

Projects to be on interactive map

City's capital works budget adopted at \$28M for 2023

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council adopted a three-year capital works budget December 5 that calls for a total of \$27.9 million for infrastructure work in 2023, the highest amount ever, and up from \$26.5 million budgeted for 2022.

"Every year, it's an envelope of what we want to achieve," Mayor Christina Smith said, explaining that while this is part of a three-year capital works program, the city

has also looked further ahead to 2027. The five-year horizon is intended to be a planning tool for future budgets.

The projections for 2023 are to be financed from \$12.9 million in taxation (pay-as-you-go), \$12.1 million through accumulated surplus, grants of \$3 million and a loan by-law listed as "to be determined."

This year, for the first time, the city will be posting an interactive map on the website showing proposed projects and "an easily understandable summary of the projects and when they will take place," said Council- *continued on p. 12*

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New most expensive house – previous record lasted only 2 weeks



In our November 29 issue (p. 1), we published a photo of the most expensive house in Westmount ever sold: \$20.97 million for 4 Surrey Gardens. That record has already been beaten – a record short time between records! This house at 9 Gordon Crescent, photographed December 8, sold October 7 for \$23 million. See p. 28 for story.

PHOTO: ANDY DODGE.

Real estate is falling!
See Dodge's analysis, p. 27

Don't Miss It

City's Hanukkah celebration, in conjunction with the Congregation Shaar Hashomayim and Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom at city hall.

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Van loses wheel in driving lane

A Toyota van had to be towed from in front of 615 Grosvenor December 6 at 1:23 pm, according to Public Security reports. The van was reported to have lost one of its front wheels in the driving lane near Roslyn School. This required officers to assist in controlling traffic.

High wind brings down branch on Windsor

A branch fell over the sidewalk on Windsor Ave. December 4, according to Public Security officials. Public Works was advised and the section barricaded off around the branch, which was removed the next day.

Lapointe takes over as interim DG Dec. 9 to Jan. 22

BY LAUREN SWEENEY

Sports and Recreation director Dave Lapointe was named by city council December 5 to be interim director general between December 9 and January 22 during the absence of assistant director general Michel Larue, the interim DG.

Larue “will be on a very well deserved vacation,” said Mayor Christina Smith (see also story November 29, p. 7).

Lapointe has previously served in this position as interim/substitute DG during the absence of Larue, she added.

The city has yet to fill the position of director general following the departure of the previous office holder starting with a leave in the summer.

‘Heavy’ work on Saturday generates ticket

A statement of offence was issued to a contractor December 3 for \$277 for carrying out heavy work on a Saturday, Public Security officials said.

The work was discovered by a patroller who saw a Kubota tractor moving stones back and forth on the property at 349 Kensington.

Though a permit had been issued for the work, it was reportedly not allowed to take place on a Saturday.

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Lawn bowling food drive donates to PSU effort



Left, donations from the Westmount Lawn Bowling and Croquet Club to the Public Security food drive were sorted along with \$275 in cash. From left are Bruce St. Louis, Izak Rubin, Naomi Sharpe and her granddaughter Lila Sillery. Right, Izak Rubin is shown with the two tables full of donations to the PSU food drive from the Westmount Lawn Bowling and Croquet Club.

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Members of the Westmount Lawn Bowling and Croquet Club again this year donated non-perishable food, toiletries and

personal hygiene items to Westmount Public Security's food drive. The club reported collecting approximately 10 percent more than last year along with monetary donations totalling \$275.



“It was Naomi Sharpe and Izak Rubin who once again organized the collection starting two months ago, along with additional support for lifting and placing the food items from Chris Morrin,” said

former club president Bruce St. Louis, who was also involved. “We’re pleased to have received more this year when the need is greater but the ability to give may be less,” he said.

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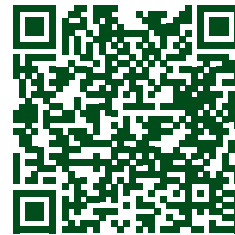
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Delivery starts Dec. 19 PSU drive collects \$4,275 plus many food items

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Public Security will be starting December 19 to deliver a bounty of non-perishable food items along with food and pharmacy gift cards as well as turkeys and hams purchased from the cash donations. As of last week, a total of some \$4,275 had been received along with the non-perishable donations from a number of events.

These include the Artisans Westmount sale, curbside events at Metro and 5 Saisons grocery stores and a porch collection

along with contributions from the Lawn Bowling and Croquet Club and collection bins at municipal buildings.

“It’s a lot of work but the best part is in the delivery,” said Kim Colquhoun, Public Security’s assistant director, who organizes the annual drive. “People were so generous in their donations but they don’t get to see the look on the faces (of recipients) which makes it all worthwhile.”

As she spoke, the various items were being sorted with assistance from members of the Contactivity seniors’ centre.

Update Selwyn grade 12 to use existing facilities, for now

As a result of a reader’s comment, the *Independent* asked Selwyn House School director of advancement Sharon Cozens about the locale for its new grade 12 program, which begins next year. She wrote back December 8, “We are currently renovating space in one of our existing build-

ings for pre-university classrooms to accommodate our incoming class for 2023.

“For the longer term, we are evaluating dedicated building options designed to further deliver towards a pre-university experience focused on the specific educational needs of grade 12.”

Who needs snow?

Westmounter Samantha Saba is a keen builder of snowmen (see January 11, p. 16; January 19, 2021, p. 1; November 19, 2019, p. GG-7 and February 13, 2018, p. 9). But there has not been much snow this year. No matter! An inflatable “Frosty” will do for now. She is pictured with her father Sebastian.

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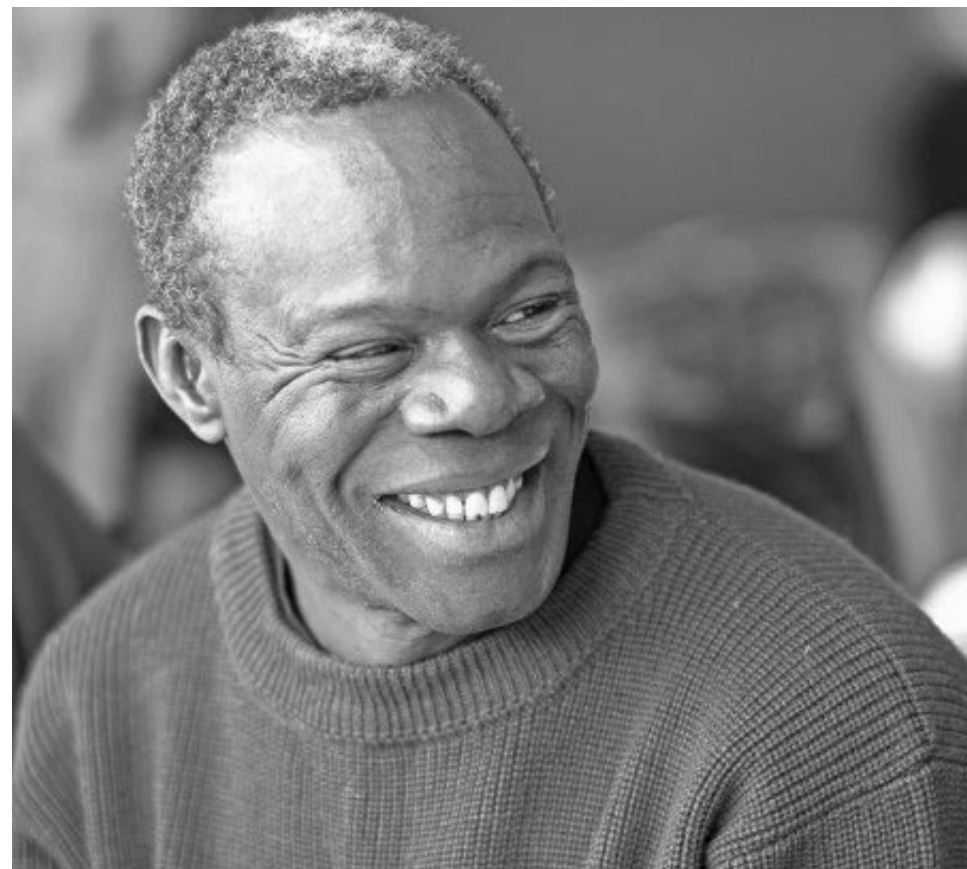
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Victoria village remembers Tony Wallace



Left, a tribute to Civis "Tony" Wallace, as seen on Victoria near the Metro grocery store December 9; right, Tony Wallace on November 28, 2010. LEFT PHOTO COURTESY OF PAT DONNELLY; RIGHT PHOTO: RALPH THOMPSON.

BY JENNIFER BALL

Victoria village fixture Civis Wallace died November 7.

Originally from Jamaica, Civis or Tyson or Tony – it depended on the day – was remembered fondly last week by Westmounters, who left bouquets of flowers on the street corner at Victoria and Sherbrooke where it was customary to spot him panhandling.

One Metro grocery-store cashier, Claudette Legault, told the *Independent*, "Tony was on that corner for so, so many years that you had the feeling that he was attached. You had to go and talk to Tony!"

She believed they first met about 15 years ago.

"Everybody loved him! He worried more about other people than himself."

Legault said that she and Wallace would discuss the Caribbean and that it would bring him joy. She frequented Barbados and she would talk to him about the food: a subject he enjoyed, having grown up in Jamaica.

She only recently found out that Wallace had four sons because she said he was a very private man. "I knew that he had one ... but I did not know that he had that many kids."

"The beautiful thing about Tony is that when he knew someone and they were inside the store, he would watch out for their car. He would come in and tell them that

**"Always smiling,
always positive"**

their meter was about to run out, that they needed to put more money in the meter because they could get a ticket."

Legault said she had customers who would often give him items and when they did not see him for a while, they would worry. "In 2021, when I saw him in the store, I told him "Tony there is something wrong with you."

His cancer was progressing at that time. He stopped by approximately two weeks before he died and told Legault "Every day is a blessing!"

Wallace's son Jermaine Wallace was the one who notified staff at Metro that Wallace had passed, according to Anne Lee, who works there. Jermaine spoke to the *Independent* and confirmed the news.

He was impressed that bouquets of flowers had been left for his father by the local community.

Legault last saw Tony a few weeks prior to his death and she could see that under his clothes he was getting thinner and thinner. "Yet he was always smiling, always positive. He was a very courageous man."

Independent coverage of Tony Wallace

- "Wallace and friends celebrate his birthday at Tao," December 1, 2010, p. 11
- "Westmounter employs NDG panhandler to curb speeders," November 3, 2009, p. 3.

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CEGEPs NOT WHAT SELWYN SAYS THEY ARE

I have been aware for some time that Selwyn House was preparing to offer a grade 12 next year, but regret that the headmaster, Michael Downey, feels it is necessary to use misinformation about CEGEP pre-university programs to promote this new project (November 29, p. 1). First, a few facts: the CEGEP teachers' union contract limits all classes to a maximum of 40 students, many are smaller. If Mr. Downey would take a stroll to Dawson College, he would see that no classroom holds more than 40 students.

Secondly, all the larger CEGEPs offer a variety of pedagogical approaches – at Dawson these include a liberal arts program, Reflections, the New School, commerce and a whole series of small profiles (many career based) where students share a number of their classes with the same students who share the same interests.

In addition, the curriculum permits students to explore a wide variety of disciplines with a view to choosing their university major – including all those specified by Selwyn House and many more. CEGEPs also offer trained counselors, career advisors, experts in learning skills and research methods, a vast number of extracurricular organizations and outstanding athletic facilities. Probably more importantly, I can report that during my 15 years as chair of the history department at

Dawson, I interviewed (and in some cases hired) a lot of individuals who had taught introductory courses at universities – mainly Queen's and McGill. They all agreed that students with the experience of even one year of CEGEP vs grade 12 behind them were far better prepared for university and did much better academically. CEGEP provides an interim experience for students, often shifting from small high schools to vast universities. It exposes students to an autonomous and independent experience with no parental direction in the reality of a culturally and ethnically diverse co-educational environment. Marianopolis, Vanier and Dawson all offer extensive information about their programs and faculty on their individual web pages.

Food for thought?

JO LAPIERRE, RETIRED CHAIR OF DAWSON COLLEGE'S HISTORY DEPARTMENT

DRIVERS SHOULD OBEY TRAFFIC LIGHTS

Based on the morning news, there seems to be a major increase in pedestrian deaths due to their crossing at street intersections. I could easily have become another statistic!

Two weeks ago, I had the right of way (man walking) to cross from the north side of St. Catherine St. to the south side at Park Place (near Westmount Park School). Just as I was about to step onto the street, a driver travelling west in the right lane

ripped through the intersection.

Yesterday, at the same intersection, I was walking on the painted crosswalk and almost in front of a stopped car, when the driver began to go. I banged on the passenger side window and pointed to her red light. She then backed up to her original

Snowman gets work directing traffic

BY JENNIFER BALL

A Westmount resident got so fed up after this spring's thaw revealed huge divots cut into her lawn and flower garden that she took action for the upcoming winter. Lighting up the way now for snowplough drivers is a large, illuminated, inflated snowman. His resting spot demarcates where her property begins and the road ends.

► This is a working snowman tasked with guiding snowplough operators, as seen on de Casson at Wood Ave. December 9.



position. I tried to talk to her from the driver's side but was ignored. Her light turned green and she sped off.

Something must be done to end this seemingly horrific trend.

SAM BEITEL, ABBOTT AVE

4216 Dorchester resolution gets second reading

Proposed building moves forward in city's 'SCAOPI' process

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A longstanding application to the city to allow construction of a non-conforming residential building of 11 units at 4216 Dorchester took another step forward December 5. That's when the city council approved a second draft of a resolution for the project.

This means the project on the vacant site just west of Greene can advance through to a referendum registry if enough eligible voters apply for one in accordance to requirements listed on the city's website under Resident zone/legal services/public notices.

This process stems from certain variances to the zoning for R6-35-01 required for the proposed building including its height of five storeys plus a sixth stepped-back one on the roof including larger site coverage and parking characteristics other than those permitted (see story November 1, p. 1 and 12).

The proposal received a first draft read-

ing September 19, followed by a public consultation meeting October 24 concerning the variances and now the second reading that require it to go through the city's regulatory process for a non-conforming project for specific construction, alteration or occupancy proposal for an immovable (SCAOPI).

This site had been occupied by a three-storey apartment building destroyed by fire and subsequent demolition (see story September 15, 2015, p. 9). It is located between the office building formerly occupied by the Quebec Order of Nurses and large grey-stone fronted dwellings at the corner of Columbia.

The proposed re-development project received a favourable recommendation to the council by the city's Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) after changes that included revisions to the façade and alignment of the building's rear wall and setbacks to create a rear yard and improve its integration with the neighbourhood.

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Looking ahead to a busy 2023 – Thankful for progress in 2022

Mayor's Column

CHRISTINA SMITH

While we are still coping with a number of public health challenges, we are grateful that this past year marked the return of in-person activities. In recent days, neighbours have come together to mark the holiday season by supporting our annual SWAT hockey tournament, contributing generously to our gift baskets for needy families organized by Public Security and singing carols at Victoria Hall. It is this sense of community that makes Westmount so special.

At city hall, a primary focus is on our infrastructure. Thanks to the hard work and commitment of our staff, we are making significant progress. After seven years of closure the Westmount conservatory reopened in June, and as a result of this renovation the greenhouse remains a wonderful and much appreciated oasis in our city. In addition, roads, parks, sewers, sidewalks and buildings across Westmount have been repaired and improved over the past year.

For details on the work that was completed in 2022, please refer to westmount.org/en/the-city/finances-and-budgets/.

Work remains

Much work, however, remains to be done.

On the same website, you will find the capital works-infrastructure budget for the next three years as well as an interactive map indicating where the various projects are located and the scope of the work. A key take-away is that much of our infrastructure work is driven by the water network below.

In addition to road and water work, our \$27.9-million capital works budget for 2023 includes the re-building of the Roslyn public stairs, creating a cultural space at the Westmount Public Library, re-developing the playgrounds at Westmount Park and Prince Albert Park and starting to replace the lighting at our tennis courts.

By sharing this level of detail for the planning cycle, our goal is to build increased awareness of our plans and to encourage community input in a timely and effective manner. As is our practice, we will be hosting public meetings on all major reconstruction projects with the residents in

the vicinity of where the work is being done.

Our commitment to investing in our infrastructure is reflected in our 2023 operating budget which council is expected to adopt at our meeting on December 19. In reflecting on the budget, it is important to note that Westmount, like all of us in our daily lives, is dealing with the reality of the rising cost of goods and services and supply chain issues.

Over the past year, for example, we experienced year long delays in the delivery of swings for parks and the more than doubling of the cost of loading trucks for snow clearing operations. We are working hard to control expenses and invest in the priority areas that will respond to the needs of citizens.

Professional leadership a priority

We are also aware that our success depends on our people at all levels of our city administration. With this in mind, a priority over the coming months is to ensure we have the professional leadership in place to help us achieve our ambitious infrastructure program.

Finally, I wish to stress that sustainability and more precisely the fight against climate change is front and centre in your

council's decision-making process. It is a key factor in how we design our roads, manage our urban forest and our waste and behind our decision to replace when available our fleet over time with electric vehicles.

As we head into 2023, we have much to be thankful for and to celebrate. On behalf of my colleagues on council and the team at city hall we wish you all the best for the holidays and health and happiness for the New Year.

Christina M. Smith is the mayor of Westmount.

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10:30 a.m. Solemn Christmas Day Mass

New Year's Eve: December 31

4:30 p.m. Mass

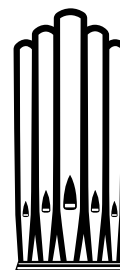
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From left, Mount Pleasant near Holton on December 9 and Grosvenor above Westmount Ave. on December 12.

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Capital works, cont'd from p. 1

lor Conrad Peart, whose commissioner-ship includes engineering and infrastructure. “This is a graphical information sys-

tem (GIS) with data tied to a map.” It could be useful for residents, for example, to know when and if their street might be up for work so they can plan ahead for the best time to replace their water entry.

Peart said that the capital works budget was “a statement of our capacity to pay for the work and do the work,” identified by “whittling down projects to the highest priority.”

Mayor Smith referred to this year’s work challenges such as labour shortages. “Now when we go to tender, we’re seeing the lack of being able to find people able to do the work so there is no guarantee of being able to do the work,” even if budgetted.

Among the major work for 2023 identified as urgent, she said, 41 percent is to be spent on roads, 12 percent on the water

network and 23 percent on municipal buildings (See separate story on highlights of major projects at bottom right).

The web link to access this interactive map from the city’s home page is by searching Finances and Budgets/capital-

ization, amortization/financing policy/2023 Budget/Capital Works program/projects map. It is also at westmount.org/en/2022-2023-2024-capital-works-programme/.

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Highlights of major projects in 2023

Some of the work singled out as part of the capital works program in 2023:

Road reconstruction: (\$11,570,800)

- Grosvenor (Westmount Ave. to The Boulevard);
- Mount Pleasant (Sherbrooke to Rosemount Cresc.).

Water and sewer (\$3,482,700)

- Wood (St. Catherine to de Maisonneuve);
- Edgehill (east side Lexington to The Boulevard);
- Victoria (Côte St. Antoine to Westmount Ave.);
- de Casson (Barat to Wood).

Buildings (\$6,369,300)

- Cultural spaces reconfiguration at the library;
- Continued restoration of city hall windows.

Parks (\$1,284,700)

- Re-development of the playground in Westmount Park;
- Development of a memorial garden at the WRC (see story October 25, p. 1);
- Re-development of the playground at Prince Albert;
- Roslyn public stairs;
- Replacement of lighting at tennis courts (2 courts per year).

Vehicles (\$1,866,800)

- Replacement of some Public Works vehicles with electric ones.

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Matossian inducted into 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

More than 40 years after helping start the Westmount Old Timers Hockey Tournament, long-time Westmounter Nicolas Matossian was inducted recently into the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the sport.

The former Westmount city councillor was honoured during a ceremony held in Burlington, Ontario last month, presided over by federal minister of Families, Children and Social Development Karina Gould.

Matossian, 82, was cited as one of the founders of the Westmount Old Timers Hockey Tournament, which played its 31st annual tournament at the Westmount recreation centre on the weekend of December 1-4.

The 80+ Hall of Fame recognizes players and builders who have played in the sport to the age of 80, while promoting it to the adult population in an outstanding way. Matossian currently coaches players over age 35 who want to improve their hockey skills.

‘We all enjoy the game’

“You know one thing that keeps me going? It’s guys like that,” he said in an interview last week with the *Independent*. “Because just like me they enjoy it. We all really enjoy this game.”

Over the years, the Westmount Old Timers Hockey Tournament has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the Montreal Children’s Hospital, as well as for Hôpital St. Justine.

In the mid-1980s, Matossian and Mike Deegan, the city’s Sports and Rec director at the time, helped organize what was originally a four-team executive league. It would eventually grow into eight teams with more than 150 active players and a lengthy waiting list.

Over the past four decades playing hockey, Nic Matossian has chalked up more than 2,500 league games and 200 tournaments, most of which were charity events.

As well, he has represented Quebec in four 55+ national tournaments, earned four tournament trophies, and he took part in tournaments in distant places such as Switzerland, France, England and Iceland.



Seen here at the WRC on December 8 wearing his 80+ Hall of Fame hockey jersey, long-time Westmount resident Nicolas Matossian was inducted in November into the ranks of the organization.

Next step in SCAOPI process

Public meeting to hear modified plan for 1-3 Hillside

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A public consultation meeting will take place December 13 at 7 pm on the project to convert the former armoury at 1-3 Hillside into 27 residential units across from the Westmount Athletic Grounds (WAG).

This meeting will feature a presentation of the latest proposal for which the city council approved a modified first-draft approval resolution November 21. This is based on replacing much of the 1910 armory for which the city had already approved a demolition permit on February 17 (see story February 22, p. 13).

This is the first public presentation of a modified proposal, which includes moving the west wall of the new building further east from the next-door condo building at 11 Hillside at the request of some of its residents (see November 29, p. 1).

It is not known whether this shifting of the west wall may affect approval of the demolition permit based on dismantling some 87 percent of the building, a question asked at the council meeting December 5 by Denis Biro of Burton Ave.

Councillor Conrad Peart, whose com-

missionership includes urban planning, directed Biro to watch for the answer on the virtual presentation of the upcoming public consultation meeting as the “best

source” for providing information. He also pointed out that the 87 percent was not the threshold for requiring a demolition permit. (It is lower.)



Two of the building’s doors, as seen December 9.



This consultation is the next step in the city’s process for buildings that require variances to zoning because they do not conform to current zoning called specific construction, alteration or occupancy proposal for an immovable (SCAOPI).

This is when the modified proposal is to be explained at the upcoming meeting. It can be viewed on the city’s website at Resident zone/Urban Planning/SCAOPI/1-3 Hillside.



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City ‘almost fully operational’
**Cyberattack remains under
investigation: Mayor Smith**



From the city's website, as captured December 9.

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The cyberattack on “several” of the city’s computer servers detected November 20 remained under investigation last week by the city’s IT department as well as police and cyber-security specialists, Mayor Christina Smith told the council meeting December 5.

At the time of her report, the situation was “under control,” she said. “We are already almost fully operational,” as the *Independent* reported last week.

Explaining the attack is said to have come from “the criminal group Lockbit 3.0,” she said “we are unable to release certain details.” While this group “claims to

have had access to a significant amount of city data,” she added, most of it “is already public.”

She also invited Westmount residents to “exercise caution and vigilance in this digital universe” given that “we now live in a hyper-connected world that makes our lives easier in many ways,” but where zero risk does not exist.

A report will be made on the incident at the appropriate time, Mayor Smith said. “We will learn from this experience and continue to improve our technological infrastructure in order to strengthen our IT structure and make it more secure and resilient.”

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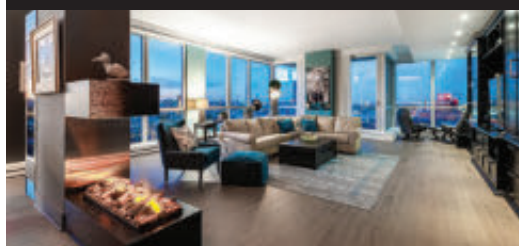
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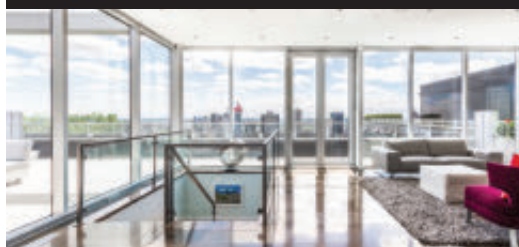
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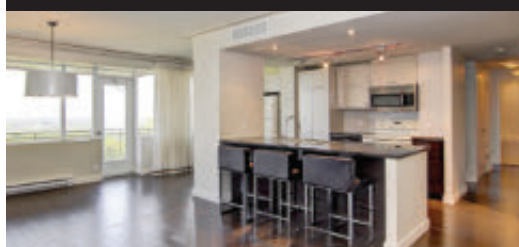
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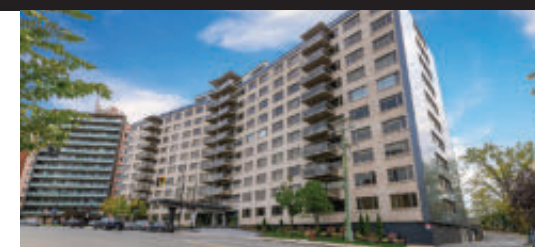
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Westmount Quilters unveil quilt in memory of Helen Rainville

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Members of the Westmount Quilters Guild gathered at the St. Raphael Palliative Care Home in Outremont on December 10 for the unveiling of a quilt dedicated to the memory of Helen Rainville, who passed away in July 2019.

From left, Marco Ottoni, vice-president of St. Raphael Care Home's board of directors, is seen with three of the Westmount Quilters Guild's members who worked on the Helen Rainville quilt: Francine Leduc, Lily Lam and Mary Baldwin.

They were joined by members of Rainville's family, including her husband of 25 years, Dr. Henry Olders, her brother, Michel, and one of her four stepchildren, Elizabeth Evans-Olders.

As many as 15 of the group's quilters contributed to the creation of the quilt, which they worked on mostly during meetings at Victoria Hall.

"It was a community effort," said Mary Baldwin, a member of the guild.

"We never thought it would come out so nice – I think were a little surprised by the result," added Francine Leduc, another guild member.

The quilt, entirely hand-stitched and based on a traditional quilting pattern, is called "Grandmother's Flower Garden of Love." Rainville was a founding member of the guild and was helping create the quilt prior to falling ill with cancer.

"Helen was deeply involved with help-

ing others, sharing her time and love," the guild members said in a statement to Marco Ottoni, vice-president of the care home's board, when the quilt was unveiled.

"She sadly passed away, but her work and legacy remain. We know that she had a special bond with Maison St-Raphael and it is only normal that this quilt should rest there."

Helen Rainville had been the organist and director of music at St. Malachy's Church for 22 years. When she married Henry Olders in 1994, she asked her friend Father Gerry Sinel to preside the wedding.

Years later, when Father Sinel became pastor of St. Raphael's parish on Lajoie Ave. in Outremont, they talked about his dream to turn the church into a palliative care centre, as the diocese had plans to close the parish. After the closing of the church, the St. Raphael Palliative Care Home opened in 2019.

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| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | % CHANGE 2019 TO 2022 |
| MEDIAN SALE PRICE | \$709K | \$881.8K | \$917.5K | \$971K | ↑ 37% |
| DAYS ON MARKET (MEDIAN) | 54 | 47 | 45 | 94 | ↑ 74% |
| # OF LISTINGS SOLD | 73 | 62 | 82 | 53 | ↓ 27% |
| OVER \$1M | 18 | 26 | 37 | 26 | ↑ 44% |
| UNDER \$1M | 55 | 36 | 45 | 27 | ↓ 51% |
| # OF NEW LISTINGS | 94 | 118 | 148 | 124 | ↑ 32% |
| OVER \$1M | 35 | 48 | 79 | 60 | ↑ 71% |
| UNDER \$1M | 59 | 70 | 69 | 64 | ↑ 8% |

| WESTMOUNT SINGLE FAMILY HOMES | | | | | |
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| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | % CHANGE 2019 TO 2022 |
| MEDIAN SALE PRICE | \$1.795M | \$2.020M | \$1.992M | \$2.395M | ↑ 33% |
| DAYS ON MARKET (MEDIAN) | 59 | 64 | 29 | 44 | ↓ 25% |
| # OF LISTINGS SOLD | 130 | 148 | 148 | 101 | ↓ 22% |
| OVER \$1M | 51 | 79 | 72 | 71 | ↑ 39% |
| UNDER \$1M | 79 | 69 | 76 | 30 | ↓ 62% |
| # OF NEW LISTINGS | 242 | 209 | 211 | 217 | ↓ 10% |
| OVER \$1M | 129 | 121 | 129 | 152 | ↑ 18% |
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Greene bridge hit again



The CP rail bridge over Greene below Dorchester was hit, again, December 8, this time by a southbound vehicle, the less common form of strike. “So close, and yet so far,” said photo contributor Paul Gomme. It is the 17th strike known the *Independent* since November 2020, but Global News reported December 1 that in the past two years there have been 30 strikes. “Our readers are catching more than half, and I thank them,” said editor David Price.

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Social Notes

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Walking into Westmount Square from Greene Ave. one is immediately lured by the catnip of chic. Chanel, Hermès, Dolce & Gabbana and Yves Saint Laurent (amidst many) pieces are on display at Vintage Musts.

The iconic brands are “gently used” (I love that term!), beautifully constructed garments – a far cry from polyester fast fashion.

Owner Robert Poirier has been involved in the fashion industry all his life: “I love being surrounded by all this beauty every day.”

For many years, he has been a go-to source for vintage jewellery, and is followed by a devoted clientele. His Westmount Square shop features “The Names” not only in clothing, but handbags (“They sell out the day I receive them!”) and shoes – for both men and women.

Display cabinets twinkle with the best of designer jewellery – perfect for upcoming holiday events and pearl clutches. Although he often purchases accessories

Vintage Musts brings vintage to Westmount Square



outright, Poirier takes everything else on consignment. His shop is truly an Aladdin’s cave. Elegant choices cling together on racks. Squeezed together but recognizable-from-a-yard-away handbags vie for the alert client’s eye. Jackets jostle for space everywhere. One tiptoes amidst the fashion finds.

“But that’s part of the fun! Clients come in and love to rummage and discover.” Celebrity model Kate Moss has long worn vintage clothing. Amal Clooney recently wore a couture gown from a past collection.

“And as we enter the social season, more and more ladies are not only finding unique pieces; they are being ecologically conscious.”

Amidst the hugely competitive fashion marketplace, I note that there is always a customer (even line-ups!) at this tiny-but-packed boutique. Sadly, I drag myself away, having just missed my much-coveted Chanel evening bag. Sold!

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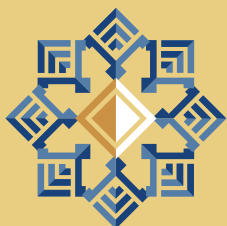
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Lundi 19 décembre

NEWS

NEXT COUNCIL
MEETING

Monday, December 19



Bureaux municipaux fermés du 23 décembre au 3 janvier

Les membres du Conseil et de l'administration de Westmount vous souhaitent de joyeuses fêtes en santé et en sécurité. Au plaisir de vous servir en 2023.



Municipal offices closed December 23 to January 3

The members of Westmount's City Council and administration wish you a safe and happy holiday season. We look forward to serving you in 2023.

Séance extraordinaire du conseil

Lundi 19 décembre, 17 h, Hôtel de Ville de Westmount, 4333, rue Sherbrooke O. Le budget municipal 2023 sera déposé pour adoption lors de cette séance. westmount.org.

Horaires des collectes inchangés

Pendant la période des fêtes, les collectes de résidus alimentaires, de matières recyclables et d'ordures auront lieu selon l'horaire habituel.

Collecte des sapins

Les semaines du 9 et du 16 janvier. Placez votre sapin, dépouillé de toute décoration, en bordure de rue le jour de la collecte de vos résidus verts.

Déneigement et stationnement de rue

Portez attention à la signalisation temporaire pour le stationnement avant les opérations de chargement de neige. Les voitures qui entravent les opérations seront remorquées. westmount.org

Special sitting of Council

Monday, December 19, 5 p.m., Westmount City Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke St. W. The 2023 municipal budget will be tabled for adoption at this sitting. westmount.org

2023 Facility Membership Card

The 2023 card is available now online and in person. Two proofs of residency are required. westmount.org

Summer employment 2023

You can apply now for a summer job at the City of Westmount. The deadline for submitting your applications is Tuesday, January 31st. westmount.org/summerjobs.

No change to collection schedule

During the holiday period, the kitchen waste, recycling and garbage collections will follow the regular schedule.

Christmas tree collection

Weeks of January 9 and 16. Place your tree, free of decorations, at the street the same day as your green waste collection.

Snow clearing and street parking

Watch for the temporary parking restriction signage that precedes snow loading operations. Cars that hinder snow removal will be towed. westmount.org



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Real Estate

ANDY DODGE

Note: The following article relates to offers to purchase Westmount residential dwellings that were reported by local real estate agents as having been accepted in November 2022. Because they are not final registered sales, the addresses cannot be made public, but give a good idea of current trends in local real estate activity. The graph at right offers a picture of these trends over time.

Like the little girl who sought the truth about the existence of Santa Claus, Westmount homeowners, hearing about the sliding real estate market in cities like Toronto and Vancouver, wondered if the same is happening locally.

Indeed, it is true: while the rising interest rates mean less to buyers in Westmount than, say, in Dorval or Côte St. Luc, buyers who have been building equity in order to be able to buy that Westmount house are beginning to feel the pinch, and climbing the ladder is becoming more and more difficult.

The average adjusted price of Westmount's "typical" house dropped in November below the \$2.3-million mark, after peaking in May at \$2,834,000. In May, only seven new sales agreements were negotiated, compared to an average 15 in the first four months of the year.

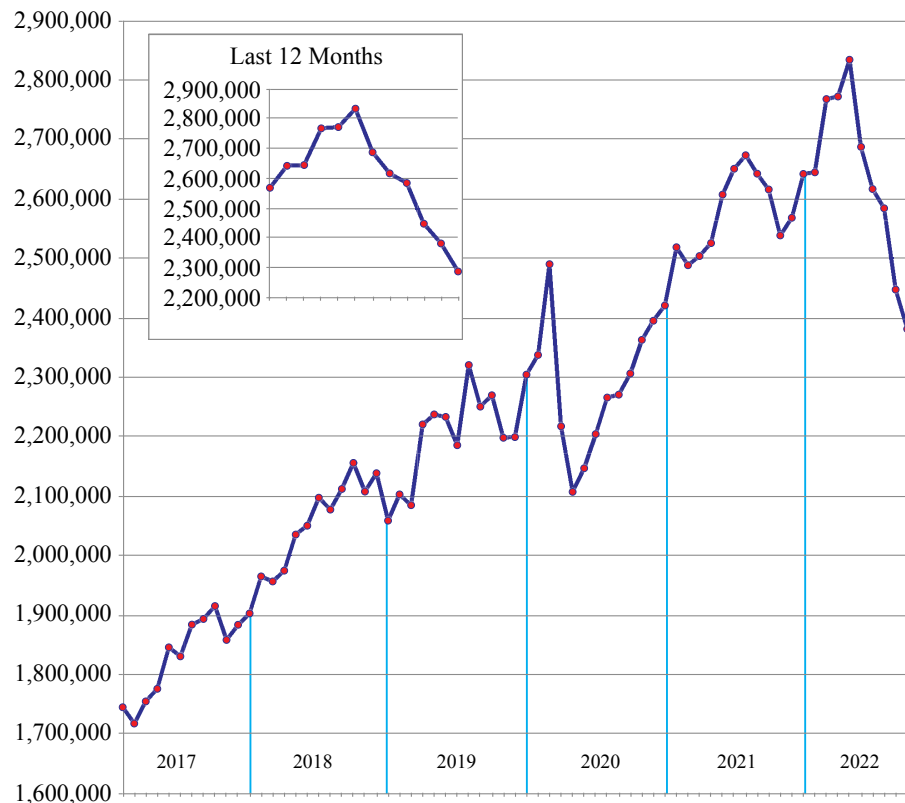
Buyer's market

While the first four months of 2022 all included double-digit volume figures, the highest monthly number since May was eight, and the average monthly number is 6.4 sales. Thus, the seller's market which had been climbing almost steadily since May of 2020, has now turned into a buyer's market.

The latest count for mid-December shows 99 houses listed for sale, down just one from a month ago, but numbers not

November sales: Yes, Virginia, the market is sliding

Average adjusted price for 'typical' Westmount house, by month, January 2017 to November 2022, based on accepted offer dates



seen since August 2020, when agents were figuring out how to sell houses during the initial pandemic period.

The number of houses for rent has also soared, with 33 now on the market compared to only 12 last spring. Another 30 houses have been rented this year, at rates from \$3,210 to \$14,000 per month; actually, this is down from 40 houses rented in

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2021, but the number of new listings has soared from 11 available for rent in May, to 30 in mid-December.

Adjacent-Westmount does not appear to have picked up the slack, with only four homes sold in October and November, all in the downtown area, for prices ranging from \$805,000 to \$2,200,000. Only condos and co-ops – including several shares of duplexes – sold in those two months in eastern NDG or southern Côte des Neiges.

For the next few days, forget about the graph. Have a Merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday season.

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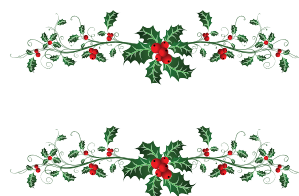
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Gordon Crescent sale marks new high in Westmount

BY ANDY DODGE

A new high was reached among Westmount residential property transfers in October, as 9 Gordon Crescent sold for a cool \$23 million, topping the price paid for 4 Surrey Gardens in June (November 29, p. 1).

The private transaction was arranged by real estate broker Joseph Montanaro, for the house occupied by Lawrence Stroll, who had purchased it in 1993 for \$2,100,000, at which time it was completely gutted and renovated. It was the property of Silcho Holdings Inc., who sold to a trust.



9 Gordon Crescent on December 8.

This marks the fourth residential sale of more than \$10 million in the past two years, starting with 100 Summit Circle in February 2021, for \$11,700,000, then in November 2021 12-14 Sunnyside Ave. went for \$18,500,000. The Surrey Gardens sale almost touched \$21,000,000 in June this year

and now 9 Gordon Crescent sold for exactly \$23,000,000.

Two homes in the Square Mile are currently listed with asking prices of \$35 million each, and two more in Westmount have price tags of \$25 million apiece.

See also photo on p. 1.

Bus shelter window panes found broken



Left, the Lansdowne/St. Catherine bus shelter on December 12; right: the Park Place/St. Catherine St. bus shelter on December 8.



LEFT PHOTO: INDEPENDENT; RIGHT PHOTO COURTESY OF MO RAHIMI.

Two windows were found smashed December 6 on the bus shelter at the northeast corner of Lansdowne and St. Catherine St., Public Security officials said.

The STM had already been made aware of the damage when Public Security's dispatcher was alerted to the situation at 4:10 pm. Broken pieces of glass were reportedly picked up from the sidewalk

around the shelter by the city's Public Works crews.

There were no reported witnesses.

A reader of the *Independent* noticed a broken pane December 8 on a nearby bus shelter: the one at St. Catherine and Park Place, also on the northeast corner. There is no known connection between the two events.



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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Application to open a registry in view of approval by way of referendum SCAOP1 – 4216 Dorchester Boulevard – Second Draft Resolution

1. At its regular meeting held on Monday, December 5, 2022, the Municipal Council adopted, by resolution, the second draft resolution No. 2022-12-307 concerning an immovable bearing the civic address 4216 Dorchester Boulevard located on lot 4 142 956 of the Quebec cadastre.
2. This second draft resolution contains six (6) 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 imposed dimension of 35'-0" for the maximum height of a building appearing in the physical and spatial specifications grid for Zone R6-35-01 of the zoning plan, a building of approximately 59'-0" in height;
 - b. Grant a variance to By-law No. 1303 of the City of Westmount, entitled *Zoning By-law*, by allowing, notwithstanding the maximum height of three (3) storeys authorized for a building appearing in the physical and spatial specifications grid for Zone R6-35-01 of the zoning plan, a building of five (5) storeys in height;
 - c. Grant a variance to By-law No. 1303 of the City of Westmount, entitled *Zoning By-law*, by allowing, notwithstanding the maximum floor area ratio of 2 allowed in the physical and spatial specifications grid for Zone R6-35-01 of the zoning plan, a floor area ratio of 2.31;
 - d. Grant a variance to By-law No. 1303 of the City of Westmount, entitled *Zoning By-law*, by allowing, notwithstanding the maximum site ratio of 65% permitted in the physical and spatial specifications grid for Zone R6-35-01 of the zoning plan, a site ratio of 66%;
 - e. Grant a variance to By-law No. 1303 of the City of Westmount, entitled *Zoning By-law*, by allowing, notwithstanding the prohibition on encroachment into the space between a street and the building line set out in Subdivision 5.2.3, an underground parking area in the 12'-0" space between the street and the building line; and
 - f. Grant a variance to By-law No. 1303 of the City of Westmount, entitled *Zoning By-law*, by allowing, notwithstanding the 22'-0" length requirement for the maneuvering area between or in front of parking spaces required in Section 5.5.3.2, a maneuvering area of 19'-3½" to 21'-7¼" for parking spaces numbered 1 through 5.
3. Interested persons may submit to the City Clerk's Office, no later than December 21, 2022, 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: westmount.org/en/resident-zone/legal-services-city-clerks-office/public-notices/

Police Report

Recent household burglaries blamed on unlocked doors

By MARTIN C. BARRY

The owners of a dwelling around Wood and Elm avenues who left the rear door unlocked before heading out of town were fortunate nothing was stolen during a burglary attempt.

Around 7 pm on November 30, police at Station 12 on Stanton St. received a call from a household security company notifying them that an alarm had gone off at the home. It was the second alarm in two weeks.

Police constables who approached the back of the house through a laneway noticed that a rear entrance was open. Inside, they saw tell-tale signs of an intruder's visit – cupboards and drawers pulled open.

As there was no evidence of forced entry such as a damaged door frame or broken window glass, the officers surmised the door had been left unlocked. However, nothing was stolen from the home, according to the incident report.

B&E suspect gets away, uses card

During the early morning hours of December 1, a burglary suspect who entered a home on Holton Ave. through a rear entrance almost managed to get away clean, but triggered an alarm while exiting through the front door.

According to the police report, the suspect made his way through the dwelling's main floor, grabbing items as he went along, but inadvertently alerted the owner

who was upstairs in bed around 12:30 am.

Although the owner told investigators that she initially didn't make much of some noise she heard coming from downstairs, she said that when she went to check around 10 am, she saw that several household items were missing. Among the stolen items were some keys and a laptop computer.

Although the suspect's stay wasn't long, he managed to steal some debit and credit cards.

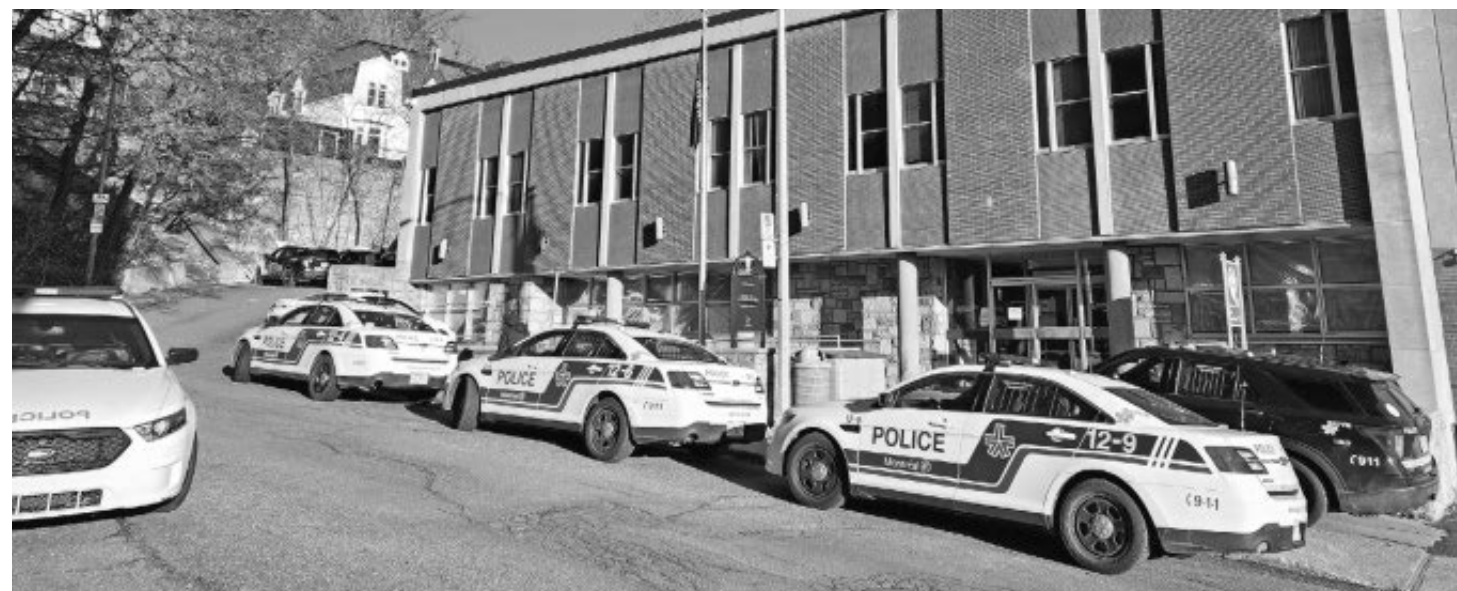
Almost as soon as she was aware the cards were missing, the owner alerted the bank, which informed her, after cancelling the credit cards, that an attempt had already been made, around 2 am that same morning, to fraudulently make transac-

tions with the cards.

Attempted B&E

Finally, there was an attempted break-in at a home near the corner of Sherbrooke St. and Kitchener Ave. on December 7.

However, Station 12 community relations officer Cst. Adalbert Pimentel had no additional information on the incident, as it had taken place just a few hours earlier and the investigating officers hadn't had time to file their report.



Police Station 12 on Stanton St. on December 9.

PHOTO: INDEPENDENT.

Two shooting incidents

It has been widely reported in other media that two shooting incidents took place locally December 4.

One took place at 7 pm near the Atwater Metro station on de Maisonneuve, likely

just over the border in downtown Montreal.

A 38-year-old man known to police was shot in the upper body. He is not cooperating with the authorities.

The second took place at about 11:30 pm the same day when shots were fired at the entrance to a residence on The Boulevard near Victoria. – DP.

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Winter has long meant hockey in Westmount

Forum built for Montreal Maroons, Stanley Cup champions



By Craig Cormack

When the Wanderers came to the end of their road in January 1918 after the Montreal Arena in Westmount was burned to cinders (see October 11, p. 18), no one predicted the phoenix that would rise from the ashes would be the Montreal Maroons, formed in 1924.

It was the roaring 1920s, and everyone was flying high. Montreal was – as always – hockey crazy. Les Canadiens were into their 15th season and anglo Montrealers were pining for their own hockey club.

James Strachan (former owner of the Wanderers) answered the call.

Along with some well-heeled business-people from Westmount, he created the Montreal Maroons.

Strachan tried to resurrect the Wanderers’ name, but he was unable to do so and the Maroons name was born after the colour of their jerseys.



James Strachan.



Hooley Smith

The Maroons arrived on the scene with the first NHL expansion along with the Boston Bruins. According to the Hockey Writers Archives published on July 17, 2017, “The Montreal Forum had been built specifically for the Maroons as their home arena while the Canadiens continued to honour their lease at the old Mount Royal Arena.”

Citing the rivalry between the Maroons and Canadiens, it said, “fans lined up outside and around the Forum and standing-room-only crowds packed the building. The games themselves were mini wars with blood-letting on the ice as well in the seats between partisan spectators.”

1926 Stanley Cup champs

The Maroons went from last place in their first season of play in 1925 to winning the Stanley Cup on April 7, 1926, beating the Victoria Cougars.

This victory led to the demise of the Western Hockey League because the western teams couldn’t match the pay of the eastern hockey teams.

1927

In 1926-27, the league expanded to 10 teams, later reverting back to six during the Great Depression. The Maroons lost their playoff bid to their rivals the Canadiens on March 31, 1927 with Howie Morenz breaking the tie of 1-1 in overtime play.



Nels Stewart

Patrick beats the Maroons in 1928, Maroons win cup in 1935

The Maroons were unlucky once again in 1928 during the famous Stanley Cup final against the New York Rangers when coach Lester Patrick (former Wanderers player) strapped on goalie pads at 45 years of age, subbing in for his injured goal-tender Lorne Chabot.

Patrick miraculously stopped 18 out of 19 shots and helped his team win 2-1 in



Lester Patrick slaps on the pads in the 1928 playoffs.



Babe Siebert

overtime. The Rangers took the series of five by 3-2.

The Maroons came close to winning the cup in following years and won it once again in 1935.

Longest game in history

In 1936, they lost it to the Detroit Red Wings after playing a record six overtime periods, finally losing 1-0. This was the longest game in NHL history. The last



Toe Blake

Canadiens benefit

According to information published by pinkpuck.com in an article called, "This day in Hockey History August 25, 1938 – Maroons go dark," the Montreal Canadiens benefited from the demise of the Maroons.

They received some excellent players such as Bob Gracie (centre), wings Herb Cain and Jimmy Ward and defencemen Stew Evans, Cy Wentworth and Des Smith. Hockey Hall of Famer Maroons coach Tommy Gorman became the general manager of the Canadiens from 1940-46.

Hockey experts seem to agree that the Canadiens benefited from the shot in the arm they received in talent from the Maroons. Unfortunately for the Maroons, they have lived in the shadow of the greatness of the Canadiens' dynasty.

Ironically it was due to the demise of the Maroons that the Canadiens started to find their feet in the late 1930s and 40s and they began their climb to the top.

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When the Depression hit, Montreal could no longer support two hockey teams. The Maroons' financiers, mostly wealthy stockbrokers, went bankrupt and they could no longer fund the team. The Maroons tried to stay alive by trading away their most talented players including their famous S-line.

The S-line was made up of Nels Stewart, (future Canadien) Babe Siebert and Hooley Smith – tough, fast and expensive players. In their heyday the players were known as the "stockbrokers of the NHL."

Other famous Maroons

Contrary to popular myth, Canadiens goalie Jacques Plante didn't invent the first goalie mask, Clint Benedict (the Maroons' goaltender) did.

Toe Blake, later famous as a Canadiens player and coach, played for the Maroons.

King Clancy coached the Maroons in their final years and then went on to bigger and better things with the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Lionel Conacher, one of the most talented athletes Canada ever produced, played for the team.

And (the aforementioned and pictured) Nels Stewart played for the Maroons. He was famous for the two fastest goals ever scored and he won the Hart Trophy for Most Valuable Player in the league in 1926 and 1930.

Also, the Hockey Hall of Fame inducted most if not all of the Maroons head coaches.



Lionel Conacher

game the Maroons played was against their hometown rivals (the Canadiens) on March 17, 1938, which they lost 6-3.

In 14 seasons, the Maroons made the playoffs 11 times and won two Stanley Cups – not a bad record at all.

Car collision on Sherbrooke east of Greene Ave.

By JENNIFER BALL

There was a fender-bender accident December 9 close to the intersection of Sherbrooke St. and Greene Ave.

The accident occurred at 11:45 am. A black Audi SUV and a grey Volkswagen sedan collided. The Audi had a scratched and dented passenger car door as a result of the accident.

Both vehicles were travelling west at the time of the accident and a bystander noted that the Volkswagen sedan steered into the lane of the Audi.

There was a passenger in the Volkswagen at the time of the accident but not the Audi. Neither driver appeared to be injured and both drove off once insurance details had been traded.



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Oreo could join a family with another dog and he would be a playful buddy in a home with a fenced backyard. As for cats, he has not yet had the pleasure of meeting one and knowing who is boss.

He is good with children but, as he is a big guy, maybe older children would be best.

Oreo is a very healthy two-year-old, up to date with his inoculations, neutered and microchipped.

If you would like more information on him, please refer to the Gerdy's Rescues & Adoptions website at www.gerdysrescue.org or email them at info@gerdysrescue.org for details and fun Oreo photographs.

Fun friend Oreo



Your neighbour,
Lysanne

Brother Lenny and sister Gerry



9 Lives

LYSANNE FOWLER

These sweet cuties were born to a feral mother last September and are now in foster care for the grassroots volunteer rescue group Gerdy's Rescues & Adoptions.

As siblings, they are complements of looks and personalities, grey-and-white brother Lenny is confident, affectionate and full of fun, while his pearl-grey sister Gerry is ... well ... timid and reserved – until she warms and vies for affections with her brother!

Lenny is big brotherly to his sister

photographs.

Request for foster family volunteers

Even though it is the holiday season, we would like to mention that it would be wonderful if families considered joining the Gerdy's Rescues foster family group in fostering cats and kittens on arrival at the rescue, to offer solace and socialization before the formal adoption process.

If you would like to volunteer as a foster family, please do not hesitate to contact Gerdy's Rescues & Adoptions at their email info@gerdysrescue.org. It makes all the difference to an animal in need who is being taken in at a difficult time in life.

Many thanks for being there, the 9 Lives neighbourhood community. Warm good wishes for the holiday season to all.

Lysanne



Gerry, who is his little companion in all things. In their foster family environment, they have bonded well with other cats and are social little bundles of cuddles and purrs.

Both are on their kitten-vaccination program for their age, and will be sterilized and microchipped at the time of their adoption. If you would like more information on Lenny and Gerry, please refer to the Gerdy's Rescues & Adoptions website at www.gerdysrescue.org or email the devoted volunteers at info@gerdysrescue.org for more information and adorable kitten

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Looking sharp!



The concrete steps for these new stairs at the K.I.D.S. daycare building on St. Catherine at Grosvenor were completed by February 12 (mid winter!), as reported on in our February 15 edition (p. 20). The bannisters and finishing touches were completed more recently, as seen December 9.

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T'S TAKES

RALPH THOMPSON

Black Friday wasn't always about the green

(When I was growing up in England it was blackish most days, including Fridays, thanks to clouds of industrial smoke drifting from the West Riding of Yorkshire to the east coast and mixing with the sea air to create thick, heavy clouds, but we digress.)

The Oxford English Dictionary notes many uses of the term “Black Friday.” The arrival of the “Young Pretender,” Charles Edward Stuart (grandson of James II), in Britain, Friday, December 6, 1745, to reclaim the British throne for his father James Edward Stuart, the “Old Pretender,” was unwelcomed by most and became known as Black Friday.

Friday, May 11, 1866, was the day London banking house Overend, Gurney, & Co collapsed. *The Times* stated “The day will probably be long remembered in the city of London as the ‘Black Friday.’”

Extending the season

The days after Thanksgiving in the US started to gain commercial significance in

the 1930s when retailers wanted to extend the Christmas buying season but didn't want to break from tradition. A clash of capitalism and conservatism – some things never change.

The use of the phrase “Black Friday” spread slowly, first appearing in *The New York Times* on November 29, 1975, in which it still refers specifically to “the busiest shopping and traffic day of the year” in Philadelphia.

Around the same time, many quotations associate Black Friday with the day when retail accountants stopped using red ink and a company's annual financial records went into the black. Of course, the biggest retail sales day of the year could be the cause of the entries going from red to black.

The ever-resourceful Amazon even introduced “Black Friday in July” in 2015.

Worldwide phenomenon

This retail disease, just like COVID, has

spread around the world now and has been expanded into sales spanning Black Thursday “after” US Thanksgiving through to Cyber Monday and as reported by *Forbes*, extended into Cyber Week.

Vaccine?

Will someone ever develop a vaccine for this?

I'm surprised Kijiji and Craig's List haven't started “Bored of What U Bought” Friday sales the week after Black Friday or a charitable group “Cast off Containers” Friday to collect the millions of leftover boxes that go straight into the landfill – *oops* – I meant recycling facilities, *er um*.

Marketeers love catchy phrases and are past masters of plagiarizing and exploitation, but just like the vanity sizing of your jeans, don't believe everything that's shown on the label or in the ad.

And don't forget one last question that should have been on those dreaded exams of Black Friday: “Do you really need that?”

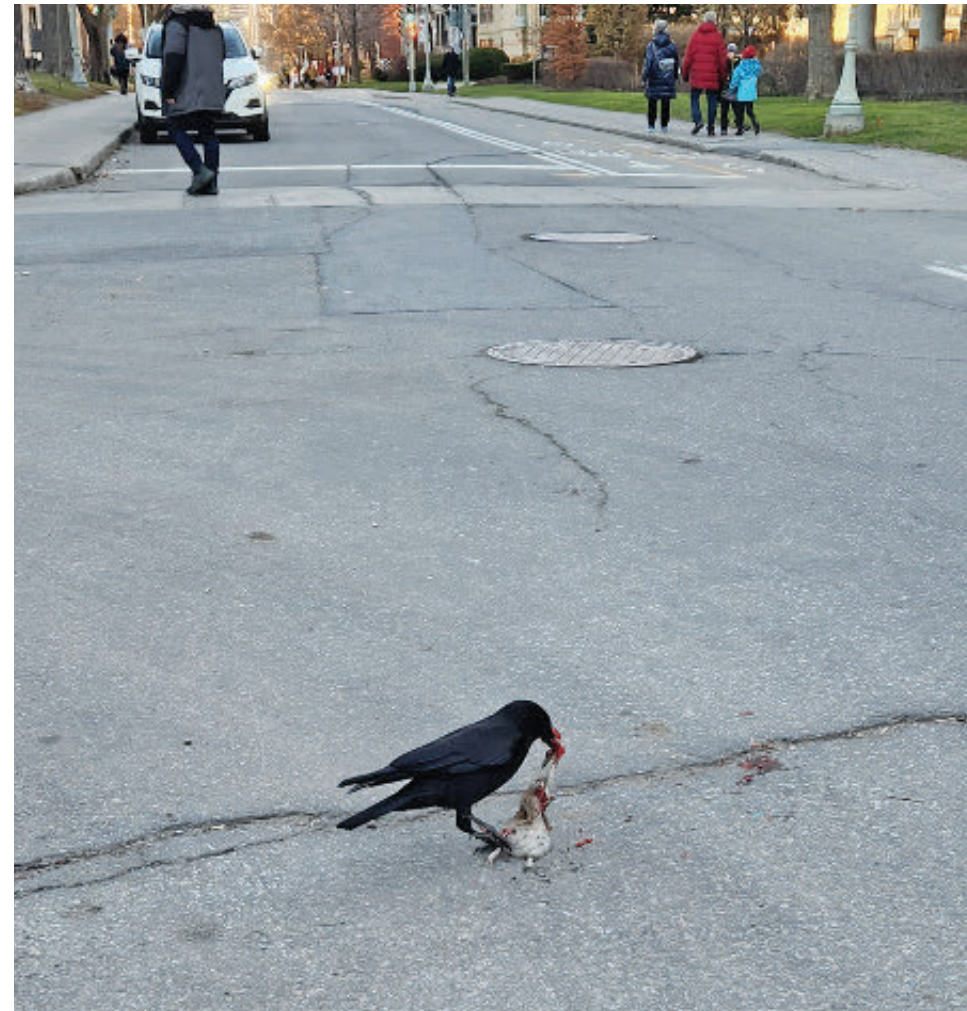
Dead rat found near Atwater



This dead rat was photographed December 6 in the alley south of the former Packard car dealership on the south side St. Catherine St. The view is looking east to Atwater Ave.

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Crow eats rat near Kitchener



This crow was seen eating a dead rat on de Maisonneuve near Kitchener December 9. “I can't remember ever seeing dead rats in Westmount, and now we have two in one week,” said *Independent* editor David Price, “plus a ‘bonus’ crow.”

PHOTO: INDEPENDENT.

Manning receives Speirs medal from Selwyn House



Over 200 guests attended a Selwyn House event at the school November 24, “happy to be reunited in person again, and happy to celebrate this year’s award recipients,” said director of advancement Sharon Cozens in an email to the *Independent* the next day.

Selwyn House Association board chair Michael Avedesian presented the guest of

honour, retired middle school head Carol Manning, with the Speirs medal, which is named after the school’s fourth headmaster.

Selwyn alumnus, parent and board member Tom Pitfield presented the Nancy Pitfield Volunteer Award, named after his late mother, to Leila Roiter “for demonstrating exceptional volunteerism and sup-

port for the school community.” Former staff members Geoff Dowd, Barry Williams and Matilde Codina were named honorary old boys.

From left, past Speirs medal recipients Jonathan Goldbloom, Lorna Denham, Michael Denham and William Daly, former elementary head Geoff Dowd, Carol Manning, past Speirs medal recipients Minna Shulman and Bryan Fitzpatrick, former headmaster Hal Hannaford and Susan Doherty, Patrick Neilson, Laura Downey, and current headmaster Michael Downey.

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“What a wonderful night for the Selwyn House School community!” summarized Cozens.

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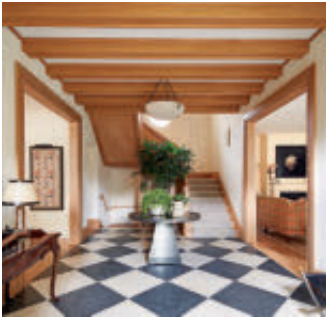
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Art Review

Cameron shows at Han Modern

Toronto artist Alex Cameron arrived in Westmount recently for his solo show at Han Modern and Contemporary.

Chloe Ng, gallery owner/director gave a presentation on his work, which is in the collections of the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Beaverbrook Art Gallery and the Canada Council Art Bank – to name but a few.

The artist met Queen Elizabeth II during her 25th jubilee celebrations when one of his paintings was gifted to her. Travelling across Canada, he is inspired by nature in remote locations. Cameron is one of the leading members of the second generation of Painters Eleven, a group of abstract artists active in Canada between 1953 and 1960.

His colourful trees stand almost sculpturally: he creates them by squeezing paint directly from the tube. Cézanne aimed to “astonish with an apple.”

Alex Cameron has done so with his trees. – VR.



►Chloe Ng, Alex Cameron and his wife Lorna Cameron.

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London's December decorations range from the majestic (Claridge) to charming (La Fromagerie). There is also art. The Connaught – famed for its bespoke martini served with a touch of an essential oil (I chose cardamom) – features artist Suzy

Murphy. Her “soft-white-lit” neon dogs run gracefully through the boughs.

There is classically simple (Caldesi) and towering theatrical Instagram-magnets (Harrods, Louis Vuitton).

Speaking of over-the-top, Hyde Park fea-

tures Winter Wonderland. Travellers twitter past snapping serial selfies. The massive rides are lit in Las Vegas-style brilliant lights. But perhaps the most elegantly evocative holiday décor was The Ever After Garden at Grosvenor Square, where fields of glowing white-silk roses “bloom.”

Visitors, invited to dedicate a rose in memory of a loved one, help raise funds for The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity. We hope you enjoy this festive glow: an inspiration of quotidian and nighttime awe.

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Vic Studios raises money for Just for Kids



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In the midst of a re-launch, Vic Studios brought together its various trainers to collaborate on an event to raise money for the Just for Kids Foundation’s Mental Health Campaign, which provides funding for a social worker specializing in mental health in the ER at the Children’s.



Eve Balinsky and Blake Isenberg (grade 7 student volunteers).

The mental health social worker plays a critical role in treating vulnerable patients and acts as a facilitator between the medical team and the child’s family.

Since COVID, there has been a 40-per-cent increase in mental health related hospitalizations for children ages 12 to 17, and this number continues to grow.

The fun eve was organized by local res **Lindsay Hart**, partner, Sotheby’s International Realty Québec LK, working with **Cory Garfinkle** and **Lorie Blumer** (Just for Kids), **Tara Laufer** (Sotheby’s International Realty Québec LK), **Geraldine Hart** (director, Vic Studios), **DBS**; Signature Gravity Strength instructors **David Snively** and **Theodore Kotsiris**, **Lauren Kaplan** (spin), **Cassandra Keating** (spin) and **Melanie Duettchen Hagen** (kickboxing).

The event consisted of two 30-minute sessions. Each participant had the choice between three classes per time slot: either spin, gravity or kickboxing, and then a 10-minute change-over and then another spin, gravity or kickboxing session.

After the final yoga stretch brought heart rates back down, guests enjoyed famed Rejuice! drinks and Doughnats. (Sprinkles looked delicious!).

A fun-filled raffle was presented by Lindsay and children volunteers. It featured gift cards donated by Avanti, Victoria Park Medi-Spa and Printcess design.

Helpers were **Donald Kattan**, **Stephanie Kattan**, **Sophie Kattan**, **Luke Adelstein**, **Vicky Hagen**, **Scarlett Isenberg**, **Blake Isenberg**, **Eve Balinsky** and **Dahlia Balinsky**.

Lindsay thanked all for their support, which raised \$4,000 for the cause. Then departing guests received loot bags with Limlim socks, jewellery from Evry Jewels, cookies from Bazin, a gift card from Book Dumpling Tutors, a Kaufman Group brochure and USB key from Luxkoo.



Vicky Hagen; and Stephanie, Sophie and Donald Kattan with mum-organizer Lindsay Hart.



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To my **doctors and trainers** who keep my health on track.
To my **clients who've bought or sold**, your next chapter has begun!
To my **clients still searching**, the next visit could be the one!
To all **Indie readers**, thanks to those who reached out,
I'm happy you liked my poems about caulking and grout.
To my **collaborative colleagues**, I wish you a ton of success!
Now, there's one last thing I'd like to address.

I know the last few years have taken their toll,
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