

Tax bills to be sent out at end of Jan.

Taxes rise 2.5% on average single family home for 2020

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount tax bills for 2020 are to be sent out at the end of January, reflecting an increase of 2.5 percent on the average single-family dwelling, according to the the average city's operating budget of \$114.1 million and tax rates set by city council December 16.

This increase amounts to \$339 more on the average home now valued for tax purposes at \$1,952,698, stated Councillor Kathleen Kez, finance commissioner. Changes will vary depending on each individual property.

Much of this increase was attributed to the \$59.9 million in Westmount's shared costs of Montreal agglomeration services such as police, fire, water and transit. It

represents an increase of 2.6 percent.

Tax rates per \$100 of property valuation were set by Westmount at \$0.7092 for residential properties of five units or less, \$0.7187 for apartment buildings with 6 or more units and \$2.8892 for non-residential properties.

Because 2020 is the first year in the new triennial property valuation roll, tax rate comparisons with other years do not indicate the impact of this year's increases or decreases.

Budget not questioned

While the meeting was attended by two non-working residents, neither asked a question, and the budget was presented and adopted, all within 12 minutes before the start of

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Welcome to the 2020s



An anonymous artist left a positive message in Murray (King George) Park January 5.

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HONESTY INTEGRITY RESULTS

Less so for tourist accommodations, bars

Residents favour more restaurants, medical offices

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Results of a city survey December 3 to 17 to revitalize the three commercial sectors showed that some 80 percent of the 737 respondents either "agreed" or "agreed strongly" that more restaurants should be allowed in all three: Victoria village, Greene Ave., and St. Catherine (Atwater to Clarke).

Fully 73 percent of the returns agreed

in some degree with allowing more medical offices on the (upper) floors of commercial buildings but numbers plummeted significantly when it came to allowing restaurants to serve alcohol without "meals" (44 to 50 percent) and fell to 35 to 50 percent when it came to allowing tourist accommodation.

In all these cases, 14 to 18 percent of respondents

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First woman, youngest person to hold the post Feldman is MUHC's new surgeon-in-chief, medical director

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Officials at the McGill University Health Centre have announced that a Westmounter has been appointed as the MUHC's first female medical director and surgeon-in-chief.

Dr. Liane Feldman assumed the role on January 1 after the hospital's board of directors passed a resolution on December 23 making it official. At age 52, she is also the youngest physician ever to be appointed surgeon-in-chief at the MUHC.

In her new role, Dr. Feldman will be responsible for organizing the clinical workload in operating rooms, ambulatory clinics and emergency departments at the Royal Victoria, Montreal General and Lachine hospitals as well as at the Montreal Chest Institute.

According to the MUHC, she will also be co-managing adult perioperative services across the MUHC network, while serving as chair of the department of surgery in the faculty of medicine at McGill University.

Leading up to her appointment, Dr. Feldman held the Steinberg-Bernstein Chair in Minimally Invasive Surgery and Innovation as an attending physician at the MUHC.

For the last nine years, she directed the MUHC's division of general surgery, leading more than 50 surgeons across McGill University's teaching hospital network, including the Jewish General Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital Centre.



Seen here at the MUHC's Glen Campus on January 10, Westmounter Dr. Liane Feldman is the hospital's new medical director and surgeon-in-chief.

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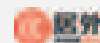
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Recognized for ‘a great effort’ City names Azbaty as player of the month for December

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The hockey player of the month for December for Westmount minor hockey is Alejandro Azbaty of the Bantam B Wings team, it was announced last week.

“Alejandro, 14, put forth a great effort

last month,” said Andrew Maislin, operations manager for Westmount Sports and Recreation.

“He stepped up” to the coaches’ challenges and placement of him “in new roles at different times. He was always positive and his game has grown as a result.”

Alejandro began playing hockey with Westmount four years ago with one year in the house league before moving into the city’s competitive program, he explained.

“This is his third year playing for the Wings. I am particularly proud of him as he has grown so much over the years with regard to his hockey skills. He is one of those kids that wanted to play hockey and ensured that he would be a team player.”

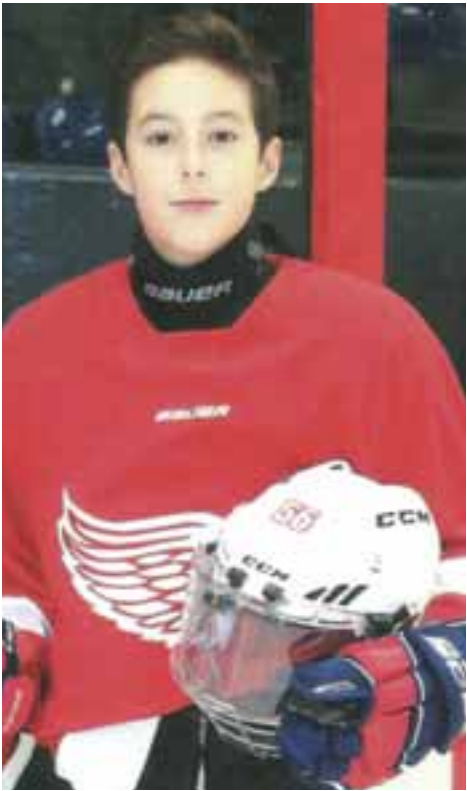
In keeping with the city’s criteria for naming a player-of-the-month, Azbaty was described as working so hard, taking advantage of extra clinics and ice time and who “jumps on any opportunity to improve his skills.”

He is the third recipient of the recognition program since it was launched in October to highlight the contributions of the



The Westmount arena on January 13.

PHOTO: INDEPENDENT.



Alejandro Azbaty of Bantam B Wings.

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players and to acknowledge the opportunities and skills that minor hockey, and sports as a whole, can offer young people, Maislin said at the time.



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Good-bye, 2010s



The last snowfall of 2019 and a rash of snowmen appeared in Murray (King George) Park December 31. Westmounters Hou Jizhou (left) and his father Hou Wei had built three very jolly specimens at the bottom of the park.



Top and bottom: Côte St. Antoine Rd. on New Year’s Eve.

PHOTOS: RALPH THOMPSON

Survey, cont’d. from p. 1

reported themselves to be “neutral” with the remaining either disagreeing or strongly disagreeing.

All three commercial sectors border fairly congested residential streets.

A closer look at the survey results within each of the categories (restaurants, alcohol, tourist accommodation and medical offices) showed the findings remained fairly consistent across the three sectors.

Of the total responses, 42 percent came from H3Y postal codes north of Sherbrooke while 58 percent came from the H3Z codes to the south, in which the three commercial sectors are located, according to city communications head Sebastian Samuel.

Of the 737 responses, 15 were received as hard copy, the rest were submitted online.

The survey followed up on one in April 2017 which asked what facilities residents would like to see more of in the commercial sectors. At this time, establishments offering food and drink were the most frequently mentioned category (36 percent.)

The city’s plan to revitalize the commercial sectors follows a decline in occupancies with a number of empty store fronts and units in commercial buildings as well as unoccupied restaurants already legally permitted.

Currently, zoning regulations limit the

number of restaurants in these areas and completely prohibit establishments offering alcohol without meals (bars) and tourist accommodation.

Zoning restrictions on the size and number of medical offices in the Victoria village area came in 2014 as a proactive measure to prevent their influx and anticipated traffic and parking congestion after construction of the super-hospital (see stories December 3, 2013, p. 1, and February 11, 2014, p. 1). While the actual survey referred to “floors” of commercial buildings, Samuel told the *Independent* this meant “upper” floors.

Restriction on bars

The city’s longstanding prohibition of alcohol without meals aims at restricting bars and taverns.

Conceivably, residents who moved to Victoria village in the last few decades, for example, would not recall the significant number of noise and other disturbances associated with Marcos and Pepe’s restaurant, located on the south side of Sherbrooke between Prince Albert and Claremont, whose rear deck backed onto the Winchester lane and homes.

In the event that any rezoning were to take place, Samuel pointed out, it would be the residents most directly affected who would have the final say as being the ones eligible to vote in any rezoning referendum.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



PLOUGH ERRORS

I see three major strategic mistakes [on de Maisonneuve at Greene]. How many do you see?

RON DIAMOND, ST. HENRI

KEEP ALL OF WESTMOUNT'S GRASS NATURAL

Regarding the soccer and synthetic turf problem raised at a recent council meeting, Selwyn House should know better than to put the Westmount environment at risk by promoting and offering to help pay for "organic" synthetic turf to be placed on the historic fields at the Westmount Athletic Grounds (WAG).

The soccer lobby and Selwyn House should instead be promoting and pushing for more maintenance of the fields.

Both these groups are dealing with young people who will be paying for our

environmental mistakes.

Why do we continue to want to get away from nature? Even the most modest grass field cools the surrounding air.

The precautionary principle should be used by the city in this case because there is a lack of information about the new cork and coconut type of turf that turf companies are pushing today. The promoters are calling the fields "organic" but the grass on top is truly plastic and will cause an inevitable heat-island effect.

In the year of Greta, Westmount should keep *all* its natural grass

MARILYNN GILLIES, MELVILLE AVE.

LOTS OF ISSUES WITH BUILDING ELEVATORS

[I write] further to Martin C. Barry's articles "Local seniors' elevator challenges

remain unresolved" (October 1, p. 8) and "Concerns raised for Westmount seniors without elevator service (February 21, 2017, p. 15.)

[Contrary to the 2017 article,] the elevator at 4400 St. Catherine was actually out of service for eight weeks in 2016. [Barry wrote that resident Tim Burke] "had no elevator service for three weeks straight. Following this, according to 83-year-old Burke, the elevator didn't work again for several days."

It should have read "the elevator didn't work again for *five more weeks*."

As a caregiver, I walked four to seven flights, helping some of the tenants there during that time. No one delivers food to those floors, so I did and helped with other things to offset the energy wasted on stair climbing.

Tenants that I helped were fearful for their lives and their children were terrified for them.

Once I saw one of the tenants climbing the stairs in tears. I asked what was wrong and was told it was excruciatingly painful climbing the stairs and they could not take it anymore, but did not know what to do.

In 2016, a lady in her 90s living on the seventh floor had just had surgery, as did Mr. Burke, 86, who lives on the seventh floor. The two months of stair climbing compromised and delayed their recoveries.

What are tenants going to do in an emergency? How are EMTs supposed to climb up and down six or seven flights of stairs in time to save someone's life?

It's not only the seniors who suffered. A tenant on the sixth floor has a baby and needs to carry the baby in a carriage.

Another tenant just moved out because she is expecting another child and will not walk stairs for months at a time while pregnant. What would she have done if her water had broken?

When told the elevator would not function starting September 1, for several months, some other tenants moved out. Then on August 29, the landlord sent notices that the elevator renovation was rescheduled for April 1, 2020. That last-minute change of plans needlessly cost them stress and money. They were obliged to take other more expensive apartments. Had they known the date would be April 1, they would have had a better chance of getting an apartment at a lower price.

Bernard MacDonald's letter to the editor (November 12, p. 6): "Install a stair lift in the stairway, say from the third to seventh floor," albeit kind in thought, is not a solution.

Could you imagine people lining up to ride it, one floor at a time? Lifts would take up a lot of room in that narrow stairwell

and other people could not pass by. The owner certainly would not hire someone to watch over that. Those lifts are for in-home use, not for people carrying packages, grocery carts or bags, wearing coats and boots, carrying wet umbrellas. I don't see how the landlord's liability insurance could cover them [for such a device].

In 2016, tenants were told they were waiting for an elevator part when it broke down suddenly. There is no reason, with three years notice, to wait for parts, once the modernization takes place. Tenants were told two to three months. That is inexcusable. The landlord should only give the contract to a *company that guarantees the work will be finished within a week or two, tops!*

The only answer is that the tenants who cannot manage to climb the stairs do not pay rent for the months there is no elevator service, so they can rent somewhere else temporarily and be given a subsidy to pay for the difference of rent, with perhaps \$150 extra for inconvenience, having to pack, get a temporary phone, go somewhere else and still come by for their mail.

The 2019 article said "Although Burke, 86, told us there have been no recent elevator service shutdowns."

Well, it was out of order on December 7 and it did not work on November 5 either.

LAWRENCE MICHAELS, SHERBROOKE ST.

A DAY IN PROVENCE



This was a very impressive stand of waste containers near Castillon de Garde in Provence. Could Westmounters be persuaded to bring some of their waste to such centres?

PATRICIA FORBES, DE CASSON

HOW DO WE HELP? CREATE PEACE AND QUIET?

The Westmount Square entrance on Green now has a female beggar who lives in Cartierville but comes at least five days per week to beg beneath the Westmount Square sign on Greene. I have given her money on two occasions so when she now sees me, she asks, expecting I give her money. If I ignore her, she grumbles loudly. At times, her behaviour is aggressive.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Today, I asked her why she doesn't beg in Cartierville. She answered that people in Westmount give her money. She is known to Westmount Public Security, who have received several complaints regarding her behaviour. Security can ask a beggar to move but they cannot prevent a beggar from returning to the same spot to beg. I feel giving money to her encourages her begging and in giving we are enabling her behaviour.

The begging problem is especially pronounced in the Alexis Nihon plaza. Twice, I was approached by a young male beggar at Tim Hortons. On one occasion, I was at the order counter, the second time when I was waiting in line. The corner near the Metro often has one to three beggars in three different areas.

What can be done (besides the drop-in centre at Atwater and St. Catherine) to help beggars and give the citizens of Westmount peace and quiet both in Westmount Square and in Alexis Nihon plaza? Our quality of living has definitely decreased.

ANGIE CANERS, KENSINGTON AVE.

TRAIN STATION SHOULD BE PRESERVED, USED

It is very encouraging to read that Councillor Jeff Shamie is interacting with citizen Daniel Perrault to envision the ongoing re-use of Westmount's old train station (December 10, p. 3). This handsome heritage building is ideally located for a number of purposes, from a market to a museum, as well as a local café to go with either of those functions. It would indeed be an ideal home and presentation space for the Westmount Historical Association.

When one considers the environmental impact of demolishing a building, trucking away its remnants, then excavating, building anew and re-landscaping, the re-use of an existing building is a major step in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. It is virtually the only responsible action, given our concerns for the endangered environ-

ment. Municipalities in Quebec should be empowered to take all necessary steps to prevent demolition.

The old station is a well-preserved, attractive, humanly-scaled structure with historically-related buildings stretching up Victoria Ave. As such, it is an asset for the community, and it is the community – citizens and councillors alike – who, together, will have the imagination needed to return the station to viable public use.

BRIAN MERRETT,

DE MAISONNEUVE BLVD WEST

Editor's note: Why not just leave it as it is? No one is talking about tearing it down and it is currently cheap to maintain, attractive, preserved, discussion- and conflict-free, and useable for the city's unheated storage needs. See my opinion piece of November 6, 2012, p. 6 for a longer version of this argument. Please note that in the following issue, November 13, p. 6, the Westmount Historical Association leadership of that time clarified that it had not recently "advocated renovating the station to serve exclusively as our office and archives." New or updated views from everyone are welcome. – DP.

TIME FOR PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION

An open letter to NDG-Westmount MP Marc Garneau

We are citizens who met with you on December 17 in order to present the idea of holding a citizens' assembly on electoral reform. A citizens' assembly, as we explained to you, is a highly democratic, non-partisan process by which a representative group of citizens from across Canada would be chosen by lottery (similar to the way that juries are selected) in order to study all options for electoral reform and come to a decision.

You acknowledged from the outset of the meeting that the federal Liberal Party broke its 2015 electoral promise about electoral reform, adding that Liberals had en-

dured much criticism for doing so (implying, it would seem, that penance had been achieved). You concluded firmly that the Liberal Party had no intention of ever reopening that dossier. "That ship has sailed."

You also issued a familiar challenge: If we were not happy with you or with the Liberal government, we could always "turf" you out. This sounded a bit ironic to my ears, given that the Liberal Party is currently in power with only 33.1 percent of the popular vote, due to the broken first-past-the-post system. Canadian citizens want electoral reform more than ever, but we are in a bit of a quandary, since in order to chart a course to a system that benefits the many, we have to appeal to politicians who came to power precisely because of the dysfunctional electoral system.

To our dismay, you mentioned that you liked the option of alternative vote (which you referred to as "preferential ballot"). It also goes by the name "instant runoff voting." Whatever name one uses, alternative vote is used to choose a single winner, not a coalition government as would be characteristic of a proportional system. Also, simulations show that it would benefit the Liberals. So we felt that it was a bit disingenuous to introduce it in a conversation

about proportional representation.

We know that there are open-minded Liberal MPs out there, and electoral reform activists like ourselves are actively seeking them out, through meetings such as the one we had with you. Launching a citizens' assembly is an opportunity for the Liberal Party to be on the right side of history. Consider, for example, Finland, which is governed by a five-party coalition that has the support of 55.7 percent of voters. In Finland, as in the 87 other countries with proportional representation, cooperation is not a buzzword, an illusion, or a temporary inconvenience on someone's path back to power – it's how real democracy works.

You in particular, as a long-serving MP, could seize this opportunity to propel the country, and with it the Liberal Party, forward, on a path to address crises like climate change. Attachment to traditional ways of governing, once the ballast that kept the Liberal ship afloat, may, in times of shifting societal values, have become a dead weight that is dragging it down.

We are asking you to chart a new course, to a better future for Canada. We know that it is possible.

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Taxes, cont'd. from p. 1
council's mid-month meeting.

City votes against aggro
In opening the meeting, Mayor Christina Smith hit hard on the close to \$60 million Westmount will fork over to the agglomeration.

"Once again, our share has gone up," she stated.

She and the other mayors of the 15 demerged municipalities had voted against adoption of the agglomeration budget December 13, not because of its content but because of a lack of consultation with the

mayors to which Montreal had committed. "I would say that was not well received," she explained, adding: "But that's okay." It was the only way Westmount taxpayers "could have a voice." Another issue, she said, was the level of the debt, which had still not been addressed.

Westmount's aggro share (*quote-part*) of almost \$60 million accounts for 52.5 percent of the overall Westmount budget, which, when added to the city's payment to the Montreal Metropolitan Community for regional services, totals \$60.8 million.

Local spending

The cost of running the city's local operation is budgeted at \$63.4 million, to be offset by a surplus appropriation of \$10.2 million for a total of \$53.2 million, up 2.5 percent when compared with last year's \$51.9 million (also after surplus appropriation).

This year's increase in expenditures is due in part to a rise of some \$5.6 million in the city's pay-as-you-go funding for capital works and an increase of \$2.1 million in remuneration, Kez said.

This includes the addition to Public Works of 19 seasonal staff and a night superintendent to assist in snow removal and park maintenance (see staff story November 26, p. 1). It also includes two new inspectors and a public consultation agent to Urban Planning as well as an additional library worker.

Taxes account for most of revenue

The lion's share of revenue needed to pay for the \$114.1 million budget will come from total tax-related revenues of some \$96 million, another \$7 million expected in welcome tax, \$6 million from parking meters, permits, tickets and fines as well as other sources such as government grants of \$2 million and \$1.5 million from recreational activities.

Among the budget objectives mentioned, the city would "continue to incur no new debt as well as no refinancing" of outstanding debt of \$9.3 million, which will be due to mature in 2023.

The \$9.3 million is covered by both the appropriated surplus and provincial grants for the Westmount recreation centre debt, according to Kez.

The budget and budget speech may be found on the city's website under Resident Zone/taxation and valuation/2020 budget.

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Temple, Westmount High teens exhibit work

Students create *Hybrid Identities* at Montreal Museum of Fine Arts

BY HEATHER BLACK

Young artists from Westmount were among the many attending the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts’ December 9 vernissage of the *Hybrid Identities* exhibition. On display were four collages created by teens from Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, Westmount High School, Collège de Montréal and Montreal City Mission. Facilitated by staff at the museum’s Michel de la Chenelière International Atelier for Education and Art Therapy, the collages were the combined effort of four artists – each from a different organization.

Inspired by the theme “Meeting the Other in a World in Movement,” each artwork was unique. One centered on music where panels combined to create an image of a teen with headphones. Another took a more cosmic view whereby a map of Montreal extended to Canada and to the solar system. Others were series of individual collages dotted with both common and diverse symbols of each art-



Sylvi Plante, Noah Reich and Chloe Brown in front of “Coalescence.”

ist’s “hybrid identity.” Westmount High student Chloe Brown said: “It was exciting

to work at the museum and to exhibit here is almost like a dream.”

The project was created and organized by Westmount resident Sylvi Plante, who saw the potential of art to bridge diverse identities. She said: “The goal of the project is for students to find commonalities between each other despite differences in religious, cultural and linguistic backgrounds.”

Following an introduction, the collages were developed and created this fall during six weeks of two-hour sessions. Noah Reich from Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom commented: “We got to know each other as a person and found similarities as well as differences in our experiences.”

Hybrid Identities is a collaboration between the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts and Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom with the participation of the other institutions. senior rabbi Lisa Grushcow said: “What an extraordinary project. I’m so proud and grateful to be part of it.”

The exhibition continues until February 16 at the Michel de la Chenelière International Atelier for Education and Art Therapy on 2200 Crescent St.

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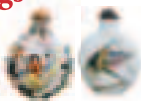
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AVG. DAYS ON MARKET	143	81	106	↓26%	↑31%
# OF LISTINGS SOLD	77	71	73	↓5%	↓3%
OVER \$1M	18	20	18	0%	↓10%
UNDER \$1M	59	51	55	↓7%	↑8%
# OF NEW LISTINGS	111	109	94	↓15%	↓14%
OVER \$1M	33	37	35	↑6%	↓5%
UNDER \$1M	78	72	59	↓24%	↓18%

WESTMOUNT HOMES

	2017	2018	2019 YTD	%CHANGE 2017 TO 2019	% CHANGE 2018 TO 2019
MEDIAN SALE PRICE	\$1.550.000	\$1.700.000	\$1.800.000	↑16%	↑6%
AVG. DAYS ON MARKET	97	72	101	↑4%	↑40%
# OF LISTINGS SOLD	175	145	127	↓27%	↓12%
OVER \$2M	35	52	48	↑37%	↓8%
UNDER \$2M	140	93	79	↓44%	↓15%
# OF NEW LISTINGS	200	241	246	↑23%	2%
OVER \$2M	61	107	136	↑123%	↑27%
UNDER \$2M	139	134	110	↓21%	↓18%

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Atwater Library benefit raises \$73k



Eric Pepe, Paul Marchand, Stephen Edmonds and Antonio DiMambro.



Abigail McLellan, John Blachford, Lynn Verge and Mayor Christina Smith.



John Aylen and Claude David.

Guests attending the much-anticipated Atwater Library's benefit raved about the much-loved Dunn's smoked meat station. No delicate bite-sized *hors d'oeuvres* here, but delicious and slurpily-enjoyed carved sandwiches, accessorized with famed pickles – and lots of napkins!

The cocktail once again featured luxurious pashminas and scarves, courtesy of local res **Reuben Abramowsky**, who also donated beautiful vintage serving dishes for the silent auction.

Famed editorial cartoonist **Terry Mosher** – aka Aislin – contributed some of his works, whose witty commentaries elicited chuckles.

Guest of honour was **Paul Marchand**, a leader in the life insurance business who has contributed generously to the library for many years. In his remarks, he noted that the library and similar institutions are particularly important to immigrants. When his father arrived in Montreal from England after World War II, he used the Atwater Library, studying for exams to become a professional engineer in Quebec.

Marchand attended with his wife **Trish Marchand**, her twin sister **Pamela Luck** and Sun Life representatives **Stephen Edmonds**, **Eric Pepe** and **Antonio DiMambro**.

Library executive director **Lynn Verge** acted as emcee, introducing library president **John Aylen**, who addressed the packed room.

Westmounters enjoying the eve included Mayor **Christina Smith** and Councillor **Mary Gallery**; former mayor **Peter Trent**; **Larry Cannon**, CFO of sponsor Nova Steel, and his wife **Dominique Arvisais**; **Helgi Soutar**, event sponsor and Atwater Library board member; **Céline Lachance**

and **Jean-Marc David** of sponsor Mark & Lachance; **Peter Morton** of sponsor Pembroke Private Wealth Management;

Library board members **Julie Keith** and **Richard Conrad**, attending with his wife **Judi Levine**; **Morag** and **Peter Howlett**, lawyer **Nancy Cleman**; actor **Tony Robinow**,


Judith Kashul and **James Coulton**; **Dora Koop** and **Stephen Phizicky**; **Bob Johnson**; **Beth Marchant**; **Edith Katz**; **Brian Webb**; **Andrea Bobkowicz**; **Nic Côte** and **Nicole Xenopoulos**; **Claude David**; **Cheryl** and **Dave Stenason**; **Joan** and **Alex Paterson** and **Carol** and **Michael Harrison**.

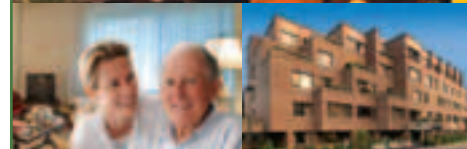
Noted enjoying the Dave Turner Jazz Trio were **David Angus**, co-chair with **Ri-**

chard Pound of the Atwater Library's capital campaign; **Jonathan Aune**, **John Blachford**, playwright and author **Colleen Curran**, **Jean-Guy Gourdeau**, CEO of the Montreal General Hospital Foundation; writer **Kathleen Winter** and her husband **Jean Dandurand**, and executive director of Centre Greene **Beth Symansky**, who volunteered to help with the silent auction.

The fun night raised over \$73,000 net to support the library's educational and cultural programs.

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Bibliothèque : finis les frais de retard pour les enfants
À compter de janvier 2020, la Bibliothèque publique de Westmount n'imposera plus de frais de retard sur les livres et magazines pour enfants. westlib.org.

Concours littéraire McEntyre 2020
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After a heavy snowfall, be on the lookout for orange signs or flashing lights that indicate temporary parking restrictions needed for snow loading.

Outdoor skating rink conditions
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As of January 2020, the Westmount Public Library will no longer charge late fines on children's books & magazines. westlib.org.

2020 McEntyre Writing Competition
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Imagine Westmount 2040!
Join us at Victoria Hall on **Wednesday, January 29 between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.** and have a say in the proposed approach to the City's new Urban planning Master Plan. Your opinion is important to us. westmount.org/imagine2040.

CALENDRIER

Bibliothèque : activités pour enfants
Les programmes d'hiver débutent le 20 janvier.

Galerie du Victoria Hall : Exposition
Du 16 janvier au 15 février. Œuvres de Heather Dubreuil, John Fretz et Mana Hemami. Vernissage : 15 janvier, 18 h. 514 989-5265.

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Conférences du Cercle canadien des femmes de Montréal
Mardi 21 janvier, 12 h 30, Victoria Hall. *Refugee Protection* avec Marina Sharpe, PhD. 10 \$. 514 989-5226.

Club de la Galerie d'art
Mardi 21 janvier, 14 h à 15 h, Galerie. Participez à une discussion décontractée

sur l'exposition en cours. 514 989-5265.

Atelier de poésie
Mercredi 22 janvier, 10 h 15, Bibliothèque. Dirigé par Ann Lloyd. 514 989-5299.

Concert : Toward the Sea
Mercredi 22 janvier, 19 h, Victoria Hall. Un programme d'œuvres de compositeurs canadiens, australiens et japonais. Billets requis. 514 989-5226.

Samedi cinéma
Samedi 25 janvier, 14 h, Victoria Hall. *Charade* (1963). Billets requis. 514 989-5226.

Ciné-club
Mardi 28 janvier, 14 h, Victoria Hall. *Judy* (2019). Billets requis. 514 989-5226.

Club de lecture en anglais
Mardi 28 janvier, 19 h, Bibliothèque. *Waking Lions* de Ayelet Gundar-Goshen. 514 989-5299.

CALENDAR

Children's activities at the Library
Winter programmes begin January 20th.

Gallery at Victoria Hall: Exhibition
January 16 to February 15. Works by Heather Dubreuil, John Fretz, and Mana Hemami. Vernissage: January 15, 6 p.m. 514 989-5265.

Tales and Travels Series
Thursdays 10:30 a.m. or Fridays 1 p.m., Jan 16 – Feb 14, Library. A weekly activity for individuals with dementia. Registration required. dmiguez@westmount.org / 514 989-5530.

The Women's Canadian Club of Montreal Lecture Series
Tuesday, January 21, 12:30 p.m., Victoria Hall. *Refugee Protection* with Marina Sharpe, PhD. \$10. 514 989-5226.

Art Gallery Club
Tuesday, January 21, 2–3 p.m., Gallery. Drop in for a casual discussion about the current exhibition. 514 989-5265.

Poetry Workshop
Wednesday, January 22, 10:15 a.m., Library. Led by Ann Lloyd. 514 989-5299.

Concert: Toward the Sea
Wednesday, January 22, 7 p.m., Victoria Hall. A program of works by Canadian, Australian, and Japanese composers. Tickets required. 514 989-5226.

Saturday Cinema
Saturday, January 25, 2 p.m., Victoria Hall. *Charade* (1963). Tickets required. 514 989-5226.

Film Club
Tuesday, January 28, 2 p.m., Victoria Hall. *Judy* (2019). Tickets required. 514 989-5226.

English Book Club
Tuesday, January 28, 7 p.m., Victoria Hall. *Waking Lions* by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen. 514 989-5299.



BUILDING PERMITS  What's permitted

Council approves 9 building permits Dec. 16, go-head for Fun Academy work at church



Westmount Park United Church on January 13.

PHOTO: INDEPENDENT.

The following nine requests for demolition, exterior construction, alteration or renovation were approved at the December 16 meeting of the city council on the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC). There were no refusals.

Approved

488 Wood: at a Category I house, to undertake renovations and modifications to the building, including changing the cladding of a rear volume to brick, demolishing and modifying volumes at the rear between the main house and garage, modifying openings, replacing windows and doors and restoring an original design on the front façade provided the windows are wood with SDL divisions in the upper sashes respecting the pattern of the original windows;

Edgehill: (no civic address), to landscape the entire property;

48 Holton: to replace the front door;

68 Forden Cresc.: at a Category I house,

to install new copper chimney caps;

4913 Sherbrooke: to replace four windows and two doors at the rear;

127 Arlington: to replace windows and a door;

4454 de Maisonneuve: at a Category I building, to replace windows provided they respect the proportion of 60/40 of the original windows, which can also be seen on the attached neighbour's part of the ensemble;

635 Sydenham: to install a new patio and a small wall in the back yard on condition the wall, free of brick, serves as a privacy screen of maximum height of 5 ft. 6 inches;

4695 de Maisonneuve: at Westmount Park United Church, a Category I building, to build a new basement exit and install a new fence as per the proposal approved on November 13, 2017 (see story on Garderie Fun Academy, December 5, 2017, p. 1, and November 19, 2019, p. 1).

Police Report**Suspects arrested after Sherbrooke St. office break-ins**

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

A string of break-ins committed at offices inside a Sherbrooke St. commercial building in Westmount on the night of December 15 culminated several days later with the arrest of two suspects who were identified by clothing they were wearing on the night of the break-ins.

"They started breaking in doors at different locales," said Montreal police Station 12 community relations officer Stéphan Laperrière, describing the incidents.

"Somebody on the scene heard some noise and went up to investigate," he continued. "He then saw one of the guys yell out to the other guy, 'Hey there's somebody here. Let's get out of here.'"

In all, according to Laperrière, eight different police reports were written, as that was the number of offices in the building that were broken into.

He said police officers from Station 21, who were patrolling Montreal's central downtown area four days later, knew of the break-ins.

They had a physical and clothing description of the suspects that they were able to refer to because a "wanted" poster was circulated within two days.

The officers recognized the suspects, described as two males between the ages of 25 to 30 years, and proceeded to make arrests.

Laperrière said that images captured by video surveillance cameras, as well as detailed descriptions provided to the investigators by witnesses to the break-ins, were crucial to identifying and arresting the suspects.

"We don't know if anything was stolen," he added, noting that the police reports made no mention of stolen property. "We

don't know if they got that chance before they were interrupted."

The suspects are charged with breaking and entering and causing damage to property.

Laperrière said the time of year may also have been a factor that contributed to the successful identification of the suspects. "When it's wintertime, you tend to wear the same kind of hat and coat," he said.

VW broken into

Although the recent Christmas and New Year's holiday period was relatively quiet in Westmount for crime, two parked vehicles were broken into.

On January 5 around 4 pm, a 2008 Volkswagen parked on Wood Ave. was broken into and robbed of personal items that had been left by the owner on the rear seat.

According to Laperrière, police officers who were out patrolling first spotted a problem when they saw one of the car's windows was broken. They were assisted by a nearby resident who provided information to contact the owner.

Because some valuables were still in the car, the officers decided to remove them to safekeeping at the police station. The female owner was informed of the break-in and later retrieved the items, consisting mostly of clothing.

VW #2 broken into

On January 7 around 5:30 pm, another Volkswagen parked on Sherbrooke St. in Westmount was broken into and robbed of several pieces of personal electronic equipment that had been left in plain sight in the vehicle.

"We don't know how they got into the car, but there were no signs of forced entry such as a broken window," Laperrière said.

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Toute personne peut consulter les documents fournis dans le cadre de la demande en utilisant le lien suivant : westmount.org/ppcmoi, ou au comptoir du Service de l'aménagement urbain à l'hôtel de ville, situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount pendant les heures d'ouverture, soit du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

De plus, en vertu de l'article 2.7 du règlement 1489, le projet sera présenté au Comité consultatif d'urbanisme lors d'une réunion publique qui aura lieu le mardi 28 janvier 2020 dans la salle du Conseil de l'hôtel de ville, situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, à 8 h 30.

Des commentaires sur le projet peuvent être émis lors de la présentation publique ou sous forme écrite en utilisant le lien suivant : westmount.org/ppcmoi. La date limite pour soumettre des commentaires écrits est le vendredi 14 février 2020. Veuillez noter que la Ville de Westmount ne répondra pas individuellement aux commentaires soumis.

Notice of receipt of an application for a Specific Construction, Alteration or Occupancy Proposal for an Immovable (S.C.A.O.P.I.)

The City of Westmount wishes to inform all interested persons of the reception of an application under By-law 1489 "By-law concerning Specific Construction, Alteration or Occupancy Proposals for an Immovable (S.C.A.O.P.I.)". The application requests variances, notably the height and the site coverage, to allow the construction of a new multifamily building.

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Any person may consult the provided application documents on the city website under the following link: westmount.org/scaopi, or at the counter of the Urban Planning Department at City Hall, located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, in Westmount, during regular business hours, from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Likewise, in accordance with Article 2.7 of By-law 1489, the proposal will be presented to the Planning Advisory Committee at a public meeting taking place in the Council Chamber of Westmount City Hall, located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West in Westmount, on Tuesday January 28th, 2020 at 8:30 am.

Comments on the project can be made at the public meeting mentioned above, or in writing on the city website under the following link: westmount.org/scaopi. The deadline for the submission of written comments on the project is Friday February 14th, 2020. Please note that the City of Westmount does not reply to individual comments.

Comin' Up

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

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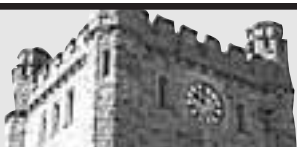
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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Application to open a registry in view of approval by way of referendum – SCAOPI – 1100 Atwater Avenue – Second Draft Resolution

1. At its regular meeting held on Monday, December 2, 2019, the Municipal Council adopted, by resolution, the second draft resolution No. 2019-12-253 concerning an immovable bearing the civic address 1100 Atwater Avenue located on lot 4 143 122 of the Quebec cadaster.
2. This second draft resolution contains three (3) provisions subject to approval by way of referendum:
 - a) Grant a variance to By-law No. 1303 of the City of Westmount, entitled *Zoning By-law*, by allowing, notwithstanding the uses permitted in zone R6-24-08 of the City's zoning plan, office type commercial activities in the whole building;
 - b) Grant a variance to By-law No. 1303 of the City of Westmount, entitled *Zoning By-law*, by allowing, notwithstanding the uses permitted in zone R6-24-08 of the City's zoning plan, proximity store and/or service and retail and/or service store on the ground and first floors; and
 - c) Grant a variance to section 7.2.4 of By-law No. 1303 of the City of Westmount, entitled *Zoning By-law*, by allowing commercial signs in residential zone R6-24-08, while conforming to the specifications for commercial signs in accordance with the City of Westmount by-laws.
3. Interested persons may submit to the City Clerk's Office, no later than **January 22, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.**, an application to open a registry in view of submitting the provision of the second draft resolution to the approval of certain qualified votes.
4. The legal notice relating to the foregoing is available at: <https://westmount.org/en/resident-zone/legal-services-city-clerks-office/public-notices/>



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PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING

To all persons interested by the first draft of Resolution No. 2019-12-252, modified by Resolution No. 2019-12-266, adopted under By-law No. 1489 entitled "By-law concerning specific construction, alteration or occupancy proposals for an immovable (S.C.A.O.P.I.) of the City of Westmount", regarding the building at 360 Clarke Avenue, on lot No. 2 626 404 of the Québec cadaster (hereinafter the "Immovable").

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given of the following:

1. That at its regular meeting held on Monday, December 2, 2019, Council adopted by resolution the first draft of Resolution No. 2019-12-252 in order to permit, for the Immovable, certain variances to By-law No. 1303 entitled "Zoning By-law".
2. That at its regular meeting held on Monday, December 16, 2019, Council adopted Resolution No. 2019-12-266, thus modifying the first draft resolution by adding an additional derogation.
3. That the purpose of the first draft resolution consists in permitting:
 - a. Notwithstanding the 5% or 92.9 m² restriction imposed for the area of an enlargement to an assembly building appearing in Table 4 of Division 8, an enlargement of approximately 2,120 m²;
 - b. Notwithstanding the maximum site coverage authorized of 30% for this assembly building appearing in Table 4 of Division 8, a site coverage of approximately 37%;
 - c. Notwithstanding the maximum floor area ratio of 0.90 authorized for this assembly building appearing in Table 4 of Division 8, a floor area ratio of approximately 1.14;
 - d. Notwithstanding the maximum construction height permitted in the physical and spatial specification grid for zone R3-23-01 of the City's zoning plan, a height of approximately 1.25 m (4'-1¼") in excess of the authorized 10.668 m (35'-0");
 - e. Notwithstanding the maximum permitted mineral surface rate of 30% for a building in a residential area, a ratio of mineral surfaces of approximately 84% for the school yard;
 - f. Notwithstanding the requirements for the location of a fence in the front yard of a lot, a fence at the proposed location in the landscaping; and
 - g. Notwithstanding the requirements for the maximum height of a fence in the front yard of a lot, a fence between 1.8 and 2.1 metres high proposed in the landscaping drawings.
4. That a public consultation meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Council Chamber of Westmount City Hall located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West. During this meeting, the Mayor, or another member of Council that she will have designated, will explain the first draft resolution and will hear every person wishing to be heard.
5. The first draft of resolution No. 2019-12-252, as modified by Resolution No. 2019-12-266, contains provisions making it subject to approval by way of referendum and it concerns the zone R3-23-01 in which the Immovable is located. The sketch of the concerned zone can be consulted at City Hall or on the website of the City at the following address:
http://westmount.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Plan_zonage_09-01-2015.pdf
6. Any interested person may consult the first draft resolution and obtain copies at the Office of the City Clerk, at City Hall, during business hours.

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Me Andrew Brownstein
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For more information on Cheddar, please contact the reception staff at the Hôpital Vétérinaire Général MB at their email rechopvetgen@gmail.com or call to find out more about him at 514.935.1888.



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Rosie and Flynn, sweet puppies for adoption



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They are both at that stage where the ears are growing first and feet are getting larger. They enjoy cuddling with everyone in their foster family and playing outside in the back yard while discovering snowy weather.

As young pups, they are alternating between bold initiatives with toys and shy cuteness when meeting new people.

Rosie and Flynn are both very healthy, have received their first inoculations and treatments, being on schedule for further vetting as they grow. If you would like more information on them, please contact their foster family at rosie_adoption@hotmail.com or flynn_adoption@hotmail.com, also reaching out for wonderful photographs of these growing sweethearts playing in their first winter as they change every week!

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Reiko opens Reiko gallery on Greene



Rebekah Reiko.



Lulu Brenner, Beryl Wajzman and Emma Segal.

Cuddly, long-legged animals wearing vibrant accessories can now be seen on Greene Ave. Photographs of alpaca by Westmounter **Rebekah Reiko** premiered at her eponymous space: Reiko.

A documentary film maker and photographer, Reiko travelled throughout Bolivia to take her images, in which a warm-hued light casts a glow over hills and shrubs. Her technical craftsmanship and creative eye transformed mounds of grass into gorgeous textured globes sitting at the feet of fluffy creatures with bright “necklaces.”

Alpaca herds are traditionally clad in vividly coloured tassels so that they can be seen from afar and also to identify the owner. (However, although they look adorable, they communicate somewhat assertively: they spit.)

Since the age of 17, Rebekah has journeyed the globe solo, experiencing nearly every continent through her viewfinder, capturing an awareness of, and an appreciation for, the multifaceted histories of each

moment with recurring themes of family, geography, emotion and spirituality.

Proudly present family members were Rebekah's parents **Jane Silverstone-Segal** (of Oink Oink fame) and **Hersch Segal** (the visionary behind Le Château), and sisters **Emma** (an environmental journalist) and **Sarah Segal**, there with her husband **Jon-**

athan Deitcher and baby **Axel Deitcher** (also very cuddly).

Sarah is the brains behind Squish, the candy store chain. In fact, one of her boutique's sweet products – irresistibly delicious red licorice twists – joined Ritz crackers and cubes of cheese on the food table.

Space consultant **Peter Moses** assisted Reiko in her gallery's white/wood décor adding the fun idea of upside-down plants.

Really. Kokedama are suspended in the air.

Espied admiring the photographs were former Westmount mayoral candidate **Beryl Wajzman**, **Franco Rocchi**, (senior vp Le Château), **Lulu Brenner**, **Eva Friede**, **Eding Mvilongo**, **Talya Stein** (in a fabulous fuchsia coat recalling designer Schiaparelli's penchant for that hue), **Nathon Kong**, **Harriet** and **Jack Lazare** (whose photo collection was recently exhibited at the Montreal continued on p. 22



Jane Silverstone-Segal and Hersch Segal.



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Franklin's 50-year career recalled at closing sale



Isaac Alt with Franklin's press clippings and art.

BY HEATHER BLACK

An exposition and sale of work by Westmount artist Hannah Franklin took place on December 8 and 15 on St. Ferdinand St. in St. Henri. Bronze or synthetic sculptures and mixed-media paintings on display were representative of work completed over a 50-year career. Found in the collections of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal, and the Canada Council Art Bank, Franklin's work is known for colour harmony, lyrical style, and elegant craftsmanship.

Among the first to experiment with polyester resins in moulded sculptures,

Franklin exhibited internationally at the Small Sculpture Biennale in Budapest in 1971, and at the Basel International Biennale in 1974. A solo show of her work was held in 1984 at the Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec in Quebec City and she exhibited at Expo 86 in Vancouver. More recently solo exhibitions of her work were held at the Visual Arts Centre in 1999 and at The Gallery at Victoria Hall in 2012.

An art innovator throughout her career, Franklin often included printed texts or lines from her poetry in paintings or, at times, added sand to acrylic paint. At the December 8 sale, architect and artist Isaac Alt commented: "I love Hannah's



Veronica and Stephen Brownstein.

Social notes, cont'd. from p. 21

Museum of Fine Arts), **Sam Silverstone** and **Dax Dasilva** (Lightspeed founder).

Local res noted among the guests included **Barbara Seal** and **Veronica and Stephen Brownstein**. (The first time in my life I have ever met another Veronica!)

Guests' singular sense of fashion ignored the bitterly cold eve. Espied were a little crop-top, tiny tees, furry heels (high of course) and on-trend bright sneakers. Reiko promises to add even more life to the tony street. Open Thursday to Sunday, all level yoga classes will take place daily at noon.

The multi-talented Rebekah Reiko is also a trained yoga teacher. The artist has participated in international documentary film fairs and envisions her gallery as "spotlighting the many artists I met." Summer months promise some of her friends' films shown in Reiko's outdoor back garden. I can hardly wait.

work. Most are thematic – from the desert to wildlife or trains – and many are very architectural."

However Franklin is now unable to do the work that she loves and must close her studio.

The artist's son Jonathan Franklin said: "People who went through the war have



Eding Mvilongo and Talya Stein.

different ways of expressing that experience. My mother channelled that energy into contemporary art using materials of the future and we want to share that experience." The ongoing sale of Franklin's work is organized by daughter-in-law Simona Franklin, who can be reached at 514.943.0393.



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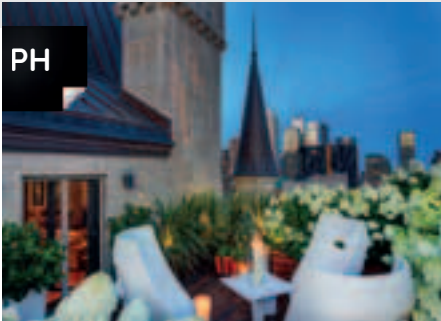
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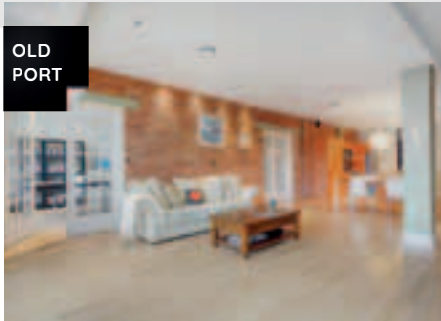
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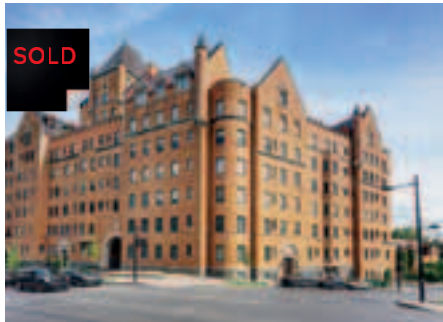
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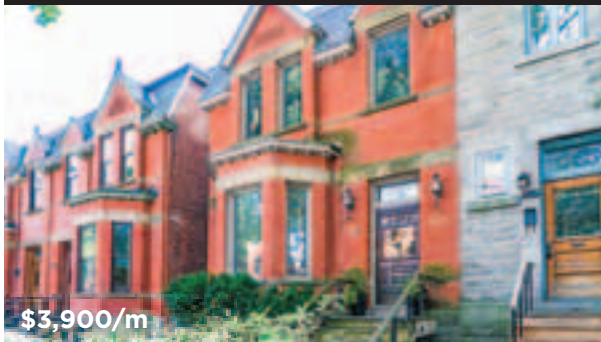
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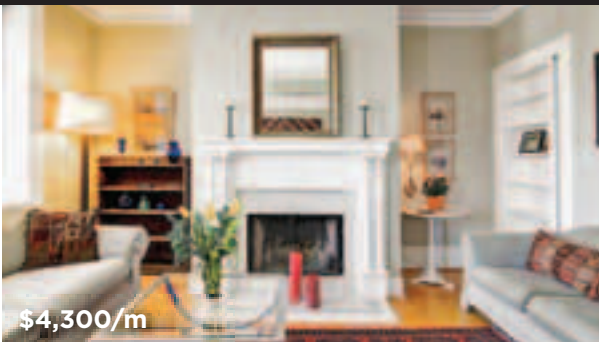
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