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*We are Westmount*

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*Healthy City: More volunteers needed to survey streets*

## Citizens mobilize for Safe Walk

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Close to 100 volunteer “street walkers” are preparing to fan out through Westmount to assess the safety of sidewalks and general environment to make the city more walking friendly.

Are more bus shelters or shade trees needed? Is the sidewalk damaged or unsafe in winter? Are garbage bins causing a problem? These are some of the questions that residents will be

### Don't Miss It

- Westmount is being judged on Monday, August 16 for the Communities in Bloom competition. The city is asking Westmounters to tidy up, spruce up and clean up.
- Registration by residents for Sports and Recreation's fall and winter activities starts Monday, August 23.

checking out on the first Safety Walk to take place in several years.

It is also the first time the entire city will be surveyed at the same time – between August 18 and September 26 – and in the wider context of sustainable development.

Volunteers are still needed to ensure that all blocks are well covered, said Francie Montgomery, who has been recruiting volunteers following an initial sign-up by the Healthy City Project (HCP) at Family Day, May 29.

“We’ve had overwhelming response but we’re still looking for people to help on streets north of The Boulevard and to serve as backup,” she said.

Ideally, walkers will survey their street twice – day and night – to evaluate its overall “walkability.” This means checking for cracks in sidewalks, foliage that obscures traffic signage, overly tall hedges, challenging ..... continued on p. 16

## Climbing tree, RIP



City worker Philip Dunwoody poses for the camera, August 4. He was in the middle of the sad task of cutting up the “climbing tree” near Westmount Park’s lagoon. He and his co-worker explained to the Independent that the tree was too cracked and rotten to be kept. A large section of the willow and some smaller ones are being left on the ground for seating in keeping with sustainability, said Claudette Savaria, city horticulturist.

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## Arena loan register set for Aug. 17

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The arena/pool project took another step forward last week when city council set August 17 as the date for signing the register to force a referendum on the \$37-

million loan by-law or its withdrawal by council (changed from August 16 after council’s August 2 meeting).

A total of 500 signatures is required to do so. The register will be open from 9 am to 7 pm at city hall.

This is not expected, Mayor Peter Trent said, given an 83 percent approval rating of the project by residents who responded to the city-wide survey in April, which generated a 27.5 percent return rate.

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# NEWS YOU CAN USE

## How to Turn Your Patio Into an Outdoor Room

Whether you are thinking of moving to a new home or just want to improve your living environment, there are many things you can do to turn a drab patio or deck into another room.

If you are putting your house on the market, turning this space into another room will help visitors see the potential of your house.

The key is to make your outdoor room look as inviting as possible. So think about it just as you would any other room in your house.

This means you should invest in furniture that will give a feeling of luxury, turning your patio into a place of relaxation. Group your furniture, just as you would indoors. Invest in comfortable furniture, such as a chaise lounge.

**Colours and materials** – Try to complement the décor inside your house by using similar colours and materials. If, for example, you have a wooden floor inside, try to make it look as if the floor extends outside by using similar materials. Use your choice of furniture to pick up colours you’ve used inside and bring them outside.

**Lighting** – There are many low-cost options for lighting outdoors, such as battery-operated lights or torches. Then you’ll be able to extend the use of your outdoor room into the night.

**Clean it up** – Scrub the paving, perhaps using a power washer, and scrub the decking to make it look like new again.

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# Memories of John Johnston

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

John Johnston was a fixture on the Westmount scene for almost three decades, valued for his pleasant disposition, insight into the Quebec health field and contributions to city council meetings and volunteer community groups.

While in declining health before his death July 1 after a battle with cancer, he continued to serve as a director of the Westmount Municipal Association and was an elected member of the Patients’ Committee of the MUHC. A voracious reader, he was very involved in the start of the Friends of the Library and had served on many boards, including SWAG, Contactivity and the VON (now NOVA).

“He was very active and worked diligently,” said Maureen Kiely, medical scientist at the MUHC and assistant professor of psychiatry at McGill, who served on many Westmount committees with him over the years. “He raised valid issues that no one else picked up on and was highly respected.”

These included nursing homes, transparency, good governance, improved inspections, Dawson building projects and many concerns related to the Plaza Tower

John Johnston, 1999

apartments of Alexis Nihon, where he lived, and the eastern sector of the city. He entered the councillor race in the 1987 election in district 3 against Daniel Tingley when the seat was vacated by Peter Trent, but later withdrew for medical reasons.

Raised in England, his death at almost 80 went without a public notice. After coming to Westmount and serving as the director general of the Montreal Extended Care Centre, Johnston spent time in Japan where he undertook consulting.

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BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

## AUGUST 2 – CITY COUNCIL NEWS

## Finding a balance in Summit Park Signs, dog times challenged

The dog days of summer came nipping at the heels of city council during its August 2 meeting with concerns about confusing signage on Summit Park – a nature preserve and an official dog run with seasonal hours.

John Dorey of Victoria Ave. told of contradictory hours on signs at two of the five entrances to the park where dogs are required to be leashed during the summer between 9 am and 6 pm. He wondered if regulations had been changed.

“One or two signs don’t correspond to the by-law and need to be changed,” replied city director general Duncan Campbell. “We’re going to look at the signage to make it more consistent with the by-law.”

This was followed by a complaint by a dog walker from Surrey Gardens asking for more doggie freedom from the leash at the summit. He also asked that public safety officers show some tolerance when coming across a dog still unleashed “two minutes” past the 9 am deadline.

Following one recent experience, he asked that officers be more polite in such a situation.

### Law has not changed

Mayor Peter Trent noted the by-law had not changed since 2005. It should be remembered the park is primarily “a nature preserve” rather than a dog run, but he acknowledged in regards to alleged rudeness: “there’s a way to do things.”

Another suggestion raised by Dorey at the meeting was to increase the winter off-leash period starting it earlier, in October perhaps, so dog walkers could take advantage of daylight hours before early darkness sets in.

The current by-law sets out three dog-run timeframes for Summit Park. Each requires the changing of signs.

### The law in brief

Dogs may run off-leash accompanied by keepers all day between December 1 and April 14. They must then be leashed at all times during the bird migratory period, usually April 15 to June 15. Thereafter until December 1, dogs must be leashed between 9 am and 6 pm.

Bridget Blackader, president of the dormant Westmount Dog Owners Association (WDOA), told the *Independent* the next day she was familiar with the issues raised.

“The current situation is reasonable. I’m not in a rush to change it,” she said.

But over the last two years, she explained, “signage has become a mess. It’s not always in accordance with the season. It’s inconsistent, confusing, incomplete and often changed only when someone remembers, and then sometimes picks up the wrong signs. I’ve brought it to the attention of the city many times.”

On the other hand, the times provide a good balance between dog walkers, the general public and the birds’ need for safe refuge during the migratory period, she said. “Life is a set of trade-offs.”

The change from December to October for free roaming makes sense, according to her.

Many times and scenarios have been tried and the current ones are “the simplest in 30 years.” Keeping them simple improves compliance and enforcement. “Most us can remember ..... them and Public Security *continued on p. 16*

## WMA shadows named Is 4300 a hotel?

What’s old seems to be new again: the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) is reviving its “shadowing” of city council members.

The practice was abandoned some years ago.

Mayor Peter Trent told the August 2 meeting that council had agreed to a request by the citizen watchdog group to follow council news more closely by pairing some WMA board members with council.

“We thought it was a good idea,” he said. “We’ll try it.”

### Picard to shadow Trent

Trent will be shadowed by WMA president Jean-Pierre Picard, Cynthia Lulham (Urban Planning commissioner) by Jerry Miller, Nicole Forbes (Community Events commissioner) by Patricia Dumais, Theodora Samiotis (Environment commissioner) by Paul Marriott and Kathleen Duncan (Sports and Recreation commissioner) by Rosalind Davis.

When Trent served as vice-president of the WMA in 1981, he shadowed the mayor, now the late, Donald MacCallum.

Recent advertising of suites at 4300 de Maisonneuve was raised at the city council meeting August 2. The prestige apartment complex is one of Westmount’s largest and best-known.

Fearing the ad suggested the possible use of suites as a hotel, tenant association past president Stanley Baker asked what steps the city was taking in this regard. Westmount does not allow hotels to operate.

“People in the building are very upset,” Baker said. He also noted he had learned from promotional material on the web “that we were a retirement home.”

City director general Duncan Campbell said the city’s Urban Planning department had studied previous similar concerns related to Alexis Nihon’s Plaza Tower apartment building and determined that rentals by the month were not typically considered to be hotel operations. “Not by the day or hour,” he said to general laughter.

On the other hand, the 4300’s zoning does not allow for a seniors’ residence. This is now being looked into by Urban Planning, he explained.



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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## LOAN BY-LAW = TAXATION WITHOUT INFORMATION

On August 2, city council adopted a \$37-million loan by-law for the arena-pool project. To observers, however, question period revealed that documentation for this huge loan, had been hastily and inadequately prepared by council.

Some of the paperwork was wrongly identified ("By-Law 1395" instead of the correct "By-Law 1397"), some pages were missing, and the crucial annexes of architectural plans, supposedly completed on July 16, were completely absent.

We believe there are at least four major concerns about this loan by-law:

- The precise plans for which this money has been borrowed should have been available to the public *before* adoption of the by-law. Without such documents, citizens face "taxation without information."
- The amount is immoderate and will put the city in a vulnerable position, despite anticipated grants and donations.
- The official version of By-law 1397, indicates that council has given itself open-ended taxing authority. The legal text indicates that "a special tax at a sufficient rate to ensure the reimbursement of the full amount" in order to provide for the ex-

penses of the arena/pool project "will be imposed and levied, each year, during the term of the loan."

• There will be a register opened on Monday, August 16 at city hall (Ed.'s note: This has been changed to Tuesday, August 17), lasting one day only, for citizens to indicate approval or disapproval of the loan by-law. The paucity of documentation, the lack of publicity, and the obvious fact that most residents are on vacation mean that very few people will even know they have an opportunity to register their opinion about this loan. This is not transparency.

PATRICK BARNARD & MAVIS YOUNG,  
MELVILLE AVE.

## WHS NEEDIER THAN GREENE

I have just read in your paper "the refurbishment of Greene Ave. is expected to cost \$700,000 to \$800,000 more than budgeted" ("Greene to cost more," p. 6, July 13.) It seems projects like this always cost more than expected; however, considering the "facelift" was originally price-tagged at \$2 million, it does seem like a considerable difference. Also it said in that issue that paving stones are to be removed in favour of concrete for ease of snow removal and walking in high heels.

My concern is that a lot of money is going into what is already an upscale area. While I am familiar with neither municipal budgeting nor construction, I ask if Greene is really the neediest recipient?

Recently I attended my 30-year class reunion, Westmount High class of 1980. Events included a tour. Let me assure readers of the *Independent* that our local high school is in far greater need of a facelift

than Greene Ave. I imagine many residents are unaware of how needy the school is as so many send their children elsewhere, myself included. As a third generation WHS alumna and former teacher I'm saddened that WHS hasn't convinced me to send my children there.

I would rather see our tax dollars go towards public education than to reducing the risks associated with high heels.

MARY BRIERLEY, ROSLYN AVE.

## POOL SCHEDULING COUNTS

Some residents apparently believe that parents do not look after their children, relying on lifeguards as babysitters. I doubt that any parent holds that attitude.

We are fully cognizant that we are the primary guardians and that the lifeguards are back-up. Accidents happen.

In the past children had "all day" to use the pool and supper was at 6 pm, but this is no longer reality. Flex schedules and shift work mean irregular meal times. For 9-5 parents, using the pool is: pick kids up and get home by 5:30ish, make and eat dinner (7ish), packed full-of-food and tired kids back up to get to pool at 7:30ish, swim for 1 hour, get home by 8:45-9, shower and get to bed for 9:30. However, if we were to pick up our kids and head straight over to the pool, we could: get to pool for 5:30, home for 7, kids can shower whilst dinner is made, eat at 7:30, bed by 8:30. It makes a huge difference.

Should adults desire an oasis, many private clubs are available. Furthermore, excluding families on this basis is dubious as children's screams are still audible from the street and park.

We shouldn't be asking patience, the postponement of gratification and late hours of children. Pushing back adult swim is asking adults to be adults. Activities like sunbathing or socializing can just as easily be done elsewhere or later. Childhood is over quickly, we are adults far longer. Kids need the opportunity to enjoy the pool as a family activity now.

SHEILA MARKLAND, MT. PLEASANT AVE.

## ADULT SWIM, ADULT HEALTH

I wish to respond to the letter in the July 13 issue regarding adult swim ("Let the kids swim", p. 4).

I resent being labelled intolerant of children and families after recounting my own experience of adult swim.

I am not intolerant of children or families. I am intolerant of adults who don't know how to share.

According to the 2006 Canadian census, there are 16,055 people aged 20 and

over in Westmount and 4,440 people aged 19 and under. There are potentially 3,295 households with children (2,300 "couples with children" plus 995 "other household types") and 5,390 households without children (2,255 "couples without children" plus 3,135 "one person households"),

A public service cannot meet everyone's needs all the time and it seems to me the council is succeeding in this endeavour. If the programming were such that all people could use the pool at all times, then individuals would never have the opportunity to develop their skills or fitness levels (e.g. children have the exclusive use of the pool during lessons and team practice). I wholeheartedly support the children's exclusive use of the pool for these purposes.

Adults should also have the opportunity to develop their fitness and swimming skills, which are known to promote physical, mental and cognitive well-being. In an aging society, we cannot afford to neglect adult health and fitness needs.

Long live Westmount pool's adult swim.

ALYSON TURNER, WINCHESTER AVE.

## COUNCIL SLOW TO ACT ON DOG RUN REPAIRS

The response of Westmount's elected officials to repeated requests to repair the shoddy state of its dog runs has been, and continues to be, amazingly poor. Issues involving taxpayers and taxpayer concerns and money can be resolved quickly - witness the recent children/adult swim issue.

The resolution process generally goes like this: meetings, consultation, consensus, solution. With the dog runs, more than two years have passed, with repeated requests, letters and lobbying to and yet the status quo remains.

The fences are too short, and dogs continue to hop out, over or through. Entry and exit gates are in poor repair.

And this with Councillor Cynthia Lulham's statement that visual aesthetics were significant and that they were working to make everyone happy! Really? If visual aesthetics were important, the service gate at Lansdowne would be fixed, the fishing line fence at the Westmount Athletic Grounds would be removed, gates repaired and maybe even some of the recently approved \$80,000 for landscaping could be applied to the dog runs.

It's not just dogs that use the dog runs. Talking, voting taxpaying owners do, too.

The family dog lives on Argyle Ave. with my dad, and I am the chief dog-run goer with Chaucer, hence my letter.

AMY CREIGHTON, NDG



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## Mystery trailer on St. Catherine lot



Gravel and sandbags remain as evidence of the mystery trailer's presence.

A large construction trailer appeared over the weekend on St. Catherine west of Metcalfe, in the empty lot west of the KIDS daycare centre. The lot has remained vacant for the past 19 years, since the building, which housed a Perrette's corner store, was destroyed by fire in 1991.

The trailer stood empty Monday afternoon when the *Independent* visited the site to investigate. By Tuesday afternoon, the

trailer was gone, with only a pile of gravel and sandbags to mark the spot where it stood.

A representative for ModSpace, the modular building and storage provider that owns the trailer, could not comment as to who rented the trailer or what its intended use was. The Westmount Urban Planning department does not have a construction permit on file for the space.

## Westmounters have their Vic Village SAQ back

By MARTIN C. BARRY

Westmount residents who were deprived of being able to shop for wine and spirits at their usual spot may have heaved a sigh of relief on August 3 when the Société des Alcools du Québec (SAQ) re-opened in a new, permanent and improved location on the north side of Sherbrooke St. a little east of Victoria Ave.

Situated for many years at the corner of Sherbrooke and Victoria, the Westmount SAQ relocated over the past few months in a more modest outlet on the south side of Sherbrooke. The liquor retailer has moved into the large commercial space Hogg Hardware occupied for decades on Sherbrooke. Hogg, in turn, has moved into the SAQ's former Westmount outlet, which is about 30 percent smaller.

"It's really nice to have our own SAQ back," said one female Westmounter who paid a quick visit to the new store, but did not want her name published. "There's more room, the lighting is better, and there's a larger selection."



Westmounters were shy to be photographed coming out of the new SAQ, but it is open.

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# Wedge-less newsroom won't be the same

By Kristin McNeill, Editor

Not only did Don Wedge research, interview for and write his weekly column, he (and his wife Sylvia) also acted as part of our informal editorial board, volunteering time to read the weekend proof and render comments.

Sunday afternoons, he and I would speak on the telephone, while I was preparing the paper for Monday's publishing deadline.

At the allotted hour, I would "ring up" Don. We would spend the next hour or so going over the paper, article by article – reviewing angles, variety of coverage, type of stories, what needed further investigation. I would hear that the issue might have "too much fluff" or that it had "solid local content." Sometimes the feedback was delivered with a gruff undertone, often bound with passionate remarks; helpful suggestions were delivered with dry humour. He would also deliver the fall-out from Sylvia's sharp-eyed review, which had picked up typos and questionable facts.

Don's years of experience, coupled with his journalistic instincts, and opinions of form, style and treatment of subject – areas upon which we sometimes agreeably disagreed – made the *Indie* a better paper and me a better editor.

Sunday afternoons sometimes feel lonely working in an empty office building



Don Wedge in his Royal Air Force days, c. 1953.

with quiet weekend afternoon rituals happening all around. However, I grew accustomed to hearing the clink of his teacup on saucer over the phone line, and I started making myself tea before calling. Our "meeting" became an enjoyable part of the afternoon.

His column was important. He knew Westmount, and he understood the workings of a municipality. While the rest of us moved on managing new news, he was slogging away in determining the status of past promises. Most people, even the most ardent follower of the democratic process, don't have the time or patience for this painstaking analysis. Don filled this need.

During his sickness, his absence from our working group was keenly felt. It is felt even more strongly now.

The newsroom, in particular on Sunday afternoons, will never be the same.

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## Don remembered

### Mayor Peter Trent:

"I knew Don over such a long time, from the late 1980s. He was an unofficial member of city council as far as I was concerned. He overcame his shyness and unilingualism and understood that as a citizen advocate he had to understand French.

"I remember the days he used to travel all the way out to Montreal East by public transit to attend BAPE (Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement) hearings and then go up to TMR for waste management meetings.

"He did so, so that his views would be taken seriously. He always did his homework and was infallibly polite. Where he's gone, there will be no smog, no undulating sidewalks, everybody composts, rides public transport, and no celestial cities will be merged. I'll miss his gruff voice and solid advice."

### Tom Thompson

WMA president (1989-92) – Former city councillor  
Former chair of the Healthy City Project

"Don had a knack for inspiring others to become involved in what was going on in the region and to understand its impact on Westmount. He knew that by encouraging others it would have a ripple effect. On the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA), I got to know some of the key players through him.

"I remember one day he took me way out east to see the new sewage collection and water filtration plant of the MUC (Montreal Urban Community). He got me interested in the environment. Don saw his role behind the scenes as encouraging people to attend meetings of the MUC and to take the best ideas from other places and customize them to Westmount's needs. He made a very effective contribution and continued to have an impact on the WMA."

### Former mayor Karin Marks:

"He saw himself as a non-elected representative of the public but he took his role very seriously. It was as if he were an elected member of council, paid to do the job and be well informed. He tried to push us on council to move what was important up the scale of urgency. He felt the only way to do this was to keep battering at council. He helped me to see the urgency of sustainable development and to move it up the scale. He was really unique. There are not many who take that amount of time, energy and concern and are so well informed on such a wide breadth of subjects. He had always done his homework. He will be missed, not only in Westmount but in other places. There are many people who knew Don Wedge – and respected him – in Baie d'Urfé and in Quebec. It was pretty amazing."

### Sally Aitken

Founder, Healthy City Project

"Don was a very special friend, not only to us but to the whole community. Although he had strong opinions, he never sought power for himself. He preferred to work apolitically on items that affected the environment and Westmount."

## Loan to be offset by grants, donations

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by Quebec to provide more detailed costing before it could adopted, hence the delay, Trent told the *Independent*.

In summary and subject to change are construction estimates of \$31 million (including \$1 million for demolition and \$1.5 million in contingencies). In addition are: a contingency of \$0.75 million for additional architectural and engineering fees, \$1.1 million for project management, \$1 million for soil decontamination, \$3 million in taxes and \$0.2 million for required art work.

It calls for borrowing the \$37 million,

which will eventually be offset by the \$20-million infrastructure grant and an anticipated \$5 million in fundraising. This would leave \$12 million to be funded by taxpayers over the 10 years, a short period under typical financing, Mayor Peter Trent.

Interestingly, he explained, only the federal government gives its \$10 million share of the grant directly to the city. Quebec's policy is to pay the city the costs of financing its portion.

Advanced design details of the complex including an underground arena are expected to be presented at a "Septemberish" public consultation meeting, he said.



## Remembering Don Wedge (1930-2010)

# Indie columnist driven by love for Westmount

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Don Wedge loved Westmount. That's what it all came down to.

Tireless volunteer, citizen watchdog, environmental activist and columnist, he was driven by a passion for the community that was almost paternalistic. He could be blunt and chiding, but always caring and wanting Westmount to achieve only the best.

Sadly, his death July 20 has left the community without one of its strongest advocates for public consultation and transparency in municipal affairs. He was widely known through his participation at public meetings and his weekly Civic Alert column in the *Independent*.

"We were planning to celebrate his 80th birthday on September 21," said his wife Sylvia. "Now we'll be celebrating his life."

A minute of silence was held at the start of the city council meeting August 2 "for the passing of a good, loyal friend to Westmount," as Mayor Peter Trent described him.

Don died at the Royal Victoria Hospital after some four months of back-and-forth hospitalization between the Vic and the Catherine Booth in an ongoing battle with heart-related problems. According to his wishes, his body was donated to science.

### 'Good trooper'

"It's been a long haul and he was a good trooper," Sylvia said.

Don had triple by-pass surgery more than 10 years ago. This was followed by a bout with cancer and ongoing cardiac complications, which eventually took their toll.

Despite it all, he carried on relentlessly. He refused to slow his pace or withdraw from the steady round of council meetings and public hearings in Westmount and at the island-wide level to ensure nothing "slipped through," as he used to say.

He then reported back, with his own take on the events, not only in his column, but also through his volunteer positions with the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) and the Westmount Healthy City Project.

### Long career in music

Don considered his community work as a switch in careers, although it consumed his years of retirement from the music industry, most of them in England (see separate story, left). He was an avid fan of the big bands (Ted Heath) and jazz (Ella Fitzgerald and Blossom Dearie).

Mentor and dogged researcher, he was strong willed and refused to let go of an idea once it got under his skin.



One of his regrets, he confided recently, was not having had his tape recorder with him in April when he unexpectedly found himself sharing a hospital room and candid conversations with Westmount MNA Jacques Chagnon, whom he had come to know and respect over the years.

Another disappointment was being prevented by the same hospitalization from receiving in person May 1 the Quebec Lieutenant-Governor's Medal for outstanding community work carried out by persons over age 65.

He had been nominated by the city at the behest of Mayor Peter Trent just as he had been in 1997 when he won Quebec's M rite Municipal award for exemplary citizen volunteerism to the local community and

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## Life before Westmount

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Yes, Don Wedge did have a life before coming to Westmount. But he was always somewhat coy about the details. It was almost as if it only began 32 years ago with his move into the community.

He was born and raised in the Walsall area of the south Staffordshire coalfield in the Midlands. He was the eldest of three boys. Brothers Michael and Peter continue to live in England.

After training at the Birmingham College of Technology, Don carried out his military service, working in the administration services of the Royal Air Force.

He apprenticed in heat and ventilation engineering but soon moved to London and switched into the music world. He wrote and edited with *New Musical Express*, a popular weekly paper, where he met future wife Sylvia. He later worked with *Billboard*, a trade publication.

### 'Huge adjustment'

He eventually branched out into the production of records. It was with PolyGram records that he moved to California

in 1974 to work temporarily.

"We lived in Los Angeles and Hollywood for about six months before being moved to Greenwich, Connecticut," Sylvia recalled. "It was a huge adjustment and we fully expected to return to the UK."

Instead, they moved to Montreal in 1975, lived in Beaconsfield North and moved to Westmount in 1978 at the same time as travelling across Canada with their two daughters.

Roberta now lives in London, England. Joanna resides in Toronto with her husband Mike and their two children Sebastian and Sophie.

They became Canadian citizens in 1980 "so we could vote," Sylvia points out. After leaving PolyGram a few years later, Don attempted to introduce a computerized financial information service but he was, Sylvia said, "too far ahead of the game."

He was always on the cutting edge of social movements or new technologies, she noted. This included spearheading the conversion of a large rundown house in London into what today would be known as condos.

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# Cycling report unveiled

## Committee finds winter, St. Catherine paths possible

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council's *ad hoc* cycling committee wasted little time in bringing down an interim report August 2, including a plan to improve safety of the bike path and its feasible but costly use in winter.

The report provides conditional support for the proposed Lansdowne bike path. It also recommends further study of a proposal by police and Public Security to create a new bicycle route on St. Catherine – but only as long as the existing one is maintained on de Maisonneuve.

The recommendations were delivered within three months of the committee's creation in May. They follow intensive meetings with cycling groups, experts, residents, traffic and enforcement personnel and various outside resources.

"On the one hand, we have a desire to improve and promote cycling," committee chair Gary Ikeman told council colleagues and citizens.

On the other hand, because of the high density of the residential population, making this happen "is a delicate balancing act the city has to wrestle with."

Given the bike path's increased use as a

commuter route to downtown and the likelihood of continued growth in cycling, the report concludes that Westmount must "get ahead" with a plan for the future, at the same time as dealing with everyday cycling issues.

### No bollards needed

One interesting finding in the report is that, contrary to previously held beliefs, winter use of the de Maisonneuve bike path could continue legally without the benefit of demarcation poles (bollards), it seems.

"We have only to receive confirmation from police that they will not ticket cyclists going the wrong way on the one-street," Ikeman told *the Independent*. The poles are an obstacle to snow clearing.

But winter use would require priority in snow removal scheduling and increased resources. The loss of parking meter revenue, east and immediately west of Greene, could be substantial, Ikeman explained. Estimates of some \$60,000 to \$70,000 or more also needed to be confirmed.

Improving the path's safety through Westmount Park remains a top priority. A

plan dealing with signage, speed controls, sight lines and intersection designs has been developed by Public Works to be implemented starting this fall.

Either side of the park, rumble strips, textured surfaces (scarification) or other engineering options must be undertaken using "whatever means are available."

### Lighting needed

The proposed Lansdowne cycling route would require adequate lighting under the Glen tunnel, smooth pavement and clear demarcation on the street, the report states.

Other recommendations include greater police resources for enforcement of the Quebec highway safety code as well as "en route" education of cyclists, the only way to reach those living outside Westmount.

The *ad hoc* committee's current mandate expires in November. But it could be extended to consider other cycling issues, Ikeman suggested. These might include the possible extension of the Bixi program into Westmount.

Councillors Kathleen Duncan and Theodora Samiotis also sit on the committee.

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Boy... pic to come

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Boy spent the first seven years of his life chained to a doghouse. His first owners tried to have him put down after bringing a new puppy home. Out with the old, in with the new, if you can believe the nerve of some people.

That's when Sophie's Dog Adoptions stepped in, finding Boy a foster home and a new leash on life. Unfortunately, the foster has moved and can no longer keep our buddy Boy. These days, he's bunking at Sophie's with seven other dogs in a city apartment. It is not ideal.

"He's a great dog," said Sophie. He's housetrained and well behaved indoors, neutered and up to date on all vaccina-

tions. Boy's biggest issue is leash aggression. He's great with people, but can behave unpredictably with other dogs. He needs to get over himself. Most of all, he needs to get out of the cage in the apartment.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

Summer concert in Westmount Park presents Claude Lavergne et le Nombre D'Or Trio – a mix of original music with pop, folk, jazz and spirituals, 2 to 4 pm at the lagoon. Rain location: Victoria Hall. Info: 514.989.5226

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

Harmonia Westmount, a women's community choir, will hold its annual auditions for new members. Experienced and inexperienced singers welcome. Info: [harmoniawestmount@gmail.com](mailto:harmoniawestmount@gmail.com) or 514.762.0216 to make an appointment.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

Summer Film Club at the Westmount Library, 2 pm. Contact the circulation desk for film title and description, 514.989.5299.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

Book launch at Babar en Ville: 2 books by Cecil Castellucci. Tea will be served. 2 pm, 1235A Greene Ave. Info: 514.931.0606

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

Sheila Goldbloom will discuss Aging, Myths and Reality at the Shaar Hashomayim, 425 Metcalfe Ave. Lunch and program \$5, reservations required. Time: Noon for Lunch, Program 12:45 pm. Tel. 514.937.9471

MONDAY, AUGUST 23

Poetry in the Park: local poets present an evening of poetry and spoken word in Westmount Park at 6:30 pm. Bring your own chair to the lagoon, rain location Victoria Hall. Info: Wanda 514.481.9891

• Centre Greene has summer day camp for ages 5 to 14. The centre offers weekly sessions from June 28 to August 20. Info: [www.centregreene.org](http://www.centregreene.org), or call 514.931.6202.

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# Mila Mulroney co-chairs delicious fundraiser



## Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

On May 3, Westmounter **Mila Mulroney** co-chaired Table of Hope with Quebec celeb **Julie Snyder**.

Formerly known as Taste of the Nation, founded by Westmounter **Laurie Normand-Starr** (who has since passed away), Table of Hope carries on that organization's tradition, organizing a gourmet fundraiser at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel.

The city's finest restaurants donated time, staff and food. The evening was co-ordinated by Table president **Herman Alvès** and his hard-working committee.

**Ben Mulroney** emceed at the patrons' cocktail, where the Laurie Normand-Starr Award was presented to **Joelle Berdugo-Adler** by Westmounter **Peter Starr**.

Also at the cocktail were the Mulroney clan: Westmounter **Brian Mulroney**, Ben's wife **Jessica**, **Vanessa** and **Mark Mulroney**, and **Caroline Mulroney Lapham**, in from New York with her sons **Pierce** and **Lewis**.



From left, Westmount couturiers Serge and Réal.

Westmounters seen at the reception included **Joelle** and **Bruce Kent**, **Sondra Polangio**, **Rosemary Niro** and her daughter **Nadia**, **Peter McAuslan**, **Paul Starr** and couturiers **Serge & Réal**.

Also noted were **Marguerite Blais**, Quebec minister responsible for seniors, and **Pierre Karl Péladeau**, CEO of Québecor. Quebec media celebs who donated their time included Westmounters **Aaron Rand** and **Bill Brownstein** as well as **Caroline Van Vlaardingen**, **Cat Spencer**, **Jennifer Hall**, **Francine Grimaldi**, **Rick Moffatt**,

**Beryl Wajzman**, **Sophie Durocher**, **Richard Martineau**, **Herby Moreau**, **Jeffrey Feldman**, **Nadine Ishak** and **Isabelle Maréchal**.

Also amidst the eleganza at the cocktail were Westmounter **Marika Coulouridis**, **Louise** and **David Horlington**, **Marie St. Amour** and hubby **Rob Braide**, and **Ursula Babiarz**. Share the Warmth director **Judy Stevens** and president **Jeffrey Brumer** were thrilled with the event, which raised \$130,000 for the organization, which offers food and support to needy children.



Herman Alvès, Judy Stevens & Bill Brownstein.



Westmounters Peter Starr and Mila Mulroney, and Ben Mulroney.



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The work will be carried out mainly between 3:15 pm and 11:30 pm, Mondays through Fridays. The tunnel will be inaccessible to all traffic during these hours, but will otherwise be open.

## Caledonia Curling Club demolition request okayed with conditions

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city's demolition committee has approved, with conditions, a request to level the vacant building at 11 Hillside. The site is known as the former Caledonia Curling Club. It was later owned by Giant Steps.

The demolition decision July 16 makes way for a three-storey condominium development of 42 units as proposed during the demolition hearing June 15. It does, however, ask the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) to reconsider certain aspects of the preliminary replacement program.

These are the impact on neighbours of

the installation of multiple HVAC units on the roof of the new building and ensuring there is sufficient space for residents' parking inside and on the street. These were issues raised at the hearing though there was little opposition to the demolition of the existing building.

The project must still be approved by the city council.

Demolition conditions imposed included submission of a work schedule and a program to address security, noise, dust, vibration and other inconveniences as well as communication with neighbours. The work is limited to weekdays between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.

## No hydro hikes

There will be no hydro hikes for Westmount residents through March 2012 as a result of Hydro-Quebec's similar action, announced August 4. Hydro Westmount typically adjusts its rates accordingly.

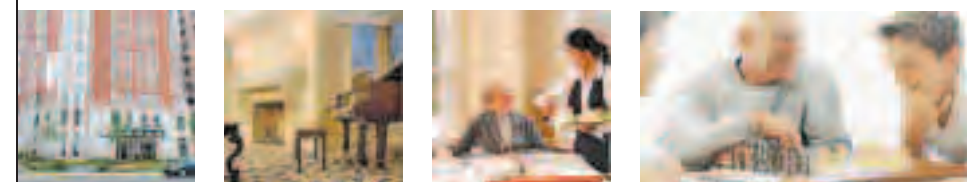
The "good news" for Westmounters, was reported by Councillor Patrick Martin the next day. He said the city's hydro revenue was rising steadily through increased demand, much of it attributed to people converting to electricity from fossil fuels.

## Hydro Quebec raises \$22k for Centre Greene, program runs until Sept. 30

As part of Hydro Quebec's Energy Wise campaign, 712 Westmounters have filled out the program's diagnostic questionnaire and received a recommendations report. As a result, \$22,205 has been raised to improve accessibility to the Centre Greene community centre for people with reduced mobility.

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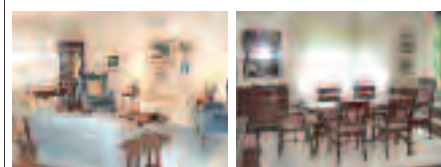
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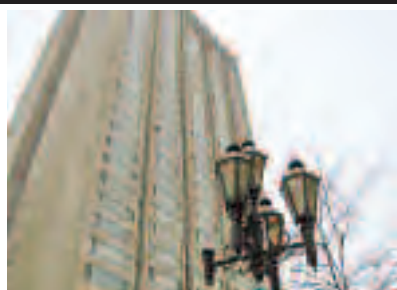
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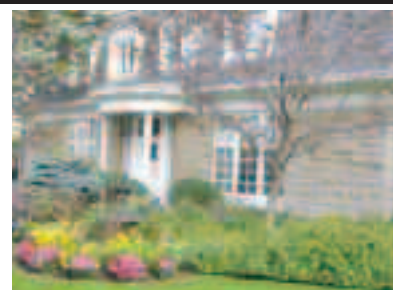
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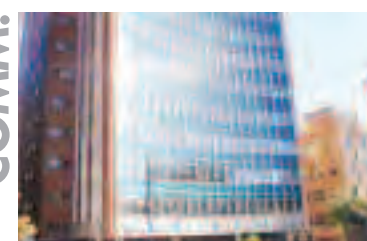
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*Final meet at this site*

# Dolphins say goodbye to Westmount pool

By MARTIN C. BARRY

The Westmount Dolphins swim team made a bit of local history on August 4 when it won its last swim meet at the Westmount municipal pool. The pool will be closing for the last time in a few weeks, in preparation for construction of a new pool and arena complex starting early next year.

The Dolphins, who are in their 17th year as a team, proved they were up to the challenge of swimming in the current 25-yard pool. They won the meet 578-453, competing against the Valois team from Pointe Claire.

Inaugurated on August 3, 1962, the old Westmount pool, which has a capacity of 299 people, is going to be replaced by a 25-meter pool with greater capacity, an improved filtration system and more deck space.

"Many of our swimmers, lifeguards and coaches tonight have grown up in this pool," said Oliver Sugden, a member of the team's organizing committee, in a short speech.

He noted that many Westmounters

learned to swim in the baby portion of the pool under the supervision of their parents. Others took swimming lessons for the first time at the Westmount pool, and some of them were among those competing last week.

Before the old pool closes permanently, the Dolphins hope to find one of Westmount's very first lifeguards, who would have sat in one of the lifeguard chairs during the 1960s. They are hoping word will get around and that at least one of the lifeguards will turn up and pose for a photo at the old pool before it becomes just a memory.

Marie Farmer, a Grosvenor Ave. resident whose four children learned to swim and compete as Dolphins at the old pool, said she is looking forward to the new one whose layout in meters will make it easier to track and record results at swim meets.

"Hopefully there'll be many more nights like this when we have our new



August 4: On your marks, get set, go!

pool to carry on this tradition," Westmount Sports and Recreation director Mike Deegan told the *Independent*. He

praised the Dolphins for being one of the best-organized and enthusiastic groups using the department's facilities.



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# Safe Walk will use local talent

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other pedestrian deterrents.

The value of mobilizing residents lies in the fact that “I’m the one who knows my street best,” explained Councillor Theodora Samiotis, who chairs the HCP steering committee.

Residents are also more attuned to conditions at various times of day and night and during all seasons than people the city might hire for the purpose, she said.

A certain perspective is also particularly valuable. While a certain sidewalk crack

might appear insignificant to a sure-footed city worker, for instance, it might be sufficient to cause others to stumble.

In some cases, residents will partner with public safety officers or schools. It is hoped that École Internationale de St. Léon, for example, will be helping out as part of a community service project.

“We’ll also be working in conjunction with a road safety study by McGill’s School of Urban Planning that deals with perceived and real safety threats,” Samiotis said.

The Safe Walk Audit is spearheaded by the Community Life committee of the HCP, based on a concept launched in 1994 by Barbara Moore, who chaired the committee for many years. This time the project has been prioritized as a component of the city’s 10 sustainable development priorities for 2010.

“In this newer version,” Samiotis said, “we’ll also be putting an emphasis on



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# Finding a summit balance

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can apply them when they choose to.”

She pointed out that retired Public Security director Richard McEnroe welcomed the presence of dogs off-leash on the mountain as a deterrent to squatters, “sex, drugs and rock ‘n’ roll,” and a number of other issues.

When the dogs are not there during bird migration, the difference in noticeable, she said.

## Act on lighting and hedges

Blackader identified more pressing is-

items such as dangerous driving behaviours and overall perceptions of pedestrian comfort. Hopefully the feedback will help long-term in the preparation of the city’s master traffic plan.” In the short term, findings from the audit will be given to Public Works for action.

Volunteers will be provided with a checklist and tips at the information meeting they choose to attend. All four take place at Victoria Hall on Wednesday, August 18 at 10 am; Tuesday, August 24 at 10 am; and Wednesday, September 1 at 10 am and 7 pm.

sues facing the fenced dog runs than Summit Park. These include the need for higher hedging as well as brighter, downward-focused lighting at the Lansdowne, Murray Park and the Westmount Athletic Grounds runs so dog owners can at least see to pick up the droppings.

“Tennis courts and outdoor ice rinks have lighting so those users can see to pursue their activities. Why shouldn’t the dog runs?”

She also noted that many other hedges around the city were of the same height needed by the dog runs so she questioned the lower hedge heights for them.

Montgomery said she undertook the challenge to find the volunteers because “I’m just so proud to live in Westmount and I’m someone who walks. I worry about the safety of kids, sidewalk ramps that don’t function properly, and damaged sidewalks.”

Those wishing to volunteer may call Montgomery at 514.481.4726 or email her at [johnandfrancie@sympatico.ca](mailto:johnandfrancie@sympatico.ca).

The general population is also invited to submit problems to Joshua Wolfe, the city’s sustainable development coordinator, at [jwolfo@westmount.org](mailto:jwolfo@westmount.org).

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## Rovers off to Africa



As previously reported ("Scouts' expedition to Africa has Westmount roots", July 13, 2010, p. 21), Westmounter Maggie Shaddick played an important role in an upcoming trip to Kenya by Rovers from the anglophone Scouts Canada and the francophone L'Association des Scouts du Canada, one of the first collaborations between the two groups. Shaddick is flanked prior to their July 21 departure for Africa by four of the travellers: from left, Marie-Michele Fournier and Emelie Robitaille from L'Association, and Joseph Ricci and Jessica Mackay from Scouts Canada.

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**PROCÉDURE D'ENREGISTREMENT  
RÈGLEMENT N° 1397  
LE 17 AOÛT 2010**

**À TOUTES LES PERSONNES HABLES À VOTER AYANT LE DROIT D'ÊTRE INSCRITES  
SUR LA LISTE RÉFÉRENDATAIRE DE LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT**

**AVIS PUBLIC EST PAR LA PRÉSENTE DONNÉ PAR LE SOUSSIGNÉ, GREFFIER  
DE LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT, DE CE QUI SUIT :**

Lors de sa séance ordinaire tenue le 2 août 2010, le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount a adopté le règlement n° 1397 intitulé « *Règlement autorisant un emprunt de 37 000 000 \$ pour le projet de reconstruction de l'aréna-piscine* » dont l'objet vise notamment :

- à autoriser un emprunt de 37 000 000 \$ pour couvrir les coûts de construction d'un bâtiment sous-terrain pour le projet de l'aréna-piscine au parc Westmount;
- à imposer et prélever, annuellement, durant le terme de l'emprunt, sur tous les immeubles imposables sur le territoire de la municipalité, une taxe spéciale à un taux suffisant d'après leur valeur telle qu'elle apparaît au rôle d'évaluation en vigueur chaque année;
- à affecter à la réduction de l'emprunt décrété au présent règlement toute contribution ou subvention qui pourrait être versée pour le paiement d'une partie ou de la totalité de la dépense décrétée par le présent règlement.

**REGISTRE**

Les personnes habiles à voter ayant le droit d'être inscrites sur la liste référendaire de la Ville de Westmount peuvent demander que le règlement **1397** fasse l'objet d'un scrutin référendaire en inscrivant leur nom, adresse et qualité et en apposant leur signature dans le registre ouvert à cette fin.

Pour signer le registre, les personnes habiles à voter devront établir leur identité en présentant une des pièces suivantes :

- carte d'assurance maladie délivrée par la Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec;
- permis de conduire ou permis de conduire probatoire délivrés sur support plastique par la Société de l'assurance-automobile du Québec;
- passeport canadien;
- certificat de statut d'Indien délivré aux personnes inscrites au Registre des Indiens en vertu de la Loi sur les indiens; ou
- carte d'identité des Forces canadiennes délivrée par le ministère de la Défense nationale.

Le registre sera accessible de **9 h à 19 h le mardi 17 août 2010** dans la salle du conseil de l'hôtel de ville de Westmount, située au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest.

Le nombre requis de demandes pour que le règlement **1397** fasse l'objet d'un scrutin référendaire est de **500**. Si ce nombre n'est pas atteint, le règlement **1397** sera réputé approuvé par les personnes habiles à voter.

Le résultat de la procédure d'enregistrement sera annoncé à 19 h 05 le 17 août 2010, dans la salle du conseil de l'hôtel de ville de Westmount.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter le règlement **1397** et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, du lundi au jeudi de 8 h à 16 h 30 et le vendredi, de 8 h à 13 et pendant les heures d'enregistrement.

**CONDITIONS POUR ÊTRE UNE PERSONNE HABLE À VOTER AYANT LE  
DROIT D'ÊTRE INSCRITE SUR LA LISTE RÉFÉRENDATAIRE DE LA VILLE DE  
WESTMOUNT**

Est une personne habile à voter selon l'ordre de priorité suivant :

- 1° Toute personne qui n'est frappée d'aucune incapacité de voter et qui remplit les conditions suivantes **le 2 août 2010** :
  - être domiciliée sur le territoire de la ville de Westmount;
  - être domiciliée depuis au moins six mois au Québec;
- 2° Tout propriétaire unique d'un immeuble ou occupant unique d'un établissement d'entreprise qui n'est frappé d'aucune incapacité de voter et qui remplit les conditions suivantes **le 2 août 2010** :
  - être propriétaire d'un immeuble ou occupant d'un établissement d'entreprise situé sur le territoire de la ville de Westmount depuis au moins 12 mois;
  - avoir produit ou produire au moment de la signature du registre un écrit signé par le propriétaire ou l'occupant demandant l'inscription sur la liste référendaire, le cas échéant;
- 3° Tout copropriétaire indivis d'un immeuble ou cooccupant d'un établissement d'entreprise qui n'est frappé d'aucune incapacité de voter et qui remplit les conditions suivantes **le 2 août 2010** :
  - être copropriétaire indivis d'un immeuble ou cooccupant d'un établissement d'entreprise situé sur le territoire la ville de Westmount depuis au moins 12 mois;
  - être désigné, au moyen d'une procuration signée par la majorité des copropriétaires ou cooccupants qui sont des personnes habiles à voter de la ville comme celui qui a le droit d'être inscrit sur la liste référendaire. La procuration doit avoir été produite ou être produite pour être admis à signer le registre.

Dans le cas d'une personne physique, il faut qu'elle soit majeure, de citoyenneté canadienne et ne pas être en curatelle.

Dans le cas d'une personne morale, il faut :

- avoir désigné parmi ses membres, administrateurs ou employés, par résolution, une personne qui, **le 2 août 2010** est majeure, de citoyenneté canadienne, qui n'est pas en curatelle et qui n'est frappée d'aucune incapacité de voter prévue par la loi;
- avoir produit ou produire au moment de la signature du registre une résolution désignant la personne autorisée à signer le registre et à être inscrite sur la liste référendaire, le cas échéant.

Sauf dans le cas d'une personne désignée à titre de représentant d'une personne morale, nul ne peut être considéré comme personne intéressée à plus d'un titre conformément à l'article 531 de la *Loi sur les élections et les référendums dans les municipalités*.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 10 août 2010.

Mario Gerbeau  
Greffier de la ville





## Ville de Westmount City of Westmount



### REGISTRATION PROCEDURE BY-LAW NO. 1397 AUGUST 17, 2010

### TO ALL QUALIFIED VOTERS ENTITLED TO HAVE THEIR NAME ENTERED ON THE REFERENDUM LIST OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT

#### PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT, OF THE FOLLOWING:

At its regular sitting held on August 2, 2010, the municipal Council of the City of Westmount adopted by-law 1397 entitled “*By-law to provide a loan in the amount of \$37,000,000 for the arena-pool reconstruction project*” the object of which is among other things:

- to provide a loan in the amount of \$37,000,000 to cover the costs of building an underground facility for the arena-pool project in Westmount Park;
- to impose and levy each year, during the term of the loan, on all the taxable immovables located in the territory of the City, a special tax at a sufficient rate, according to their taxable value appearing on the valuation roll in force each year;
- to appropriate for the reduction of the loan enacted by this by-law any contribution or grant that may be made for the payment in part or in whole of the expenditures provided for under this by-law.

#### REGISTER

All qualified voters entitled to have their name entered on the referendum list of the City of Westmount may demand that by-law **1397** be submitted to a referendum poll by entering their name, address and capacity and by apposing their signature in the register open for that purpose.

To sign the register, the qualified voters will be required to produce one of the following identification, namely:

- Health insurance card (Medicare) issued by the *Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec*;
- Driver's license or probationary licence issued in plastic form by the *Société de l'assurance-automobile du Québec*;
- Canadian passport;
- Certificate of Indian Status issued to persons registered in the Indian Register under the Indian Act; or
- Canadian Armed Forces identification card issued under Order of the Department of National Defence.

The register will be open for registration from **9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 17, 2010**, in the Council Chamber of Westmount City Hall located at 4333 Sherbrooke West.

The number of applications needed to require that by-law **1397** be submitted to a poll is **500**. Failing such number, by-law **1397** shall be deemed to have been approved by the qualified voters.

The result of the registration procedure will be announced at 7:05 p.m. on August 17, 2010, in the Council Chamber of Westmount City Hall.

Any interested person may consult by-law **1397** at the office of the City Clerk, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Monday to Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and during the registration hours.

#### CONDITIONS TO BE A QUALIFIED VOTER ENTITLED TO HAVE ONE'S NAME ENTERED ON THE REFERENDUM LIST OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT

Is a qualified voter according to the following order of preference:

1. Any person not disqualified from voting and who meets the following requirements on **August 2, 2010**:
  - is domiciled in the territory of the City of Westmount;
  - has been domiciled for at least six months in Quebec;
2. Any sole owner of an immovable or sole occupant of a business establishment not disqualified from voting and who meets the following requirements on **August 2, 2010**:
  - has been, for at least 12 months, the owner of an immovable or the occupant of a business establishment situated in the territory of the City of Westmount;
  - has filed, or file when signing the register, a writing signed by the owner or the occupant requesting that his or her name be entered on the referendum list, as the case may be;
3. Any undivided co-owner of an immovable or co-occupant of a business establishment not disqualified from voting and who meets the following conditions on **August 2, 2010**:
  - has been for at least 12 months, undivided co-owner of an immovable or co-occupant of a business establishment situated in the territory of the City of Westmount;
  - be designated, by means of a power of attorney signed by the majority of the co-owners or co-occupants who are qualified voters of the city, as being the one having the right to be entered on the referendum list. The power of attorney must have been filed, or must be filed to be entitled to sign the register.

In the case of a natural person, he or she must be of full age and a Canadian citizen, and must not be under curatorship.

In the case of a legal person, one must:

- have designated by resolution one of its members, directors or employees who, on **August 2, 2010**, is of full age, a Canadian citizen, not under curatorship, nor disqualified from voting;
- have filed, or file the resolution when signing the register, designating the person authorized to sign the register and to be entered on the referendum list, as the case may be.

Except in the case of a person designated to represent a legal person, a person shall have his or her name entered on the list in only one capacity, as per section 531 of *An Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities*.

GIVEN at Westmount, this August 10, 2010.

Mario Gerbeau  
City Clerk

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beyond.

His contributions have also been recognized by the Rotary Club of Westmount, which made him a Paul Harris Fellow, a distinction not usually accorded to a non-member.

Don's father stimulated his son's early interest in village council meetings, he wrote. This "created a wish in me to empower others to improve their circumstances, which became visible only in my 'retirement'."

Once he began involving himself in social issues in the mid-1980s, he became immersed. They evolved from the environmental into the more political side.

He was instrumental in encouraging

Westmount to become a pioneer among Quebec municipalities in recycling and anti-pesticide use and instigated Westmount's successful stand against the elimination of the 63 bus line in 1996.

He was also considered to be a credible spokesperson on issues of consultation, preservation of green space, the treatment and disposal of waste material, hazardous materials, landfill and incineration.

Initially, he worked with WeACT (the Westmount Environmental Action group), STOP and the Westmount Healthy City Project.

He was also elected to the boards of Seniors of Westmount Action Group – a forerunner of Contactivity Centre – as well as the WMA and Transport 2000.

### Fought for demerger

It was during the demerger fight that he launched his column. Called Democra-

Cité Alert, it went out as an email letter to subscribers on behalf of the inter-city lobby group.

The column evolved into a personal report card on city hall's performance, his main fields of interests and the struggle of the reconstituted cities within the new island-wide agglomeration. It ran in the *Westmount Examiner*, before Don joined the *Indie* team in January 2008.

"He is invaluable to the community and the municipality as a resource person on these issues," stated the city's submission for his Mérite Municipal award. That was 13 years ago.

And the citation continued to be just as valid in 2010.

Tomorrow was always just another day in Don's ongoing causes – the same chapter to be continued next time we spoke. As he often said in signing off on the continuing saga: "Bye for a bit."



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## Ville de Westmount City of Westmount



### AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1394

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné à tous ceux qui peuvent être concernés que le règlement n° 1394, intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT MODIFIANT LE RÈGLEMENT DE ZONAGE (1303) AFIN DE REMPLACER LA ZONE C5-24-04 PAR LES ZONES C5-24-12, C5-24-13 ET C5-24-14** » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance ordinaire tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 2 août 2010.

L'objet de ce règlement vise notamment à créer un nouveau carrefour dans la zone C5-24-13 avec les paramètres de construction révisés en ce qui concerne la hauteur, l'alignement de construction, l'accès des véhicules, l'enveloppe du bâtiment, de l'équipement sur le toit et les usages autorisés comme suit :

- la hauteur maximale admise sera révisée à 6 étages ou 72 pi (21,95 m);
- les dispositions concernant le plan de construction arrière sont annulées;
- un nouveau profil de bâtiment sera imposé sur l'avenue Greene le long de la ligne de lot latérale ou arrière du terrain;
- l'alignement de construction sera augmenté de 10 pi (3,05 m) à 15 pi (4,57 m);
- l'accès des véhicules sera permis depuis l'avenue Greene à la condition que sa largeur n'excède pas 12 pi (3,66 m);
- certains établissements du rez-de-chaussée ne pourront avoir une façade de plus de 50 pi (15,24 m);
- aucun équipement sur le toit ou structure de toit ne pourra excéder une hauteur de 75 pi (22,86 m);
- l'usage « restaurant » sera permis.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur conformément à la loi.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter ce règlement sur le site web de la ville : [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org) et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, du lundi au jeudi de 8 h à 16 h 30 et le vendredi de 8 h à 13 h.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 10 août 2010.

**Mario Gerbeau**  
Greffier

### NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1394

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law No. 1394, entitled " **BY-LAW TO AMEND ZONING BY-LAW (1303) IN ORDER TO REPLACE ZONE C5-24-04 BY ZONES C5-24-12, C5-24-13 AND C5-24-14** " was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a regular sitting held at City Hall on August 2, 2010.

The object of this by-law is, among other things, to create a new Carrefour in zone C5-24-13 with revised building parameters with regard to height, building line, vehicular access, building envelope, rooftop equipment and permitted uses as follows:

- The maximum permitted height will be revised to be 6 storeys or 72' (21.95 meters);
- The provisions concerning the rear building outline are rescinded;
- A new building profile will be imposed on Greene Avenue along the side or rear property lines;
- The building line will be increased from 10' (3.05 meters) to 15' (4.57 meters);
- Vehicular access will be permitted from Greene Avenue. However, the maximum width of the garage entrance will be 12' (3.66 meters);
- Some occupancies of the ground floor cannot have a frontage in excess of 50' (15.24 meters);
- The total height of a building and any roof top equipment or roof structures shall not exceed 75' (22.86 meters);
- The use "restaurant" will be permitted.

This by-law shall come into force according to law.

Any interested person may consult the said by-law on the City's website: [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org) and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Monday to Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, this August 10, 2010.

**Mario Gerbeau**  
City Clerk



## BUILDING PERMITS What's permitted

The following permits for exterior construction, alterations and renovation were approved at the July 19 and August 2 meetings of city council.

### August 2

**406 Côte St. Antoine:** to build a second storey addition;

### July 19

**350 Selby:** to replace some windows for five temporary model units of future conversion to a multi-family residential project;

**98 Columbia:** landscaping in rear yard including a new deck;

**311 Metcalfe:** to install new shutters, replace one front window, block a window opening and enlarge a side door;

**630 Clarke:** to change two window openings into two doors on the south side;

**412 Metcalfe:** to build a new rear balcony, change a window opening into a door and reopen a former rear basement door;

**4000 Montrose:** to replace three front windows;

**4859 Sherbrooke:** to erect a sign for David's Tea;

**3223 Trafalgar:** alterations including replacing windows and modifying some openings, new cladding materials and new handrails;

**41 Holton:** to replace windows and doors at the front;

**4331 Montrose:** to build new rear steps;

**3 Church Hill:** to build a back fence;

**24 Somerville:** to replace second storey front window;

**638 Murray Hill:** to replace a rear door and two windows;

**571 Claremont:** to replace the front door, balcony door, rear and garage doors, and some windows;

**368 Redfern:** to replace some windows and a door;

**3235-3241 St. Antoine:** to restore the second storey at the front;

**570 Victoria:** to replace the basement windows;

**22 Edgehill:** to landscape the front yard including new flower beds, repairs to the vehicle entrance;

**15 Surrey Gardens:** to landscape back yard and build an in-ground swimming pool;

**436 Clarke:** to replace sunroom windows;

**431 Grosvenor:** to erect a back fence;

**11 Côte St. Antoine:** to repair masonry and stairs and replace a door and window at École Internationale;

**4746 The Boulevard:** to replace front and service doors and two windows;

**634 Murray Hill:** to replace some front and side windows

**244 Redfern:** to replace some front, side and rear windows and front door;

**2 Braeside:** to replace storm windows;

**29-31 Bruce:** to replace front windows;

**14 Ramezay:** landscaping to include plant-

ings and a new spa terrace in side yard;

**10 Ramezay:** landscaping in side yard to include a new terrace, plantings and pathway;

**1330 Greene:** to replace front and rear windows;

**59 Forden Ave.:** to replace five windows and one French door;

**4862 Westmount:** to build a deck with hot tub in rear yard;

**47 Rosemount:** landscaping at side to include a new fence, planting areas, and cobblestone pavers for the driveway;

**3767 The Boulevard:** to replace some windows;

**41 Surrey Gardens:** to replace front and rear ground floor windows;

**484 Mount Pleasant:** landscaping to include driveway paving stones, front and side stone retaining walls, rear yard stepping stones and rebuilding of patio;

**327 Victoria:** to replace two front and two rear windows;

**798 Upper Lansdowne:** to build a fence at rear property line;

**77 Sunnyside:** to restore stone on all sides;

**83 Chesterfield:** to build a fence at side property line;

**66 Fordent Cresc.:** landscaping in rear yard to include new terrace, pergola and plantings;

**4490 Sherbrooke:** to replace three front ground floor windows;

**345 Roslyn:** to rebuild perimeter of entry stairs with brick and repair the stairs.

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# Beer barons back bird benefit

## Wildcard event first of its kind in Montreal

By ISAAC OLSON

Westmount's husband-and-wife team at the helm of McAuslan Brewing are continuing to show their support for Le Nichoir, a Hudson-based wild bird rehabilitation centre, by helping to promote, plan and, of course, supply refreshments for the much-anticipated Wildcard Art Market event slated for August 21.

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"Le Nichoir provides an important service to the community in making sure that birds are cared for appropriately and returned to the wild," said Peter McAuslan. "It's important that the declining bird population is supported."

### Current site inadequate

McAuslan and his wife, Ellen Bounsall, are former residents of Hudson, where they first came to know the non-profit rehabilitation centre, founded in 1994. Le Nichoir is currently housed in an aged, three-season barn that does not fully meet the demand of patients nor the organization's mandate for more on-site education, according to Lindsay D'Aoust, event coordinator.

In an effort to raise funds for a modern, year-round facility, The Wildcard event, wildly popular in London, gives people an opportunity to purchase a potentially high-value, original 5 x 7 artwork, created by one of 200 artists who donated their talents to the cause. The trick, explained D'Aoust, is even though buyers will be able to examine the art in advance on the website and



From left, Peter McAuslan and Ellen Bounsall.

a previous showing, they will not know who created the piece until after the purchase – because they are all signed on the back.

"You need to do your homework," she said, noting people camp out in tents to get first pick during London's extremely popular version of the event. "You need to get there early and you need to follow the events of the evening so you know what pieces have been sold. You need to be ready because you will only have a short time to decide when it's your turn to choose."

It costs \$35 a ticket which, because numbers are limited, are only available in advance, said D'Aoust. The art works, selling for \$65 a piece, are composed by artists ranging from Michael Goulet and Lynn Kerr to Tom Hopkins and Leslie Poole. McAuslan noted that, in many

cases, the price is a fraction of the artwork's actual value.

D'Aoust estimates there will be about 530 pieces available, limiting the number to three per buyer. They will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis, she explained, so it's best to come prepared with a long list of possible purchases.

"Lindsay has convinced sponsors to contribute in ways that will enable virtually all the money raised to go to Le Nichoir," said Bounsall. "The money people will be contributing, either by buying tickets or purchasing artwork, will be money that goes directly to Le Nichoir rather than expenses."

Doors open at Montreal's Complexe Dompark (5524 St. Patrick in Côte St Paul) at 4 pm. For more information, purchase tickets or preview the artwork, visit: [www.lenichoir.org](http://www.lenichoir.org)

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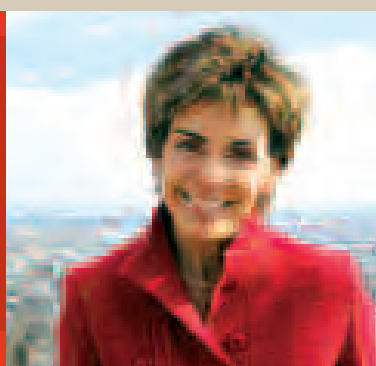
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