

City pension plans well protected despite crisis

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount taxpayers likely won't have to pick up the tab for any city pension fund shortfalls resulting from the current global economic crisis.

A recent update shows the plan is well able to continue paying out more than \$7 million annually of income distributions to 335 pensioners without additional funding, according to Councillor Tom Thompson, who chairs the city's Finance & Administration Committee.

Rather, he said, the challenge lies in how to invest this year's employee/employer contributions of which the city's portion is \$250,000. General guidelines call for a mix of 70 percent in fixed income assets and 30 percent in equity.

"The city is well placed to deal with the current downturn," he said, "and I hope we'll have the right timing to make the best possible investments that will apply

going forward."

Nevertheless, the city maintains a contingency fund of more than \$500,000 "which would certainly get us over any challenge in the next three years," Thompson explained.

This reserve was created many years ago to provide time to cover peaks and valleys in investments and guarantee smooth income payouts.

Arena at risk?

Asked if the arena renewal project or other major spending could be at risk given the economic situation, Thompson said that would depend on the amount of funding *continued on p. 3*

Missing green bins being delivered

Most join in new compostables pickup

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

After the first pick-up of kitchen waste in the project's "phase 2" territory on November 3, most of the 1,333 homes who had received green bins by that date were reported to be participating in the newly expanded Westmount program.

Only a few of the eligible 1,594 households had put out their regular garbage instead, unaware Monday is now green-bin day in their area, said Marina Peter, the city's environmental coordinator.

The Monday pickup used to be the first of two regular weekly garbage collections. It has now been replaced by kitchen waste and garden debris pick-up in almost the



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Mayor Karin Marks prepares to lay the city's wreath at Westmount's Remembrance Day service November 9 at the cenotaph accompanied by Public Security director Richard Blondin.

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entire eastern half of Westmount.

"We're asking anyone who has not yet received a green bin to contact us at 514.989.5311," Peter said. Crews are continuing their efforts to reach all eligible homes in the new zone.

As well, she said, "we want to remind everyone to leave their green bins where they normally place their regular garbage, even if that is at the back of the house." Some green bins were found where the curbside blue box should be placed.

The phase 2 territory, as previously reported in the *Independent*, is a large one, bounded by the eastern city limits, and generally to the west by Aberdeen, Sydenham, Murray, Clarke and Hallowell.

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Columbia main replaced in emergency operation

Emergency work to replace the 1894 water main on Columbia Ave. is expected to finish Friday, November 14 after three water leaks were reported to have sprouted within a few days.

The six-day operation is estimated to cost \$140,000, according to Councillor Patrick Martin, the city's utilities commissioner.

The original four-inch cast-iron main is being replaced by a six-inch line of ductile

iron stretching 190 metres down the street and connecting to 40 private water services and a hydrant. Water pressure has been reduced during the work and service cut for three hours a day, section by section.

Serial bandit struck only once in Westmount

A robber being sought in connection with 27 holdups at stores in LaSalle, Westmount and downtown Montreal since August 2007 struck only once in Westmount, police said. This was on March 31, 2008 at Art Enfant, 4968 Sherbrooke St.

"There is no wave of robberies in Westmount," confirmed community relations officer Adalbert Pimentel at local station 12. The suspect is described as a white man around 50, about 5 ft. 6 inches in height, 150 pounds and speaking French. He appeared unkempt and had a missing top tooth.

2,000 visit Haunted House

The figures are in. "To our knowledge, more than 2,000 persons visited the Halloween Haunted House," said Westmount Public Security director Richard Blondin. "For us, it was huge success."

For the first time, the attraction was opened to elementary school children during the day, October 31, as well as for all at night. Four classes from Roslyn School took advantage of the invitation, he said.

Public Security hires part-time training and planning manager

Westmount's Public Security Unit has added another retired Montreal police officer to its management ranks.

Jean-Yves Mailloux, a former sergeant detective, began his new mandate as auxiliary manager November 4 working three days a week, said Director Richard

Blondin. Mailloux's career also included work at Nicolet, Quebec's police academy as well as in the intelligence branch of the Montreal force.

Both Blondin and the unit's captain, Richard Bourdon, came from the Montreal police force.

City pensions OK, debt is issue

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that might be obtained from government infrastructure grants and other sources.

"What would put those projects in focus," he explained, "would be the amount of debt required. The question would be what percentage of debt-to-annual revenue should we carry?"

"Because of what we inherited from Montreal, our debt servicing now stands at 12 percent of annual revenue when it was less than five percent before the merger."

Regarding the arena project, he said, "we'll want to wait a few months" to find out how much might be forthcoming in infrastructure grants."

After a Finance & Administration Committee meeting November 6 with city treasurer Claude Lachance, finance commissioner Guy Charette and Councillor John de Castell, Tompson said that by December 31 "the city will have a strategy in place to protect potential asset value and income projections for the pension plans."

Meanwhile, he is hopeful the Quebec government will follow a recommendation from the Union of Quebec Municipalities to provide a grace period for pension fund administrators regarding investment activity, so the plan administrators can choose a more appropriate time to re-enter the markets.

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'Live Smart' feedback

Bright, green ideas from Westmounters

Many Westmounters who attended the Healthy City Project's "Live Smart, Live Green" exhibition on October 25 took the time to write green suggestions on the event's Ideas Wall.

Here is the first half of the suggestions:

- 1) Don't allow garbage trucks to pick up any electronics (computers, TVs etc.) left at curbside!
 - 2) Garbage pick-up once a week only. Use savings from reduced pick-up towards promotion and education of public regarding recycling. Enforce the use of clear garbage bags for waste and have collectors refuse to pick up waste if they see a recyclable item in the bag. This was done successfully in PEI. It doesn't take many refused garbage bags in hot summer to get people to separate garbage and recycling successfully. N.B. This approach is successful only with education of public and serious collectors.
 - 3) Keep and reuse rubber bands from newspapers.
 - 4) Recycling for Westmount stores, restaurants and small businesses.
 - 5) More public recycling bins.
 - 6) Try a vegetarian diet.
 - 7) The [compostables] green box is great. We need to make it more raccoon-proof, though.
 - 8) Share toilet water, especially before bed.
- 9) Buy a drying rack and hang your laundry instead of using the dryer.
 - 10) Pick up one piece of trash from the street everyday. Help clean up our world.
 - 11) Have a certification process for "green citizenry."
 - 12) Ban vehicles that emit greenhouse gases above a certain threshold.
 - 13) Living "greenwall" near the railroad and 2&20 autoroute.
 - 14) Have Westmount develop a long-term cycling plan with input from Le Monde à Bicyclette.
 - 15) Make Greene Ave. green! Close Greene Ave. at least one day a year for a green fair.
 - 16) Use winter to help your refrigerator work! On very cold days (and nights) freeze water in a container outside and let it slowly thaw inside the fridge. It will shut itself off more often and save lots of electricity.
 - 17) Take your own mug to coffee shops.
 - 18) Take your compact fluorescent bulbs to be recycled (Home Depot, Ikea, Westmount Hazardous Waste Collection).
 - 19) Manufacturers should mention on their packaging whether or not the packaging is recyclable.

"If it's yellow let it mellow; if it's brown flush it down."

- 20) To clean your wine decanter: use 2 tbsp baking soda, half a cup of rice and 1 cup of vinegar. Swirl around and rinse with cold water.
- 21) Instead of plugging in a humidifier, place containers of water beside your radiators to humidify in winter.
- 22) Give people tax rebates for driving fuel-efficient cars. Also make Westmount permits more expensive for people who drive huge gas-guzzling cars.
- 23) Expand the rail service in Canada, local and national.
- 24) Turn off your computer's CPU.
- 25) Increase the deposit areas for used batteries.
- 26) Check out the website for Natural Resources Canada (NRCAN) for a list of energy efficiency incentive programs all across Canada.
- 27) When cooking, make a pile or group of items that needs to be returned to the refrigerator and put them all back in at once, thereby saving electricity.
- 28) Make all of Westmount an idle-free zone. Give out fines!
- 29) Buy a duvet and turn the temperature down at night!



Gael Eakin's piece was one of the entries for the "L'or du bleu" art exhibition, held the same week as "Live Smart, Live Green" and conceived by its committee. Items were made of recycled material or featured them in some way.

30) Favoriser l'usage de matériaux perméables pour les trottoirs, entrées de garage, patios, etc.

Part 2 will follow in a future Independent.

Resident: city should address the larger issue

City offers to remove stump

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The question of who owns so-called "private" trees on city property in Westmount remains unresolved, despite a city offer to remove a contentious stump at the public sidewalk to settle the claim of a resident on Prince Albert Ave.

Nanette Neuwahl, a law professor at the University of Montreal, told the *Independent* that the recent offer is a Band-Aid solution aimed only at addressing her own problem. It does not resolve the larger issue of who owns some 172 trees that have grown over the years on city land but were not planted by the city.

"It's a dilemma for me," she said. "My main point is that by saving my own skin it won't change the policy and leaves others to fend for themselves."

The city holds the position that any tree not planted by the city is a private tree even if planted on city property.

Neuwahl has been in and out of Small Claims Court over a decades-old tree

whose roots caused the collapse of her main drain four years ago, only days after she acquired the home and moved to Westmount.

At that time she had been told by a city representative that the tree did not belong to the city (see story, *Westmount Independent*, October 7). No one appears to know how or when it came to be planted entirely on public land.

Confirming recently that the city was now willing to remove the large remaining stump, city clerk Mario Gerbeau said the offer did not mean the city accepted liability for, or ownership of, the tree even though it recognized it was on city property.

But the city's unwritten position concerning such trees was one he intended to discuss, he said, once the city's risk management committee is resurrected "because this is not a unique situation. What happened to Madame Neuwahl could happen to others."

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Whetting their thirst?



Shoppers at Victoria and Sherbrooke did a double take October 29 when these two police horses and riders from the cavalry section on Mount Royal were spotted coming down the hill outside the SAQ store.

Photo by Maggie Shaddick.

Comin' Up...

Tuesday, November 11: Westmount Horticultural Society's annual general meeting in the Westmount Room of Westmount Public Library at 7 pm followed by the guest speaker Nicholas Hoare on "Gardening books for holiday giving." Free for members. Visitors, \$5 at the door.

Wednesday, November 12: Book Lovers Forum: Rabbi Leigh Lerner reviews: *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks at 10 am. \$8. At the Temple Emanu-El Beth Sholom (395 Elm Ave. 514.937.3575).

Thursday, Nov. 13: Debbie Travis will speak on her newly released book *Not Guilty* followed by a book signing at Selwyn House at 7 pm. Wine and prizes. Tickets cost \$20 and are available at www.selwyn.ca, click on "online event registration," or by calling 514.931.9481. Proceeds will benefit The Cure Foundation for Breast Cancer, and other charitable organizations.

Thursday, November 13 Sisterhood Book Club's Books & Lunch at 12 noon at the Shaar Hashomayim (425 Metcalfe Ave.). Book: *Not Me* by Michael Lavigne. \$15 (includes lunch). Reservations required: 514.937.9471.

Saturday, November 15. Westmount Municipal Association's 100th anniversary gala at 6 pm at Victoria Hall. **TICKETS (\$90) ARE STILL AVAILABLE.** They can be ordered by phone at 514.846.8464 or by email gala@wma-amw.org.

Sunday, November 16. City of West-

mount's final meeting on its upcoming Sustainable Vision Statement at 2 pm at Victoria Hall.

Thursday, November 20: Maude Barlow, chairperson of the Council of Canadians and co-founder of the Blue Planet Project at 7:30 pm at the Shaar Hashomayim (425 Metcalfe Ave. 514.937.9471) will speak on "The Global Water Crisis and the Coming Battle for the Right to Water". Free.

Saturday & Sunday, November 22 & 23: The Friends of the Westmount Public Library hosts their Fall Book Sale, from 10 am to 5 pm, at the library (4574 Sherbrooke St). For information call: 514.483.5604. If you have any books in very good condition to donate, please bring them to the library now.

Saturday, November 22: Centre Greene (1090 Greene Ave., 514.931.6202) holds its annual Treats and Treasures Bazaar/Holiday Craft Sale, including children's activities, from 10 am to 3 pm. Westmount-er (and former Centre Greene director) Stuart Robertson will be on hand to answer gardening questions and to sign copies of his books.

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Parenting Picks: Little Prince lands at Geordie

BY ANNIKA MELANSON

Geordie Productions will open its 2008-09 Mainstage Series with Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's classic, *The Little Prince*, playing at the D. B. Clarke Theatre (Hall Building, 1455 de Maisonneuve W.) from November 28 to December 7. The adaptation, written by Montrealer Luciana Burcheri, is directed by Dean Patrick Fleming.

This timeless classic is the story of a crash-landed aviator who meets a curious little prince from a house-sized asteroid.

As the open-hearted Little Prince recounts tales of characters he has met in his intergalactic travels, the Aviator is gently reminded of the simple truths that people seem to forget as they grow older.

This show is suitable for ages 5 and up and lasts 60 minutes. Family performances will be presented on November 29 at 3 pm and on November 30, December 6 and December 7 at 1 pm and at 3 pm. Tickets cost \$13.50 for children, \$16 adults and \$15 seniors. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 514. 845.9810 or go to www.geordie.ca.

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Octavio Salcedo, artisan et spécialiste en conservation du bois, discutera comment réparer et remplacer les boiseries distinctives, partie intégrante de plusieurs maisons de Westmount.

Toutes les causeries auront lieu dans la salle du conseil de l'hôtel de ville de Westmount (4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest) à 19 h. Les billets sont 5 \$ par session.

Le nombre de places étant limité, achetez vos billets dès aujourd'hui à l'hôtel de ville ou à la Bibliothèque publique de Westmount.
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All sessions will take place in the Council Chamber of Westmount City Hall (4333 Sherbrooke Street W.) at 7 p.m.
Admission is 5\$ per session.

Space is limited, so buy your tickets today at City Hall or Westmount Public Library.
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Rotary Remembers Last day on the job



After 14 years as the Royal Montreal Regiment's honorary colonel, former Westmount mayor Peter Trent officially stepped down from the position at a ceremony following the Remembrance Day service at the Westmount cenotaph on November 9. Taking over from Trent is Harry Hall, the former honorary lieutenant colonel who is being replaced in that position by Westmounter Andrew Molson.

Honorary Rotarian Stanley Frost spoke at The Rotary Club of Westmount's Remembrance Day luncheon meeting at Victoria Hall on November 5. He remembers both World War I and the bombing of London during World War II.

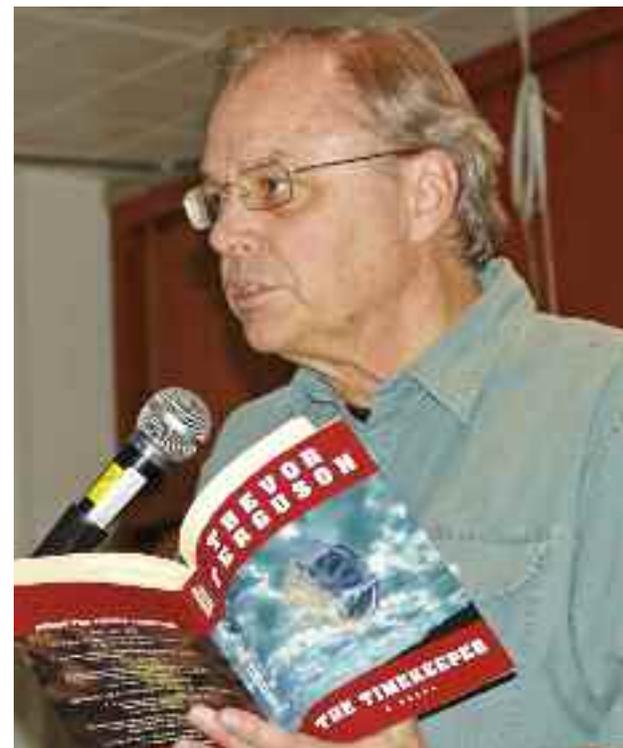
Ferguson reads to Marianopolis students

BY ISAAC OLSON

Trevor Ferguson, a world-renowned novelist and Westmount native, treated Marianopolis College students to a reading from his work on November 6.

"I finally have a chance to read at a CEGEP," Ferguson told the gathered students before reading from his novel *The Timekeeper*.

Drawing from his own life experiences as a young teen travelling the Northwest Territories, the book, which will soon be a movie, won the Hugh MacLennan Prize for fiction. Once dubbed Canada's best novelist, Ferguson's bibliography consists of several plays and eight novels - including the internationally distributed *City of Ice*, which he published as John Farrow.



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Atwater at work, at play



Guest of honour Phyllis Lambert (left photo) speaks to Atwater Library supporters, including former Westmount mayor Peter Trent (right photo, at right).

Photos: Robert J. Galbraith.

Incoming MP Marc Garneau (left) chats with Atwater Library board president Hugh McGuire.

Over 250 supporters gathered the evening of November 5 at the Atwater Library and Computer Centre's annual benefit and silent auction, this year in celebration of the institution's 180th anniversary. Noted Montreal architect and urban activist Phyllis Lambert was the guest of honour at the event, which was

emceed by journalist Dennis Trudeau. The Atwater Library, a national historic site, serves over 58,000 residents from west end communities. It is a charitable organ-

ization with governments providing only 10 percent of the annual budget. It has eight full-time staff and over 125 volunteers.

Visual Arts mixes art and fundraising



From left: Local art gallery owner Sandra Goldie and actor Tony Robinow. Goldie chaired the event and "offered huge support," said Victoria Le Blanc, the Visual Arts Centre executive director.

"Collective Visions", a fundraising exhibition, took place on November 6 at the Visual Arts Centre (350 Victoria Ave., 514.488.9558, www.visualartscentre.ca). This was an opportunity to support the centre and for guests see over 100 art-

works by well-known and emerging Montreal artists – while mingling with them. The event was "hugely successful," said Victoria Le Blanc, executive director of the centre, "a lot of people came to support us."



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Letters to the editor

WESTMOUNT NEEDS FIRST-CLASS FACILITIES

I refer to Gary Ikeman's opinion printed in the November 4 edition of the *Independent* (p. 6) where he lobbies against Westmount's plan to expand its recreation facilities.

In reading the article, it occurs to me how minority interests seem to be dictating agendas and controlling outcomes with increasing frequency. Vocal, energized and negative appears to be a powerful cocktail that leads me to ponder why those in the affirmative remain silent.

A case in point is the 2007 issue of the Westmount playing fields. Despite postings on the Westmount website running three to one in favour of artificial turf, a small but vocal group, many of whom lived directly across the street, managed an outcome that led to reconstruction with natural grass.

This result satisfied their own personal objectives, while ignoring the considerations of the larger Westmount community. In doing so, let us not forget that the motivation to spend the money, significantly increased usability, will not be attained. Let

us not forget that the costs to build and maintain the natural fields over the next decade will, in all probability, surpass the cost of artificial turf.

A highly respected member of our community was once asked why someone of French mother tongue would consent to chair the capital campaign of a private school that many regard as English. The party responded that if Montreal is to remain home to world-class companies it must attract world-class personnel. Doing so involves, amongst other things, having top-flight hospitals, museums and schools. If Montreal cannot offer these services, highly qualified people will choose to live elsewhere.

This same line of thinking, I suggest, should be operative in Westmount. The quality of our community services and facilities strike directly to quality of life, to its attractiveness when viewed by those deciding where to live and, ultimately, to property values.

The Westmount rink and pool facilities are over 50 years old. As a dad who has spent years travelling to other communities to see our children compete in different sports, I can comfortably state that the facility is sub-par. As a hockey volunteer for years, I can comfortably state that there is a material shortage of ice time required to support the needs of residents, local schools and obligations to other communities where Westmount children are presently forced to play.

We live in a time when physical education is being reduced and in some cases eliminated, phys. ed. having become a victim of line-item cuts by school boards. Obesity has attained epidemic status and childhood diabetes is at record levels. If you are worried about finances, as most of us surely are these days, one should perhaps consider what health care is going to cost come 2025 if we do not increase activity levels.

It is time to consider the greater good

Alper opens art gallery

Westmounter Mark Alper opened a new gallery, Art Pizzaz (5520 Paré St., www.artpizzaz.com), on October 29. Along with a wide selection of art, Art Pizzaz offers a lifetime exchange policy on paintings after an initial \$359 purchase.

For more information, contact Mark Alper at 514.904.6760.

of the community. It is time for those who believe in the greater good to stand up and be heard.

Oh....and by the way, while I can only assume that Mr. Ikeman has the community's best interest at heart, a check of the local phone directory indicates that he resides directly across the street from the arena.

J. D. MILLER
GROVE PARK

75 percent want library open on summer Sundays

The city of Westmount recently released results of a survey about the Westmount Public Library done in August and September. 407 individuals responded, 75 percent of whom wanted the library open on Sundays in the summer. Some wanted earlier openings and later closings too. The library has 8,000 members and approximately 950 users each day.

76th Fall Flower Show opens



Westmount's annual chrysanthemum show combines 1,200 potted mums of 10 varieties with some of the greenhouse tropical plants, including a banana tree in full fruit. At the opening, November 5, city gardener Hélène Bazinet, right, describes one of her favourites to Valerie Aiken of the Horticultural Advisory Committee. The display is on view weekdays from 10 am to 7:45 pm (weekends until 4:45 pm).



Former mayor May Cutler and Westmount's MNA Jacques Chagnon at the official opening of the city's fall flower show held November 5 at Victoria Hall.

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St. Catherine may get facelift

BY KRISTIN McNEILL

Merchants and property owners on St. Catherine St. between Greene and Atwater will meet with the city of Westmount and Centre local de développement (CLD) les 3 monts on November 20 to review a vision statement for a revitalization project.

Once it is finalized, a proposal may be submitted to the city of Montreal. If it is approved, merchants and property owners can apply to Montreal for a PR@M subsidy that will pay for a portion of renovation costs of their business spaces.

According to the CLD, 94 French documents and 194 English documents have been sent out to merchants, including ones in Alexis Nihon and Westmount Square.

"This is a converged effort on behalf of the merchants and business owners of the area, the CLD, the city council of Westmount and the urban planning department, Covercité and PR@M," explained Councillor Kathleen Duncan, who serves with Councillor John de Castell on the CLD board.

The Quebec government-funded CLD serves Westmount, TMR and Outremont and provides economic development services, grants and loans. Perhaps its more crucial role is to help develop the vision statement that forms part of the proposal for PR@M (programmes réussir@montréal or succès@montréal) programs. The city of Montreal administers the program, but its budget is voted on by the island-wide Agglomeration Council.

9 Lives: Maximus

BY LYZANNE

Maximus is the most loving survivor of the outdoor life you ever saw! He was freezing in the winter when he was brought in and he has been a faithful indoor companion ever since. He is also a large solid cat, 20 lbs, and he follows us around like a dog.

Unfortunately, under his exquisite black fur, Maximus is covered in scars from battling for survival with dogs and racoons. That's why we called him Maximus, after the hero in the movie *Gladiator*. Some scars are more than physical though: he cannot overcome his wariness of dogs and he is under stress every time he sees one.

Considering that our 13-year-old shih tzu Suyeung is getting frail and going blind, it would be best that Maximus be part of a family where there are no dogs, and my geriatric one can finish her life

Convercité is a non-profit organization that offers urban development consulting to Montreal businesses.

If accepted into the program, business and property owners along this strip of St. Catherine could benefit from a subsidy covering up to 30 percent of renovation costs to a maximum of \$33,000 for a building or a commercial space.

According to Duncan, this area was identified in the Westmount's master plan as "an area that needed work."

St. Catherine needs branding

"At this point, we consider the street a bit anonymous in terms of branding, so the first thing it needs is to have a personality of its own, so we want to do some type of branding," said Guy Bazinet, general director of the CLD.

Noted architect and conservationist Phyllis Lambert is leading a project to clean up Cabot Park on St. Catherine St. just east of Atwater. Bazinet explained that the aim is to integrate the two projects to form a "harmonious but distinctive" feel. "When you come from the east, and you come into Westmount, you will feel like you are coming into Westmount," he said.

Some merchants keen

"At this point, we've held two meetings with merchants, and there has been good participation." Bazinet describes "good participation" as between 10 to 15 percent of the area's business owners, and from experience said this forms the necessary nucleus to move the project forward.



Maximus

without being the object of fear by a cat.

We adore Maximus and so does his groomer Anna-Maria at Pampered Pets, where he goes for regular baths and grooming. He is loving, intelligent and dignified. If you would like consider giving him a dogless home and would be interested in finding out more about him, please call 514.909.7186.



Ville de Westmount
City of Westmount

Atelier sur la vision pour le développement durable

Le dimanche 16 novembre - 14 h
Centre communautaire Victoria Hall

Dernier atelier
À ne pas manquer!

Le développement durable est un élément essentiel pour assurer le dynamisme de Westmount. Prenez part à un atelier de discussion qui s'adresse à toute la communauté. Cette vision deviendra une source d'inspiration qui permettra d'orienter et de soutenir les politiques et les actions futures de la Ville.

Une vision pour l'avenir

Ce sont des résidents tels que vous qui ont apporté des idées à la fois nouvelles et réfléchies tout au long du processus ayant mené à l'élaboration de la vision. Aidez-nous maintenant à peaufiner l'énoncé de vision de Westmount en participant à la révision de sa dernière version et en partageant vos opinions.

Empreinte écologique

Renseignez-vous sur l'empreinte écologique de Westmount, et considérez plusieurs façons pour la réduire.

Vous ne pouvez assister à l'atelier?

Nous voulons continuer de vous entendre sur ce projet! Soumettez vos commentaires sur notre site Web, ou collaborez par l'intermédiaire d'une affiliation à un groupe communautaire de Westmount.

Sustainable Development Visioning Workshop

Sunday, November 16 - 2 p.m.
Victoria Hall Community Centre

Final Session
Don't miss it!

Sustainable development is essential to keeping Westmount vibrant. Take part in a community-wide discussion on a new sustainability vision for the City that will inspire and guide future actions and policies.

One vision for the future

Residents like you have provided thoughtful new ideas to the visioning process. Help further refine the Westmount's vision statement by reviewing the newest draft and sharing your views in person.

Ecological Footprint

Learn more about Westmount's ecological footprint, and consider ways to shrink it.

Can't make the workshop?

We still want to hear from you!
Submit your comments online, or collaborate through your preferred Westmount community group.



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Open for business



Newly minted MP Marc Garneau has moved into the same constituency offices occupied by his predecessor, Lucienne Robillard. They are located at 4060 St. Catherine St. (near Wood Ave.), #340 (tel: 514.283.6148).

Garneau pointed out that photos on the wall of Canadian astronauts – including him – were left behind by Robillard as a parting gift.

He also commented briefly on some of this fall's political contests. Regarding the federal Liberal leadership race, he is awaiting final word on the "rules of engagement" – e.g. time, place, spending rules – and expects most candidates to be declared in the next two weeks. He said he would not be one of them, "I have made that decision."

The convention may take place in Vancouver in May (as previously scheduled) or as early as March in another location.

Some 8,000 people are expected to participate, including 20 regular delegates from Westmount-Ville Marie.

He was more circumspect about the December 8 provincial election, saying, "It will be interesting to watch."

On the recent US election, he appreciated the "sense of occasion and history" that Obama's election constituted and focused on "one word that embodies it all: change."

The new US administration and congress may impact Canada in many ways, he said, including the effectiveness of Obama's general prescription for the US economy, a new direction in foreign relations (e.g. emphasizing the Afghanistan conflict – which Canada is scheduled to quit in 2011 – over the Iraq one), possible renegotiation of parts of NAFTA, and possible limits or penalties on Canada's "dirty" (tar sands) oil.

Game on!



Incumbent member of the provincial legislature Jacques Chagnon was able to have signs up on November 7 – before the PQ and ADQ had even chosen candidates to run in Westmount–St. Louis. The PQ has selected Daniella Malena Meneghini to run and the ADQ is set to announce someone later this week. Patrick Daoust will be running for the Green Party. He also ran in the riding for the Greens in the 2007 provincial election, coming second. Affiliation Quebec, the new English rights party, will not run any candidates in the province. Its leader, Allen Nutik, has even cancelled his own previously announced candidacy in NDG, saying the party did "not have enough money, resources, infrastructure, nor essential support at this moment to justify taking a realistic run at winning the riding." The provincial election is set for Monday, December 8.

BUILDING PERMITS What's permitted

Just in time: new windows and doors

With the approach of winter, many of the most recent permits issued by the city's Urban Planning Department for exterior work relate to the replacement of windows and doors.

This was noted by Councillor Cynthia Lulham in presenting the following list of permits for approval by city council at its last meeting October 27.

One homeowner seeking immediate approval of his permit so work could be done before the winter at 478 Roslyn, requested a change in the plans. He accepted council's advice to return to the Urban Planning Department after approval to determine if the modification could be accommodated.

Permits approved were:

4259-65 St. Catherine: to modify the front façade to add new entrance;
40 Arlington: to modify the rear deck;
420 Prince Albert: to replace ground floor windows and rear door;
70 Chesterfield: to replace two rear doors;
386 Lansdowne: to install sign for West End Bible Chapel above the directory board;

63 Belvedere Rd.: to install a generator in the side yard and plant a screening of cedars;

65 Hollowell: to install a rear fence;

222 Melville: to replace 18 windows;

627 Clarke: to replace windows and doors;

478 Roslyn: to modify driveway providing the retaining wall is made of, or faced with, stone;

242 Redfern: to replace upper floor windows and one on the ground floor;

58 Bruce: to replace the rear basement door;

16 Melbourne: to replace three basement windows;

759 Upper Lansdowne: to do some landscaping at the front and side;

4867 Sherbrooke: to replace main doors;

571 Lansdowne: to replace the windows;

668 Belmont: to replace sunroom windows as well as two others;

334 Grosvenor: to modify rear façade openings;

28 Holton: to rebuild the rear deck;

703 Grosvenor: to replace 10 windows;

579 Lansdowne: to replace windows.

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TRAVAUX PUBLICS

Collecte de feuilles mortes

Veillez noter que les équipes de la Ville ne ramassera que les feuilles et autres résidus de jardin qui auront été mis dans des sacs COMPOSTABLES ou des sacs en PAPIER destinés à cette fin. Les feuilles entassées en vrac en bordure du trottoir NE SERONT PAS ramassées. Info : 514 989-5390.

Floralies d'automne

Venez visiter les Floralies d'automne. Le Conservatoire est ouvert de 10 h à 19 h 45 sur semaine et de 10 h à 16 h 45 la fin de semaine et les jours fériés. 🌿



ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

Cliniques de vaccination contre l'influenza

Le CLSC Métro offre gratuitement le vaccin contre l'influenza aux résidents admissibles de son territoire. La clinique aura lieu le vendredi 14 novembre au Victoria Hall, de 9 h à 15 h pour les adultes et de 13 h à 18 h pour les bébés et les enfants. Info : CLSC Métro au 514 934-0354

Atelier sur l'énoncé de vision pour un Westmount durable

Le dernier atelier sur l'énoncé de vision pour le développement durable de la Ville aura lieu le dimanche 16 novembre à 14 h au Victoria Hall. Info : developpementdurable.westmount.org

Série éducative sur l'Holocauste

Moments d'espoir - le dimanche 16 novembre
Entrée générale : 10 \$ / Étudiants et âge d'or (+60) 5 \$. Billets disponibles au Centre commémoratif de l'Holocauste à Montréal et à la porte du Victoria Hall. 🌿



SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE

Collecte de denrées non-périssables

Vous pouvez apporter votre soutien à la campagne annuelle de la Sécurité publique en donnant des denrées non périssables au profit des personnes dans le besoin. Des contenants prévus à cet effet sont disponibles dans tous les édifices municipaux,

DATES À RETENIR

le 15 novembre - 18 h

Gala centenaire de l'Association municipale de Westmount Victoria Hall

le 18 novembre - 19 h

Un patrimoine à conserver
Octavio Salcedo, Corniches et boiseries externes
Hôtel de ville

le 19 novembre - 14 h

Conférences à 14 h
Tony Hatley, Cuban Adventure
Bibliothèque

le 24 novembre - 20 h

Séance du conseil
Hôtel de ville

ainsi qu'au Centre Greene situé au 1090, avenue Greene. Info : 514 989-5309.

Les familles démunies qui désirent recevoir un panier de nourriture doivent s'inscrire auprès du bureau d'admission des services sociaux du CLSC Métro en composant le 514 934-0354, poste 348 ou 352. Les paniers seront distribués durant la semaine du 15 décembre. 🌿



BIBLIOTHÈQUE

Vente d'automne de livres

De bons livres à de bons prix

Les Amis de la bibliothèque tiendront une vente de livres les samedi 22 novembre et dimanche 23 novembre de 10 h à 17 h dans la salle Westmount de la Bibliothèque. Tous les profits de la vente serviront à acheter de nouveaux livres pour la Bibliothèque. Veuillez noter que des livres supplémentaires seront ajoutés le dimanche. Info: Carolyn O'Neill au 514 486-5604.

Conférences d'automne

Joignez-vous à nous pour une soirée avec l'écrivaine Louise Penny le mardi 12 novembre à 19 h. Mme. Penny lira des passages de son livre *The Murder Stone*. Info : 514 989-5386. 🌿



PUBLIC WORKS

Autumn Leaf Collection

Please note that all leaves and other similar yard waste must be bagged in either COMPOSTABLE or PAPER yard waste bags for collection by Public Works crews. Leaves piled loose behind the sidewalk WILL NOT be picked up. Info: 514 989-5390.

Fall Flower Show

The Fall Flower Show is now open. Conservatory hours are 10 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. on weekdays, 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. weekends and holidays. 🌿



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Flu vaccine clinics in Westmount

The CLSC Métro is offering free Influenza vaccines for eligible residents in its territory. The clinic will take place on Friday, November 14 at Victoria Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for adults and from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. for babies and children. Info: CLSC Métro at 514 934-0354.

Visioning Workshop on a Sustainable Westmount

The final visioning workshop on a sustainable Westmount will take place at Victoria Hall on Sunday, November 16 at 2 p.m. Info: sustainabledevelopment.westmount.org.

Holocaust Education Series

Moments of Hope - Sunday, November 16

General admission \$10 / Students and Golden Age (60+) \$5. Tickets available at The Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre and at the door of Victoria Hall. 🌿



PUBLIC SECURITY

Holiday Food Drive

Anyone wishing to contribute to Public Security's annual food drive may do so by depositing non-perishable food items at any Westmount municipal building or Centre Greene (1090 Greene Avenue). Info: 514 989-5309.

DATEBOOK

November 15 - 6 p.m.

Westmount Municipal Association
Centennial Gala
Victoria Hall

November 18 - 7 p.m.

A Heritage to Build on
Octavio Salcedo, Cornices and Exterior Woodwork
City Hall

November 19 - 2 p.m.

2 O'clock Series
Tony Hatley: Cuban Adventure
Library

November 24 - 8 p.m.

Council Meeting
City Hall

Needy Westmount families who would like to receive food baskets should contact the CLSC Métro Social Services Department at 514 934-0354, ext. 348 or 352. Baskets are distributed the week of December 15. 🌿



LIBRARY

Friends of the Library Book Sale Great books at great prices

The Friends of the Library will be holding their Fall Book Sale on Saturday, November 22 and Sunday, November 23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Library's Westmount Room. All proceeds from this sale go towards the purchase of new books for the Library. Note that more stock will be added on Sunday. Info: Carolyn O'Neill at 514 483-5604.

Fall Lecture Series

Join us for an evening with author Louise Penny on Wednesday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. as she reads from her newest novel, *The Murder Stone*. Info: 514 989-5386. 🌿

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