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Election coverage: Meet the candidates

Array of questions from all over riding

BY KRISTIN MCNEILL

Residents of the Westmount-Ville Marie riding had a chance to ask questions of federal by-election candidates August 27 at the Westmount High auditorium.

Besides a few personal criticisms directed at the candidates, questions touched on a wide array of issues ranging from a local focus – the future of the Ville Marie expressway, universities in the riding and the Westmount arena – to national issues, including bills C-51 and C-52, the carbon tax, the fate of Omar Kadar and language laws.

Rumblings from Ottawa indicate a fall election is very likely, and it is possible that this September 8 by-election will be swept up by a general election. Despite this fact, an estimated 400 people were in attendance. Most questioners were Westmounters, but despite the Westmount context, a surprising number were from NDG and, to a lesser extent, elsewhere in the riding. *continued on p. 16*

Creature rocks Marianopolis



Marianopolis' 100th year got off to a rocking start with Montreal band Creature performing free at the CEGEP on August 21. Creature's members (from left): CowBella, Kim Ho, Gina Simmons and Sid Zanforlin (Marianopolis class of 1992). *Photo: Owen Egan*

Motion fails in rare 4-3 vote

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A motion to revise a controversial roof-raising permit went down to defeat in a 4-3 vote by city council August 25. It was the first time anyone in attendance could recall a motion failing to pass.

Followed by a moment of dead silence, council members looked at each other in near disbelief. The item, which had been

postponed from an earlier meeting, was intended to amend an original permit for 27 Bellevue and render it by-law compliant only days away from a court contestation.

The case, as reported in the *Independent* August 19, is slated to be heard in Quebec Superior Court on September 8, and was launched by Mireille Raymond, the owner of 20 Sunnyside.

She alleges that raising the roof to add another storey to the Category 1 heritage house would block the view from her own home. She is also challenging the validity of the original permit.

The amendment would have further raised the roof and allowed the building of a retaining wall to provide related support.

'Unacceptable to me'

"I cannot support the requested amendment to increase the building envelope further. This is unacceptable to me," said Councillor Patrick Martin who represents the district. He offered no other comments, given the matter is before court. *continued on p. 2*

Welcome tax drives 2007 surplus to \$5 million

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount recorded an unexpected \$5 million surplus for the year 2007 despite a \$1 million overrun in snow removal, it was revealed at the city council meeting August 25.

Some \$4.3 million of the amount was immediately appropriated as reserve for projects in 2008 and 2009 that would otherwise require additional tax increases to fund.

Realized on an operating budget of \$34.6 million, the surplus was essentially generated from \$2 million more than projected in welcome tax, explained Councillor Guy Charette, the finance commissioner.

Other welcome surprises included almost \$1 million more in court fines, and \$2 million over expectation in profit from Hydro Westmount. As well, declining interest rates saved the city \$1.5 million in anticipated debt servicing charges.

In tabling the 2007 audited financial

results and moving a resolution to appropriate the multi-million surplus, Councillor Charette explained that under the municipal accounting system, the surplus had to be transferred to other funds.

As a result, \$4.3 million of the surplus was allocated to a number of items and projects in- *continued on p. 2*

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Also opposed were councillors Kathleen Duncan, Nicole Forbes and John de Castell. Guy Charette, a lawyer, abstained, saying his law firm was representing one of the litigants.

“We wouldn’t have stood a chance without the help of (Councillor) Patrick Martin,” said John Keyserlingk, the plaintiff’s husband, in reacting to the decision. “He insisted this was an issue of principle.”

First experience

It was Keyserlingk’s first experience at a council meeting, he said. “I hadn’t realized the council usually votes as a group.”

Voting in favour of the permit amend-

ment were Councillor Cynthia Lulham, who moved the motion as chair of the city’s urban planning committee, as well as councillors Tom Thompson and George Bowser. Both said they were doing so to achieve compliance with the by-law.

As meeting chair, Mayor Karin Marks did not vote.

She did, however, provide council attendees with an explanation of the procedure used by the city to study and recommend the issuance of permits. Among the questioners was Paul Langdon, who lives immediately west of Keyserlingk and Raymond.

The court issued a temporary injunction in May to stop the roof-raising and convenes again Sept. 8 to hear the case.



John Keyserlingk at city council. At right is Councillor Patrick Martin.

Surplus appropriated...

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cluding an additional amount for snow removal in 2008 and other bad winter years, the municipal elections in 2009, items currently being litigated, preliminary design costs of the arena complex, and accelerated pay-as-you-go funding for capital

works projects.

The remaining \$800,000 was added to the city’s accumulated surplus amassed over previous years, bringing its total to \$1.94 million. This is a contingency reserve fund that council can use for unforeseen or emergency situations.



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Hundreds register



Crowds form long lines outside the Westmount arena on August 27 waiting to register for Sports and Recreation activities. Some had been waiting since 11 am for the doors to open at 6 pm.

Photo: Robert J. Galbraith

A total of 800 registrants showed up August 27 to register for skating and hockey in Westmount's recreation programs, says Mike Deegan, director of Sports and Recreation for Westmount. Au-

gust 28 was the deadline to register for all other programs.

The registration process was well organized, with 7 staff members and 18 volunteers helping to facilitate the processing. Some enthusiastic registrants showed up as early as 11 am for the Wednesday registration, which ran from 6 to 8 pm on August 27.

Deegan said that a large number of the 800 people registered for more than one activity and that some people may be wait-listed should there be an overflow of registrations for one or more activity. For programs that are full, names will be put on a waiting list and contacted if space becomes available.

Teams and Friends

"[Sports participation] is a great experience for them to learn team spirit, meet friends and focus on something they can stick with for six months," said Westmount resident Brendan Kelly, who was at the Westmount arena, registering his 7-year-old son Keane and 11-year-old daughter Devan in the hockey program.

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Campbell appointed

Duncan Campbell was officially appointed as Westmount's next director general on a four-year contract during the city council meeting August 25. He succeeds retiring Bruce St. Louis on September 29.

But the hearty enthusiasm with which Mayor Marks introduced him, and with which councillors voted their support, was followed by laughter when a smiling St. Louis raised his hand, too, in the vote he doesn't get as the city's top mandarin.

Shortly after, a councillor turned to consult St. Louis to discover his seat was empty, prompting the comment, to more laughter: "He's retired already!" In fact, he had left the council chamber briefly.

On a more serious note, however, Marks singled out Campbell's environmental and long-term planning achievements during his tenure as Town of Mount Royal's director general as being particularly applicable in Westmount.

His recent tenure as associate director general in Montreal "is going to help us better understand how we can operate within the island of Montreal." A detailed profile of Campbell may be found in the last issue of the *Independent*, August 19.

Hail to the chief



Police Commander Michel Wilson was introduced at the August 25 meeting of city council as the new commandant at Montreal community police station 12 on Stanton St. He succeeds Natalia Shuster as the man in blue in charge of the Westmount-based precinct. Wilson told those assembled that he had begun his career at the Westmount station some 25 years ago.



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At Second Glance

Our candidates go green

By Heather Black



"I speak to you tonight as a citizen of the world, because the outcome of this election will affect the future of the planet." Al Gore's words ring true for our Westmount-Ville Marie election, where the hot topic is the environment.

And rightly so. The arctic is melting, oil costs are high and the Canadian Medical Association estimates that air pollution will claim the lives of 800,000 Canadians by 2031. And with Canada no longer an environmental leader – South Africa, Mexico, Brazil, Switzerland and Norway drove international cooperation at the recent UN climate talks in Accra, Ghana – Westmounters expect candidates to have great ideas. And they do.

What's on the table

The Conservatives' goal is a 20-percent decrease in carbon dioxide emissions by 2020. But regulations would extend to all greenhouse gases as well as toxic chemicals and pesticides. For candidate Guy DuFort a comprehensive regulatory approach is necessary to protect the health of Canadians and to force industry compliance.

The environment is a major concern for NDP Anne Lagacé Dowson. The NDP

promotes a cap-and-trade program. Here, businesses either meet an assigned emissions "cap" or buy credits from those who do. It is the method responsible for reducing sulfur dioxide emissions in the Great Lakes. The Green Party and the Liberals also support cap and trade, as does Bloc Québécois' Charles Larivée, who specifies a Montreal Carbon Exchange.

The Green Party also proposes a carbon tax of \$50 per tonne of carbon dioxide. A carbon tax is considered the least corruptible, the most flexible, and the easiest to implement.

The key component of the Liberals' "Green Shift" strategy, their "revenue-neutral" tax – offset by reduced individual and corporate income taxes – is set at \$10 per tonne increasing to \$40 within four years. A carbon tax has proved successful in Sweden. This spring, their environmental minister Andreas Carlgren stated that, with an economic growth of 44 percent since 1991: "our carbon emissions would have been 20 percent higher without the carbon tax."

All candidates support the development of new environmental technologies to improve energy-efficiency.

Innovative solutions

The NDP strategy includes a Canada-wide electricity grid to provide hydro power from Quebec, Manitoba or New-



Liberal Party leader Stéphane Dion (left) and candidate Marc Garneau speak with Independent columnist Heather Black at the party's Greene Ave. by-election headquarters on August 27.

foundland and Labrador to provinces dependent on fossils fuels. They also endorse energy-efficient programs and retrofits for government buildings and homes, and investment in sustainable transportation alternatives.

The Greens also support energy-efficient programs and propose a tax-deductible, green mortgage to encourage environment-friendly buildings and renovations. Candidate Claude William Genest suggests a "green accounting" method to recognize reduced consumer costs for energy-efficient retrofits. The Bloc also offers subsidies for citizens to retrofit their homes and for greener vehicles.

For Liberal leader Stéphane Dion, a nation-wide carbon tax provides the most incentive to develop new technologies. Candidate Marc Garneau has stated that: "Montreal's universities will have the

means necessary to lead in research and development."

Eco-worldview

Undoubtedly, the environment and the economy are linked. According to a former chief economist of the World Bank, Joseph Stiglitz: "Not paying the cost of damage to the environment is a subsidy." And with countries like Norway set to be carbon neutral by 2030 – and a 30 percent reduction of 1990 amounts by 2020 – expect a global carbon tax or carbon tariffs on Canadian exports.

Moreover, Canadians want to honour our Kyoto commitment. It's one thing not to reach a target. It's quite another not to try.

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Trucks to save 17 tonnes of greenhouse gas by using biofuel

Westmount's city trucks and other heavy equipment are to operate on biodiesel fuel this winter. The switch will cut greenhouse gas emissions by an estimated 17 tonnes a year.

The "happy news" was reported to council on August 25 by environment commissioner John de Castell.

"Unlike ethanol, no controversial food source will be used," he emphasized. "The bio component will come from meat by-products and food waste."

Government programmes cover the "fractional cost increase."

In addition to the city fleet, the biofuel – which comes from the city's regular supplier, Oilco – will be used for contractors' snow removal equipment.

Westmount's adaptation was initiated by purchasing agent John Camia as the type of immediately "do-able" sustainable

action that the city is looking for.

The blend has received extensive testing and is now being introduced to the entire STM bus fleet.

It is made up of basic diesel with the biodegradable additive – two percent in winter and five percent during the rest of the year.

Although the additive makes up a relatively small proportion, the switch will result in an estimated 17 tonnes less greenhouse gas being released by Westmount, according to a report prepared for council by Joshua Wolfe, the new sustainability coordinator. Engine wear is also less.

"It's more progress," commented HCP environment committee chair Jennifer Patton. "It will encourage everyone to think of how their own actions can make a difference."

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Civic Alert

Reasonable accommodation, Westmount-style

BY DON WEDGE



Last week's council meeting provided an unusual amount of municipal drama, as you will have noted from Laureen Sweeney's front page stories. A contentious vote is rare and the publicly split 4-3 council is without precedent in recent years.

On the other hand, the unveiling of last year's massive budget surplus came without drama partly because finance commissioner Guy Charette had to manage the huge supporting documents in electronic form.

Like most members, he found the new laptop system to be, shall we say, a work in progress.

The first question period stretched from the nominal 30 to a generous 90 minutes. There was none of the ugliness that marked the previous meeting.

It ended with a visionary statement by Mayor Karin Marks on our role, now that the agglom council has had some of its claws trimmed.

Questioners included representatives of Save the Park! and their companion protesters – whom I think of as “Save us from the arena” (SUFTA). They took full advantage of council's generosity.

SUFTA leader Gary Ikeman made much of the task set for the architectural consortium hired to provide design options for a two-rink arena and other facilities. Councillor Patrick Martin, who in his professional life has managed several large projects, joined the mayor in explaining that the consortium had to provide a professionally-evaluated response to the council's wish list.

Wish list too big?

However, Martin admitted that he thought the list might be too demanding for the size of the site.

While Ikeman was SUFTU, neighbour

Dave Schachter had questions as SUFTT – “Save us from the trains.” Both live in the former POM building on St. Catherine St. and fear potential expansion on both flanks.

The report of the task force on the choice of route from downtown to Dorval Airport is due early this month, Schachter reminded council. Mayor Marks already knew: she has attended several sessions with the planners.

Like many who live near the CP tracks, Schachter is concerned that the frequency of trains would dramatically increase.

He seemed to want the airport trains to use the CN tracks through St. Henri. But this would probably be the worse option for Westmouters. We would be left with expanding versions of the present commuter services without the benefit of electric traction and a better track bed. Both would create less noise and vibration.

Meeting others' needs

The questioning led to the policy statement that could have a huge bearing on our future. Mayor Marks said that we have to build a strong presence and that meant accepting the needs of the region, while at the same time protecting our quality of life.

I discussed this strategy with her later in the week. She was at home enjoying the last day of a summer visit by her granddaughter, Kylie, but still ready to share her thoughts on Westmount's future.

“How we protect ourselves and yet respect the needs of the region is going to be a transcending issue,” she said.

Needed funds

“There is no doubt that for many reasons, the suburbs need better public transit, including trains. But they must not be operated at the expense of the urban people who live near the tracks and were here first.

“The technology must be upgraded to reduce the nuisance. In this case, better

track and rolling stock. That is what infrastructure funds are for.”

Marks thinks that the McGill hospital as currently proposed on the Glen Yards, while remaining a possible threat, is now something that we can live with.

“We fought hard to establish that balance. As it stands, there will still be a lot of impacts. On the other hand, we will have a first class facility on our doorstep.

“It's the same principle with the arena.”

Even with her grandchild on her knee, she was still thinking about her city responsibilities. But then, the arena is for our grandchildren!

“We must cater to the needs of all residents, but also minimize the impact on

those living nearby.

“Yes! There will be more traffic and some of it will go by my house! But we must be creative and ensure that it causes the least harm.

“For instance, if there are problems with the new evening parking on the school lot [of the Montreal Oral School for the Deaf near the arena], perhaps we should employ an attendant to control any noise. Can the lights be positioned so they do not affect residents?

“In all these situations it's a case of finding, shall we say, reasonable accommodation.”

Citizen activist Don Wedge's e-mail address is calert@web.net.

On the Market: 526 Clarke Ave.

The original front door of this house was located on Clarke Ave., but is now around the corner, on Hudson Ave. Because of this shift, the front of the house is wider and brighter and also allows for a cross-hall living room and dining room plan.

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The second floor benefits from a huge master bedroom, complete with an *ensuite* bathroom, a walk-in closet, a sitting area and an office with views of downtown Montreal, as well as a guest bedroom, a family den and a full family bathroom. Another flight up the wide staircase, the third level has three bedrooms, a full bathroom and a large den, ideal for a playroom. With seven bedrooms, this is the ideal home for a large family.

The finished basement has a powder



room, lots of designated storage space and a cedar closet. This is an ideal area for a nanny's quarters, a home office or as a teenager's pad.

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Letters to the editor

SHEARER HOUSE ON ROSLYN?

I would like to respond to the article “Westmount’s Hollywood connection” in the August 19 *Independent*.

I moved into the house behind Norma Shearer’s in 1926, shortly after she’d left for New York and Hollywood. My father’s cousin was one of Shearer’s best friends.

Our house was on the east side of Grosvenor Ave. above the Roslyn School yard and Shearer’s was on the west side of Roslyn, in the 600-range of address – not at 507 Grosvenor as reported in your article.



t636 Roslyn Ave.

My father’s cousin stayed in touch with her throughout her life.

JANET SMITH, WOOD AVE.

Doreen Lindsay responds: I went to the Lovell directories to research.

My investigation for the period confirmed that Andrew Shearer – the father of Norma and president of the family door, sash and blind company – was listed as living at 507 Grosvenor Ave. in 1902, the year Norma was born, through to 1911.

In 1904, the name of the Shearer company was changed to “Shearer, Brown & Wills” and James Shearer became the president. Its factory, yards and office were listed as 225 St. Patrick St. (at the Shearer St. corner). James lived at 525 Mount Pleasant.

According to Lovell’s, it was in 1919 that “Jas Shearer, lumber contractor,” began to live at 636 Roslyn Ave. (behind the Grosvenor house described by Janet

Smith). He was later listed as “James Shearer, the president and managing director of The James Shearer Company, Limited.”

James continued to live on Roslyn Ave. through the 1920s and 1930s. In 1936, other members of the family are listed as living with him.

Norma did grow up on Grosvenor, and it was other members of the Shearer family who lived on Roslyn.

PUBLIC MEETING WITH PUBLIC SECURITY?

In his recent letter to the editor, Paul Marriott raises the question: what is the “real mandate” of Westmount Public Security?

I doubt Marriott is alone in asking. May I suggest this is an opportune time for the Westmount Municipal Association or city hall to host a get-together with Public Security director Richard Blondin that might include some of his key personnel?

Residents could hear how Public Security works, how by-laws are enforced, where the role of Public Security ends and that of the police begins. As well, staff could address what is not within Public Security’s mandate, what is realistic to expect when calling for help and what type of complaint should be directed

elsewhere.

There are several timely reasons to meet, notably the major influx of new residents into Westmount the past few years. I, for one, am curious about such things as how often a neighbourhood is patrolled by PSOs in a 24-hour period, and how Public Security works with the police on the problem of graffiti.

Recent staff turnover at Public Security is another timely reason for such a meeting.

James Novak retired last year from the department’s long-standing post of “com-

munity relations” officer. He was a familiar face to Westmounters, a font of knowledge on the by-laws and the “go-to” person to help clarify and resolve issues that sometimes just need some common sense.

To my knowledge, that post has not been replaced, at least not full-time.

I hope the director of Public Security and Westmounters have the opportunity soon to meet and talk.

It would be as informative for Director Blondin to hear what’s on our minds as for us to listen to what’s on his.

DOROTHY LIPOVENKO, YORK ST.

CANDIDATES IGNORE LOST RIGHTS OF QUEBEC’S MINORITIES

I left the all-party candidates meeting to fill the by-election vacancy for the federal riding of Westmount-Ville Marie last Wednesday night realizing that the status quo in this very thoughtfully gerrymandered, but heretofore predominately anglophone-allophone constituency, is now being openly challenged.

I do not remember so many lining up at the microphone to put such a wide range of questions to the candidates at previous candidate meetings, or is it just my ageing memory failing me?

But it is much more than that; I perceive that feelings of alienation, disenfranchisement, and distance from the Canadian parliamentary process are not only a phenomenon to be felt in Montreal North.

It is now slowly taking its toll here on Westmount voters as well.

Why so? Because the Liberal Party’s imposition of outsider Lucienne Robillard and her Quebec nationalist agenda on the Westmount riding and citizens a dozen years ago was a departure from previous MPs who had much closer and wider links to the community.

Do you not remember that sitting Liberal MP David Berger was rewarded with an ambassadorship to Israel as his reward for relinquishing his seat?

This was a calculated strategy, some suggest, to further isolate this fervently and solidly Canadian constituency from the Liberal Party, which had silently abandoned Quebec’s remaining one million citizens of non-French origin in the province, in respect to their abrogated

English language, sign, and education rights.

It must be remembered, after all, that no majority government can be formed in Canada without winning at least 50 seats in Quebec. And that is why mainline parties court nationalist voters in Quebec, not committed federalists.

Therefore, Westmount was so perfect a riding to park a failed nationalist Quebec cabinet minister, was it not? Such a safe Liberal seat!

And this quiet isolation was plainly evident from the mainline party candidates as they avoided any mention of lost rights and the plight of Quebec’s minority communities last night in their opening statements. How convenient!

The more than half empty Westmount High School auditorium was certainly not overflowing with interested citizens, but judging by the partisan applause, Liberal and NDP organizers seem to have done their best to turn out an admiring coterie of supporters to bolster their candidates.

I want to know: are Quebec’s discriminated-against minorities, as full citizens of Canada, not entitled to live in Quebec with all the complete and inherent rights of being Canadian?

Is it not disingenuous that the federal government promotes national bilingualism and affirmative hiring programmes for French Canadians across Canada, while Quebec is officially unilingual, French, and employs few anglophones, allophones and visible minorities?

Worse, the Liberals, Conservatives, and the NDP all endorse the nationalist agenda of Quebec. That policy is referred to as “appeasement.”

Other national issues aside, these are the urgent questions facing the voters of Westmount-Ville Marie, especially during the safety of voting in a by-election. If not addressed now, when will these crucial issues of abrogated rights in Quebec be raised?

And if not by these candidates of the mainline federal parties, I must therefore ask, then by whom?

ALLEN E. NUTIK
LEADER OF AFFILIATION QUEBEC

COALITION GOVERNMENT, PLEASE

It was good to be able to hear the candidates for the federal by-election (except for the BQ candidate, who did not come), as arranged by the Westmount Municipal Association on August 27.

The problem is of course that now the prime minister wants to prevent the by-elections by prompting another general election, because his minority government is not effective. The chances are that we will *continued on p. 7*

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Martin Swiss cyclist to ride with Lance Armstrong

Dan Quance, a Marlowe Ave. resident and Martin Swiss Cycle shop team member, will be riding in the Ride with Lance cycling event on September 12 – a 100 km ride in Mont Tremblant where an exclusive group of 40 cyclists will ride with cancer survivor and 7-time Tour de France winner, Lance Armstrong. Each participant had to raise or donate \$25,000 to participate.

Monies raised go to the Cedars Cancer Institute and the Cancer Care Mission of the McGill University Health Centre. The Cedars Cancer Institute offers care to cancer patients of all ages.

Quance has been riding with Martin Swiss teams for about 10 years, most recently on the Calyon Martin Swiss Cervélo team. He recently lost his wife of 28 years to cancer and will be riding in her honour.

At press time, Quance's friends had helped him raise \$21,000.

To sponsor him, you can donate online at www.muhcfoundation.com, click on the "Ride with Lance" or write a cheque in his name to the Cedars Cancer Institute (687 Pine Ave. W. E3.15, Montreal, QC H3A 1A1).

Co-chairs and Westmounters Roger Beauchemin and Leonard Schlemm are



both cycling in the event, as well as David Fleiszer as reported in the August 19 *Independent*.

Marlowe Ave. resident Dan Quance (foreground) has been training hard for his Ride with Lance on September 12 in Mont Tremblant. Westmounter Garry Garbarino rides behind.

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Bridge club spans generations

The Westmount Bridge Club is not restricted to seniors, as was incorrectly stated in Westmount's new fall and winter recreation booklet, the *Independent* has learned from one of the club's members.

The club was set up in 1992 to allow those who worked (or were otherwise occupied) during the day to relax over friend-

ly bridge in the evening.

The club meets year-round on Monday evenings in Victoria Hall and welcomes everyone with a knowledge of basic bridge, regardless of age. It has even had a few college students as members.

Everyone, including couples attending, plays as an individual.

There are two separate afternoon bridge clubs in Westmount, well attended by seniors. One is at Contactivity in Westmount Park Church and the other is at the Shaar Hashomayim.

Letters...

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elect another ineffective minority government. This will be a rather inconsiderate waste of taxpayers' money, with no clear benefits.

A point that needs discussion is why there are no efforts to arrive at a coalition government, which could have a longer lifetime and better efficiency, for instance, and with a greater number of experienced politicians.

For some reason, there has been no Canadian federal coalition government since the time of World War I.

At the same time it might result in internal coalition discussions that could shield us from dogma-inspired politics of conservative, socialist, or other type.

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Caloric update



Calories, the dessert and coffee shop at St. Catherine and Wood Ave., is still not answering its phone, but it has updated its window display – which seems to imply that it will be reopening soon.

Westmounter joins Scouting volunteers in Korea

BY MAGGIE SHADDICK

The 38th World Scout Conference. What does this mean? Who attends? Why a world conference?

“Jamboree” is a familiar word. For most of us, it means a large gathering of Scouts somewhere. In 2007, there was a huge jamboree in England to mark the 100th anniversary of Scouting.

Is Scouting still relevant? More than ever. After all it is the largest youth organization in the world.

Today the world organization of the Scout movement numbers 28 million, with another 10 million in Waags, the Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

Every three years, there is a world conference of adults in Scouting, most of them volunteers who meet somewhere in the world for a week to talk, learn, and to listen to what is happening in Scouting around the world.

I have just returned from my ninth of these held this year in Jeju, Korea, in July. And for those of us who have been in Scouting and have had children and probably even grandchildren in the movement – and especially those who have so generously given of their time in leadership and council roles, I felt I should write about this larger picture.

I have always returned with a sense of hope and joy at being with the extraordinary and wonderful people who were

there. Imagine a huge conference, where everyone you met every day greeted you with smiles and handshakes and wanted to talk, even for a few minutes, about what was happening in Scouting in your country, and tell you what was happening in theirs.

It was all good news. Even in bad situations, something was being done by Scouting to make a difference. Most of this is ignored by the media. While perhaps not newsworthy stories, to the more than 1,200 people at the conference what was happening in Scouting was why we were there and this we shared every hour and every day.

Politics was a nothing subject. What we were about, what really mattered, was the youth in our countries, how we in Scouting could make a difference and how we could work together to make this difference.

Every morning at 9 am, we began with meditation. Catholic, Muslim, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist, Protestant, whatever, we all seemed to become one.

At small meetings, large ones, regional sessions and workshops, we discussed shared problems: adolescence, Scouting for children with disabilities, support for children in especially difficult circumstances, Scouting in developing countries, and Scouting and the environment.

We voted on where to hold the next world conference and the next world jam-



Among the new arrivals at the Library singled out by staff are:

Magazines

“It Happened While We Watched: Why We Didn’t Save Darfur” by Richard Just in *The New Republic*, August 27, 2008, p. 36.

“Science, Anyone? Marketers are promoting healthy choices – and reinventing food in the process” by Matt Semansky in *Marketing*, July 14, 2008, p. 8.

“Géorgie: la provocation de Poutine” by Yves Cornu in *Le Point*, 14 août, 2008, p. 30.

DVDs

The Band’s Visit – A band comprised of members of the Egyptian police force heads to Israel to play at the inaugural ceremony of an Arab arts centre, only to find themselves lost in the wrong town.

Nanking – This haunting documentary tells the story of the Japanese capture of Nanking, China in the early days of World War II and focuses on the efforts of a small group of unarmed Westerners who established a safety zone where over 200,000 Chinese found refuge.

Adult English

Art in America by Ron McLarty, who pens a funny and heartwarming novel about a down-on-his-luck writer who finally finds success and love as the playwright-in-residence for a town divided between the ranchers and folks involved in the new tourist trade.

What Was Lost by Catherine O’Flynn. Long-listed for the Booker Prize, the Orange Prize, and *The Guardian* First Book

Award, *What Was Lost* is a tender and sharply observant debut novel about a missing young girl.

Adult French

Quatre Cents voyages de rêve (National Geographic Society). A magnificent book, as well as a guidebook that covers all sorts of trips whether by train or on foot, on water or on land, adventures and cultural visits as well as educational opportunities. Truly a book to encourage dreaming about another vacation.

Les banques au Québec by Jean-Pierre. The author traces the history of more than 100 banks, which since the founding of the Montreal Bank in 1818, have been part of the life in the towns and villages of Quebec.

Picture books for 5-7 year olds

Red Butterfly: How a Princess Smuggled the Secret of Silk out of China by Deborah Noyes. A princess must say good-bye to the many splendors of her father’s kingdom before she travels to Khotan where she is to marry the king.

Premier jour d’école by Corinne Dreyfuss. A little boy who is nervous about his first day of kindergarten asks his mother all sorts of questions about school.

Reference:

Consumer Reports Kitchen: planning and buying guide 2008.

The human face of mental health and mental illness in Canada.

Aspect humain de la santé mentale et de la maladie mentale au Canada.

boree. We elected new members for the World Committee to serve six years, representing not their country, not their region, but the world. All are volunteers, busy people with jobs and busy lives, but dedicated to giving their time to youth.

This time Canada was represented in the voting for new members to the World Committee and John Neysmith from Quebec, our present international commissioner – who has given years to Scouting – was elected to the World Committee.

I was overwhelmed by congratulations, handshakes and hugs from so many people on John’s success. So many stories of Scouts Canada and Les Scouts du Canada have played internationally over the years. Scouts Canada and Les Scouts du



Maggie Shaddick with Kenyan Scout leaders.

Canada deserve our support and our appreciation for what they have given and what they will go on giving.

Maggie Shaddick is a member of Scouts Canada-Quebec Council.



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HEURES D'AFFAIRES

Bureaux administratifs Retour à l'horaire normal

Les heures normales d'ouverture, soit du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30, reprennent le mardi 2 septembre, l'horaire estival ayant pris fin. Veuillez consulter notre site Web pour la liste exhaustive des heures d'ouverture des installations municipales. ☘



SPORTS ET LOISIRS

Période d'inscription Activités sportives et de loisirs

La période officielle d'inscription pour les activités de sports et de loisirs est maintenant terminée. Par contre, il est encore possible de vous inscrire en vous présentant à l'Aréna de Westmount entre 8 h 30 et 16 h 30. Pour plus amples renseignements, veuillez consulter le *Répertoire des activités* ou notre site Web. Info : 514 989-5353.

Fermeture de la piscine

Après un bel été, la piscine extérieure de Westmount est fermée depuis le mardi 2 septembre. Veuillez noter que des plages horaires pour la natation ont été réservées au YMCA de Westmount pour les résidents de la ville. Consultez notre site Web pour les détails. ☘



TRAVAUX PUBLICS

Énoncé de vision sur le développement durable

Les résidents de Westmount sont invités à participer à des ateliers de discussion afin de préparer un énoncé de vision pour une communauté durable. Cet énoncé servira au développement de politiques futures et actions environnementales, économiques et sociales. La première séance se tiendra le mardi 16 septembre à 19 h au Victoria Hall. Info : developpementdurable.westmount.org

Travaux de réfection de l'avenue Westmount

Veuillez noter que les grands travaux de réfection de l'avenue Westmount, de la rue Lansdowne vers

DATES À RETENIR

Le 6 septembre – 14 h

Fête du Club de lecture vacances
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Victoria Hall

Le 9 septembre – 19 h

Société d'horticulture de Westmount
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Le 10 septembre – midi

Séance spéciale du conseil
Hôtel de ville

Le 14 septembre – 11 h

Journée Terry Fox
Parc Westmount

Le 16 septembre – 19 h

Atelier sur l'énoncé de vision
pour un Westmount durable
Victoria Hall

Le 17 septembre – 19 h

Rencontre avec les auteurs :
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l'est jusqu'à The Boulevard, se poursuivront jusqu'à la fin de septembre. Ce projet de 4,3 millions \$ inclura le remplacement de la conduite d'eau, les lampadaires ainsi que la reconstruction de la rue et des trottoirs. Veuillez consulter notre site Web pour plus de détails. Info: 514 989-5273. ☘



SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE

Un retour à l'école en toute sécurité – faites-en une priorité

Avec le retour en classe au cours des 2 prochaines semaines, les officiers de la Sécurité publique et du Service de police assureront une visibilité accrue afin de protéger les enfants aux traverses de piétons et dans les zones désignées d'embarquement. Les règlements de circulation et de stationnement seront appliqués à la lettre, soyez extrêmement prudents! Faites de la sécurité une priorité pour le retour à l'école. ☘



OFFICE HOURS

Administrative Offices Return to Regular Hours

Regular office hours resumed on Tuesday, September 2 in all Westmount municipal buildings. Administrative offices are now open from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For a complete list for all municipal installations, please consult our Web site. ☘



SPORTS & RECREATION

Registration Period Sports and Recreation Activities

The special registration period for sports and recreation activities is now complete. If you would still like to register, please visit the Westmount Arena from Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For complete details, consult the Recreation Activities Guide, or log on to our Web site. Info: 514 989-5353.

Pool Closing

After another great summer, Westmount's outdoor pool closed for the season on Tuesday, September 2. Please remember that Westmount residents can use the indoor pool at the Westmount YMCA at no charge. Consult our Web site for info. ☘



PUBLIC WORKS

Visioning Workshop on a Sustainable Westmount

Three different vision statements have been drafted for public discussion. Between September and December 2008, the community can get involved by making suggestions at special workshops. The first of these three workshops will be held on Tuesday, September 16 at 7 p.m. in Victoria Hall. Info: sustainabledevelopment.westmount.org.

Major Road Work on Westmount Avenue

Major road work on Westmount Avenue, from Lansdowne Avenue eastward to The Boulevard, will continue until the end of September. The \$4.3 million project involves replacement of the water

DATEBOOK

September 6 – 2 p.m.

Summer Reading Club Party
Victoria Hall
Pick up your free invitation at the Library

September 9 – 7 p.m.

Westmount Horticultural Society
Dennis D'Etchevery
Library

September 10 – noon

Special Council meeting
City Hall

September 14 – 11 a.m.

Terry Fox Run
Westmount Park

September 16 – 7 p.m.

Visioning Workshop on a Sustainable Westmount
Victoria Hall

September 17 – 7 p.m.

Fall Author Series
John Kalbfleisch
Library

main, replacement of street lighting and reconstruction of the roadway and sidewalks. Full details are available on our Web site. Info: 514 989-5273. ☘



PUBLIC SECURITY

Make Back-to-School Safety Your Priority

With local schools reopening their doors over the next 2 weeks, Public Security and police personnel will be increasing their visibility to ensure the safety of children at crosswalks and in drop-off zones. Traffic and parking regulations will be strictly enforced, so be extra careful. Make back-to-school safety a priority for you and your children. ☘

The Update

Houses up for sale since August 19 inventory

The Update is content provided by the Westmount Independent, and is compiled from public sources and parties that contact us. To find a brokered property's listing agent and additional information, please go to MLS.ca. Both listing agents and agents working with buyers have more information (including the address of all houses) available to them on a private network.


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Asking \$230,000Photos: www.mcguiganpepin.com/1459934

LE SUD OUEST

**DU CANAL ST.**

Great loft with wall to wall windows and city views. 11-ft ceilings, original beams, brick wall. Corner unit overlooking the canal, bike path, walk to Old Montreal, Downtown, hard wood floors, central air, garage and gym locker. **Asking \$299,000**

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NDG

**GRAND BLVD.**

Bright spacious pristine cottage on wide Blvd. Updated 4+1 home with open concept kitchen/dining/family room. High and dry bsmt. Immense garden for kids and dogs. Very convenient location to amenities and transport. **Asking \$419,000**

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Westmount Park Towers, close to Victoria village and Westmount Park. This 2 bedroom/2 bath, elegantly furnished condo has a fireplace, solarium, river and mountain views and a garage. Condo fees include a pool, exercise room & 24 hour door man. **Asking \$440,000**

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Atwater Library at 180

Drawing classes at the Mechanics' Institute



BRITISH & CANADIAN SCHOOL

The British & Canadian School for working class children opened in 1822. The building (still there) was erected by John Redpath in 1826 on la Gauchetière St. James Duncan taught at the school, and produced this drawing for Bosworth's *Hochelaga Depicta*.

BY SUSAN MCGUIRE

With the approaching 180th anniversary of the Westmount-based Atwater Library and Computer Centre, the Independent is pleased to present a series of articles about ALCC people and events from its start in 1828 as the Montreal Mechanics' Institution.

In Montreal in 1828, the leaders of the new Mechanics' Institute envisioned the establishment of classes in such subjects as writing, arithmetic, French and various aspects of drawing. These would serve two purposes: provide a source of education for the young men who were flooding the city and had nowhere to learn except on the job; and keep them out of the pubs.

However, after long hours of work, the young men were not necessarily interested in attending classes – by candlelight. Employers did not always want to let their

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J. C. Spence advertisements. Spence was joined by his sons in 1880 in the manufacture of church and domestic stained glass, church furnishings and decorations.

young employees leave work early to go to school. Funding was a problem: it was difficult to charge young pupils enough to cover the costs of renting classrooms and paying teachers. Some teachers were willing to provide instruction *gratis*, but course continuity was a problem.

Nevertheless, a surprising number of young men – as young as 13 – did sign up and maintained their membership in the Mechanics' Institute over the years. Some of the teachers, who were also members of the institute and volunteered their time, included the following men.

John Cliff is described in the anti-England *Vindicator* in 1830 as “a man of science and much talent in his profession.” In the 1831 census he is listed as a carpenter, in 1842 as an architect; in the *Dictionary of Canadian Biography*, he is referred to as an architect. On December 24, 1833, he was appointed drawing master for the institute's first classes, which would start December 30, and be held Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings at 7 pm.

James Duncan taught drawing in 1851-52, and landscape and ornamental drawing in 1854-55 with J. C. Spence. He was a skilled draftsman, but is primarily known as a watercolourist. By 1830, he was already established in Montreal as a painter, lithographer and teacher of drawing. Among other schools, he taught at the

BUILDING PROJECTS: WHAT'S PERMITTED

The following are among the second half of some 80 permits for exterior new construction, alterations and landscaping approved by Westmount city council at a special meeting August 13.

536 Côte St. Antoine: landscaping at rear to include building a retaining wall;

417 Roslyn: to replace windows, make repairs to mudroom and deck, and modify a garage window opening to install a door;

333 Elm: to replace two basement windows and two rear upper floor windows;

116 Lewis: to demolish rear shed and replace a window a door;

776 Lexington: to replace basement windows;

339 Côte St. Antoine: to install mechanical equipment on roof;

25 Prospect: to build a rear addition;

17 Severn: landscaping in front and rear yards;

93 Somerville: to replace six windows on rear façade;

121 Arlington: to repave driveway and install a gate in side yard;

95 Côte St. Antoine: to install a sculpture of motto “Veritas” on the southwest corner of front yard;

69 Arlington: to renovate the ground floor including replacement of three windows and a door;

3737 The Boulevard: to replace the windows;

497 Mountain: to replace the windows;

470 Strathcona: to replace windows and doors;

756 Lexington: to replace front windows;

557 Roslyn: to replace windows;

346 Grosvenor: to replace windows;

310 Roslyn: to replace conservatory windows;

440 Lansdowne: to replace four side windows and four at rear;

26 Willow: to install fence and gate at rear of side yard;

425 Mount Stephen: to replace a side window beside garage and a rear second floor window;

4126 St. Catherine: to install a sign for “London bus”;

546-548 Grosvenor: to replace windows;

15 Oakland: to enlarge the second floor and to make changes to the façade and the interior;

56 St. Sulpice: interior and exterior changes to include addition of a solarium at the southwest corner;

3282 Cedar: landscaping in rear yard including stone retaining walls around the perimeter;

40 Arlington: to replace a door and window and modify basement entry, all at the rear;

3194 The Boulevard: to rebuild side stairs and landscape;

63 Belvedere Rd.: front landscaping;

429 Grosvenor: to replace two upper front windows;

470 Côte St. Antoine: to replace front bay window;

4022 St. Catherine: to install sign for “Restaurant chez NGA”;

4467 Montrose: to replace glazing of existing storm door;

621 Carleton: to replace front windows;

15 Anwoth: to replace windows and doors;

127 Abbott: to replace front porch, stairs, upper balcony and balcony door;

629 Clarke: to replace windows;

4839 Westmount Ave.: front landscaping;

378-380 Clarke: landscaping at front, side and rear;

4960-4966 Sherbrooke: to replace windows.

British & Canadian School for working class children. He was commissioned by John Samuel McCord to paint views of the city and its environs, and was the artist for Bosworth's *Hochelaga Depicta* published in 1839.

John C. Spence taught landscape and ornamental drawing in 1854-55. He was – according to Joseph T. Dutton in the institute's minutes – the “son of William Spence, a celebrated sculptor of Liverpool, England.” Probably Montreal's first stained glass decorator, his works include three stained glass windows over the organ loft at the Church of St. John the Evangelist and three windows over the altar at tiny Holy Trinity Church in Iron Hill.

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Place Kensington photographers present “A Moment in Time”



Place Kensington resident Sarah Handman-Pervin stands next to a photo of herself as a bridesmaid at her brother's wedding.

A photo exhibit, “A Moment in Time”, was hosted on August 28 at Place Kensington. About 70 Place Kensington residents provided a photo of themselves between the ages of 5 and 30 years old.

On the day of the exhibition a prize was given to the people who correctly matched the most residents with their photos.

The winners were Pauline Ouimet,

Jehanne Warwick, Jaqueline Murphy and Tilli Minkowski.

The “A Moment in Time” calendar, containing all of the photographs was available to purchase for \$25.

The proceeds were used to cover the printing costs, with the remainder of the proceeds to be given to the Children's Wish Foundation.

9 Lives: Cat overpopulation

BY LYZANNE

It sounds like a generic news bite.

We hear it from the rescue groups and the shelters. It applies to cats in our lives, homes, streets, alleys, neighbourhoods, cities. Since cats are part of our everyday life, it is a human problem: one for owners, breeders, pet shops, veterinarians.

Looking more closely at the horrible reality at the SPCA, one organization amongst many, it still euthanizes around a THOUSAND cats a MONTH, every month, because it cannot take in and place

the huge number of cats left on its doorstep.

Reality has to sink in: when will we all embrace cat sterilization as a second part to basic cat inoculation? Should we take control of this issue as a society and require that cats not be adopted if they are not sterilized? What are your thoughts, your suggestions?

Artwork by Laura S. Cohendet



Underdog

BY FERN BRESLAW

In dog society, there are those who get the good homes, who sport saucy collars and take summer vacations in vintage station wagons; then there are these two ladies. Both are unpopular, unlucky and, alas, somewhat unattractive.

Gaia is a shepherd lab cross who is seriously lacking in confidence. She



In the August 27 issue, a photo of Dina's puppy was published instead of Dina. This is Dina.

is terrified

of many men for reasons we would rather not consider and is passed by day after day as she cowers in the back of her cage.

Gaia is an otherwise lovely, obedient dog who has clearly had more than her fair share of misfortune and maybe deserves a little good after everything she has been through.

Lady is not much better off. She is clearly a very sensitive girl and has been crying nonstop since she was abandoned by her owners. The fact that she is a pitbull is a handicap to begin with, and for sure the crying isn't helping her popularity in the slightest.

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Gaia and Lady

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Thursday Sept. 4: First Thursday Gallery Walk of the art galleries on Greene Ave. with Heather Black at 5 pm. Meet corner Greene and de Maisonneuve (Galerie D'Este). All are welcome.

Saturday, Sept. 6: Book sale and open house at Thomas Moore Institute (3405 Atwater) from 10 am to 4 pm. · Open house at Centre Greene (1090 Greene) from 10 am to 3:30 pm. Info: 514.931.6202 or www.centregreene.com

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Vernissage: September 25 at 6:00.
Exhibit continues to October 6.
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Vernissage: September 4 at 5:00.
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Candidates quizzed on citizens' concerns...

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The candidates present were Marc Garneau (Liberal), Anne Lagacé Dowson (NDP), Claude Genest (Green), Ronald Wattie (independent), Guy Dufort (Conservative) and David Rovins (independent). Not present at the session were Bloc Québécois candidate Charles Larivée, who seemed to be expected, and independent candidate Régent Millette, who could not attend.

Starting promptly at 7:30 pm, Henry Olders, past president of the Westmount Municipal Association (the event was sponsored by the Westmount Municipal Association and the Westmount *Examiner* newspaper) opened the session and introduced Victor Drury as moderator, who introduced timekeeper Stan Grossman. The

order of the speakers was established by random draw. Each had four minutes for opening remarks, followed by a short period to answer any questions and three minutes for closing remarks. All spoke in both English and French. The session wrapped up at 9:45 pm.

The first to speak was Liberal candidate Marc Garneau who commented on the "narrow ideology" of the Harper government and touched on issues of criminality, the economy and homelessness.

Anne Lagacé Dowson, who had brought along Outremont NDP MP Thomas Mulcair, said "there was a change in the wind." Her statement that "it's clear that Stéphane Dion means well in whatever he stands for today, but his policies are confusing in both official languages," was met by chuckling and applause.

Claude Genest said the Green Party is growing exponentially and that his party is concentrating on global warming, an issue he says was not recognized as a platform issue by any of the other parties. When a young boy ran up on stage to give him flowers, he said "It's easy being green."

Ronald Wattie, one of the three independent candidates, espoused a radical program advocating a decrease in world population and a new world language.

Guy Dufort, the Conservative candidate, commented on issues of the fiscal burden, crime prevention, health care, taxes, unemployment, and claimed he was the first candidate to mention

homelessness.

The other independent present, David Rovins, said that the Westmount-Ville Marie riding is "one of the most important ridings in our nation" and that he "has nothing against parties, but ... human behaviour is one of the most difficult things to change." He spoke on democracy, the effect of money and the media on the political process, and advocated giving "equal time and words to all candidates." He spoke of

his opposition to the privatization of health care and to hitting children for any reason, as well as his support for the fluoridation of water.

Several well-known Westmounters asked questions, including Mayor Karin Marks (on train traffic through the city), Tom Davis (former Progressive Conservative candidate), Patrick Barnard (on the proposed arena and sustainable communities) and Allen Nutik (founder of Affiliation Quebec – on language rights).

When Drury announced the opening of question period, people flooded to the microphone. Of the approximately 25 questions that were asked, most of them were directed to one or all of Garneau, Lagacé Dowson and

Dufort. Genest was asked a total of two questions and the independents remained silent until closing remarks.

Intermingled with a few instances of booing the Conservative candidate and some loud outbursts of applause for answers given by Lagacé Dowson was a small ruckus created by a questioner who, clearly disappointed with the answers he received from the candidates, threw a sheaf of papers onto the stage, started swearing and stormed out of the auditorium.

Several young children were passing out Green Party brochures to the audience, which seemed both amused and annoyed by this campaigning.

Candidates were fairly subdued and respectful, even humorous, toward each other as they dutifully passed the one microphone back and forth during the question period.

Towards the end, Lagacé Dowson quipped with Garneau, saying he should apply for her old job at the CBC. Garneau replied he would do so, but only if she applied to the astronaut program.



Former Progressive Conservative candidate Tom Davis at the mike, with Save the Park! activist Patrick Barnard in line two behind him. Barnard was asking about the proposed new arena and about the candidates' interest in protecting the "sustainability of neighbourhoods."



Westmount mayor Karin Marks was the last questioner. What was on her mind? Increased train traffic and its effect on Westmount.

Past Indie coverage of federal candidates

For in-depth interviews of Guy Dufort (Conservative), Marc Garneau (Liberal) and Anne Lagacé Dowson (NDP), go to www.westmount-independent.com.

For Dufort, click on the March 26 issue, p. 1; for Garneau, click on the Nov. 7 issue, p. 22 and for Lagacé Dowson, click on the August 26 issue, p. 13.

A shorter Genest interview can be found in the Jan. 30 issue, p. 13 and a pre-campaign roundup in the June 17 issue, p. 6.

Politicians prefer Westmount



The three established national parties have their by-election headquarters in Westmount: (left to right) NDP HQ: Sherbrooke St. near Claremont Ave.; Liberal HQ: Greene Ave. below de Maisonneuve Blvd. and Conservative HQ: St. Catherine and Wood Ave.

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According to Elections Canada's most recent information about Westmount-Ville Marie, 70,801 voters are registered amid a population of 94,061. The riding stretches from Hingston and Beaconsfield avenues in NDG to St. Lawrence Blvd. and the St.

Lawrence River. Its northern limit is a line formed by Queen Mary Rd. and Pine Ave. To south, it reaches to the 720 and Bonaventure expressways.

Westmount's population according to the 2006 census was 20,494.

Here are the federal election results since the inception of Westmount-Ville Marie:

Election: June 2, 1997

Candidate	Profession	Votes	Party
Robillard, Lucienne	politician	26,972	Liberal
Davis, Tom	lawyer	7,802	Progressive Conservative
Guité, Bernard	real estate agent	5,078	Bloc Québécois
Carter, Chris	student	2,566	NDP
Singh, Roopnarine	medical doctor	1,328	Independent
Sarwer-Foner, Brian	environmentalist	751	Green
Faguy, Allen	businessman	212	Natural Law
Chouinard, Normand	postal clerk	166	Marxist-Leninist

Election: November 27, 2000

Candidate	Profession	Votes	Party
Robillard, Lucienne	parliamentarian	23,209	Liberal
Price, Bryan	Business development	4,610	Progressive Conservative
Valdivia, Marcela	lawyer	4,121	Bloc Québécois
Blomme, Willy	student	2,001	NDP
Cotte, Felix	IT consultant	1,706	Canadian Alliance
Sarwer-Foner, Brian	student	1,251	Green
Laporte, Michel	volunteer	696	N/A
Caron, Patrice	businessmanager	693	Marijuana
Bains, Saroj	student	151	Marxist-Leninist
Faguy, Allen	consultant	96	Natural Law

Election: June 28, 2004

Candidate	Profession	Votes	Party
Robillard, Lucienne	parliamentarian	22,337	Liberal
Larochelle, Louis	administrator	5,922	Bloc Québécois
Steedman, Eric Wilson	consultant	4,795	NDP
Gervais, Robert	president	4,027	Conservative
Sarwer-Foner, Brian	student/consultant	2,419	Green
Proctor, David John	computer technician	396	Marijuana
Lachapelle, Serge	journalist/distributor	103	Marxist-Leninist

Election: January 23, 2006

Candidate	Profession	Votes	Party
Robillard, Lucienne	parliamentarian	18,884	Liberal
O'Sullivan, Louise	business executive	7,295	Conservative
Steedman, Eric Wilson	consultant	6,356	NDP
Fréchette, Sophie	student	5,191	Bloc Québécois
Sabourin, Julie	communications officer	3,451	Green
Lachapelle, Serge	journalist/distributor	94	Marxist-Leninist
Sloan, Bill	lawyer	69	Communist



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Développement durable *Forger une vision pour l'avenir*

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

Trois projets, un énoncé de vision

Trois différents énoncés de vision, maintenant disponibles sur le site Web de la Ville, ont été préparés en prévision de ces ateliers de discussion. À partir de ceux-ci, la Ville rédigera un texte final, reflet des aspirations de ses résidents.

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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.

Three drafts, one vision

Three different vision statements have been drafted for discussion, and made available on the City's Web site. From these ideas, the City will craft a final text that reflects input from members of the community like you.

Share your thoughts with us:

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- Collaborate through your preferred Westmount community group;
- Participate in any – or all – of three public meetings at Victoria Hall:
 - Tuesday, September 16 at 7 p.m.
 - Thursday, October 16 at 7 p.m.
 - Sunday, November 16 at 2 p.m.



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Westmount Profile: Lucy Stojak

Thinking out of this world

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Marie Lucy Stojak is driven by the quest for innovative ideas and out-of-the-box thinking. It's a trademark the aerospace lawyer, educator and intercultural negotiator brings to global think tanks and now to Westmount's Healthy City Project.

It's through this local forum she hopes to contribute some of her expertise from a 25-year international career in advocating and working for sustainable development on Earth and in outer space.

"There are lessons to be learned from other areas and brought to the Westmount community where I've lived most of my life," she says.

These include mechanisms to stimulate creativity that can be found at companies such as La Cirque du Soleil, video game creator Ubisoft and Bell that encourage creative thinking and enable innovation to come from the bottom up.

"I realize Westmount is in the process of developing its own sustainability plan,"

she explains. "And I feel that creating a process for nourishing creativity in individuals would enrich us in this respect."

And this is one of Stojak's strengths. She recently presented at a conference at HEC Montréal to develop new ideas. It brought together people in various fields from two creative cities, Montreal and Barcelona, "and the brainstorming was very rich in output."

She also spent July in Barcelona officiating at the annual nine-week Summer Studies Program of the International Space University, where she teaches in policy and law. This program, held at different world venues each year, attracts more than 100 students and a global network of interdisciplinary experts.

It's "a huge machine" that Stojak helped create during her six-year tenure as its first full-time director.

Since creating her own consultancy in 2001, Stojak has carried out studies for the Canadian Space Agency and Foreign Affairs. She has represented Canada at numerous organizations such as the OECD,



Lucy Stojak with daughter Laura and "Taz" at their home on Anwoth Rd.

European Space Agency and the EU.

She was also part of the Canadian team working with the Global Earth Observation System and has been a member of the working group dealing with satellite data policy issues in the Global Monitoring for the Environment and Security.

Currently involved in the Space Security Index, a research partnership, she is also promoting the need for the adoption of a Canadian Space Policy.

"With long-term exploration and the boom in the commercialization of space by the private sector, new treaties and legal efforts must be developed to protect space from weaponry and debris," she says. "Space tourism alone opens up a whole new need."

Living globally is an everyday reality for Stojak – one in which she is raising her daughter, Laura, a grade 5 student at The Study. It is Laura who drew the cat logo for the *Independent's* column, 9 Lives.

Allophone family

"We're the perfect example of an allophone family," Stojak explains.

Raised in Westmount from early childhood, she combines the tradition of her own Polish heritage with the Asian and European roots of her Vietnamese-born husband, Patrick Cohendet. He's a professor in economics seconded to HEC Montréal from Université Louis Pasteur in Strasbourg. Their shared interests include cooking and ballroom dancing.

Stojak attended Villa Maria, Marianopolis and the University of Montreal for law. Articling at Ogilvy Renaud, she was called to the bar in 1981. She subsequently obtained master's and doctoral degrees in air and space law from McGill.

During four summers at the Montreal courthouse, Stojak was accredited to perform civil marriages – one of the highlights of her life. "I married hundreds of people," she says.

Bringing people together

Later, as a senior researcher at McGill's Centre for Air and Space Law, Stojak served as principal investigator in a multi-year interdisciplinary project dealing with arms control and outer space. A member of the Canadian delegation to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva in the late eighties, she also spent a year at the UN in New York in the Office of Outer Space Affairs.

She has lived in London while working on an aviation arbitration case and in Strasbourg during her six years in the top administrative role of the Summer Session Program at the International Space University (ISU), where she met her husband. "That was one of the most important spin-offs of the ISU," she adds.

When not working, Stojak trains at the Westmount Y, and enjoys hiking, swimming, reading, theatre and jazz. She also likes to write detective stories with her daughter.

She's now in the throes of organizing the "Ideas Count" project for "Live Smart, Live Green", the Healthy City's fair on October 25 at Victoria Hall.

A proud mother, she's hoping to raise awareness among local students to the many career opportunities unfolding in the aerospace industry.

It's all part of her mission to stimulate creativity in the hopes of finding out-of-the-box ways to build a more sustainable community on Earth and beyond.

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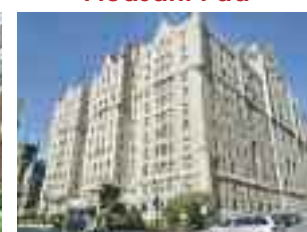
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