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# City banquet wraps up another two seasons of sport

By Ralph Thompson

The end of another exciting spring and summer city sports season for young people was wrapped up in Victoria Hall September 3 with awards for the teams and players.

The excitement was intense as the doors burst open at precisely 6 pm and Victoria Hall was filled with exhilaration and enthusiasm. Over 200 seats were quickly filled with young athletes while parents

stood around the edges or were seated in the gallery. The popular pizza, pop and chips were quickly served before Dave Lapointe, the division director of culture, sports, recreation and social development, brought calm to the masses.

Mayor Christina Smith welcomed everyone and created a gigantic cheer as she thanked the staff, volunteers and coaches.



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#### Passer-by alerts Public Security

## Keys taken from 'staggering' man, car towed

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A woman flagged down a passing Public Security patroller September 3 at 7:50 pm to report seeing a man staggering on the street and headed to a parked car on Clarke south of Sherbrooke, Public Security officials said.

When officers approached the car, they noticed an "unopened bottle" and questioned the man, described as "very nervous." They told the man to remove the keys from the ignition and put them on the dashboard.

Police were called, performed "a couple of tests," and the car was towed. No additional information was reported regarding the man's identification or date of birth.

#### Woman with lost purse, car identified for help

A woman dressed in a fur coat and leggings was spotted September 4 at Somerville and Prince Albert at 9:29 am, Public Security officials said. She told questioning

## Vote on southeast moved to Sept. 18

Final approval of the city's proposed southeast re-development by-laws has been re-scheduled to a special council meeting Thursday, September 18. It was originally planned for the regular meeting of September 8.

"The vote is delayed because we have made some minor changes and that requires a change to the by-laws and everything needs to be conforming," Mayor Christina Smith told the Independent September 4. The change was posted on the city's website regarding council meetings.

The "minor" changes have not been announced. - LS

officers she was looking for her car on St. Catherine and had lost the rest of her clothes and purse. She felt weak and dizzy but was adamant she did not need help.

Concerned she was a danger to herself and did indeed require assistance, officers requested assistance from police and Urgences Santé. No other information was available.

#### Gas leak at Claremont and Westmount Ave.

When Public Security received a call from police September 2 to help block streets due to a gas leak at 11:45 am, officers closed access in the surrounding area around Prince Albert, Côte St. Antoine, Chesterfield, Westmount Ave. and Victoria. Police also blocked streets west of Claremont (in NDG). Once required work concerning the leak was completed, streets were re-opened at 12:56 pm.

#### 'Elderly' man falls on sidewalk outside Metro

Public Security received a call August 30 at 5:49 pm for assistance to a man who had fallen outside 4830 Sherbrooke, the Metro grocery store. He was found to have fallen backward, sustaining a sore right arm but no serious injuries were reported. He refused transportation to hospital by Urgences Santé. Public Security transported him back to Manoir Westmount where he lived.

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# Southeast vote delayed until Sept. 18 for changes, including Dorchester heights



Mayor's Column

CHRISTINA SMITH

As you may have seen in our recent publications, the vote on the adoption of the Special Planning Program (SPP) for the southeast sector has been re-scheduled to Thursday, September 18, at 6 pm, during a special meeting of city council.

This process, which began nearly two years ago, has involved listening carefully to many voices within our community. This is an issue that has been discussed for the entire 12 years I have been on council. Our goal has always been to ensure that the plan reflects the broadest possible consensus among residents, stakeholders and decision-makers.

Postponing the vote until September 18 is further proof of this commitment, allowing us time to integrate adjustments and technical refinements so that the final version responds to key concerns, while remaining coherent and forward-looking.

For example, one of those changes is the lowering of the building heights on Dorchester to six storeys. This would mean three storeys with a setback and an additional three storeys as the maximum height.

We continue to listen and incorporate ideas and suggestions wherever possible. But consensus does not mean unanimity. Citizens, elected officials and stakeholders naturally have differing priorities.

#### Diversity of views part of democracy

To delay indefinitely until everyone agrees would be to deny this diversity, which is part of democratic life. While some residents have called for more time - even after two years of work - we cannot allow that to result in decision-making paralysis. That is why we remain committed to presenting the SPP for adoption on September 18, and the ..... council will vote on continued on p. 18



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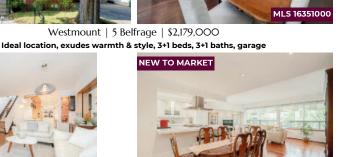
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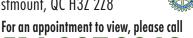


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#### **Council candidate for District 4**

## Peart runs for third term citing 'authentic' consultation

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Councillor Conrad Peart, commissioner of infrastructure, urban planning and architecture, announced last week he will seek a third four-year term on city council representing District 4, where he lives.

"Westmount is our forever home," he said in a press release September 3. "My commitment is to protect what makes [the city] special while ensuring it works in the future."

He lists "five pillars to serve Westmount" as pave, progress, pledge, publish and protect.

The city "deserves councillors who listen carefully, act responsibly and deliver results," he explained. "I've built a record on transparency and diligence, and I intend to continue that work in the next mandate." That includes a pledge to "rebuild trust in city hall through authentic consultation."

The meaning of "authentic" consultation, he told the Independent, is "closer to optimized consultation. For example, our changes to waste-collection policies could have been better informed by targetted community surveys."



Conrad Peart on September 5. PHOTO: RALPH THOMPSON.

He said he intends to provide written updates as a councillor in addition to the verbal reports given at council meetings. This is so that "residents in my district and across the committees I serve have clear and accessible information."

#### Road blitz, trust

Peart also calls for a "road-resurfacing blitz" to address deteriorating streets, while developing a long-term strategy for roadwork, and "progress" to "refine the southeast development plan to address shortcomings in the St. Catherine area."

He also advocates making city information more accessible through "open data and clear reporting," and safeguarding Westmount's safety, heritage and quality

Peart, an architect with more than 30 years of experience, is co-founder and partner of Fabriq Architecture. He holds a BSc degree in human physiology and a BSc in architecture and a bachelor of architecture degree, all from McGill.

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## New Horizons croquet/lawn bowling hold season's last meeting

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

There was a record turnout on August 27 for the final gathering of the 2025 season by members of the New Horizons program at the Westmount Bowling & Croquet Club.

Since June 4, the members, who are senior citizens, had been meeting every Wednesday morning beginning at 9:30 am to learn how to play croquet or lawn bowling, depending on their preference.

Many are from the Westmount Contactivity Centre as well as Manoir Westmount. In addition to playing croquet and lawn bowling, they also had an opportunity to enjoy coffee, cookies and conversation with like-minded seniors.

"It is an excellent way for seniors to meet, learn a new activity and socialize in general," said Beverley Hutchison of Kitchener Ave., who's been a member since the program got started more than four years ago.

"It is a great occasion for seniors to get together," she said.

Phil Silverberg, another long-time member, noted that the club was able to grow with the help of subsidies provided by the federal government's New Horizons program supporting senior citizens.

Forty participants were on hand for the season's final gathering. Although a significant number of members are Westmounters, Westmount residency is not a membership requirement.

"I've been having fun, but I've also improved," Joyce Girvan, a croquet player for the past four years who lives in Westmount, replied when asked whether she'd become proficient at the sport.

She described croquet as a very relaxing physical activity - requiring skill - while acknowledging she preferred it over lawn bowling as a sport.



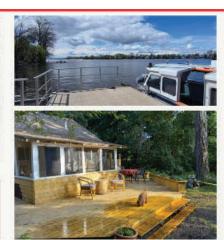
From left, Mija Kim, Marietta Leblanc and Joyce Girvan were among the 40 club members who were on hand at the lawn bowling clubhouse on August 27.

Addie Petronko, a volunteer lawn bowling coach from NDG, said one of the main goals of the program has been "to get seniors active, with time to socialize. Every time we meet, there's a half-hour just to socialize. After that, we organize teams and everybody loves it."

The New Horizons program at the Westmount Lawn Bowling & Croquet Club will be resuming its activities on Wednesday mornings in June next year.







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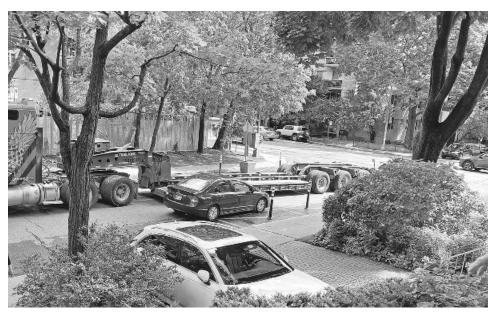
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### **BOLLARDS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR** METCALFE/SHERBROOKE SCHOOL TRAFFIC



I question the Metcalfe Ave. [bollard] installation [near the Akiva School's entrance on Metcalfe] because the street now narrows considerably, creating a very dangerous corner.

[Similar] diversions have been installed in front of [other] Westmount schools. However, these schools are not dealing with the dense traffic that is on Sherbrooke. I am sure [Public Security director] Greg McBain is aware Sherbrooke St. is the central thoroughfare through Montreal and is one of Montreal's busiest streets.

and afternoon, children are dropped off at Akiva. This takes considerable time getting the children in and out of the cars, which will cause a back-up of traffic on the cross street - Sherbrooke. It is only a matter of time and the right circumstance when this recent unsafe development will cause a tragic accident.

RENA WATSON, METCALFE AVE.

#### **ENOUGH WITH THE HATE PROTESTS**

I applaud those standing up to hate. Compounding problems each morning These pro-Palestinian protests are nothing

more than hate protests. Hate of Canada, hate of our democracy and hate of the Jewish people throughout the world.

We can only hope our elected officials that represent us would do something about it already. Their complacency and doing nothing are not right and will not be tolerated much longer as your citizens in Westmount and Montreal have had enough!

Enough of the misinformation that has turned people against what is right. Enough of the acceptance of hate protests and enough of our cities' officials who are supporting this hate through their inaction.

Allan Goldberg, Lansdowne Ave.

#### WHEN WILL CITY OFFICIALS **RESTORE PEACE TO OUR STREETS?**

Once again, we find ourselves witnessing protests on Greene Ave. that are disrupting the lives of those simply trying to go about their daily routines. Day after day, we are forced to contend with harassment of passers-by, intimidation of shoppers and the blocking of business access.

This past week, the situation took a more alarming turn when an elderly individual was knocked to the ground, necessitating an ambulance. It is completely unacceptable that peaceful members of our community are being put at risk simply for walking through their own neighbourhood.

When will our city officials step in to restore peace to our streets and ensure that businesses can operate without fear of being shut down by these disruptive actions?

The safety and well-being of our citizens must come first.

LORNE MAYERS, WESTMOUNT SQUARE

#### **CAN THE CANDIDATES** PLEASE GET SPECIFIC?

I am writing to reiterate and expand on the point raised by Dorothy Lipovenko in your August 26 issue (p. 4). None of the candidates so far (not just James Murphy, whom she specifies) have declared their positions on any of the issues currently facing Westmount.

Current members of council who are running for another term and new candidates both stress their professional qualifications and their devotion to Westmount; none specify their position on the issues which the new council will decide.

The most obvious and urgent is their position on the re-development of the southeast sector - an issue that has dominated both this publication and many meetings for more than a year.

Another question is their support of a more open system of debate on other issues (as was most certainly not the case with either the re-development of Lexington or the newly expanded playground).

The new council will also face the question of choosing between a vast expenditure on an indoor swimming pool versus better maintenance of Westmount Park and many of our roads, paths and side-

Good will is not enough – in order to vote responsibly we all need to know the specific positions of all the candidates.

Jo LaPierre, Metcalfe Ave.

#### CABOT SQUARE ISN'T SO GREEN

I think it's important to keep in mind that the very welcome bit of "green space" adjoining the proposed southeast development (Cabot Square [in downtown Montreal]) is, in reality, 90 percent concrete, stone and crushed gravel.

MARJORIE GRIFFIN, DORCHESTER BLVD.

#### 'YES' TO REPORTING DETAILS

I tried to ignore Brian Wrench's smug lecture/letter ("Has Westmount become gated in spirit? Will it become so in fact?" August 19, p. 6) instructing Westmounters to do better, but needed to address one particular point.

Wrench criticized the Independent's description of ticketted canvassers as being not from this area, and the editor explained in a note that its reporters have a professional obligation to report as much detail as possible regarding suspects/accused.

I have encouraged the Independent to do exactly that.

Details can help citizens be on the lookout for particular individuals casing a certain area and grannies be aware of streets where pickpockets are operating. Keep up the good work, *Independent*.

ALEX SIMONELIS, SHERBROOKE ST.

#### Editor's note

## Letters to the editor policy for end of election period

In keeping with our practice during the previous four municipal election campaigns, letters to the editor published in our last issue (October 28) before the November 2 election that mention a candidate will be shown to that candidate for possible rebuttal in the same issue. There will be no second "right of reply" to this possible reply. - DP

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### POTHOLE CITY

Some years ago, it was sometimes said (probably incorrectly) that you could tell when you had crossed into Quebec from Ontario by the condition of the road. This can now be said of Westmount. You know when you have left the city of Montreal and entered into the city of Westmount by the sudden bumps, cracks and holes in the streets. Whether you are on Côte St. Antoine, Summit Circle, Melville or Arlington Lane, everywhere you look, the streets of Westmount are in a poor state of repair.

In Westmount, we are told that we pay higher taxes for better municipal services. Did our taxes fall into the potholes?

JOHN SYPNOWICH, LANSDOWNE AVE.

## STAYNER PARK'S NEGLECT A MICROCOSM OF WESTMOUNT'S

I want to draw attention to the state of Stayner Park. What began as a small dirt patch has now spread across a large section of the area surrounding the playground. That space, which should be inviting for children and families, is now mostly bare, hard dirt and looks neglected.

I used to see workers clean up the park many times a week and, honestly, I do not see them anymore.

One of the most basic expectations for a park is healthy grass and regular upkeep. Of course, grass can be trampled in high-traffic areas, but that doesn't mean nothing should be done. Re-seeding, proper maintenance, and occasional restoration are part of what keeps a park welcoming.

I hope that the next municipal administration will focus on these fundamentals: clean parks, trash collection at least once a week, and attention to green space.

Westmount deserves parks that are well cared for, without unnecessary distractions, [such as] trying to imitate the city of Montreal with woke ideas and ideology.

We should get back to basics and make Westmount great again, starting with our shared public spaces, general cleanliness and aim to get some pride back in our city.

JEREMIE JOHN MARTIN, GREENE AVE.

#### 'McGill report' represents true wishes of District 8

In the September 1 issue of the *Westmount Independent*, Michael Mossop attempted (p. 10) to discredit the report, *Southeast Westmount Revitalization*, done by students of the McGill School of Urban Planning – a report commissioned by concerned residents.

His main contention was that the number of people surveyed, 20, was not representative and tossed in the population of District 8 as 2,675 residents. He did not

point out that in the 2021 District 8 election, the total number of votes of this several thousand population was 519, a 29.3-percent turnout.

Furthermore, the candidate who opposed the AGIL report and other such recommendations, Kathleen Kez, handily won the election, 340 to 179. This was her second successful election and thus could be considered a referendum on the plans the city had been advancing.

The residents had long been discussing these plans: e.g. at a general meeting called by the residents on November 22, 2016, following two the city had held on January 19 and June 14, 2016.

Two years later, the local residents held yet another consultation meeting on June 19

We even had a petition circulating, signed by 245 residents, opposing the city's vision in their southeast project. It was presented to council on January 16, 2017.

The McGill report was initiated during the height of the pandemic (2021) so contacting people face to face was not possible but the organizing committee was obviously well aware of the wishes of the population of the southeast residents.

It is unfortunate the letter writer [seems not to have attended] any of these exceptional meetings or he would have been better informed.

TOBY MORANTZ, CLANDEBOYE AVE.

# CLARIFY CITY'S EXEMPTION STATUS BEFORE 'GETTING SOUTHEAST DONE'

At the August 4 council meeting (at around 1:09 in the recording), in response to a question, Councillor Aronson indicated that there was "no clear path" to obtaining an exemption to the height requirements under the new PMAD.

Councillor Aronson also stated that the lack of clarity on how to apply for an exemption "makes it significantly difficult." However, at no time did he indicate that the city had written requesting an exemption or that the city had received a written refusal to any requests for exemptions.

It appears that Councillor D'Amico (same meeting, at around 1:14:44 in the recording) believes that Westmount is eligible for an exemption. Mayor Smith disagreed.

In letters published in the *Independent* ("City of Westmount has exemption from agglo/Communauté density requirement," August 12, p. 18), former mayors Karin Marks and Peter Trent clarify why they believe that Westmount is entitled to an exemption based on Westmount's heritage status in the agglomeration's Land-use

Plan, rather than the PMAD.

Either Westmount can obtain an exemption, or we can't.

Has the city submitted requests for exemptions to the CMM, or whoever is responsible for reviewing exemptions under the current PMAD?

Has the city written to whoever is responsible for reviewing exemptions based on the agglomeration's Land-use Plan, as suggested by mayors Marks and Trent?

To proceed with a vote on new by-laws affecting zoning in the southeast sector before receiving written answers regarding both the CMM/PMAD and the agglomeration Land-use Plan would be irresponsible.

Why are the mayor and some members of council in such a hurry?

Residents in the southeast sector want resolution to the development question more than any other districts in Westmount since we are the ones closest to the unsightly Tupper lots and deterioration on south side of St. Catherine. However, we want to ensure the best possible plan and not one rushed through because the mayor is responding to "some residents" who tell her to "just get it done" (August 12, p.7 mayor's column).

JIM RICHARDS, DORCHESTER BLVD.

# SMITH SHOULD FOLLOW SMITH'S 2017 EXAMPLE AND DELAY SOUTHEAST VOTE

From conversations with both supporters and opponents of the southeast plan, one thing is clear: everyone agrees that the southeast needs revitalization. Opponents are not opposed to change. They just want a *better plan*.

That said, even some supporters of the city's plan feel that the plan is "precipitous" or "poorly thought through." Given the enormous impact this plan will have on the southeast and on Westmount for decades to come, it is important not to rush it through, but to properly study and debate

#### CANDIDATE REPLIES

## MURPHY (D5): SPECIFICS TO COME SOON

I thank Ms. Lipovenko for her letter (August 26, p. 4). In my earlier open letter, I shared high-level themes to begin the conversation. I will have more specific commitments for District 5 during the course of the campaign and welcome feedback at any time. I can be reached at james. murphy.westmount@gmail.com.

I live on Melville Ave., adjacent to District 5. I often commute home via Vendôme Metro, take my children to Westmount Park, and shop on Victoria Ave. most weekends.

James Murphy, candidate – District 5

the myriad of issues so that we get it right. There remain too many unstudied issues, open questions, and serious concerns.

Just one example of many: what are the estimated costs for the complex infrastructure needs of this massive build-out plan and how will they be financed? It strikes one as imprudent to plough ahead without knowing the answer. Would anyone build a new house without knowing the costs? Did the city renovate the greenhouse without at least an estimate of the costs? Do we re-construct our roads with a blank cheque?

Though I am aware of the difficulty of governing these days, it is vital that such an important decision is given all due consideration and study. Politicians can help themselves and our residents by ensuring full transparency and, most importantly, by listening to the concerns of their electorate. Many residents do not feel they are being listened to on the southeast, especially those most directly affected.

Council had a plan in 2017 (AGIL), which, while not perfect, was better than the current one. The then-council, led by Mayor Smith, announced in August 2017 that a decision would be held over for the next council, given how close the upcoming election was.

That was wise. Un- continued on p. 12

## MOBILE CAR WASH

For Info call: Pat 514 433 0375 — or — Shaun 514 984 1671 Pierre Monaghan, council candidate in District 1

# Running to preserve city's 'quality of life, security, privacy'

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

In announcing his decision to run for election as a first-time councillor in District 1, Pierre Monaghan told the *Independent* his reason was that after the last 20 years of living and raising a family in Westmount, the city's "stewardship going forward is very important to me."

He lists his "areas of focus and priority" as "preservation of the city's exceptional quality of life, security and privacy."

He cites these as including "ensuring increased security and road safety, particularly in corridors used by through traffic; safeguarding fiscal responsibility while making infrastructure investment a priority; and delivering public services that better serve our community."

Services include "improvement in garbage collection as well as large items and garden waste."

Planning to listen "intently" to the views of residents, the mayor and councillors, Monaghan said he hopes to focus on "creating a forward-thinking vision of Westmount, with emphasis placed on our residents' concerns."

#### Cites experience

At age 56, he said his 30 years of experience in finance, and various public service roles "have equipped me well to tackle the current challenges faced by city hall."

He graduated from Loyola and then Bishop's University in 1995 with a bachelor of business administration. He worked at the Royal Bank in "generalist banking" before joining Kruger.

"I have served on the board of directors of the Loyola High School Foundation as treasurer for two terms (eight years) and as vice-president and treasurer of the Kennebunk Beach Improvement Association in Maine." He also coached in his sons' hockey programs, he said.

#### 'Amazing community'

Over the past 30 years, he added, "my wife and I have lived in four homes in

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Pierre Monaghan photographed September 3 at his home.

Photo: Ralph Thompson.

Westmount, moving from District 4 to District 2 and finally settling in District 1. We have a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities that all Westmount residents face. I am committed to doing everything I can to support our amazing community."

Asked how many city council meetings he had attended, he said he had "listened in to all of the regular and special council meetings in 2025."

Kathleen Kez seeks third term in District 8

# So much done, so much still to do, she says

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

In running for a third term on city council for District 8, Councillor Kathleen Kez told the *Independent* September 2 that no matter what is decided at the special council session September 18 on the proposed approval for development of the southeast, she wants to be there "every step of the way." (This vote has been delayed from September 8.)

This is "to ensure that the development does not lose momentum and that the plan is the best it can be, respects the sector and enhances the quality of life for both existing and future residents," she explained. "We must get it right."

It is also "important to recognize that in the summer months, temperatures in the southeast sector are above those found in other areas of Westmount. For this reason, I will continue to push for as much green space and tree canopy as possible to be incorporated into re-development of the area."

District 8 is the most southeasterly section of Westmount located approximately between de Maisonneuve St. south to the city limits with St. Henri and to the east of Clarke and Hallowell.

#### Finance and Public Security

Kez, a tax accountant by profession, served as finance commissioner in her first council term before assuming the current commissionership in public safety but remaining on the city's finance and admin-



Kathleen Kez on the corner of Gladstone and Dorchester on September 3. Photo: RALPH THOMPSON.

istration (F&A) committee. She also has been volunteering at the Resilience Montreal day shelter at St. Catherine and Atwater.

She lists some of the improvements in her district during her current mandate as the re-paving of the Dorchester-Clandeboye lane, securing the eventual re-establishment of Selby Park, maintaining waste collection in lanes and installing a speed bump on Olivier.

Others are the removal of "out-dated" parking signage, dismantling of the tunnel structure on Weredale Park road, planting six new trees on the Dorchester median and securing a commitment from the MTQ (Quebec transport ministry) to continue cleaning their structures twice a year.

#### Prioritize basics

Looking forward, "we need to prioritize and fix the basics," she maintains. Among the ongoing challenges are the "visual revamp" of St. Catherine St. and surrounding area, as well as "the [actual] return of Selby Park."

Others include traffic-calming measures and repairs to roads and lanes, and the need for resident-only parking zones "on many of our residential streets."

"I hope residents will give me the opportunity to continue my efforts in making District 8 a wonderful place to live."

She has set up a website at kathleen kez.ca.

Looking sharp on Sherbrooke



The city's work on re-paving Sherbrooke St.'s asphalt in Victoria village is finished, as is major sidewalk work on the north side and repairs to the south side pavement. As seen September 5.

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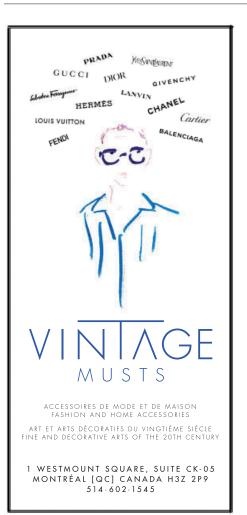
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Repair money not yet approved by council

# Holton/Mount Pleasant steps remain closed, with no date targetted for re-opening

By Jennifer Ball

The staircase connecting Holton Ave. and Mount Pleasant Ave. was closed for precautionary reasons in April. No workers have been engaged yet in restoring and repairing it because spending for it has not yet been approved by council.

The *Independent* asked Mugisha Rutishisha, director of Communications at the city, on September 3 to provide details on the cause of the stairs' deterioration. He said, "According to the information I have obtained, the deterioration is mainly due to the age of [the] structure and the effects of snow and ice-melter salt sprayed on it during winter to ensure users' safety....

"Before the restoration project (including preliminary studies, production of plans and specifications, call for tenders, etc.) can start, it must be approved by council as part of an upcoming capital works program."

For the same reason, no company has been selected at this time to undertake the necessary repair work.

When asked if he could explain the anticipated scope of the work and also the

projected completion date, he replied, "At this time, we do not have this information."



The staircase connecting Holton Ave. and Mount Pleasant Ave. has been closed since April, as seen September 5.

#### **Letters...,** cont'd from p. 9

fortunately, the new council, again led by Mayor Smith, shelved the AGIL plan.

It would be a terrible precedent to saddle an incoming council with a plan that is opposed by so many Westmounters, not "fringe wild-eyed crazies" or the "misinformed," as some aver, but thoughtful and sensible residents and experienced experts. Council should not dismiss the wisdom and the considered views of all those who have voiced valid objections or questions, but work with all of them to improve this plan.

That is even more important in a PPU process, which this council opted for, where residents have no say via a referendum. Council must, in such cases, be the trusted voice of the people.

This council's best legacy is to opt for deference over urgency, listening and responding to residents' concerns over knowing better or railroading. If not, it will end its term with division and strife, and an undermined democracy.

Let the issue be debated in the upcoming campaign, let the people be heard and let the next mayor and council carry this forward with a clear and informed mandate.

> PETER F. HOFFMANN, DE MAISONNEUVE BLVD.





# SCHOOL GUIDE 2025

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# WESTMOUNT INDEPENDENT

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# So what happens these days on the first day of school? Balloons!





Westmount Park School (top) on September 2 and Roslyn School on September 4 both chose a festive note to start the school year with.

Top Photo Courtesy of Sam Beitel; BOTTOM PHOTO: INDEPENDENT.

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# Open houses of the *Independent's* advertisers

#### Thursday, September 18

LCC (grade 7) – also Saturday, September 20

The Study

#### Thursday, September 25

St. George's School of Montreal (high school & grade 12) – also Saturday, September 27

#### Saturday, October 4

La Villa Sainte-Marcelline

#### Sunday, October 5

The Priory – also Wednesday, October 8

#### Wednesday, October 8

Kells (elementary & high school)

#### Wednesday, October 15

Kells (grade 12)

#### Thursday, October 16

St. George's School (elementary) – also Saturday, October 18

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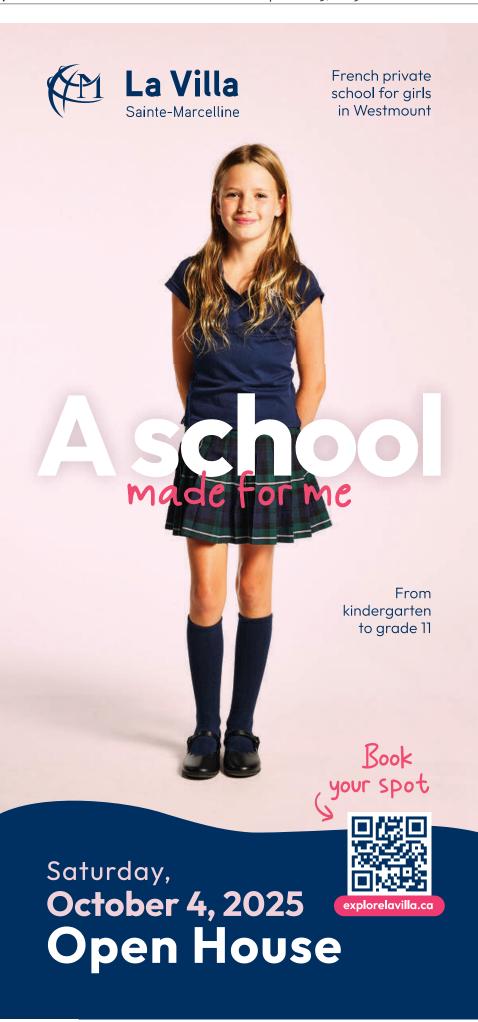




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With La Villa's exceptional music program, your daughter will be able to nurture her passion for her instrument, perform in recitals, attend special events and enjoy one-on-one lessons during her regular school hours. La Villa was proud to celebrate its 50-year partnership with l'École de musique de Verdun which has allowed the school to foster and grow our excellent music program and train generations of young musicians.

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In grades 5 and 6 she can be part of our junior sports teams: the Mini-Archanges. In secondary school, she can join the competitive badminton, volleyball, flag football or swimming teams, among others, and proudly represent the school in RSEQ tournaments. If your daughter is involved in more intensive sports, dance or music programs outside the school, she can benefit from a PEP (personalized study program) which allows her to complete the enriched curriculum of La Villa while practicing her sport or other demanding activity thanks to an adapted schedule.

La Villa is resolutely moving towards the future. Your daughter can be part of the journey!

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#### **Learning by Doing:** St. George's School of Montreal Inspires Curiosity, Confidence, and Lifelong Growth

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Teaching students from Kindergarten through Grade-12, St. George's offers a continuous, child-centered educational journey designed to prepare learners to become self-reliant for University and life beyond. From the first days in the classroom to the culminating experiences of high school, curiosity is encouraged, creativity is celebrated, and every child is empowered to discover their own strengths and passions.

"Our philosophy of active learning goes beyond academics," explains

Head of School Michael O'Connor. "At St. George's, leadership isn't a position, it's about positive influence and supportive action," he adds.

This approach is evident in every classroom and hallway. Hands-on projects, inquiry-based learning, and opportunities for creative expression allow students to explore ideas, solve complex problems, and collaborate across disciplines. From building robots in the STEAM program to conducting field research through the Sci-9-12 Club, students transform theory into practice and practice into lifelong interest.

Just as importantly, St. George's places the well-being of each child at the heart of its mission. With strong physical education programs and a nurturing, inclusive community, students feel safe to take intellectual risks and grow into their authentic selves.

"It's a safe environment where I can express myself and develop important skills for my future with the support of my peers and teachers," reflects one student.

larger than themselves. By encouraging reflection, discussion, and action, the school nurtures young people who can approach challenges thoughtfully and creatively.

It's a safe environment where I can express myself and develop important skills for my future

Experiential learning at St. George's also fosters empathy, social responsibility, and a sense of belonging. From classroom collaboration to community engagement, students are reminded that learning is not just about individual success, but about contributing to something

What makes the approach truly distinctive is its application across all grade levels. In Elementary School. curiosity is sparked through exploration and play. By High School and Grade-12, that spark is transformed into confidence, leadership, and the ability to navigate real-world challenges with resilience, skills that prepare students for the academic rigor and independence of university.

St. George's teachers play a central role in this journey. Continually advancing their skills through professional development and researchbased pedagogy, they bring both art and science to their classrooms. Their goal is not only to teach, but to inspire a lifelong love of learning, empowering every child to thrive, today, tomorrow, and well into the future.

St. George's School of Montreal remains a place where education is not confined to the classroom or limited by convention. Here, curiosity is cultivated, creativity is celebrated, and learning truly comes alive. Preparing students for life as confident, individuals ready to pave their path.

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Grade 12, October 15, 2025 at 6:30pm

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# LCC's International Baccalaureate Programme: A Global Community of Learners

For more than a century, Lower Canada College has earned its reputation as a leading coeducational K-12 institution, one that has produced generations of leaders and contributors to the community. But perhaps its biggest jump onto the world stage has occurred in the last 10+ years, as LCC has become an International Baccalaureate World School, first by offering the IB Diploma Programme to high school students in 2013 (grades 11 and 12), then by extending its participation with the Middle Years Programme (MYP) in 2020, covering grades 7 through 10. In becoming the only Englishlanguage school in Quebec to offer both of these prestigious curricula, LCC has joined an ambitious global community of learning.

LCC's IB coordinator June Takacs has seen a real commitment to IB's

core values, with a focus on respect and international-mindedness. "Since coming to LCC, I've heard a consistent message: it's not just about academic rigor, it's about being well-rounded encouraging student and teacher well-being and a real belief in community and how we're moving forward together. These are part of a common language that is spelled out by IB, and the fact that we are all speaking that language only encourages success."

The IB philosophy includes interdisciplinary study, the development of a taste for life-long learning, interpersonal skills, selfmanagement, and an orientation towards community building and social awareness. LCC Middle School director Tammy Groff notes that gaining wide-ranging proficiency is more important than

achieving a certain exam result or grade. "Irrespective of the subject being taught, the underlying emphasis is always on what IB calls approaches to learning, or ATL skills. There's also a deep appreciation of professional development for teachers. IB provides amazing opportunities for teachers to continue their training and sharpen their tools. So, it all works together: teachers feel fulfilled, which leads to better environments for students. It's win-win."

The IB Programme prioritizes research and communication. The strengths that students build over time are applicable to any field, and are excellent preparation for university studies. While LCC students continue to show the strong academic performances that have always been one of the school's calling cards, they are also

achieving impressive acceptance rates at the universities of their choice. And the attention paid to soft skills goes far beyond the classroom: the IB requirements include wide-ranging projects and a dedication to service that is still at the heart of the LCC experience.

The IB Programme is also helping to make LCC a world school in a very tangible way. As Tammy Groff points out, "many kids who are coming to LCC from other countries were already in an IB school, so there is a level of comfort for them and their families. The subjects may not be identical, but the rigorous approach and set-up is what they are used to. We cover the Quebec curriculum, but apply the IB method. It makes for much easier transitions and exceptional preparation for life.



## Grade 7 Open House

September 18, 9:15 - 11:45 am, 5 - 8 pm September 20, 9 am - 3 pm

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## A taste of Israel in Montreal





Westmounter Heather Adelson, left, the chair of the general campaign, Combined Jewish Appeal, was giving attendees an enthusiastic greeting September 2 in Hampstead Park to the first ever "authentic Israeli market" in Montreal. "Federation CJA is proud," stated a press release, "to present a one-night-only celebration of culture, music, and community, featuring a pop-up Israeli market (shuk), a live concert by international music sensation Ishay Ribo, and a spectacular drone show to close out the evening. "This night is our moment to stand up and say: 'It's Up to Us,'" 2025's campaign slogan, said Federation CJA CEO Yair Szlak. "It's the official launch of our Combined Jewish Appeal campaign and it's where our community comes together to take action. When you give to Federation CJA, you're helping feed families, support the vulnerable, strengthen Jewish identity and fight anti-Semitism. You're joining thousands who care deeply about making a real and lasting difference and shaping the Jewish future in this city and province." At right, Adelson is pictured with her cabinet: from left, Richard Shatilla, chair, GenMTL philanthropy campaign; Meg Benaroch Garfield, chair, women's philanthropy campaign; Josh Jagermann, chair, YAD philanthropy campaign; Adelson; Avi Krispine, co-chair, The Network Campaign; Jessica R'Bibo, chair, Sepharade philanthropy campaign.

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## Scenes from the city's sports awards night

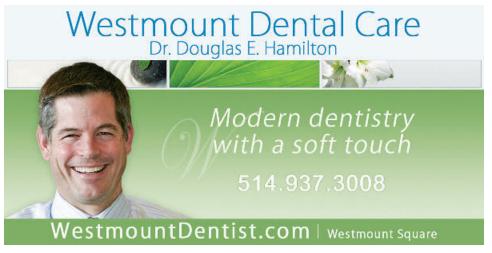
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ALL PHOTOS: RALPH THOMPSON.















Girls' U12-U16 soccer champions: team Ottawa.



From left, Rory Lithwick and Keren Yeboue with Councillor Elisabeth Roux and city sports coordinator Alyssa Sherrard.



Most improved awards for flag football with Mayor Christina Smith and Gabrielle Jay Riendeau. From left, Noah Picard, Cara Francoeur and Dhilan Kumar.



Boys U8/9 soccer champions: team Ireland with Councillor Mary Gallery.

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## MOST IMPROVED award for INTER COMMUNITY BASEBALL LEAGUE:

Matthew Frenkiel, Jonah Borsuk & Holden Engelberg

## MOST IMPROVED award for FLAG FOOTBALL:

Dhilan Kumar, Cara Francoeur, Noah Picard & Samuel Lescop

## MOST IMPROVED award for ULTIMATE FRISBEE:

Amalia Rodriguez & Miko Nahorniak

#### **GIRLS U12/16 SOCCER CHAMPIONS:**

#### **Team Ottawa**

Abbey Steinmetz-Shapiro, Abigail Waters, Alexandra Tsadilas, Alison Brown, Carolina Mendez, Elizabeth Colby, Elsa Kuerti, Eva Nahorniak, Flavia Silva Soto, Gabrielle Korne,



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Kum Ying Chloe Ho, Lexington Elisabeth McGravie, Portia Zagury, Raegan Piccioni, Sofia Burnier Banks, Stella Morganstein, Vanessa Mendez Plata, Victoria Wilson

Coaches: William Nahorniak, Ana Maria Plata

## SPORTSMANSHIP awards for GIRLS U12/16 SOCCER:

Elizabeth Colby, Astrid Goth, Violet Iny & Josephine Mossop

#### **BOYS U14/16 SOCCER CHAMPIONS:**

#### **Team Mexico**

Alexander Jans, Gabriel Coblentz Soares, Hugo Gibbons, Ivan Pell, James Burhop, Kieran Singh, Leonardo Rojo de la Vega Rodriguez, Lucas Burhop, Lucas Coblentz Soares, Oliver Bel, Oscar Mendivil, Sacha Nataf, Seungyou Moon, Timothée Klein, William Depow, Ziming Li, James Tiger Bean

Coaches: Ivan Bel, Raj Jans, Sacha Singh, Jimmy Bean

## SPORTSMANSHIP awards for BOYS U14/16 SOCCER:

Gabriel Coblentz-Soares & Lucas Jans

#### **BOYS U12/13 SOCCER CHAMPIONS:**

#### Team Japan

Agastya Jayden Hooja, Cedric Pelsise-D'Anselme, Evangelos Long, Jaeyoon Kim, Joey Tang, John Sakkas, Liam Ross, Louis Gill, Mylow Jadoul, Noah Richards, Sean Karamchandani, Souleymane Traore, Spencer Lewis, Sutton Castle, Taylor James Wiseman Coaches: Michael Gill, Max Castle, George Sakkas

## SPORTSMANSHIP awards of U12/13 BOYS SOCCER:

Lincoln Sala, Souleymane Traore, William Ghattas & Alexandre Mantha

#### **GIRLS U10/11 SOCCER CHAMPIONS:**

#### Team Halifax

Anna Reed, Claire Picard, Eloise Bouchard, Emma Speirs, Freya Irvine, Laurie Beaupré, Lola Garcia-Rejon, Mikki Morganstein, Mila Goldberg, Noa Link, Rachel Elizabeth Yufe, Seoyun Woo, Sharon Hauerstock, Zara Goldberg

Coaches: Scott Speirs, Sara Lightwick

## SPORTSMANSHIP awards of U10/11 GIRLS SOCCER:

Olivia Lee, Xin Lin Huang, Cera Kim, Eloise Bouchard, Freya Luzio & Jiwoo Park

## BOYS U10/11 SOCCER CHAMPIONS (tie)

#### **Team Germany**

Antoine Ghoche, Dev Domanko, Elliott Irvine, Geonwoo Park, Harrison Zilberberg, Hugo Chemin, James RH Brown, Luca Falsiroli, Max Liu, Miko Nahorniak, Radman Lalehgani, Sebastien Plante, Tomas Montero Araya, Ulises Pastor

Coaches: William Nahorniak, Jessica Pathy, Cedric Gravel

#### Team Austria

Alexandre Bellavance, Cyril Pelsise-D'Anselme, Eli Prupas, Jack Giacomini, Léon Nataf, Liam Patrick, Lorenzo Lim, Lucas Saverimuthu, Mathias Dias Schonenberger, Matthew Carsley, Noah Gibbons, Thomas Patrick, Tristan MacDonald Coaches: Mauricio Schonenberger, Owen Gibbins

## SPORTSMANSHIP awards of U10/11 BOYS SOCCER:

Juki Hasegawa, Thomas Patrick, Hugo Chemin, Ian Walonoski, Jun Song & Louis Donze

#### **GIRLS U8/9 SOCCER CHAMPIONS:**

#### **Team Montreal**

Adriana Scalia, Astrid Waschke, Clara Baer, Clara Smirnov, Ella Smirnov, Emilia Nishijima, Emma Masri, Jaclyn Werbitt, Joséphine Boucher Jensen, Keren Yeboue, Lila Domanko, Skye Topor, Sophia Molson, Xi Fei Coaches: Tomek Nishijima, Matthew

SPORTSMANSHIP awards of U8/9 GIRLS SOCCER:

Keren Yeboue, Rory Lithwick, Eloise Potter & Roberta Osorio Castro

#### **BOYS U8/9 SOCCER CHAMPIONS:**

#### Team Ireland

Boaz Van Gelderen, Christos Saltos, Harrison Paseli, Hudson Shapiro Stotland, Jacob Shatilla, Jordan Leaman, Liam Zimmerman, Lucas Guilbert, Mason Fang, Nikita Malyguine, Peter Henry Birzgalis, Runchen Lan, Samuel Flicker Coaches: Sarah Shapiro, Richard Shatilla, George Saltos

## SPORTSMANSHIP awards of U8/9 BOYS SOCCER

Leo Dalfen, Max David-Lussier, Charles Khazzam, Yooha Eom, Asher Viezel-Mathieu, Alexander Hoffman, Boaz Van Gelderan & Sebastian Mendez

#### **Sports banquet,** cont'd from p. 1

handed out by Mayor Smith and councillors Jeff Shamie, Conrad Peart, Matt Aronson, Anitra Bostock, Elisabeth Roux and Mary Gallery.

The whole event ran like clockwork, winding up just before 7 pm.

**Coiffure Jean John** 

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Scooping Bella in your arms would be so easy, and she is waiting for you at the Montreal SPCA kennel. Yes, this tiny girlie could be settling in nicely with you shortly.

Bella is a small white Chihuahua type, very pretty and posing delicately. She is a spunky and healthy two-year-old, up to date with her inoculations, spayed and microchipped. As she is small, her exposure to other dogs and children has been limited.

A new life moving forward would give her a change to be on her own or slowly integrate, whatever would be best for you and her under the circumstances of your household.

Please scroll to the Montreal SPCA website at www.spca.com, then you will find her information page from her identification number, 2000295637.

The shelter is open to you every day, so please do not hesitate to plan your visit as it is open from Monday to Friday from 3 pm to 8 pm, then Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 6 pm.

It is not very far, at 5215 Jean Talon St. West, Côte des Neiges, Montreal H4P 1X4.

The kennel is a big place for this small girlie, do not hesitate to go visit her and work with the adoption coordinators to

## Miss Bella



finalize adoption and bring her home. A tiny delight, she will bring more joy and cuddles into your life!

Your neighbour, Lysanne

## Affectionate and chatty Misty



9 Lives

LYSANNE FOWLER

Such a loving and entertaining beauty, Misty is presently at the Montreal SPCA cattery. They have a full house of cats in need of placement so please consider taking Misty home with you.

She is a stunning pearl-grey shorthair with huge green eyes, very healthy, up to date with her inoculations, spayed and microchipped. At five years of age, she is elegantly settled and affectionate with everyone.

Please refer to the Montreal SPCA website at www.spca.com, scroll to Misty's information page from her identification number, 2000314988, and plan your trip to the shelter to adopt her.

It is open every day, Monday to Friday from 3 pm to 8 pm, then Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 6 pm. The shelter is located at 5215 Jean Talon St. West, in Côte des Neiges, Montreal H4P 1X4.

The coordinators will greet you and organize a visit with Misty, giving you many more details about her. Please bring your carrier if you have one, if not there is a good selection at their in-house boutique



where you can stock up on food, accessories and toys in one stop as well.

Think of bringing Misty to join your family, a loving friend in your home.

Your neighbour, Lysanne

At the WAG

## Westmount's Terry Fox run will take place on September 14

By Jennifer Ball

In 2023, the Westmount Terry Fox Run was cancelled and in 2024 it was on the verge of being cancelled until Victoria Ave. Metro employee Marina Carricaburu Ortiz stepped in and brought the charity run over the finish line.

Donations to the Terry Fox foundation went from an expected \$0 in 2024 to a little over \$5,000 (see August 27, 2024, p.10, September 24, 2024, p. 8, October 1, 2024, p. 27.)

This year, Carricaburu Ortiz is back at the helm, and she has upped the *ante* from a fundraising target of \$3,000 in 2024 to \$5,000 this year, for which \$3,454 has already been pledged.

Carricaburu Ortiz provided the *Independent* with a statement on August 21, "As you may know, this year marks the 45th anniversary of Terry Fox dipping his artificial leg in the Atlantic Ocean, to begin his Marathon of Hope ...

"A lot of special events are taking place

around the country to mark the occasion, like The Ride of Hope and The Confederation Bridge Run, to mention a few...

"The foundation is also offering a limited-edition collection online and Adidas re-released a limited edition of the Orion model, which is the same [running shoe] Terry Fox wore during his run. In the same spirit, we are looking forward to having a bigger event this year...

#### Sunday, September 14

Westmount Athletic Grounds (WAG), behind Westmount High

Registration: 10 am

Start time: 11 am Close time: 1 pm

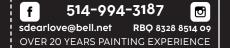
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#### **Police Report**

## Station 12 police officers nab 5 Saisons wallet thief

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

SPVM Station 12 community relations officers Emmanuel Provencher and Mike Yigit were called upon recently to intervene in a situation beyond their more usual duties after a thief ran off with a woman's wallet he grabbed in the 5 Saisons grocery store on Greene Ave.

The two were making the rounds, touching base with merchants on Greene on the afternoon of August 27, when someone approached to inform them about the wallet theft just moments before.

"The lady had walked into 5 Saisons, she made a purchase, and as she was putting her groceries in a bag at the cash register, she left her wallet on the counter," said Cst. Yigit.

"So, the suspect walked by, grabbed the wallet, and took off running," he added.

The victim as well as a few 5 Saisons employees ran after the suspect along Greene. Yigit said that he and Provencher happened to be in a nearby coffee shop talking to the owner, when they heard someone call out loudly for the assistance of police.

"As we stepped outside, we saw the suspect run by, then run into an alley," he continued. The theft victim and the 5 Saisons workers noted that the police were on the scene and pointed to the alleyway where the suspect had fled.

"So, Manuel and me, we took off running and were able to catch up to him and make an arrest," said Yigit.

According to Cst. Yigit, the suspect, who faces a single charge of theft, was released after a court arraignment during which conditions were imposed, including that he stay away from the area where the alleged crime was committed.

#### Attempted break-in at Mountainside

The former Mountainside United Church on Roslyn Ave. at the corner of The Boulevard, which is currently vacant while awaiting re-development, was the scene of an attempted break-in in broad daylight late last month.

On August 25 shortly after 12 noon, according to a Station 12 incident report, an intrusion alarm inside the church went off.

When a custodian responsible for the building turned up, he saw that a ladder had been positioned under a window outside and proceeded to call the police, the report added.

When police officers arrived, they too noted the ladder, but found no one inside the building. As well, the window had not been opened.

#### Attempted break-in at optometrist

A sustained attempt was made during the early morning hours on August 26 to break into a St. Catherine St. optometrist's boutique – although it was ultimately unsuccessful.

As seen by police investigators on security camera footage taken during the 3 am incident near the corner of Greene Ave., a

#### Mayor, cont'd from p. 5

whether to move forward.

It is important to remember that the SPP is not a construction project. It is a vision, a collective vision shaped not only by urban planning experts, but above all by contributions from the community – through public workshops, committees, consultations and open discussions.

It is also a vision grounded in lessons from the past. The current state of the sector has clearly shown us the current zoning will not revitalize the area. It takes more height. The question before us is simple: do we continue to wait, or do we take the first step by setting clear parameters that will allow the next administration to move forward? We should not repeat past mistakes. This plan represents an opportunity to breathe new life into this part of our city.

Let me be clear: no one wants the southeast to turn into an uncontrolled "urban jungle." This will not be another Griffintown. Adding more green spaces to the sector is central to the plan. Of the 14,500 m² of public land to be developed or redeveloped in the sector, half will become green space – equivalent to nearly one and a half times the size of Stayner Park. And that figure does not even include private green spaces at ground level and on the rooftops of new buildings.

Yes, the SPP will allow for new construction. However, nothing proposed in terms of size or scale exceeds what already exists in the immediate neighbourhood and across our city. As always, any new project will require council approval, ensuring compliance with our rules on architectural integration and heritage protection. This approach will allow us to expand housing options for our community, so that our children, grandparents and future generations can continue to live and thrive here.

The southeast deserves to become more attractive, greener and more vibrant. Let's allow the parameters to be set so the next council can begin the next phase of making this an exciting entrance to our city.

suspect made three attempts to smash his way in with a rock aimed at a glass door.

"He threw the rock at the door but the door never broke," said Yigit, while noting that the commotion did succeed in setting off an alarm

As the security system gave the shop's owner remote access to a video feed, he was able to see what was going on and immediately called the police. No serious damage was reported by the owner.

#### Infiniti SUV stolen

Following a wave of luxury car thefts in Westmount for much of last year, only one car theft from a local street was reported to police at Station 12 in recent weeks.

The owners of a full-size luxury SUV Infiniti QX80 reported its theft overnight on September 2 from a parking spot on Argyle Ave.

"He parked it and, in the morning, it was gone," said Cst. Yigit.

## Almost enough to outfit an office





Top, August 26 behind 4920 de Maisonneuve near Claremont and August 25 on Victoria south of Somerville.

Photos: Independent.

#### Galerie 203 honours Greenbaum



Corinne Asseraf and Honey Greenbaum.

Greene Ave.'s Galerie 203 just honoured 92-year-old artist Honey Greenbaum as international icons "watched" from the gallery walls. Clint Eastwood, Grace Jones, Leonard Cohen – portraits by 203 artists – gazed with admiration, as did those arriving on the red carpet. Gallery owner

Corinne Asseraf, who also catered the cocktail-*dînatoire*, created a work of art: a heart "in honour of Honey," as many of Greenbaum's sold-out works are hearts. Galerie 203 is in the former Le Bistrot space whose marble bar was perfect for serving celebratory cocktails. – VR.

## McGill prof Moore focuses on 'ambiverts' in latest book

By Martin C. Barry

With 10 books to his credit as author or co-author, Westmounter and McGill University business professor Karl Moore will be bringing out an eleventh one on September 8.

This time, Moore is dealing with a topic he's been mulling for some time – introverts, extroverts and ambiverts who work at the highest levels in corporate management

We Are All Ambiverts Now: Introverts, Ambiverts, Extroverts in the C Suite is being published by Taylor & Francis of London, LIK

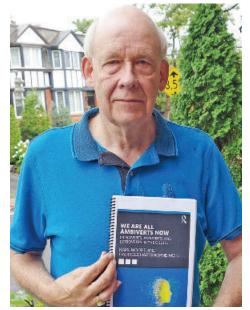
Moore's co-author is Gabriele Hartshorne-Mehl, a 23-year-old law student at Osgoode Hall (York University) in Toronto. She was one of Moore's students at McGill and the producer of his radio show. He says her input made it very much a better book.

We Are All Ambiverts Now was discussed in the Irish Independent a few months ago. The BBC, The Economist and a few other UK-based publications (Moore has taught at Oxford University) have also brought up aspects of the book, which he's been working on for quite some time.

After conducting hundreds of research interviews, Moore found that 40 percent of senior executives are introverts, 40 percent extroverts, with the rest being "ambiverts," that is exhibiting a roughly equal mixture of both traits.

The term "ambivert" originated during the 1920s when it started to be used by psychologists to describe someone who acts like an introvert at times and an extrovert at other times.

In the introduction to their book, Moore and Hartshorne-Mehl maintain that traditionally "leaders were seen as extroverts," but that "this is wrong."



Seen here on Greene Ave. is McGill University business professor Karl Moore with his eleventh book, We Are All Ambiverts Now: Introverts, Ambiverts, Extroverts in the C Suite.

A central part of their argument is that "to be an effective senior leader, you must act like an introvert at times and extrovert at other times, that is act like an ambivert while staying to your natural communication style. In other words, be flexible, but also authentic and true to yourself."

Being true to one's self is something some people might want to do a bit more these days, Moore insisted in an interview with the *Westmount Independent*. That and being flexible enough to strike a balance in the way you interact with others.

While Moore's books, including this one, are directed primarily at professionals deeply involved in entrepreneurial management, he thinks a wider readership might benefit from the ideas in *We Are All Ambiverts Now* from the standpoint of human potential development.



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Social Notes VERONICA REDGRAVE

Always a popular event, the Miriam Foundation's annual golf tournament did not disappoint. The 58th edition themed "Swing for the cause" held at Golf St. Raphael raised funds to support children, teens and adults with neurodevelopmental disorders such as autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and intellectual disabilities (ID) at all stages of life.

The success of the 2025 tournament was thanks to the leadership of chair **Dary** Laflamme, president Boscus Inc.; working with co-chairs Guy Carbonneau, former NHL; Dino Farrese, PDG, Bellemont Powell Ltée; Nick Meti, president Emballages Mercato Inc.; and Daniel Ahmarani, director sales and strategic partnerships, ARC Group Benefits Inc.

Warren Greenstone, CEO Miriam Foundation, thanked all including longtime partners National Bank, Fetter Financial Corporation, ARC Group Benefits Inc., Electricité Tri-Tech, the Lenny Sanders Family Foundation, Baker Tilly Montreal, De Grandpré Chait, Olymbec, Emballages Mercato and Boscus. He expressed a

## Miriam Foundation golf tournament raises \$350k



Daniel Ahmarani, Nick Meti, Dino Farrese, Guy Carbonneau, Warren Greenstone and Dary Laflamme.

special appreciation "to our partner the Mirella and Lino Saputo Foundation."

The Miriam Foundation's annual golf tournament is one of the oldest charitable

golf events in Canada. The fun event raised \$350,000.

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Social Notes
Veronica Redgrave

The Hillside Tennis Club recently held its centennial celebration. Incorporated on June 8, 1925, the club was founded by a group of tennis lovers led by prominent businessmen Sir Charles Gordon and Sir Herbert Holt.

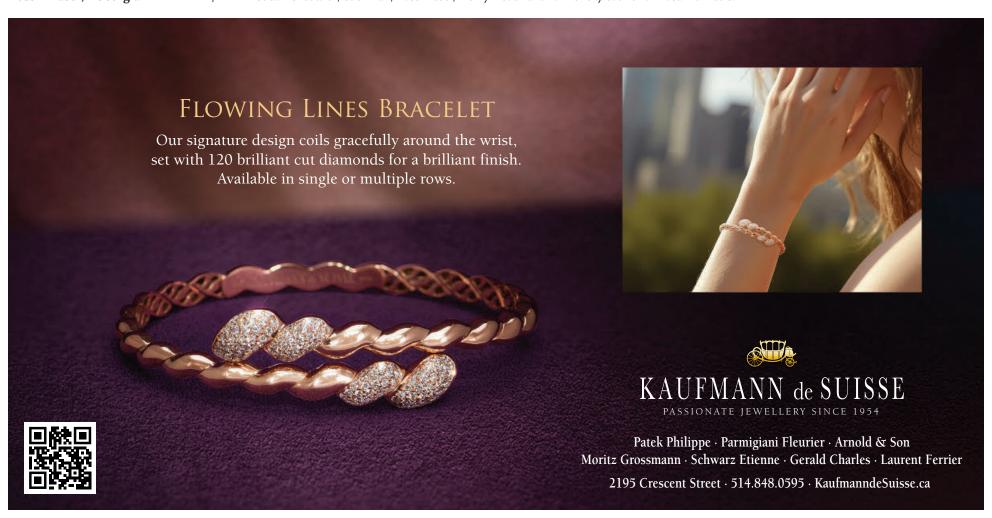
Initially, the club – which is in Côte des Neiges on the far side of Westmount Mountain, where winter enthusiasts once ski jumped – consisted of three grass tennis courts and a small clubhouse. Today, the club has six clay courts and a swimming pool, and still upholds the honoured tradition of a tennis-whites-only club.

Players range from the very young (junior camp starts at age 5) to the elegant elderly who cleverly play the doubles' court like a chess board. Indeed, the sold-out centennial party attracted an intergenerational crowd.

## Hillside Tennis Club celebrates 100 years



Past club presidents, back row: Francois Leblanc, Jasmin Uhthoff, Anthony Layton, James McMullan, Charles Porteous, Charles Tretiak; front row: Susan Chadwick, Sue Khan, Ross Fraser, Henry Tretiak and former city councillor Rosalind Davis.





Geoff Harling and Jim Shannon.

#### Social notes, cont'd from p. 21

Takacsy, Jason Viau-Breau and designer Roberto Menegati, whose creative approach magically transformed the premises.

Club manager Jason Viau-Breau and chef **Jean-Philippe Marion** crafted a delicious dinner that culminated with a cake – and candles of course!

Westmounters and former Westmounters enjoying the perfect eve included Donna and Ross Fraser, city councillor Mary Gallery and Tom Godber, Nancy Gallery, Susan and Bart Sambrook, Gwen Nacos, Margie and Robert Ross, Martha Legge-Fitzpatrick and Tim Fitzpatrick, Mary Anne Ferguson, Marie Blouin-Nightingale, Caroline Gillespie, Nancy and William Daly, Cynthia Carsley-Lacroix and Vincent Lacroix, Caitlin Wetherly and Douglas Pospisil, Sue Khan, Jill Drummond Nickels and Philip Nickels, Kim-Ann Drummond-Dlouhy and Peter Dlouhy, Pamela Erkskine Layton and Tony Layton, Karen and Clarence Epstein, Christina Miller, Geoffrey Harling, Elise Nesbitt, Susan and Bart Sambrook, Geoffrey Heward, Daphne and city councillor Jeff Shamie, Nancy Brown and club president François Leblanc and his wife Kate Watt.

Also noted were Hillside past general manager Michel Deslauriers, Jasmin Uhthoff and Charles Porteous, Hilary Radly and Jean de Brabant, Marissa and the honorable Joseph Nuss and Sarah Ivory-Stewart and Guthrie Stewart.

Speeches noting the importance of adapting in a changing world were given by club president **François Leblanc** and past presidents **Susan Chadwick** and **Tim Fitzpatrick**.

Under a massive white tent, Ross Fraser's grandfather's skis hung from the ceiling to mark where ski jumpers used to



Jason Viau and Michel Deslauriers.



Joe and Marissa Nuss.

land. Fourth-generation Hillside member **Emily Sofin** acted as DJ. Many coolly-dressed second- and third-generation members enjoyed the dance floor, including the fun lesson presented by **Sophie**, Victoria Hall line-dancing teacher.

Part of the fun of the night? Seeing Hillside tennis pros **Dariusz Kozak** and **Andrzej Zaleski** finesse footwork in a courtly manner. All in all, the night was unmatched.

The Fall Social Calendar will be published soon. Please send information of your event to Veronica@redgravepr.com



Anne-Marie and John Hart, Vivian Baydar and Donna Fraser.



Clarence Epstein and his wife Karen with daughters Olivia and Marlo.



Caroline Gillespie, Nancy Brown, Nancy Daly and Gwen Nacos.

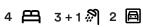


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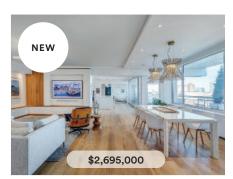




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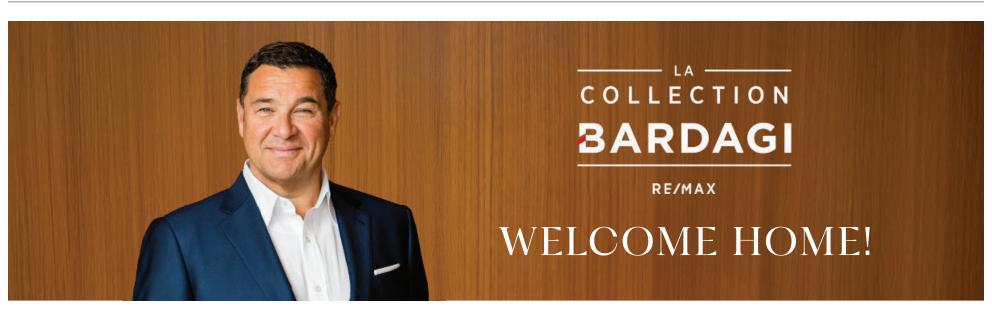
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