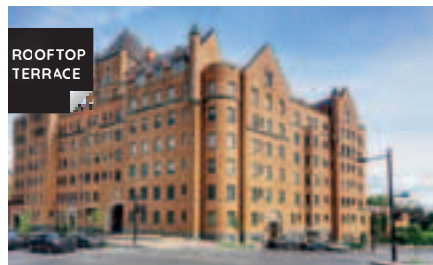


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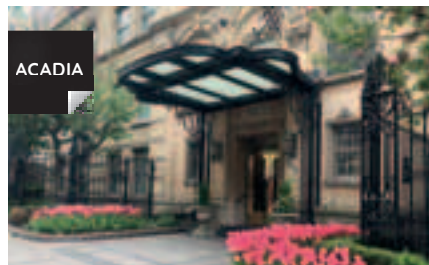


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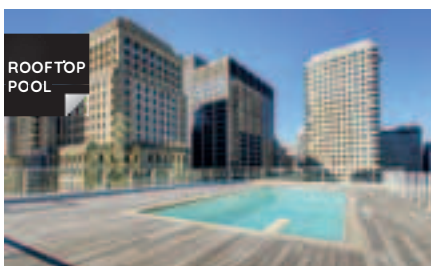


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