

Plan to freeze 2021 taxes at inflation: Mayor Smith City to get \$4.2M from Quebec to offset COVID impact

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city is to receive \$4.2 million from the Quebec government as its portion of \$800 million to be given to municipalities to reduce the financial impact of the pandemic, Mayor Christina Smith said last week.

The payment, based mainly on population, is intended to prevent municipalities running deficits, which they are not allowed to do, avoid tax increases to citizens and businesses, and protect the viability of city services, according to a letter to the city dated October 5.

"It's good news," she said. "As a result, our plan is not to raise taxes beyond the rate of inflation though we don't know what the impact will be on our *quote part*" from the Montreal agglomeration for island-wide expenses such as police, fire and

transit.

The Quebec payment is to come December 15 and March 31, with "no strings attached," she explained, but the city has the responsibility to inform citizens how the aid will be used in 2020 and/or 2021.

The \$4.2 million is expected to offset Westmount's COVID expenses such as the summer day camps, pool, Public Security, sanitizing and social distancing as well as losses from parking meters and permit fees (some \$1.5 million), tickets and fines (some \$1 million) and another \$620,000 from the cancellation of sports and recreational activities.

Transfer duty losses have been offset by the unexpected sale of the apartment building at 4300 de Maisonneuve and its "welcome tax" of \$3.2 million, "which saved the budget," she said.

City names accessibility committee



The city has named the members of its new accessibility committee. See p. 7 for story. A handicapped parking spot, as seen October 18, has been rendered largely unuseable on Sherbrooke St. at Prince Albert by a wooden-seating parklet installed on it in August, as pointed out by letter writer Nathalie Allard in our September 15 edition (p.6). An item for discussion? PHOTO: INDEPENDENT.

Entries already being received

Library plans 'Hallowe'en Gala,' pumpkin competition

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Despite the COVID uncertainties over Hallowe'en this year, Westmount Public Library has already announced its plans to ensure the popular occasion reaches young ghosts and goblins with the usual pumpkin-decorating competition, stories and songs. The difference this year is that it will all take place online.

"We are making a video of magical Hallowe'en stories, songs and poems to show via Zoom," said children's librarian Wendy Wayling. This will be available to all families that register for the annual pumpkin decorating competition.

"We are still having the pumpkin decorating contest and [this year] carving is allowed!" she said. As of last week, some registra- continued on p. 23

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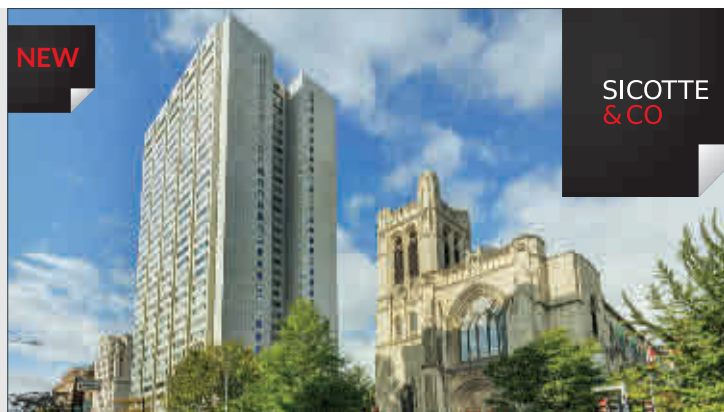
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First time to load snow during COVID

City primes to announce new snow removal routine

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

As the city council continued to award snow-related contracts October 5 – this time for the towing of cars – Mayor Christina Smith addressed the unusual challenges the city would be facing this winter.

“We’ve never had a snow-loading operation during COVID because we didn’t have to do that in March,” she explained. There would be “lots and lots of details to come regarding that.” She later said she expected a full briefing of the plan by Public Works director Robert Talarico to come this week, which she would be announcing soon.

“This year is going to be unique: a new battle, a new challenge,” explained Coun-

cillor Philip Cutler, commissioner of infrastructure and innovation.

Last winter, he recalled, the city had launched “a whole new way” of removing snow by hiring an additional overnight team. “We’re really fortunate we’ve had this experience and to have received feedback.”

On the other hand, these procedures have never involved pandemic safe-distancing procedures and uncertainties that could affect snow-loading operations in which contractors and private truckers are also involved.

Ensuring safe distancing

Since the outbreak of COVID-19 in March, he explained, maintaining the essential services of Public Works has de-

pended on ensuring the health and safety of the workers. This has resulted in new challenges to manage and schedule the various teams to prevent them from interacting and infecting the entire workforce.

The contract that was awarded October 5 for vehicle towing during snow removal operations for 2020-2021 went to Dave’s Towing at a maximum of \$92,900, of which \$21,207 will come from the 2020 fiscal year. “We don’t like towing cars, but if we have to, we’re covered,” Cutler explained.

Towing is “a huge expense to the city in lost time,” Mayor Smith added.

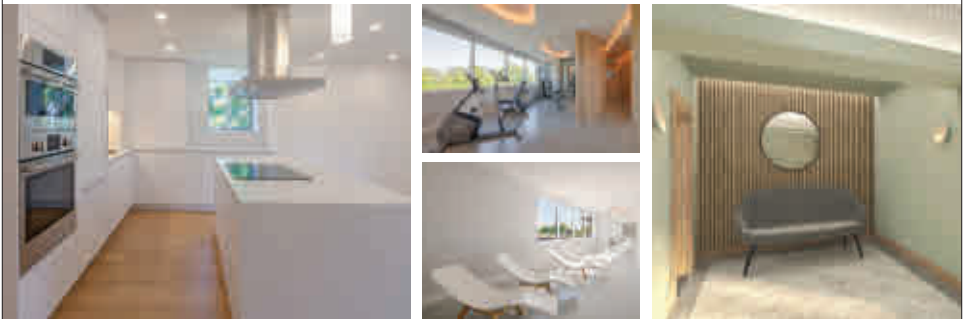
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This kind of weather and activity might soon be here. Surrey Gardens and Gordon Crescent on January 11, 2019. The temperatures felt close to -30°C. St Joseph’s Oratory is in the background.

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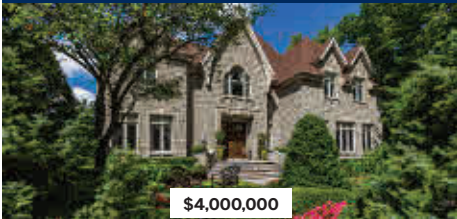
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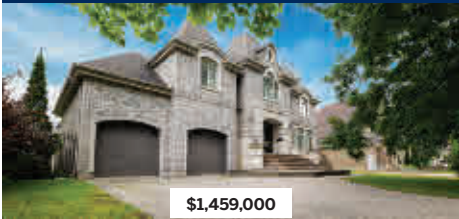
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Preparing for major road reconstruction

Engineering firm awarded design contract for Claremont

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A major road reconstruction project for next summer got off to a head start October 5. That’s when city council awarded an engineering contract for the preparation of design, plans and specifications for rebuilding the entire stretch of Claremont between Sherbrooke and NDG Ave., a bus route.

Lorraine Ave. is included.

The professional services of Le Groupe Conseil Génipur was confirmed as the conforming bidder, having obtained the best score and was given the contract at a maximum price of \$94,739 for 2020-2021, of which \$32,966 will come from this fiscal year’s budget.

Councillor Philip Cutler, who provided an update on the city’s infrastructure work for this year, said it was now coming to completion after an uncertain time over

the pandemic restrictions starting last March “when we had no idea what could be done.”

This included some of the advance work on Claremont: the rehabilitation of the water main and water entry services between Côte St. Antoine and Sherbrooke. The same type of work took place in 2019 north of the Côte Rd., all to prepare for the street’s approaching reconstruction.

October 18, when the only work site left was a small one just above Chesterfield (inset).

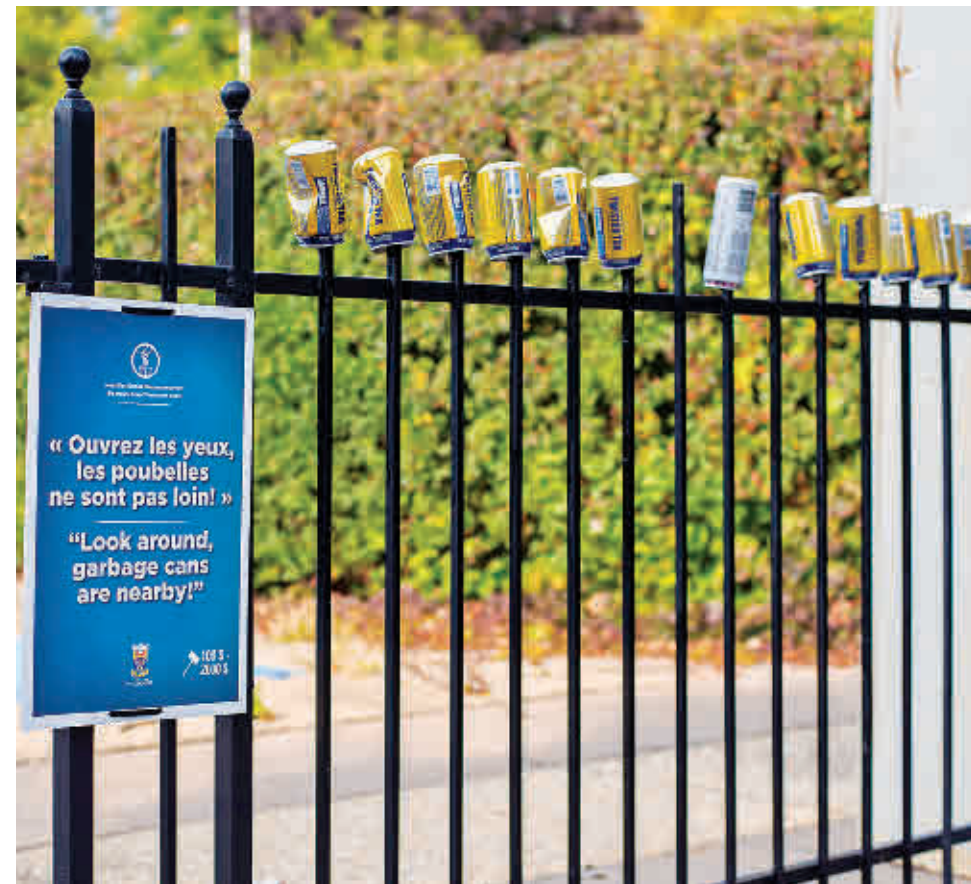
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People might be forgiven for thinking that the current Claremont work is *the* Claremont work. It has gone on for at least two months, but is still only preparatory to next year’s main event.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PROJECT VENDÔME WORK YARD DISRUPTS NEIGHBOURHOOD, BREAKS LAWS

Open letter of October 10 to Jade-Emilie Daigneault, conseillère, contractualisation et relations avec les partenaires, direction exécutive – planification et finances, Société de transport de Montréal (STM)

Thank you, Jade-Emilie [for your October 6 update on permitted and non-permitted night work at the Projet Vendôme staging yard in Westmount on McGill University Health Centre land to the east of the Glen hospital].

As you know, my house backs directly onto the contractor storage yard, located within the boundaries of the city of Westmount.

Weeks earlier, I filed a complaint with you as the contractor was working overnight in the storage yards, which contravenes city of Westmount's by-laws. Again, for the past three weeks, the contractor has regularly been working in the storage area at night, all night. The noise of heavy machinery moving around, the noise of trucks backing up *et cetera* are unacceptable. In addition, the spotlight illuminating the site shines into my backyard and my neighbours' backyards.

Additionally, the site does not conform to the CSST regulations for a secure construction site, with access from all sides not secured. I will file a complaint, if the situation is not rectified.

Please advise on next steps.

LIZ MCCALLUM, ST. CATHERINE ST.

Reply received by the Independent when it asked for permission to publish Daigneault's October 6 letter. A reply to a specific question of the Independent about terminology has been omitted.

La STM est active depuis quelques semaines sur le dossier des récentes plaintes liées aux bruits de chantier entendus la nuit. Nous avons d'ailleurs appliqué des pénalités financières au contrat de CRT Construction Inc. dans le but de faire respecter l'obligation des alarmes de recul au bruit blanc (*white noise*) sur le chantier.

Dans nos notes de visite, nous réitérons toujours l'importance de la cohabitation avec les riverains et exigeons que les bruits afférents aux travaux soient le plus réduits possible. CRT Construction Inc. a été très collaborateur depuis octobre 2017 et nous sommes confiants que la situation va rentrer dans l'ordre rapidement.

Les travaux de nuit devraient se terminer en décembre 2020.

Au sujet des luminaires au site Glen (CUSM/MUHC), cela est non permis en direction des résidences. Une surveillance plus accrue sera effectuée pour rectifier cette situation très désagréable pour les riverains du projet.

Finalement, concernant la réglementation de la CNESST, une note de visite est en production pour rappeler à l'entrepreneur d'assurer le cloisonnement sécuritaire de leurs installations temporaires du site Glen. Pour rappel, CRT Construction Inc. a la maîtrise d'œuvre au sens de la LSST (Loi sur la santé et la sécurité de la



CNESST) et est responsable de ses installations selon leur Programme de sécurité en vigueur. La STM a quant à elle la diligence de signaler tout élément dangereux qu'elle note au chantier, ce que nous nous apprêtons à faire.

Thank you.

ISABELLE A. TREMBLAY, CONSEILLÈRE CORPORATIVE – AFFAIRES PUBLIQUES, SOCIÉTÉ DE TRANSPORT DE MONTRÉAL (STM)

Open letter of October 17 to Jade-Emilie Daigneault of the STM

Thank you for your response [of October 14].

There has been no nighttime work in the past few days. I do not take this as a

guarantee that it will not happen again.

However, nothing has changed regarding the security of the construction/storage area. The Vendôme contractor storage site on the south side of the commuter tracks, within the city of Westmount, is still accessible to all and has not been secured. See photo of persons enjoying quality time climbing on the steel beams, late this afternoon. The two in the photo did not break into a secured area, they were simply enjoying the open space.

The MUHC site is green space open to all, and the fact that the job site, which is in this green space, is not secured, as required by law, is absolutely reprehensible. I am emailing my Westmount city councillor, responsible for this area, to alert the city of Westmount. I will also be contacting the CSST on Monday and filing a claim.

LIZ MCCALLUM, ST. CATHERINE ST.

WEAR A MASK – EVEN SCARECROWS DO

I thought your readers might be interested to see the cute Hallowe'en decorations on our front lawn. Each year, I put out the scarecrows, but this year I thought it would be interesting to put masks on the scarecrows to remind people of the importance of keeping safe during COVID-19. See photo below.

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Advocates for the elderly, persons with disabilities

Five residents named to new accessibility committee

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Five Westmount residents having professional or personal experience in dealing with persons with disabilities or the elderly were appointed October 5 to the city's newly formed, first-ever Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Selected from some 20 candidates who answered a public call for volunteer resident members were Krista Leitham, Sheldon Lewis, Aren Prupas, Christophe Sepulchre and Paul Vinet. They were named in a resolution adopted by the city council.

They will serve along with councillors Marina Brzeski, commissioner of sustainability and accessibility; Anitra Bostock, commissioner of Public Security; and Mayor Christina Smith, as an *ex officio* member. The committee will also include two members of the city administration, from Engineering and Urban Planning.

"It's the first committee focused exclusively on accessibility," Brzeski said. "I'm very proud to have a committee to focus on this."

The committee, to be chaired by Brzeski, is to hold its first meeting – virtually – on October 28.

'Fantastic' addition

"It's a fantastic addition," added Mayor Smith, saying citizens as a whole would benefit from the committee's work. "It's amazing to see the number of qualified applicants. There will be no shortage of recommendations to the city." She later added that universal accessibility is an issue that is "near and dear" to her.

"When deciding on the selection criteria," Brzeski explained, "it was important to include not only seniors with disabilities but also, given the aging demographic of Westmount, more vulnerable elderly resi-

dents, who will benefit from a representative voice on this committee."

The appointees really stood out in their passion and dedication towards improving accessibility, she said. Their "combined personal and professional connection to a disability or range of disabilities, makes them able to easily relate or understand those they will represent and advocate for."

As examples, she said, Krista Leitham is involved with Autism Speaks Canada, Sheldon Lewis with the Choroideremia Research Foundation, for a rare form of progressive vision loss, while Aren Prupas is the parent of child with cerebral palsy.

"Obviously, accessibility should be a cornerstone of our city," Prupas told the *Independent*. "We have the means to make it happen." From his perspective as the father of a child with cerebral palsy, he wants to ensure that the city always remains accessible as his child ages.

Brzeski has been advocating for this committee, which was identified as a priority in the city's 2020 Action Plan for Persons with Disabilities and was recommended by the Office des personnes handicapées du Québec in 2019.

Qualifications included a strong interest in equity and inclusion of people with disabilities; a strong understanding through personal or professional experience of their needs and concerns; knowledge of federal and Quebec laws and policies related to universal accessibility as well as experience in community development, communications or citizen advocacy.

The committee's mandate runs to July 2021 to produce a report to the council for its general committee meeting with recommended actions for each administrative city department or sector of activity (see story July 14, p. 5).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Foregoing the long line-up of disgruntled diners waiting impatiently to pick up their reserved "home-cooked Thanksgiving meal" at a caterer, I returned to collect mine at the end of the day.

Just before leaving with my bag of goodies, I had a niggling thought. I asked the staff person if, indeed, my dinners were nut free. I had sent two emails, and also spoken with the catering staff in person re: this allergy.

So you can imagine my surprise, when she simply said, "Then I'd better change one of the packages." Not: 'Oh, I'm really sorry. I made a mistake. I'll change it.' Or: "I should have marked this urgency beside your name on the reservation list."

I left wondering how my instinct had narrowly avoided a Thanksgiving trauma. So, dear readers. If you have food allergies, please do check. As you can see, it could be vital.

VERONICA REDGRAVE, HALLOWELL AVE.

QUESTIONS REMAIN ABOUT APCW

Roger Jochym accuses Robert Cowling of belittling and mocking Dan Lambert ("Support, don't mock, cycling advocates,"

October 13, p. 6), when, in fact, Cowling does nothing of the sort.

Cowling asked some important questions and made some valid points about Lambert and the Association of Pedestrians and Cyclists of Westmount (APCW), which Jochym refused to address in his response, resorting instead to *ad hominem* attacks.

As if to prove Cowling's point, Jochym states that Lambert and other "members" of the APCW met with the Société de transport de Montréal (STM) and "were asked to give critical feedback."

This leads inevitably to the question: on behalf of whom exactly is Lambert offering critical feedback? Who or what grants him the privilege of making suggestions to the STM that might affect all Westmounters? Is Lambert representing the city of Westmount during these consultations? This is certainly an issue that needs to be addressed.

Unlike city council, which must weigh the needs of all Westmounters, Lambert and his organization have a clear and one-sided agenda, which seeks to elevate the status and rights of cyclists above those of motorists and pedestrians.

As for Mr. Cowling, I'd greatly appreciate being considered for membership in his newly formed association.

STEVE MYRO, WESTMOUNT SQUARE

THANK YOU FOR WESTMOUNT PARK

Just a word of thanksgiving on this holi-

day weekend from one of us older Westmount citizens who are house-bound during COVID-19.

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And for a reprieve of warm weather for our duck families, the variety and brilliance of the present autumn leaf colouring and now a Herculean accomplishment of repairing cracked pavements – and even new grass seeding; all of this contributes to the beauty.

With talk of more trees to be planted, I wonder if it is at all considered: that some red pine trees be planted in the selection. The white pine have been so devastated. The red pine, before the turn of the century, used to be prolific on Mount Royal. But they were completely eradicated by inexperienced burning of the ground, which eventually destroyed all the hummus. This would not have happened had they followed indigenous practices.

The wonderful dawn redwood, ancient tree seeded and planted, now so healthy, is a great feature and thought-provoking addition to the park.

With gratitude to all personnel who have maintained the park as it is today.

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CANCELLED SCHOOL-BOARD ELECTION UNDEMOCRATIC

Due to COVID-19, the provincial government suspended all school board elections indefinitely earlier this month. I wish to thank the *Westmount Independent* for the article about my candidacy in Ward 3 (Westmount-Sud Ouest) for the English Montreal School Board.

When the election resumes, I welcome the opportunity to secure a mandate to be the independent commissioner representing the ward's students, parents and citizens. Education is a common concern and we all have a stake in the successful education of each student.

The ward is now represented by an unelected commissioner, Julien Feldman, who re- *continued on p. 20*

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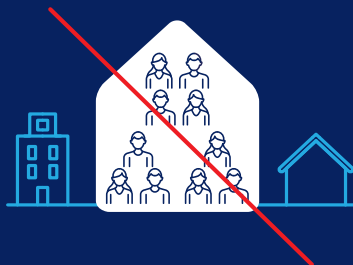
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77th Quarter Century Club banquet takes place on Zoom

City offers traditional thanks for long service – COVID style



Victoria Hall attendant Ron Harris presented by Julie-Anne Cardella, director of library and community events.

Firefighter Wendell Bailey.

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city's 77th Quarter Century Club Banquet October 7 honoured two 25-year workers in Westmount: firefighter Wendell Bailey, who has worked all his career at the station on Stanton St., and Ron Harris, the well-known building attendant at Victoria Hall. This was their induction into the "club."

Fifteen employees were recognized for other service milestones.

The event – held virtually this year because of COVID-19 – includes those already welcomed into the quarter-century group who are either still active or now retired. It has taken place every year since its inception in 1944.

Along with the two celebrating 25 years was Helen Jay, the senior library clerk, who was recognized for 30 years at Westmount Public Library. Six employees marked 20 years and another eight completed 15.

In keeping with tradition, the banquet – albeit virtual – was opened by the mayor, Christina Smith. In a welcoming statement, she congratulated not only those marking milestones but also all employees, "on behalf of residents," for their work during the pandemic under "difficult circumstances."

City director general Benoit Hurtubise also thanked all employees for their work and "all the special measures that have been taken," saying "we're going to make it through this."

The 25-year inductees

Starting off the tributes to the special 25-year inductees, Julie-Anne Cardella, director of library and community events, described Ron Harris as "a super-friendly and really sociable guy," a talented photographer who remains calm under pressure, makes the best brownies, knows Victoria Hall like the back of his hand and has even been heard calling it his home. He is "a tremendous asset" to the city, she said.

In the recognition of Wendell Bailey, the camera was turned into the local fire station on Stanton St., number 76 in the island-wide Montreal system, where three senior fire officials toasted him with separate stories. It recognized the fact that ever since joining the Westmount Fire Brigade before its merger into the Montreal island-wide force, Bailey has continued to serve in Westmount. This entitled him to become a 25-year member of the club.

Former mayors usually attend the banquet and this year was no exception.

Former mayor Peter Trent (1991-2000 and 2009-2017), said he found it interesting that this year's honourees represent nine different city departments. "I would say that I know half of you," he said, adding "we do appreciate your loyalty, your dedication, and your pride in working for the city of Westmount."

Former mayor Karin Marks (2001-2009) summarized the importance the city has always placed on the banquet by recalling how, in the portion of her term as mayor during Westmount's merger with Montreal, she resisted efforts by the centre city to cancel the banquet as a cost-cutting measure. "It's unique to Westmount. It's the way the city shows its appreciation. It's also a kind of family reunion."

Because the actual banquet had never been cancelled since inception, she added, "the pandemic has done what the merger couldn't!"

Former mayor Brian Gallery (1983-1987) also thanked everyone for doing "an expert job as we all know," and wished them good luck.

The virtual event included the traditional memoriam to remember the 25-year members of the club who had passed away in the last year.

Produced by Anne Renaud, the mayor's

executive assistant, and Sebastian Samuel, the city's communications head, the virtual event signed off with the hope that all those who usually are invited will be able to gather in person next year at Victoria Hall to share memories with past colleagues.

In addition to those specially honoured for 25 and 30-years, the contributions of the following were presented on film by their department heads:

20 years

- Kimberley Colquhoun, Public Security,
- Colette Connors, Library,
- Daniel Giroux, Public Works,
- Antonio Masucci, Public Works,
- Kaushi Patel, Public Security,
- Farid Yaddaden, Information Technologies.

15 years

- Timothy Collum, Public Works,
- Phyllis Galbraith, Finance,
- Sergiu Guzu, Hydro Westmount,
- Daniel Imbert, Public Works,
- Antonio Poliziani, Public Works,
- Christopher Rogers, Urban Planning,
- Pierre Thibault, Public Security,
- Yook Yen Wong, Public Security.



Bailey's presenters at Station 76 on Stanton St.



30-year honouree Helen Jay.



Mayor Christina Smith gives her opening welcome.

Restaurants closed – terrasses ‘open’



Restaurants may be closed for everything but delivery and takeout due to the Montreal region’s red-alert COVID-19 status, but their terrasses continued to be used by members of the public, as seen on Victoria Ave. October 14 and Greene Ave. on October 19 (below right). PHOTOS: INDEPENDENT.



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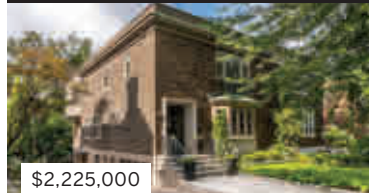
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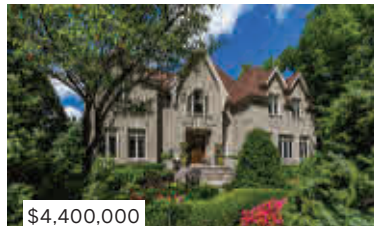
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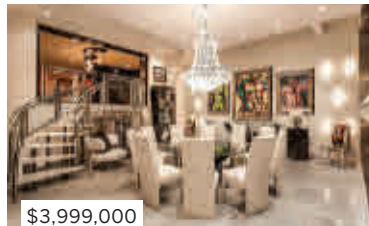
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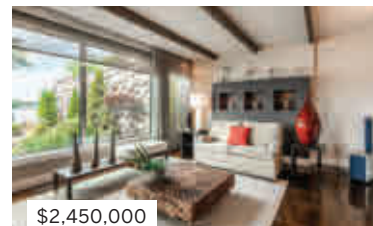
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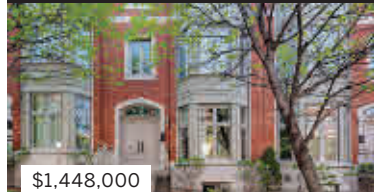
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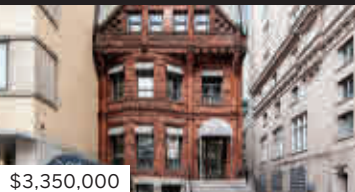
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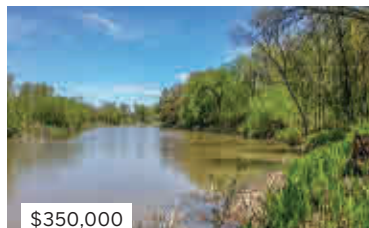
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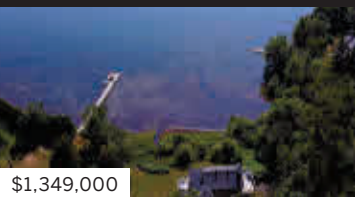
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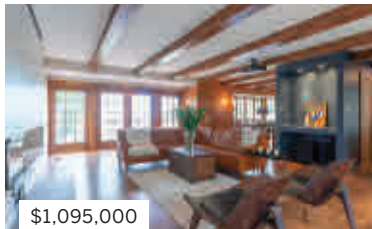
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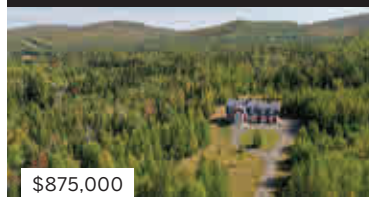
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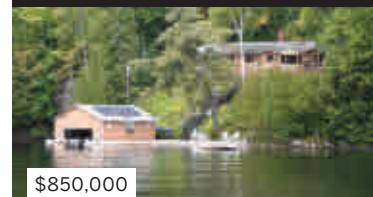
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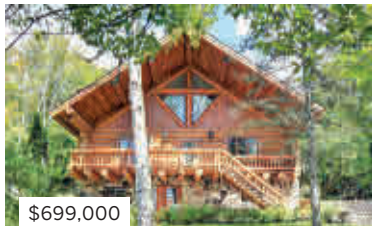
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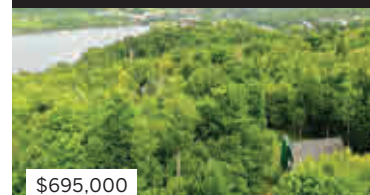


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Every five minutes, it exchanges random codes with app users nearby. The random codes cannot be used to identify you or determine your location. It stores the codes on your phone for 14 days.

Every day, when your device connects to the Internet, the COVID Alert app will match your random codes and those of individuals who have indicated through the app that they have tested positive. Even if the app finds matching codes, it is impossible to link them to individuals. **Your identity and the identities of other app users remain confidential.**

If the app finds matching codes, this means that within the past two weeks, for a period of more than 15 minutes, you were less than two metres from another user of the app who has since tested positive and agreed to share that information with other users.

You will therefore receive an alert notification:

- that you may have been exposed to COVID-19;
- that informs you of the next steps to follow.

No personal information or location data is shared. It is, therefore, impossible to know when and where you were in contact with an infected individual.

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Equine Westmount



Left, police horses on Sherbrooke St. in front of the Westmount Public Library on October 16. It is the “first time I have seen horses riding down Sherbrooke!” said resident Doug Hamilton. The *Independent* was already on the lookout though, having noticed equine droppings on the north side of Sherbrooke at Victoria Ave. on October 8, photo at right.

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Imagine Westmount 2040
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Flu vaccination: no clinic at Victoria Hall this year
Due to the pandemic, the flu vaccine will be available at the CLSC by appointment. Watch for updates on the clicsante.ca website for booking appointments. westmount.org

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Due to the pandemic, the City's buildings remain closed, but our services are available by phone or online. westmount.org

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Due to the red zone designation, restaurants and dining rooms are now closed. The City has published a list of local businesses that offer delivery and takeout services. Find it at westmount.org.

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Pandemic or not, graffiti continues



On the exterior wall of the top/café floor of the Westmount recreation centre October 8.

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On the landscaping wall facing Sherbrooke near the Westmount Public library October 9.



On one of the new parklets near Prince Albert and Sherbrooke October 9.

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Police Report

Homes broken into on Hallowell Ave., Sherbrooke St.

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Investigators from the Montreal police department’s Station 12 are waiting for the owner of a home near the corner of Hallowell Ave. in lower Westmount to complete an inventory of personal property before deciding whether a break-in around 8:30 pm on October 11 was also a robbery. According to community relations officer Constable Adalbert Pimentel, the perpetrator gained entry by physically forcing open an exterior back door with one or several hard kicks.

A second door found just beyond the outer entrance was then also forced open. Pimentel said the police knew the exact time of the incident because the forced entry triggered a burglar alarm.

From there, according to the police report, the suspect went through one room, searching through cupboards and drawers. Pimentel said the police on the scene were able only to determine that the premises had been searched by an intruder.

However, they were unable to conclude whether anything was stolen, because the owner wasn’t present to confirm a theft, although another person acted as the complainant and filed an incident report with the police.

“We have our ID section trying to get some evidence from the scene,” he said, noting that the investigators found footprints, and may also have fingerprint evi-

dence. “So, we don’t know what was stolen. We’re waiting for identification on the fingerprints and the forensics on the footprint.”

Open window leads to theft

Sometime between midnight and 8 am on October 9, a home located on Sherbrooke St. near Wood Ave. was entered illegally through a ground-floor window that was left partly open overnight in the kitchen area at the dwelling’s rear.

“After midnight, the suspect was passing by and the kitchen window was unlocked,” said Pimentel.

After getting in, he added, the perpetrator stole a laptop computer, as well as a small wallet containing an electronic banking card for accessing automated teller machines.

There was a dog in the dwelling at the time of the intrusion. Pimentel said the intruder left without causing any damage to the premises and didn’t leave behind any fingerprints.

Pimentel said two things that may have been factors resulting in this break-in were the dwelling owners’ leaving the window unlocked and slightly ajar overnight, as well as the fact that they left valuables in plain sight from outside the window.

“If you want to leave your window open for fresh air, do it on the second storey – not on the main floor,” he said.

High, outside staircase coming



A permit has been approved for the Château Maisonneuve apartment building to build a new outside emergency staircase between its 17th and 18th floors (see list at bottom left). This view looking east at the building will soon disappear as a 10-storey Groupe Maurice seniors’ residence is built on the empty NDG lot in the foreground.

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BUILDING PERMITS What’s permitted

City council approves 14 building permits at Oct. 5 session

The following 14 requests for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the October 5 meeting of the city council. There were no refusals.

Approved

- 456 Elm: at a Category I house, to replace the front door;
- 624 Murray Hill: to build a new roof deck terrace on a garage and build a new staircase to the roof deck according to option 2;
- 16 Willow: to repair the roof of the front canopy provided the material is copper or zinc;
- 478 Mount Pleasant: at a Category I house, to add a mudroom on the rear façade;
- 4324 Sherbrooke: at a Category I apart-

- ment building, to replace the sign;
- 285 Clarke: at an apartment building, to add an elevator shaft on the roof;
- 596 Lansdowne: to repair two front balconies and replace guardrails;
- 315 Roslyn: to replace a door on the rear façade;
- 4998 de Maisonneuve: at the Château Maisonneuve apartment building, to build a new outside emergency staircase between the 17th and 18th floors;
- 317 Melville: to replace windows and a door;
- 15 Renfrew: to replace the storm windows;
- 647 Grosvenor: to replace the canopy and balcony at the main entrance, to modify the second-floor gallery facing the garden and to add a roof over the exterior stairs to the basement;

- 520 Lansdowne: at a Category I house, to replace the two-storey bay window on the south side south façade;

- 44 York: to restore the back balconies provided the fascia and soffit are in wood.

Letters, cont’d. from p. 7

tains his seat via a provincial government decree issued after the postponement. The nearly 10,000 registered ward voters did not elect him this year. That decree is an assault on democracy because the election could have been held via mailin ballots. Elections can easily be conducted in early December and the systems used in British Columbia and New York can be applied in Quebec. Westmount MNA Jennifer Maccarone can definitely lobby for a mail-in ballot system for school board elections. The 75,000 voters denied democracy

at the Lester B. Pearson School Board and others at two more boards have been negatively impacted. I urge everyone to ensure they are registered on the English school board electoral list and if not, contact the EMSB to be placed on it. This ensures your opportunity to participate. Our English school boards are crucial community educational institutions and we must ensure they remain independent and strong, and that we retain control over them.

IRWIN RAPOPORT, NDG

Schweitzer: Sunflower rays in a pandemic season

In Conversation

HEATHER BLACK



In late summer, John A. Schweitzer brought sunshine to the Delrose Retirement Residence with a communal “Rainbow Rebus” collage. A participatory art event for the 41 residents – including the artist’s mother – the completed work is now on display at the residence in Delhi, Ontario. Recently, I spoke to the artist from his Westmount studio on how the project evolved.

Site-specific design

Schweitzer’s collages – a mix of ephemera and paint – add cheer to many health care facilities including the MUHC Glen Site as well as Toronto’s Sunnybrook Hospital and Baycrest Health Sciences. Unable to visit his mother last spring, he was acutely aware of the demoralizing effect of social isolation on seniors.

His solution: a collaborative collage of a giant sunflower composed by residents. “The sunflower evokes sun, light and

energy as well as Matissean joy,” Schweitzer explained. The title “Rainbow Rebus” refers to the COVID rainbow and pictograms within cognitive puzzles.

“Matisse’s “*papiers découpés*” collages – composed of cut-out figures with strong colour juxtapositions – are an inspiration for much of my work,” the artist said.

An adjunct art history professor at the McGill school of architecture, Schweitzer commented that the project is also a riff on the 1920s parlour game “*cadavre exquis*” which the French Surrealists extended to collaborative drawing.

“Art sustains us in times of adversity,” he explained. “The hands-on process is designed to sharpen both cognitive and aesthetic skills and help seniors remain mentally and visually engaged.”

Communal activity

“Rainbow Rebus” is also a gesture of gratitude to the Delrose staff for the excellent care that his mother Elizabeth – now 93 years of age – has received since moving there a year ago. Schweitzer added that the residence remained COVID-free due to a strict visitation policy. With several of his community projects on hold, the artist commented: “The pandemic pause allowed us to reflect and re-evaluate our

techno-focus lives.”

Schweitzer, who grew up nearby, proposed the project to the administration in early summer. As the collective activity supported Delrose’s goal to meet resident’s social, emotional and spiritual needs, “Rainbow Rebus” was approved. In late August, the artist brought the project’s design template, as well as 41 envelopes each with a sunflower piece to the residence. That event was reported in the *Simcoe Reformer* and was reprinted locally as well as in North Bay and Edmonton.

On September 4, Delrose staff – with the guiding template in hand – first visited Elizabeth Schweitzer, who glued the sunflower’s black centre onto a white foamcore board. Staff then visited each resident who, in turn, opened their envelope and attached a cut-out yellow petal or green leaf to the board. The completed and framed collage now hangs in the Delrose lobby for public viewing.

COVID rebuke

As the pandemic – and social isolation – continues, Schweitzer is proud that “Rainbow Rebus” continues to cheer residents. His message: “Affirm life through bright and colourful art that holds out the promise of a better future.”



Left, design template for “Rainbow Rebus”; John A. Schweitzer at a farm outside Delhi, Ontario.

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Jeunesse Debout: ‘fate of Pierre Laporte was justifiable’

FLQ supporters march to commemorate October Crisis



Left, FLQ supporters march along Westmount Ave. east of Lansdowne Ave. An FLQ-inspired flag (seen on the right in NDG Park) was prominently displayed during the march through Westmount on October 10 marking the 50th anniversary of the October Crisis.



By MARTIN C. BARRY

“What is the life of a minister compared to the daily existence of the masses the world over who struggle to survive misery, police abuses or bombings?”

That reference to the murder of Quebec Liberal cabinet minister Pierre Laporte by the Front de Libération du Québec in 1970 was one of the messages delivered by a speaker to a small group of latter-day FLQ supporters during a gathering and march held on Saturday, October 10 in NDG and Westmount to mark the 50th anniversary of the October Crisis.

It was organized by a group calling itself Jeunesse Debout, an organization that describes its mission on the small English-language portion of its web site as being “to organize the young. We are working to build a network of defense and cooperation against bosses, landlords, police and fascists.”

An FLQ-inspired red-and-green “*drapau patriote*,” on which a masked terrorist armed with a military assault rifle is the centrepiece, features front and centre on the Jeunesse Debout website.

An image of a triumphant Paul Rose, the FLQ terrorist convicted of kidnapping and murdering Pierre Laporte, also featured prominently on a large red banner used by the demonstrators to lead their march.

“We declare high and loud that the fate of the minister of exploitation and unemployment Pierre Laporte was justifiable,”

the group says of Laporte, who was minister of Labour in the Quebec Liberal government in 1970, on a French-language page promoting the October 10 event.

While the tone of the gathering in NDG, followed by a march up NDG Ave. into Westmount, was noisy at times but generally peaceful, some observers watching from the sidelines had no doubt why the group chose to demonstrate in west end Montreal.

“I know why they chose this spot: to try to intimidate anglophones,” said Alex, an NDG resident who declined to give his last name. “They have flags with machine guns on them. What else are we supposed to believe?”

‘Bastion of the bourgeoisie’

A spokesperson for Jeunesse Debout, who also refused to be identified, explained to the *Independent* why they chose NDG Park for their event. “Simply because it’s next to Westmount, which was the bastion of the bourgeoisie in Montreal and maybe even in Quebec,” he said.

“Westmount was a target for revolutionaries back then, and we were determined to show that the struggle for the seizing of power by all workers is still alive and relevant, and that all the wealth that is concentrated in Westmount represents the exploitation of workers in our society.”

While the 30 or so demonstrators who took part were predominantly French-speaking, one or two were anglophones. Under police escort, they made their way

from Girouard Ave. along NDG Ave. into Westmount. They chanted slogans along the way, such as, “*Trudeau père, Trudeau fils, deux hosties d’impérialistes*,” and “Up the IRA, *Vive le FLQ*,” suggesting sympathies with the Irish Republican Army.

Near bomb site

On the front steps of a home on Westmount Ave., a short distance from some of the spots where the FLQ in 1963 planted bombs in mailboxes, including one at Lansdowne that maimed Sgt. Maj. Walter Leja, Mylène and Simon Ellis were somewhat mystified by the commotion the demonstrators generated as they passed by.

“I’m dismayed,” she said, suggesting the protesters had a distorted view of history. “It’s probably just a symptom of what’s going on in North America, if not around the world, at the moment,” he added. “Everybody has a right to express their opinion.”

More FLQ coverage

See also our story “Leja ceremony remembers a Westmount hero” (May 28, 2013, p. 1) about the installation of a plaque to Sgt. Maj. Walter Leja at Westmount Ave. and Roslyn. A commemorative ceremony was held there by the city on the 50th anniversary of the day he was critically injured by the FLQ bomb: May 17, 1963.

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Hallowe'en prep in happier times



From our October 17, 2007 edition: Making final plans for converting the lawn bowling clubhouse into the Westmount Haunted House were, from left: the late Helen Rainville, Community Events Advisory Committee; Claude Danis, Sports & Recreation; Public Security's then sergeant Denis Proulx and then city councillor Nicole Forbes.



From our October 28, 2008 edition: While decorations weren't to be judged by the city that year in a departure from previous ones, they were already appearing at many homes such as this one prominently mounted on the garden bank outside 690 Aberdeen at The Boulevard and directly across from St. George's Elementary School.

Haunted house may re-emerge in movie

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Due to the pandemic uncertainty surrounding how much Hallowe'en will be celebrated this year, Public Security officials are busy planning to put together a movie to replace the longtime haunted house they have been providing for trick-or-treaters on October 31.

Because of the closure of municipal buildings and the usual fairly crowded haunted house, holding it this year will not be possible, said Kimberley Colquhoun, assistant Public Security director.

"We're also waiting to find out what the mayor's view will be on Hallowe'en in Westmount. I'm hearing more and more about how many trick-or-treaters won't be going door to door."

While the movie is now in the early planning stages, "we may see a few familiar characters re-appear from our years of creating the haunted house. We've kept everything," she said, referring to all the props used to integrate the Frankensteins, ghosts and skeletons into a different ghoulish theme every year.

She expects the movie would likely be posted on the city's website as part of Westmount TV.

Library plans 'Hallowe'en Gala', cont'd. from p. 1

tions had already been received. This annual contest is open to library members who register between October 19 and 29 using a form on the library's website.

"Decorate a pumpkin at home, put on your favourite Hallowe'en costume, take a photo with your pumpkin and then send the photo to us," Wayling explained. The photos are to be featured on the library's

Instagram page.

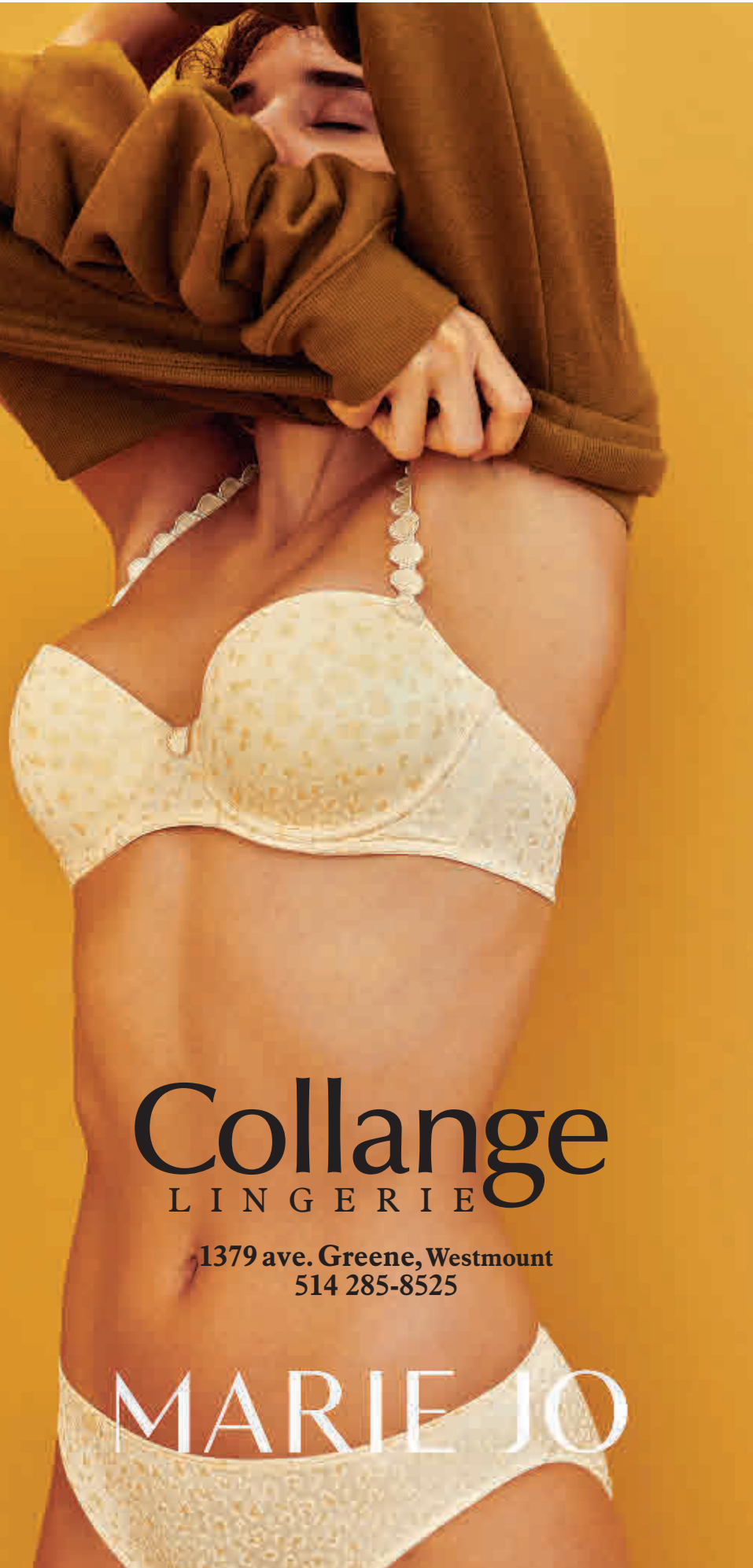
As well, anyone who registers can pick up a loot bag with treats and a spooky craft at the front door of the library during the registration period. Winners are to be announced on October 30, from 4:30 to 5:30 pm, at the end of the Zoom presentation.



From our October 27, 2009 edition: Aches and pains were to be permanently cured at the "Westmount General Hospital," as shown by Public Security's then sergeants Kim Colquhoun and Denis Proulx.



From our October 26, 2010 edition: Parking inspector Pierre Thibault and Public Security's then sergeant Kim Colquhoun showed off some of the costumes to be used for the city's Haunted House featuring an eerie circus theme.



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Given that many people are now working from home, the team has noticed that relaxed and casual styles are in demand. Men have adapted to slightly longer hair. "There's a new mood of easy-going that is really fun to style," adds Goss. "We have also been getting requests for bright colours and extensions, so every style is in fashion."

The salon is set up according to COVID regulations, of course, and along with regular customers has been welcoming walk-ins.

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An update on Westmount salons

I had my temperature taken this week. No, not at a doctor's office, but at the Jean John hair salon.

Well, that was a first. I asked myself afterwards why airports *et al.* did not use this handy method ages ago to discern immediately if someone has a fever – a particularly useful tool in today's moment.

The Westmount hair salon, co-owned by Jenny Goss, left, and father and son Marc, right, and James Toporowski (not pictured), is celebrating 44 years at the same address. The team of seven has clients ranging from children to men and women.

During the spring lockdown, "we created colour kits for our customers, who then collected them," explained Goss.

"When we re-opened, we had a lot of corrections," smiled Marc. "Some of our clients had followed online suggestions/




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Stansfield turns 100

Irene Bell (née Stansfield) celebrated her 100th birthday on October 3 at St. Margaret's seniors' home on Hillside Ave. near Westmount High.

The residence "kindly made a special exception to the strict COVID rules," according to her son-in-law, *Independent* photographer Ralph Thompson, so that he and her daughter Lorraine Bell could visit her in the lobby for a brief celebration.

Stansfield was born in Montreal and studied to be a secretary at a convent on the South Shore. She was "a very good ath-

lete," continued Thompson, and excelled at bowling and softball, during which she met her future husband, Victor Bell. They married in June 1939 and enjoyed "a happy marriage for more than 60 years."

Stansfield worked at a bank while Victor was overseas with the Canadian army during World War II. After the war, she became "a stay-at-home mum," looking after their two children, Gordon and Lorraine.

Stansfield "was a good cook and loved to entertain." And "she and her family spent many happy summers on Lake

Champlain in Vermont at a cottage that Victor built."

In the early 1980s, Irene and Victor moved to Ontario. He died in 2002 and Irene moved to Westmount in 2006.

Stansfield has had a lifelong pleasure in shopping, especially for clothes, and "to this day takes great pride in her appearance. Her cheerful attitude and happy smile keep everyone entertained on the second floor at St. Margaret's."

"Happy 100th birthday, Irene, may you continue to bring joy to all around you," concluded Thompson.



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Remember hope?

Sunrise around 7 am October 4, looking east over Westmount Park and downtown.

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Legal or not, dog owners use lagoon

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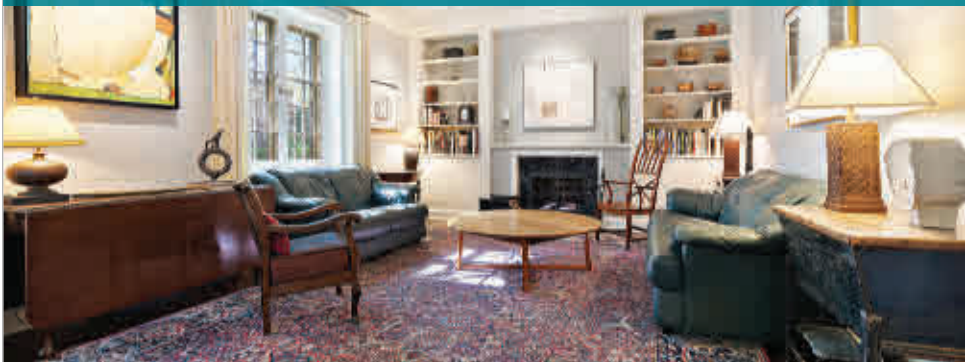
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