

Community volunteers at heart of \$5-million campaign

City hires arena/pool fundraising advisor

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The hiring of a part-time fundraising advisor for the arena/pool project was approved by city council May 3 to lead and coordinate the \$5-million community campaign over the next 18 months.

Westmount resident Colleen MacKinnon, a public relations and fundraising consultant, will help with strategic planning, advocacy and financial management in the same way that a professional did for the Westmount Public Library's refurbishment in 1994.

"This means things are ramping up," Finance commissioner Tim Price told the *Independent*.

"We will now start meeting with community leaders to identify volunteers to raise funds from different segments of the population through a number of initiatives." A prominent resident will also be selected as campaign chairman.

The arena/pool campaign is slated to be launched in September, Price said. This is when continued on p. 27

Bixis are here



The first Bixi station in Westmount was inaugurated on the corner of Greene Ave. and de Maisonneuve Blvd. May 9. "I'm very happy that we finally have Bixi, and I think that Bixi is very happy that they finally have us," Mayor Peter Trent told a crowd of about 30 onlookers before he set off down de Maisonneuve to try out one of the bikes. See story, p. 3.

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Genivar gets nod to prepare city's master traffic plan

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

For the second time within a month, city council May 3 approved the hiring of consultants from Genivar Inc. to undertake a key city initiative.


This time it was the transportation division of the large engineering firm that won out over five other tender bids to study and prepare the city's Traffic and Ac-

tive Transportation Master Plan. CIMA+ was runner-up.

On April 20, the city named Genivar as project managers for the \$37-million arena/pool project.

Both tender competitions were carried out under Quebec's new evaluation system to rate submissions, initially based on criteria quality and then by dollar amount, ex- continued on p. 3

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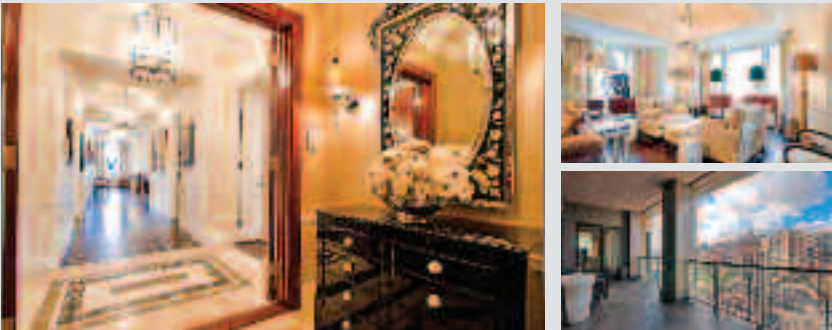
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Councillor voices concerns

Bixis hit the road in Westmount

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The arrival May 9 of five Bixi docking stations makes Westmount the first municipality in Quebec outside of the city of Montreal to introduce the public bike-sharing service.

The announcement was made May 3 by Mayor Peter Trent as city council unanimously sealed the deal with Montreal's Public Bike System Co. by approving a one-time cost of \$221,118 for the ongoing supply and related servicing of the 50 bicycles.

Ward 1 councillor Patrick Martin voiced concerns, however, over the suitability of the program even though announcing he would vote for it as being "a laudable experiment."

The program was expensive, he said. And he questioned how many Westmounters would use it and pointed out that his district, especially, was too far up the hill to probably ever benefit from it.

While he hoped he would be proven wrong, Martin doubted that Bixis would replace car use, which was one of the reasons for Westmount participating in the program.

"Most people in Westmount who wish to cycle already own a bike," Martin later explained. "For \$221,000, we could buy a really good bike – plus a helmet – for those who don't have one and have money left over that could be devoted to bike paths or other improvements."

Environment commissioner Theodora

The five Bixi locations

- Sherbrooke and Prince Albert
- Victoria Hall
- Sherbrooke and Argyle
- St. Catherine and Redfern
- Greene and de Maisonneuve.

Samiotis said the Bixi program was very worthwhile "not for what it is now, but for what it can be." Bicycle use, she explained, was also important for promoting an active lifestyle.

"It's a long time coming," said Councillor Gary Ikeman, who chairs the city's ad hoc Bicycle committee.

He said the program was an important part of an active transportation system. Designed for heavy duty use, the Bixis would help reduce speeding on the de Maisonneuve bike path. "I'm pleased the city was able to negotiate a financial agreement to be prudent."

Westmount has been negotiating with Montreal for more than a year, paring down an original Bixi estimate of \$609,000 for 15 stations throughout the city. The five selected ones are all in lower Westmount connecting with a new one at the Vendôme Metro station and another in NDG at Sherbrooke and Marlowe.

Cyclists press for Bixi promotion

A Bixi promotional program presented to city council May 3 by the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association (WWCA) called for a large contingent of city officials and residents to pedal around the city on Bixis and personal bikes on the launch day, scheduled for May 9.

Follow-up proposals by the WWCA suggested mobilizing merchants, promoting Bixi use in the media and at community events.

A lower key launch, however, was more likely to occur, city director general Duncan Campbell later told the *Independent*.

As well, he said, the city was not prepared to spend promotional money on the program that is essentially self-promoting. There are 186 Bixi users in Westmount.

Traffic plan

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plained Councillor Patrick Martin.

Council set aside a total amount for the traffic plan of \$109,361 including taxes.

Excluding taxes, this breaks down to the Genivar fee of \$77,000, plus \$8,000 for English translation and \$15,400 for contingencies.

Other submissions opened on April 21 were received from AECOM Consultants, Dessau Inc., Génies conseil and Le Groupe S.M. International Inc.

The aim of the master plan is to provide a global approach to traffic management and planning as outlined at a public consultation meeting that packed the council chamber March 14.

At that time, it was explained that the consultant's mandate would require a team of experts to delve into all aspects of traffic, cycling, pedestrian safety and impact from major construction sites and to produce a final report within six months (see March 22, p. 1).



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ISN'T STAYNER PARK FOR KIDS?

Since the spring thaw, Stayner Park has become the new home for a few of the Atwater (Cabot) Park alcoholics and drug users. They have found a new and more relaxed environment in Stayner Park.

My wife and I have had to call Westmount Public Security numerous times in the past few weeks as our children play within a few feet of these vagrants, who often sit shirtless while drinking alcohol and taking various forms of drugs.

To add insult to injury, I am also forced to clean up after them as they leave behind broken beer bottles, beer cans, empty baggies (which most likely contained their drug of choice), cigarette butts and a host of trash like McDonald's wrappers.

How many times must we call Westmount Public Security before they realize that the situation has gotten out of hand?

FRANK CANDIDO, PROSPECT ST.

WHO IS PUTTING OUT POISON?

We live on Côte St. Antoine between Victoria and Prince Albert.

On April 29, we found our Labrador dog Maggie eating some blue waxy powder in our garden.

We did not know what it was nor how much she ate. We immediately brought her to the local veterinary. She was given

medication to induce vomiting. From this, we found a large amount of chunks of this waxy blue powdery substance.

Both the vet and ourselves thought that it was some kind of mineral for plants – except that it had a sickening sweet smell.

I then went to Réno Dépôt looking for the same thing and I found it in the locked section of the store. It had that same smell – and it was rat poison.

We immediately took the dog to the Centre Vétérinaire DMV. She is now on vitamin K to stop the effect of the warfarin (strong anticoagulant).

How did the poison end up in my garden? I would like to know who put this poison outside. For years, we've had a raccoon family living close by. We also have a marmot and countless squirrels.

I know that not everyone likes to have these animals around. But I think that there is enough space for all of us – animals and humans. We are privileged to have these animals living around us. I make sure that my garbage is secure and so what if they eat some of my flowers?

To put this poison outside is irresponsible and cruel. What is the law in Westmount for this rat poison? Is it legal? It could have been some little children in my garden. I cannot send my dog out to the garden anymore without doing an inspection first.

And could Westmounters please be ad-

vised of the danger of putting this poison outside? It should not also be sold without some proper identification.

FLORENCE JEAN DANKOFF,
CÔTE ST. ANTOINE RD.

KICKING HIM WHILE DOWN

I have been offended by many things I have witnessed since moving to Westmount. This could explain my repeated letters to the editor.

The cutting of the city library's budget, the building of two hockey rinks, the failure of the province to support the Atwater Library – all these pale in comparison to the insensitive ticketing of a homeless man, Mr. Jean-Guy Hébert.

As reported in the April 19 edition of the *Independent*, Jean-Guy was given four tickets in one brief episode of Public Security zealotry for sitting outside the RBC storefront at Sherbrooke and Victoria.

Many times I have walked the dog past Jean-Guy and we've spoken.

I think I first spoke to him when Swimmer, my dog, had the good sense to smell the muffin he was eating. Instead of shoosing us away, he offered Swimmer a piece of his valued muffin. His kindness was appreciated – by me and especially by Swimmer.

Learning the details from him, I was ashamed that he was issued four tickets simultaneously. I understand he will fight them in court. But this is wrong.

Not only should the city offer an apology to him, but the mayor should also issue a public apology. And that's not all.

The city ought to compensate Jean-Guy for the insult it has inflicted upon him. The city should offer him a job with training, perhaps as a Public Security officer. And temporary, subsidized housing would also be appropriate until he can get back on his feet.

Kicking a man when he is down on his luck should not be the Westmount way. In this time of global economic instability we

must all show a little more kindness to those in need.

JACK LOCKE, SHERBROOKE ST.

WCSC APPLAUDS CITY

The Westmount Citizens for Safe Cycling (WCSC) salutes the city's cycling survey and safety program (May 3, p. 5) and would like to make the following comments. It is refreshing to see the city share some hard data: 100 cyclists in the morning rush hour of April 27, and 20 cyclists on April 28.

Greg McBain, assistant director of the Public Security Unit said "he was surprised at how many cyclists only slowed down but never stopped at the stop sign even with the presence of the police bike patrol, officers and high-profile marked cars."

This simply reinforces the message WCSC has been repeating over the last 12 months, that all the three Es (education, enforcement and engineering) must drive active transportation initiatives, for cycling in particular.

On that same morning of April 27, I monitored, between 8:10 and 8:30 am, cyclists heading east who had just passed the information area at Melville. Of the 40 cyclists observed, 22 went through the red light at the very next corner (Metcalfe) and 34 of them burned right through the stop sign at the following corner (Kensington).

Clearly, enforcement must accompany education.

And finally there is engineering. Active transportation is what it is, transportation – it is meant to allow and enhance the fluid flow of movement from one point to another and should therefore be on arterial through-streets and not on residential streets with driveway entrances at every 40 feet and stop signs at every corner.

This, we hope, will be studied seriously by the consultant and council as they draw up a new master traffic plan for our city.

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A collection of firearms was held by the Montreal police, the Quebec provincial police and the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) outside Station 12 on Stanton St. May 7. It netted about 20 rounds of .22 calibre ammunition, but no firearms. A Canadian Armed Forces explosives expert brought along examples of old shells, grenades and other discarded wartime explosives, which are sometimes found by civilians and are highly dangerous if still activated. From left: CAF's Sergeant Luc Ratelle, Montreal police's Constable Marc-Michel Roy, Station 12's Commander Stéphane Plourde, Constable Marylou Mercure, Sergeant Joanne Matte, and Denise Robitaille of the Quebec provincial police.

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By LAUREEN SWEENEY

NEWS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Public consultation meeting May 18 to include vested rights

Changes coming for garages, sloping roofs

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Requested changes in Westmount's architectural and building requirements will be detailed at a public consultation meeting Wednesday, May 18 easing criteria for sloping roofs, eliminating mandatory garages and granting vested rights in building on side property.

Public review

The public review of these proposed amendments to zoning by-law 1303 will take place at city hall at 7 pm, announced Urban Planning commissioner Cynthia Lulham at the May 3 meeting of city council.

The changes have been called for by architectural and building professionals during various public meetings over the last year. They also stem from a round table of professionals some three years ago.

Under the changes, builders of new houses would be able to choose whether or not to include a garage as long as a parking area would be created behind the building line.

Eliminating the required garage is compatible with the city's focus on discouraging car use. It was suggested by developer Richard Dufour at a public consultation meeting January 25 on integrating sustainability measures into the city's building regulations.

Dufour said he would rather have a garden than the garage he was obliged to build at his new house at 493 Lansdowne (see February 1, p. 1).

Garage conversion

Also proposed is a provision to allow the conversion of an existing garage into an accessory building such as a play room, according to city Urban Planning director

Joanne Poirier.

Changes in the technical requirements for sloping roofs would increase the allowable area of the flat-roof (horizontal) portion at the top.

Less impact on neighbours

This would allow for reducing the height of a sloping roof as requested by architect Adam Borowczyk at a demolition hearing February 17 for 28 Devon (see February 22, p. 1). The result would lessen the impact on neighbours' views and loss of light.

In another proposed change, vested rights would be granted to existing houses in connection with vertical extensions at the sides of houses. This had been suggested at an R2 rezoning public consultation February 23 to enable greater design flexibility (see March 1, p. 3).

Tickets now rise

Dog keepers must

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

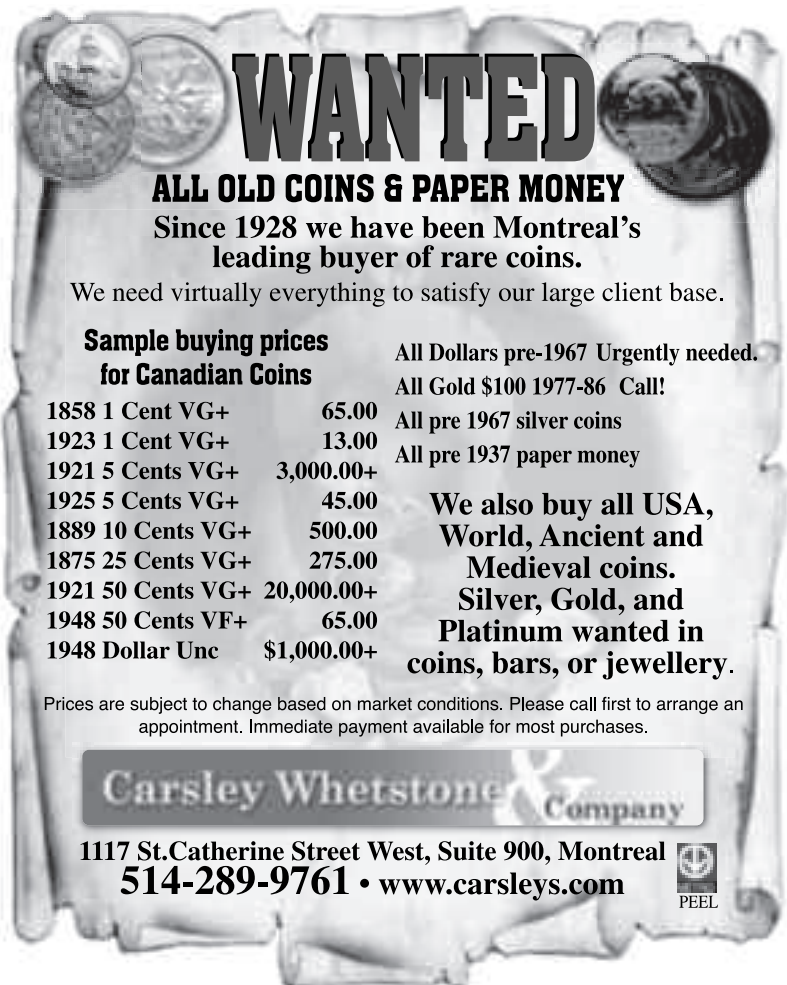
New dog licence regulations were adopted at the city council meeting May 3 requiring owners or keepers of Westmount dogs to carry new licensing cards with them at all times while accompanying their animals.

All non-resident dogs must also have Westmount licences in order to use the city's dog runs – fenced or unfenced – including Summit Woods (see April 12, p. 1).

The changes, announced at the April 4 session, are now law and the new licence cards are expected to arrive any day. They will be mailed out to dog owners who have already purchased 2011 licences, said Councillor Cynthia Lulham.

While the changes are now enshrined in an amendment to the dog by-law 535, it may in fact require a further modification in

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wording, city clerk Mario Gerbeau told the *Independent* when asked about an apparent contradiction.

A new paragraph inserted into the by-law reads as if any non-resident dog would require a Westmount licence to be walked in a public place such as along Sherbrooke St., for instance, when in the fact the by-law also specifies that any dog in a public place requires a licence from Westmount – or another municipality.

The intent, however, was understood as requiring Westmount licences for non-residents who use Westmount dog runs.

The amendments to dog by-law 535 went unopposed at the meeting and are intended to clarify and update wording in the by-law as well as institute the licence card provision. They also add the mandatory non-resident licence requirement.

The new card, which can be fastened to a leash, will come with a plastic envelope, Lulham said in displaying a sample of the card. The card is in addition to the dog tag.

Under the law, fines for dog by-law infractions range from \$75 to \$300 for a first offence and \$150 to \$600 for subsequent offences. However, tickets would be issued at the lower fine of \$75 or \$150, Gerbeau said. The range of fines is included to provide leeway to a judge in the event a ticket is contested in court. Actual tickets will now cost \$100 after the addition of the mandatory administration fee, according to Public Security officials.

Amendments to the city's by-law 1318, concerning fees, increase the price of licences for Westmount dogs from \$15 to

Soccer parents asked to park in nearby lots

With the onset of the city's soccer program at Westmount Park, pleas from a frustrated resident of Academy Rd. have brought swift action from the city.

David Parsons told the city council meeting May 3 that the cars of soccer parents and spectators were once again this year making life very difficult around Academy and Melville.

Councillor Cynthia Lulham stated that those cars should park either behind Westmount Park School (with access off Park Place) or in the parking lot behind the Montreal Oral School for the Deaf on St. Catherine at Bethune, as arranged by the city.

On May 5, Lulham told the *Independent* that the Sports and Recreation department would be posting signs to that effect and coaches would also be relaying the information to the teams.

Parsons, she said, "is absolutely right. Everyone leaves their car everywhere during the soccer games. We have 1,200 participants in our soccer program and residents can't find anywhere to park."

If the problem continues, she said, the city may have to designate parking on Academy Rd. for residents only.

\$20 per dog. A cost of \$40 was imposed on licences for non-resident dogs using the dog runs.

Sherbrooke water main work set for July

The water main under Sherbrooke St. is scheduled to be replaced in July between Roslyn and Victoria avenues. Similar work was undertaken from Victoria to Claremont two summers ago.

The work, to be carried out by Canbec Construction, was approved by city council May 3 at a total cost of close to \$500,000.

The complete reconstruction of Holton, Elm and Windsor by TGA Montreal Inc. was also approved at a cost of \$1.3 million, starting May 16, at the latest, with Holton.

The reconstruction of Aberdeen, held over from last year, is slated to start May 16 with major work by Hydro Westmount.

Among some of the other infrastructure work approved was rehabilitation of water mains by insertion of a structural lining for close to \$1 million, sewer reha-

bilitation for \$500,000 and sidewalk and water services for another \$500,000.

"Prices are lower than last year," said Public Works and Utilities commissioner Patrick Martin. The work is to be paid for out of the 2011 capital works budget, he said.

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Reversal of fortune – Garneau wins seat at final hour

BY MARLENE EISNER

For NDP candidate Joanne Corbeil and Liberal MP Marc Garneau, the 2011 federal election will always be a “do you remember what you were doing when you found out?” moment. Corbeil had visions of the house of commons in her head, and Garneau was asleep at home after giving his concession speech, when both got the phone call that changed the course of their lives.

“At 2 am, I was on my way home, and I got a call from my campaign manager saying there’s a change,” said Corbeil on Tuesday after the dust had settled.

2 am call hits hard

“I must say, obviously, when you’re tired, it hits you harder, but I’m okay now. I’m just glad we were both equally wanted. It was really close.”

Garneau had gone to bed after taking one last look at the Election’s Canada website.

“It was 1 am, but she [Corbeil] was still ahead,” Garneau told the *Independent* last Thursday.

“At 2:30, I got a phone call from someone still at headquarters, and they said ‘Marc, you pulled it out of the bag.’”

642 votes

The intense 35-day campaign that culminated in a tight, armchair-gripping race between Garneau and Corbeil ended with Garneau winning back his seat by a mere 642 votes.

Conservative candidate Neil Drabkin took third place with 7,218 votes.

Late Monday night Garneau was in a quandry. Elections Canada’s electronic predictor had called the game, projecting Corbeil as the winner.

“It’s a tough moment to make a concession speech, particularly to a group of people who put their heart and soul into



Liberal MP Marc Garneau gives a concession speech at about 12:10 am after Elections Canada prematurely predicted NDP candidate Joanne Corbeil the winner.

getting you elected,” said Garneau.

“Around 11:30, even though not all the polls had reported, the computer said Joanne Corbeil had been elected. At that point, you’re balancing the fact that all your supporters are at the headquarters, and you have to talk with them ... it’s a tough evening because you’re hoping to win but the numbers are against you.

“So you’re thinking, are you going to be making a victory speech or concession speech?”

The mood was somber as Garneau hugged and shook hands with his supporters.

“Congratulations to Madame Corbeil and congratulations to all the other candidates. It was a clean, good campaign,” he



The mood was sombre as Liberal MP Marc Garneau's team watched the results of Monday night's election trickle in on TV around 10:30 pm, showing NDP candidate Joanne Corbeil in the lead.

said.

“I want to thank my team; be proud, it was a close fight.”

Looking ahead

Looking forward now, Garneau told the *Independent* the Liberal caucus meets this week to rebuild its credibility and “dig down deep and find out why we didn’t resonate nationally.”

Drabkin, who was pleased with the Conservative majority, was not too surprised with his standing.

“Obviously I’m disappointed with the result in Westmount-Ville Marie where I had hoped to be the voice of the constituents in the newly formed government,” he said in a phone interview from

Ottawa.

“It’s difficult to explain the sudden surge of NDP in all of Quebec, and [the fact that] they got a substantial amount of support in Westmount-Ville Marie. I respect the will of the people, and I also have a great admiration for Joanne for running a campaign with such success.”

Time to share at plant exchange May 18

BY LAUREN SWEENEY

The city’s perennial plant exchange takes place Wednesday, May 18 at the arena, providing an opportunity for gardeners to divide their plants, share with others and pick up new ones for their own gardens.

Plants are to be potted, well watered and labeled according to type, height and growing conditions (sun, part-shade or shade). No annuals, shrubs, house plants or invasive gout weed (bishop’s mantle) will be accepted.

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Plant exchange

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pm. After that time, from 7 to 8 pm remaining plants may be purchased, typically at \$2 each.

Along with traders, perennials grown in the city greenhouses will also be available for trade or sale and a selection of heritage plants will also be available, as well as information on composting and environmentally friendly garden control.

“This year, proceeds from the sale will go to future greenhouse projects,” said Councillor Cynthia Lulham in announcing the event at the city council meeting May 3.

Organized by the Horticultural Advisory Committee (HAC), the annual event usually generates about \$600. This has been used in the past toward restoration of the totem and purchase of the little cherub on the fountain in the conservatory. Volunteers from the Westmount Horticultural Society also help out.

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Mandatory sterilization an issue for purebred, show-dog owners

City still undecided on SPCA contract

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

For the time being, the city of Westmount is making no commitments related to accepting the change of conditions in a new SPCA contract to care for loose dogs found in the municipality, city officials said last week.

The city council remains undecided, said city director general Duncan Campbell. “It’s a work in progress.”

At issue is an SPCA clause stating that all dogs placed in its care be sterilized before being returned to their owners (see January 21, p. 1). “The council has asked us to come back with additional information,” he said.

“The SPCA’s intentions may be good for areas where there are dog problems,” said Parks commissioner Cynthia Lulham, whose responsibilities include the dog dossier. “But it really doesn’t have application here.” Last year, the city took 10 found dogs to the SPCA.

And hopefully, she said, if the city’s new crackdown on dog licensing is effective, any lost dogs will quickly be returned

to their owners. Westmount’s by-laws, unlike some places, do not require dogs to be sterilized.

At stake under the SPCA clause, she said, are the many purebreds owned by Westmounters. Some of these have been purchased with no-sterilization conditions. Others may be of show-ring quality. Neutered dogs cannot be shown.

“I’m all for neutering dogs,” Lulham explained. “My own two are. But it’s pretty drastic to neuter a dog that accidentally gets lost and spends one hour at the SPCA before being picked up by the owner.”

As far as she is concerned, she said, “I thought council had agreed we weren’t going to renew the contract.” There may be other aspects the administration is considering, she added.

The SPCA also provides the city with wildlife assistance, according to Public Security director David Sedgwick. Until council makes a decision, Public Security is continuing to operate with the SPCA under previous conditions. Loose dogs that can’t be identified are taken to the SPCA and owners subsequently directed

to pick them up there.

While some municipalities have signed the new SPCA contracts, he said, he knows that others, like Westmount, are still in the decision process.

The Independent’s sister paper, the Free Press of NDG and Hampstead, reported this week that the Côte des Neiges-NDG borough council cancelled its pound contract with Berger Blanc on May 3. In its place, councilors awarded the contract to the Canadian Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) for a period of two years. For more information, see the May 10 issue, p. 11, at www.ndgfreepress.com.

Warned then fined

A Westmount dog owner was issued a \$75 ticket for playing ball with his German shepherd off leash in the playground of Selby Park April 28, Public Security officials said. The man was reported to have been warned April 12 about allowing the dog off leash and not having a dog licence.



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Agglo’s ‘reverse 911’ program to launch in June

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

An island-wide emergency phone alert system being implemented under Montreal’s emergency preparedness organization is expected to be launched next month in conjunction with Bell Canada.

The project, called the “Enhanced Community Notification Service,” involves all members of the Montreal agglomeration, which includes the 15 demerged municipalities, but is limited to Bell land line subscribers.

The system works as a “reverse 911” system, explained Westmount director general Duncan Campbell.

It automatically dials these land lines with information in event of a major emergency such as a tornado, but not for something such as a boil-water advisory.

The system is designed to target specific areas, he said, “which is the beauty of it.” But it cannot be accessed by individual municipalities.

Duncan said he had been exploring various other “reverse 911” systems in the US which would enable Westmount to contact

citizens for boil-water advisories or power-related issues. Some of these systems also include cell phones.

Recent phone bills have included a mailing to explain the new program, but unlike other phone bill charges, no additional fee is added on to individual bills. The new agglo/Bell service was paid for out of the agglomeration budget – a portion of which is collected from Westmount and other municipalities.

Disaster management planning is now an agglo responsibility. Before the forced mergers, Westmount prepared, maintained and managed its own emergency measures organization (EMO) under direction of the Westmount fire department. The program was put fully into effect during the ice storm of 1998.

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Summit Woods death ruled a suicide

By DAVID GOLDBERG

Police say a man found dead in Summit Woods early on the morning of May 5 is being ruled a suicide.

A couple of men from the downtown area were walking in the woods around 7 am when they saw a man lying next to a tree. When they saw a rope around his neck, they called 911.

“The police, fire department and Urgences Santé responded to the scene and

saw the man lying on the ground,” said Constable Adalbert Pimentel. It appears the man hanged himself from a tree, and police say they aren’t sure how he got onto the ground.

“While we are deeming this a suicide, we still have to wait for a coroner’s report before it’s official,” said Pimentel. “This is still an active police investigation.”

Police would not release the man’s name, but said he was a 20-year-old NDG resident.



The body of a man who is deemed to have committed suicide lies uncovered on the ground, May 5 around 10:30 am. A police cruiser is seen in the background.

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Door-to-door soliciting stopped

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Agglo includes Westmount in industry stimulation program

But Trent says zoning regulations cancel program's goal

BY ISAAC OLSON

Montreal's city council recently added Westmount's side of the Glen Yards hospital construction site to an agglomeration program that gives industrial development a five-year tax break. But Westmount mayor Peter Trent says the area's zoning doesn't allow for such growth.

Montreal councillors can include Westmount land in such programs, the mayor explained in a phone interview, but only Westmount can change zoning regulations that restrict use, height and access.

"Right now the area is zoned for residential, but it is, by exception, being used for hospital purposes," said Trent, noting the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC) owns the property. "As far as I know, the hospital has no intention of selling the land to somebody else. So the whole thing, really, is pie in the sky, isn't it?"

In a motion that prolongs the already four-year-old PR@M-Industrie program, the new zone runs from St. Jacques de la Montagne, and Prud'homme to Glen Rd.

Glen Yards site will be green, says MUHC

MUHC spokesperson Caroline Phaneuf confirmed that the Westmount side of the Glen Yards site will not be developed. It will be green space, she said, and there are no plans to build there.

According to Montreal's website, PR@M-Industrie provides non-residential building owners a refund for up to 100 percent of the general property tax in relation to the increase in value due to construction, conversion or expansion of an industrial building. The program covers sectors such as manufacturing, computer engineering, call centres, life sciences, film production and more. Refunds are annually limited to \$1 million in local and agglomeration taxes over a period of five years.

More growth

The goal, claim motion supporters like neighbouring CDN-NDG borough mayor Michael Applebaum, is to encourage more economic growth in the area.

That growth, said Applebaum, fills municipal coffers with funding that will help offset the some \$2 billion of infrastructure investment needed around the hospital. Opposition councillors, however, voted against the motion. They said the zone is attractive enough for development and does not need subsidies.

Either way, strict zoning regulations mean industrial development is prohibited on the Westmount side of Glen Yards. Zone R3-39-01 only allows for municipal, residential or hospital buildings, according to a city document.

Even if the MUHC were to sell the land to industrial developers, non-emergency access is not permissible from Glen Rd., which already has a gated evacuation route in place. This means any development would probably need to rely on the hospital for access because the property is sandwiched between the Ville Marie Expressway and the train tracks.

"I've always felt that Westmount is essentially a residential community where the commercial is there at the service of residential," said Trent, who noted it would have been "nice" of Montreal councillors to discuss the program with Westmount before passing the motion.

"I would not be in favour of rezoning the area for commercial or industrial because I believe the mission of Westmount is to provide a residential community ... In this case, the hospital is a service to the community, so that's fine."



Looking west towards the Glen Yards site of the MUHC-driven new hospital, massive cranes hover over the construction site, April 30. Photographer Ralph Thompson noted "Louis Cyr looks appropriately amazed by all the developments around him."

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I certainly went through a range of emotions as the vote was counted over a period of almost five hours. Overall, I am humbled, and I accept the message that you have sent me as well as to the Liberal Party.

Fortunately, I was supported by fantastic volunteers and an excellent core team. I was also fortunate to enjoy the support of many “dyed in the wool” Liberals whose

loyalty has never wavered over time.

I congratulate my opponents, and I salute them for representing their parties, never an easy undertaking, even at the best of times.

This election has produced a number of dramatic results: a Conservative majority, an NDP official opposition, a decimated Bloc Québécois, a very humbled Liberal Party and the first elected Green Party MP.

Politics in the next four years will be done quite differently because of one major outcome: a Conservative majority. I believe this will produce new dynamics on Parliament Hill and that Canadians will judge the political parties quite differently than was the case under the last three minority governments.

While the Conservative government does not have to be worried about being defeated by the opposition parties, this does not mean that it will not be judged on the basis of both its policies and its respect for parliamentary institutions.

Similarly, both of the opposition parties will be judged on their competence and by the policy alternatives they bring to the table.

Liberals to self-examine

As for my own party, we have now begun a profound self-examination to address the fact that Canadians have turned away from us. Ultimately, if we do this properly, we will one day regain the credibility and relevance that we once enjoyed. Make no mistake: we are starting from ground zero.

We begin with our Liberal values and our position in the centre of the political spectrum and we rebuild on that foundation. Our challenge is daunting, but we have the time to get it right. It will be up to us to prove to Canadians that we can do it.

I personally pledge to you that I will be part of this important effort.

St. George's lures dragon O'Leary from his den

BY LAUREN O'LOUGHLIN

Far from his fire-breathing persona on CBC television show *Dragon's Den*, a seemingly pleasant and down-to-earth Kevin O'Leary gave a talk at St. George's on the evening of May 3. O'Leary was once a student at St. George's elementary school.

In an entertaining hour and a half presentation, O'Leary shared his philosophy on money, how to make it successfully and his television career.

In an intimate pre-talk interview with school head, Jim Officer, O'Leary confided that his time at St. George's was what gave him the tools to deal with his dyslexia in an otherwise unforgiving world. He described the school as a “nurturing” environment.

Showing outtakes from both *Dragon's Den* and the American television show *Shark's Tank*, O'Leary kept a large audience entertained while explaining how a television career has put him in contact with people he would otherwise only have dreamed of meeting, such as Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak and Arianna Huffington, co-founder of the *Huffington Post*. O'Leary also co-hosts *The Lang* and *O'Leary Exchange*, a business show on CBC.

The businessman shared a Powerpoint presentation entitled, “The cold hard truth about money,” which outlined his beliefs of how money is the ultimate route to freedom – “the freedom to get up and leave whenever I want,” he explained.

He also shared his belief that “MBAs do not make you successful [...] street smarts to me are more valuable than any MBA.”



Kevin O'Leary, of CBC's *Dragon's Den* receives a St. George's hoodie from school head Jim Officer.

When asked if he found anything about life stressful, O'Leary answered when a situation seems stressful “I stop and I ask myself ‘Is it really that bad?’ ”

Denver boot marches back

After a two-year absence, the Denver boot has returned to the Montreal area, making it harder for delinquent car drivers to get away with unpaid traffic and parking fines.

The “boot,” a wheel clamp that immobilizes the car, had been abandoned by Montreal two years ago but was brought back this year when a budget for its use was reinstated.

The locking device has nothing to do with either police or Public Security, but is a collection method used by the Montreal municipal court and locked in place by a bailiff as one was recently observed on Winchester Ave.

The bailiff tracks down licence plates on wanted vehicles, said local police sta-

tion 12 Commander Stéphane Plourde.

After 24 hours, vehicles are towed to municipal pounds if the fines remain unpaid.



The “Winchester boot.”

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Rec Centre Q & A

Taxes, socialism, water treatment and location

Councillor Patrick Martin, the chair of the recreation centre committee, has invited Westmounters to write him with questions and comments about the project and plan. You can contact him with further questions at pmartin@westmount.org. Your questions and his answers will appear in subsequent issues of the *Independent*, space permitting. Please indicate whether you want your name published or not.

For reasons of space, Councillor Martin has paraphrased the questions.

Taxes

As a direct result of this project, will my taxes go up and by how much? Word on the street is that someone in a house like mine will be paying at least an extra \$500 per year. – Resident

The cost of the new recreation centre will be spread over 10 years, and will represent a cost of \$200 per year for the average homeowner, or roughly only 2 percent of annual municipal taxes. However, there would have been a cost to maintaining the existing old building that will be eliminated. The incremental cost of the vastly improved facility is relatively small. – PM

\$20 million for Westmount?!

The small bit of socialist still left in me cringes at the grants given to one of the richest communities in the country so that its people have a nicer place to skate at convenient times.

– Anne Jutras, Redfern Ave.

Our residents have contributed through their taxes into a pool of funds available for projects of this type, and the federal and provincial contributions are simply a return of these monies. It is our own income tax dollars that will thus be used to partially fund the construction of new swimming pools, changing rooms, tennis courts, ice rinks, a teen centre, indoor summer sports facilities for inclement weather, rooms for activities such as exercise and yoga, community meeting spaces, administrative offices, etc. It will be widely used by the entire community.

– PM

Pool's water treatment

What type of water treatment is being specified for the pool? I would hope that it is an ozone treatment or some other form of water treatment that does not use chlorine.

– John Dorey

Although the ultimate water treatment process has not yet been defined, chlorine

has been rejected as a possible treatment. Nearby pools that have been converted to brine (salt water) treatment have been very well received by users. Once the selected technology has been determined, it will be announced publicly.

– PM

Is budget enough for novel concept?

It stands to reason that if you are building something novel, such as underground rinks, there should be an open-ended budget to ensure solid construction. It sounds like we don't really have the budget, or that it's very tight to achieve really solid foundations, that will be adequate, but not super good. The question is: will we be paying for foundation cracks five to eight years after completion? Will a structural engineer sign off on the plans? – Resident, Lansdowne Ave.

There will be no cracks in the foundations, and yes, a structural engineer will sign off on the plans. The geotechnical studies have shown that the soil condition below the structure is very sound. It is well compacted, as it has supported – for a century – a weight of earth above it that exceeds by far the projected weight of the recreation centre. We must keep in mind that the depth of construction is not unusual in Montreal, and corresponds to a not uncommon three-level garage below an apartment or office building. It is not really novel from an engineer's perspective. Westmount's building codes, and the requirements of the National Building Code, are very strict and must be adhered to, and the structural engineers responsible for this part of the design, CIMA+, are among the most talented in Quebec. – PM

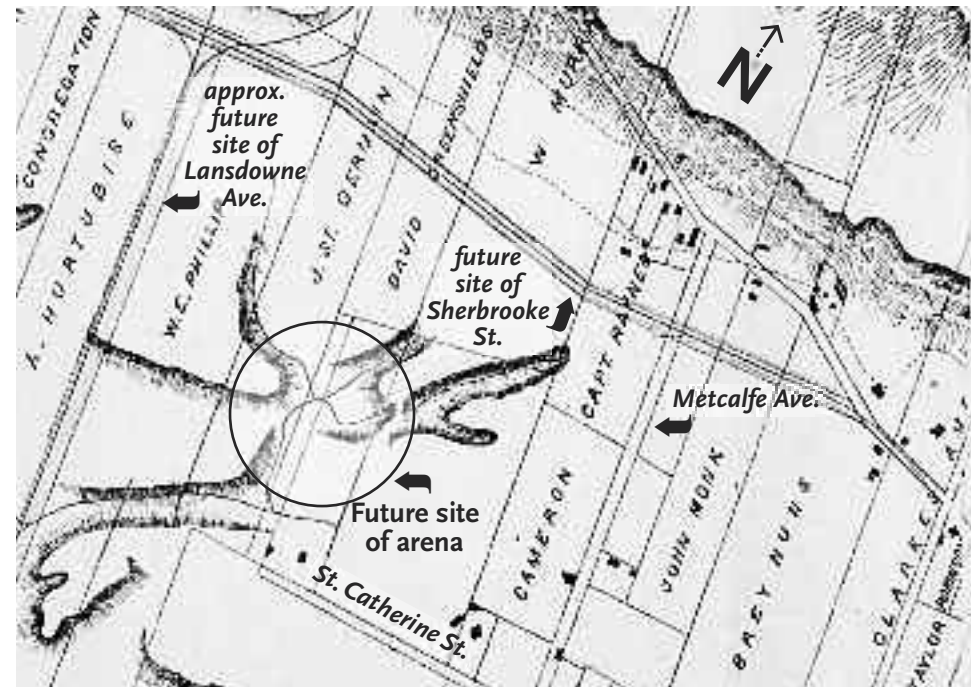
Location, location, location

The current site is possibly the worst building site because of soil porosity and sloping terrain.

– Resident, Victoria Ave.

Actually, the site of the current proposal presented to residents in April 2010 is very good. The location considered for above-ground rinks by the previous council two years ago, in the area of the existing old arena, was ill-advised in that it was discovered to sit atop 45 feet of poor quality soil such that expensive piles would be required to assure a solid foundation. And the driving of the expected 266 steel piles to a depth of 105 feet to bedrock would have caused a great inconvenience to the neighbourhood for several months.

It is not commonly known that the existing arena sits atop such piles from 60 years ago, and any reconstruction of the fa-



Westmount, 1873.

cility would require pile driving to bedrock, as the old steel piles are rusting and their future performance cannot be guaranteed by the engineers.

We must keep in mind that this area was once a field of ravines, shallow on the north side, and much deeper to the south near the Glen (see map above). In the early 1900s, these ravines were filled with poor quality debris from Montreal construction sites to flatten the area for expected housing projects. Thus, the southern part where the current arena is located sits on unstable material and any construction

there would require deep piles.

On the other hand, the current selected location for the underground rinks further north is excellent. The 30-foot depth of excavation takes us below the level of the old debris-filled ravines, which are roughly 15 feet below the surface in this area. Thus, it will be sitting on stable soil, as confirmed by the geotechnical studies, and no structural piles will be required. An additional benefit is that the debris of mixed quality that was dumped there 100 years ago will be excavated and hauled away.

– PM

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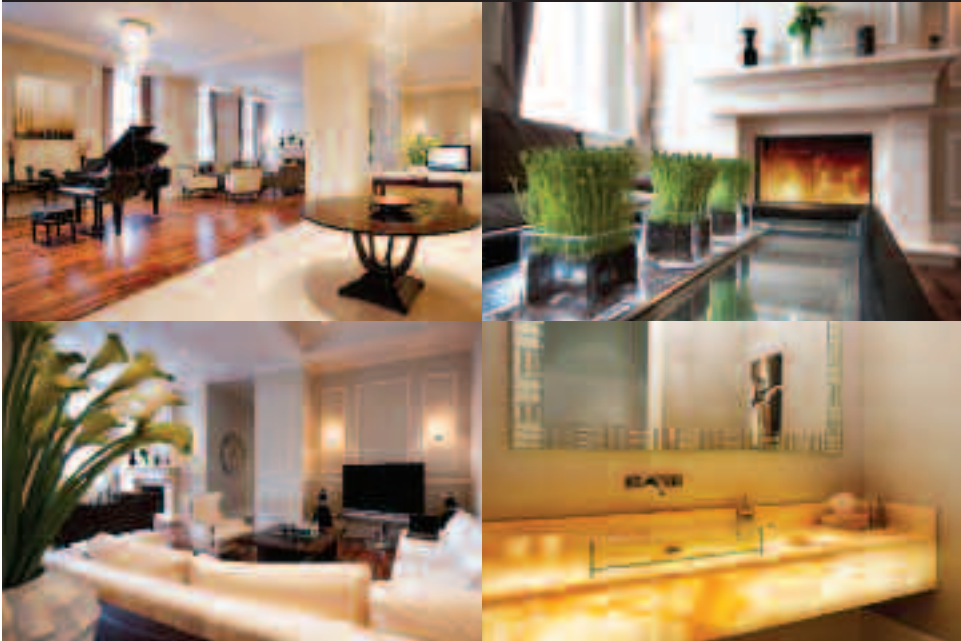


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Michael Polak of Prospect St., who is honorary consul in Montreal for the Netherlands, hosted a reception in the lobby of 1 Westmount Square on April 30 for the country's national holiday, the queen's birthday. The colour orange was everywhere. It symbolizes the House of Orange-Nassau, the dynasty whose members serve as constitutional monarchs in the Netherlands. From the left are Jason Polak, Portugal Consul General Fernando Demée de Brito, Michael Polak, Pennie Polak, Willem Westenberg and Shelby Wams.

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Shenker spreads speech therapy program across Quebec



Montreal Fluency Centre founder and Executive Director Rosalee Shenker (left) shares a few laughs with Rawdon Elementary principal Tammie Marlin (on the screen) during a videoconference.

BY RALPH THOMPSON

The Montreal Fluency Centre (MFC), launched its new videoconferencing facilities on May 3, and announced it will extend its services province-wide.

Rosalee Shenker, its executive director, founded the non-profit organization, which provides speech therapy programs to children to help overcome language, literacy and related communication disorders. It has been in operation for more than 10 years at its Westmount facilities at 4626 St. Catherine St.

The MFC claims it is the only institution of its kind in Quebec but receives no direct government funding. Although not well-known in the community, the centre obtains support through local fundraising and through a number of local businesses, Quebec companies, as well as McKesson Canada and Telus Canada.

The Study donates “smart board”

Shenker was not lost for words in expressing her gratitude to those who had supported the development of her distance-learning program. The Study donated a “smart board,” which, when linked into internet-based videoconferencing equipment, has enabled Shenker to

launch a pilot distance learning program with Rawdon Elementary School.

Shenker’s strategy is to employ the methodology of “teaching the teachers.” To be more effective in covering the far reaches of Quebec, the distance-learning programs will provide the basic skills and tools to teachers in order to address speech defects amongst their students at an early age.

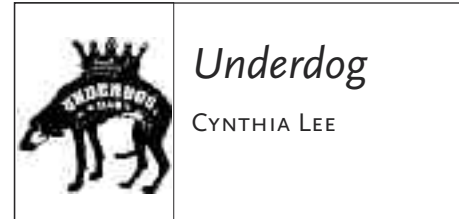
Tammie Marlin, principal of the Rawdon Elementary School, spoke enthusiastically during a live videoconference demonstration. “We have worked with the MFC over the past 10 weeks so that now our teachers are providing

speech therapy to grade 1 *continued on p. 24*

Skate-a-thon closes bike path

The bike path through Westmount Park was closed Sunday morning May 1 to allow for the Scout Skate-a-thon to take place, Public Security officials said. Participants used the paved route to loop around Melville, Academy Rd. and through the park. It was completed by 11:30 am.

Calling all chubby chasers



Bosco is a little-short-fat man of a dog, who is seriously down on his luck.

Not only does he have middle age looming and some pounds to lose, but he was told to “get lost” by the people who presumably were meant to love him.

All of these might push someone into an abyss of depression, but not Bos. This

six-year-old male dachshund may be down on his luck but he isn’t down for the count. Found wandering around Girouard Park one snowy day, Bosco may have been dumped or simply forgotten. His nails were so long they curled around his paws, but no matter, he was able to get around just fine on those short stumpy legs of his.

Despite the certain neglect, attempts were made to find his owners, but we know how this goes, right? No one came to claim him.

Since then, Bosco has been spending his days living at a foster home while he

waits for a home of his own.

He is a good little guy by all reports – a gentle soul with a certain whimsical manner. He gets along very well with kids but would probably do best with those over 10 years of age. This guy also likes the company of other canines and is quite popular in certain circles. Though he certainly could stand to lose a few pounds, Bosco is a very healthy specimen.

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Bosco

A sign of spring



The lagoon in Westmount Park was recently filled with water – a sure sign that warmer weather is ahead. It is pictured here on May 6.

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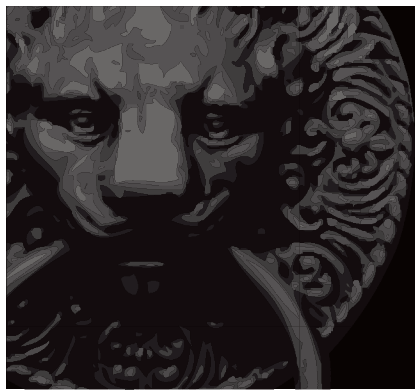
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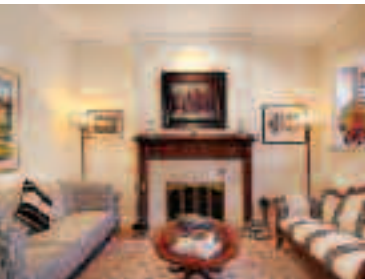
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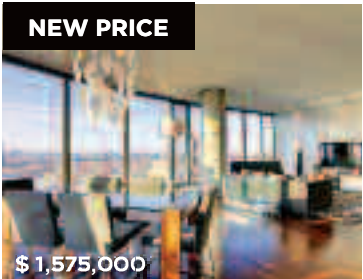
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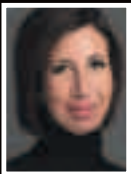
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The Mahs celebrate 30 years of Piment Rouge

All ends well

Public safety officers were called to an apartment building on Melville Ave. May 3 when a small dog was found barking on a balcony. A neighbour, who knew the dog and owner, called the officers fearing something had happened to the devoted owner. The dog was believed to have been inadvertently shut out for about an hour in pouring rain. The owner was finally reached and the dog brought in.



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

On an unsuitably cold April 14 eve, long-time Westmount residents **Hazel** and **Chuck Mah** celebrated 30 years of their restaurant Le Piment Rouge.

The Mah family owns CHED Group, which operates Le Piment Rouge, Mahjongg Bistro de Chine, Ruby Foo's Lounge and Cafe dLUX.

Mum and dad were particularly proud



Hazel, Clarence, Chuck, Glenn and Anamalie Mah.

that evening as sons **Clarence** and **Glenn** (with his wife **Anamalie**) attended, both flying in from LA.

The evening benefitted the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, with silent auction items raising \$30,000 for the institution's Asian art purchases.

Attending from the museum were **Nathalie Bondil**, director; **Laura Vigo**, curator of Asian art; **Danielle Champagne**, director of the Museum Foundation and

Sabrina Merceron, director of communications.

The event was packed with Piment Rouge fans. Delicious trays of goodies were offered to guests without delay – a rare treat as at many events the food is slow, if not late, to arrive.

Guests admired the beautiful 50-year old bonsai, a tiny tree lovingly manicured. A large plasma screen showed past years at Pi- continued on p. 22



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ment Rouge, and amidst the VIP pictured was Pierre Elliott Trudeau, whose son **Justin** showed up later in the evening.

Lovely media celeb **Virginie Coossa** was noted amidst the chicly-clad. Westmounters attending included **Barbara and Mortimer Freiheit** (partner with Stikeman Elliott), **Michael Levinson** (commissioner with Commission de protection du territoire agricole du Québec), former Westmount city councillor **Rhoda Vineberg** and **Robert Vineberg** (partner with Davies, Ward, Phillips & Vineberg), and son **Justin**, who attended Selwyn House with Clarence and Glenn Mah.

Departing guests were presented with an elegant recycling bag containing – among other things – a carefully-wrapped Asian pear. The palest of yellow, it comes from the pyrus pyrifolia tree specific to China, Korea and Japan, and is considered a symbol of spring.

I am sure guests saved it in hopes that this season might one day arrive!



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- “**Under the Tuscan Sun**” fundraiser for the Queen Elizabeth Health Complex at Parisian Laundry, 3550 St. Antoine St. Tickets; \$125. Info: 514.485.5018 or rpelletier@qehc.org.

SATURDAY, MAY 14

- Randonnée Aventure is offering a pre-season, introductory carpool hike at the Centre de la Nature Mont St. Hilaire for prospective members interested in participating in the club's 2011 program of **hikes in Quebec and the US**. 8 am pickup, 3 pm drop-off. Cost \$5 carpool fee, \$5 park entrance. Info: 514.489.0339 or www.randonnee.ca.

- **Free compost** for Westmount residents at Westmount Public Works yard, Bethune St., 9 am. Bring a container (either plastic bag or bin), shovel and proof of residence. Trucks and trailers are prohibited. Info: 514.989.5390.

- **Orpheus Singers** presents its spring concert “Bonjour mon coeur: Love Poetry for Chamber Choir,” 8 pm at St. Matthias' Church. Tickets: Adults: \$18 (\$20 at the door); seniors and students: \$10 (\$12 at the door). Info: 514.846.8464.

SUNDAY, MAY 15

- **Spin-a-thon** to raise money for children's programming at the Westmount Y, 9 am to 12 noon. Info: Susan Doherty 514.846.1440 or dohertys@selwyn.ca.

- **Anthony Housefather**, mayor of Côte St. Luc will discuss “International and local current events,” 12 noon at Shaar Hashomayim. Lunch followed by lecture. Cost: \$5. Reserve: 514.937.9471, ext. 139.

TUESDAY, MAY 17

- The Cummings Centre presents **Henri Habib**, a Middle East analyst, who will discuss “The Middle East: From Transition to Transformation,” 10 am, 395 Elm Ave. Cost \$15 member; \$20 non-member. Info: 514.342.1234, ext 7201.

- The **Canadian Writers Society** will be holding a round table discussion with authors Steven Manners, David Reich, Christina Manolescu and publisher Robin Philpot, 7 pm at the Westmount Y. Cost: \$2 to benefit the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign. Info: 514.707.9396 or canadianwritersociety.com.

writerssociety@hotmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

- **Public consultation meeting** on changes in Westmount's architectural and building requirements at city hall, 7 pm.

- **Westmount Municipal Association's** (WMA) annual general meeting at Victoria Hall. Reception 7 pm; meeting 7:30 pm. Presentation of the Derek Walker Volunteer Citizen of the Year Award and guest speaker Richard Filion. Open to all. Info: 514.594.2866 or info@wma-amw.org.

- **L'Art de la Table**: a fundraising event for Meals-on-Wheels at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim. Gala patrons evening, 6 pm. Also on Thursday, May 19, from 11 am to 5 pm. Reserve: 514.937.9471, ext. 145. Info: 514.937.9471, ext. 169.

- “**Faith First**” program at Ascension of our Lord Parish (375 Kitchener Ave.) for parents who want to transmit the Catholic faith to their children. Registration 4 to 7 pm in the parish room. Baptismal certificate required to register. Registration form: www.ascensionofourlord.ca.

- **Perennial Plant Exchange** at the Westmount arena. Perennials drop-off for vouchers from 4:30 and 6 pm. Plant exchange from 6 and 7 pm. Sale at 7 pm. Info: www.westmount.org or call 514.989.5226. See p. 8 for story.

THURSDAY, MAY 19

- “**Dining on the Avenue**” presented by Gordana Govic, 7 to 9 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Free for members; \$5 for non-members. Info: Westmount Historical Association, 514.989.5510.

- The Thomas More Institute presents an interview with **Rana Bose** on literature, 7 to 9 pm. 3405 Atwater Ave. The second in a four-part series on Canadian Visions. Cost \$10. Reserve: 514.935.9585.

Top scorers, Westmount bridge club

Westmount tally bridge winners with top accumulative bridge scores for the three best sessions in April were:

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the program on students’ speech development, MFC has made an appraisal of students for comparison with their performance made by the same students at a later date.

The cost of introducing the distance-learning pilot program in Rawdon was

about \$18,000 but the school received some support through the “New approaches, new solutions” program provided by Education, Loisir et Sport Québec. Costs are expected to be less in future years.



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PREMIER PROJET DE RÈGLEMENT 1411
LE MERCREDI 18 MAI 2011 – 19 h**

À TOUTES LES PERSONNES INTÉRESSÉES PAR LE PREMIER PROJET DE RÈGLEMENT n° 1411 INTITULÉ « *Règlement visant à modifier de nouveau le règlement 1303 concernant le zonage – garages / cours latérales / toits en pente* »

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné par le soussigné, greffier de la Ville de Westmount, de ce qui suit :

1. Lors de sa séance ordinaire tenue le mardi 3 mai 2011, le conseil a adopté par résolution le premier projet de règlement n° 1411, intitulé « *Règlement visant à modifier de nouveau le règlement 1303 concernant le zonage – garages / cours latérales / toits en pente* ».
2. Conformément à la *Loi sur l’aménagement et l’urbanisme* (L.R.Q., chapitre A-19.1), une assemblée publique de consultation aura lieu le **mercredi 18 mai 2011 à 19 h**, à la salle du conseil de l’hôtel de ville de Westmount située au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest.

Cette assemblée publique de consultation a pour but d’expliquer le premier projet de règlement n° 1411 dont l’objet vise notamment à :

- supprimer le choix de matériaux de pavage qui est prévu au *Règlement sur les plans d’implantation et d’intégration architecturale (1305)*;
 - préciser que les aires de stationnement doivent être aménagées derrière l’alignement de construction;
 - accroître la superficie permise, de 15 % à 40 %, des toits dont la pente est inférieure à 20 degrés par rapport à l’horizontal;
 - consentir pour tout immeuble ayant des droits acquis à l’égard de l’espace découvert dans sa cour latérale, le droit d’agrandissement à la verticale sans exiger d’espace découvert additionnel.
3. Au cours de cette assemblée, la personne qui préside expliquera le premier projet de règlement et entendra les personnes et organismes qui désirent s’exprimer.
 4. Le premier projet de règlement comporte des dispositions propres à un règlement susceptible d’approbation référendaire.
 5. Le premier projet de règlement concerne l’ensemble du territoire de la ville de Westmount.
 6. Toute personne intéressée peut consulter le premier projet de règlement n° 1411 et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 10 mai 2011.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING
FIRST DRAFT BY-LAW 1411
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.**

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED BY THE FIRST DRAFT BY-LAW NO. 1411 ENTITLED “*By-law to further amend Zoning By-law 1303 – Garages / side yards / sloped roofs*”

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Westmount, of the following:

1. At its regular meeting held on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, Council adopted by resolution, the first draft By-law No. 1411 entitled “ *By-law to further amend Zoning By-law 1303 – Garages / side yards / sloped roofs*”.
2. In accordance with *An Act respecting land use planning and development* (R.S.Q., chapter A-19.1), a public consultation meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Council Chamber of Westmount City Hall located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West.

The purpose of this public consultation meeting is to explain the first draft By-law No. 1411, the object of which is, among other things to:

- rescind the selection of paving material, that is defined under *By-law on Site Planning and Architectural Integration Programme (1305)*;
 - specify that the parking areas must be established behind the building line;
 - increase the allowable area from 15% to 40% for roofs with a slope under 20 degrees, measured from the horizontal;
 - provide for any building subject to vested rights with respect to the uncovered space in the sideyard, the right to extend vertically without any additional uncovered space being required.
3. During this meeting, the person presiding will explain the first draft by-law and will hear every person or body wishing to express an opinion.
 4. The first draft by-law contains provisions making it a by-law subject to approval by way of referendum.
 5. The first draft by-law concerns the whole territory of the City of Westmount.
 6. Any interested person may consult the first draft By-law No. 1411 and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, May 10, 2011.

Mario Gerbeau
Greffier de la ville / City Clerk

**Chris & Alix design
jewels for Sharon
Johnston to wear to
royal wedding**



Sharon Johnston, wife of governor general David Johnston, is pictured above wearing jewellery designed by Chris & Alix Jewelry, run by former Westmounter Christina Loertscher and Alexandra Scherzer. Their jewellery design store, Chris & Alix Jewelry, was commissioned to create a necklace, bracelet and earring set for Johnston to wear to the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton. The necklace was designed with a "classic three-stranded pearl necklace in mind and made with Swarovski crystals and Swarovski pearls. The bracelet mimics the design of the necklace with its modern flare and adds life through light in its movement. The large natural pearl stud earrings remain true to form for an elegant and sophisticated event," according to the jewellers. The Johnstons are former residents of Sunnyside Ave.

Photo: Serge Gouin

**Violent wind rips
down flashings and
branches**

Heavy winds on April 28 ripped off metal from a roof at 94 Summit Crescent and a gutter at 1355 Greene, Public Security officials said. A number of tree branches were also downed, including one at Strathcona and Côte St. Antoine where city crews cut down the tree. A parked car was also hit at 94 Summit Crescent by a large part that fell onto the sidewalk. Another tree limb crashed onto the street at 66 Summit Crescent.

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Adventures in sustainable living

Composting in its splendour

BY MARCI BABINEAU

Words like “humus” or “crumbly” used to describe rich soil might bring to mind something good enough to eat. Indeed curious small children and hungry animals sometimes sample its bounty outright!

Most of us are satisfied to wait for the great miracle of vegetable plants and fruit trees to convert the soil’s goodness to something more palatable. It is, however, the richness of the soil, varying from place



An example of compost.

growth and potassium for resilience against things like drought, using compost to amend the soil is much more than the sum of its chemical components.

Compost provides an environment for nutrient exchange between microscopic life and plants that is complex and meaningful to the health of the plant.

To build your compost pile, you need an area of about three feet square and six feet tall (not next to your neighbours’ barbeque). You must acquire a bin to protect

your compost from urban wildlife. Begin collecting your kitchen waste minus meat, bones, fat and oil.

Balanced compost should have a carbon-to-nitrogen ratio of 30 to 1. It is simpler to think of compost in terms of brown and green. Brown stuff includes dry leaves, straw, wood chips, cardboard and paper, dry plant clippings and old potting soil. Green stuff is kitchen waste, coffee grounds, tea

bags, fresh grass, plant clippings and manure. For manure, stick to cow, sheep, horse, rabbit or chicken.

Add a good shovel of dirt to introduce soil micro fauna to the mix, just to speed things up. With this colour-coding, we can change the ratio to one part green, one part brown.

If green and brown are layered with a few inches of each, you will not need to mix with

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Abbott shares experience of the Cree through book, photography and film



During a noontime presentation on May 5 at the Atwater Library, writer/photographer Louise Abbott spoke about her latest book, Eeyou Istchee: Land of the Cree, which she and co-photographer Niels Jensen recently published about the history and cultural traditions of the Cree of eastern James Bay. Abbott screened several of her short films about life in Quebec’s north. She also described the impact that paved roads to northern Quebec are having on the way of life there.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

Silberberg speaks to Roslyn students during Blue Met’s children’s festival



Westmount author and illustrator Alan Silberberg presented his books to grade 5 students from Roslyn on April 29 at the Westmount Public Library. Silberberg’s two published books are Milo: Sticky Notes and Brain Freeze and Pond Scum. The library has taken part in the Blue Metropolis Children’s Festival event since it began four years ago.

Photo courtesy of the Westmount Public Library



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Preparing arena/pool campaign

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construction is expected to start “and momentum will pick up.”

Now that MacKinnon has been selected, he said, the preparation can move forward. “It’s important for us to have someone in her position who is part of the community,” he explained. MacKinnon has two children participating in the city’s Sports and Recreation activities.

While she recently returned to West-

mount after five years working in Australia, MacKinnon previously consulted here in educational and healthcare areas. She was also deputy director of McGill’s 21st Century Fund and director of the Montreal Children’s Hospital Foundation.

Price has been chairing the council’s fundraising steering committee, which also includes Councillor Victor Drury, a fundraiser by profession, and city director general Duncan Campbell.

“Our target is still \$5 million as laid out

in the initial letter from the mayor,” Price said. This was sent to all residents in April 2010 outlining the total cost of the project as \$37 million.

Of this, \$20 million will be offset by the federal/provincial grants and \$5 million by community fundraising, leaving \$12 million to be financed through average tax increases of \$200 a year for 10 years.

Interestingly, one questioner at the May 3 council meeting asked Mayor Peter Trent for details of the plan and tax increases.

This caused the mayor to point out how all the information had already been public knowledge for a year.

He told Sandra Chitayat from Lansdowne, who questioned the architectural design and concept, that the city might accept “small modifications” to the project but that the overall approach had already been accepted.



Ville de Westmount
City of Westmount



AVIS D'ENTRÉE EN VIGUEUR RÈGLEMENTS DE ZONAGE

Nos 1406-1, 1406-2 et 1406-3

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné à tous ceux qui peuvent être concernés que les règlements de zonage énumérés ci-dessous, adoptés par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d’une séance ordinaire tenue à l’hôtel de ville le 4 avril 2011, sont réputés avoir été approuvés par les personnes habiles à voter lors des registres tenus le 26 avril 2011.

Règlement 1406-1 intitulé « *Règlement visant à modifier de nouveau le règlement 1303 concernant le zonage – implantation, espaces découverts et constructions souterraines dans les cours latérales et arrière dans la zone R2-07-01* »;

Règlement 1406-2 intitulé « *Règlement visant à modifier de nouveau le règlement 1303 concernant le zonage – implantation, espaces découverts et constructions souterraines dans les cours latérales et arrière dans la zone R2-09-01*;

Règlement 1406-3 intitulé « *Règlement visant à modifier de nouveau le règlement 1303 concernant le zonage – implantation, espaces découverts et constructions souterraines dans les cours latérales et arrière dans la zone R2-10-01* ».

L’objet de ces règlements vise notamment à :

- augmenter les exigences des marges latérales de 7 à 10 pieds pour un lot d’une superficie de 8 000 pieds carrés ou plus, dans les zones R2-07-01, R2-09-01 et R2-10-01;
- réduire la superficie d’implantation maximum au plus élevé de 3 200 pieds carrés (297,29 mètres carrés) ou 35% du lot ou terrain, si la superficie du lot ou terrain est de 8 000 pieds carrés (743,2 mètres carrés) ou plus; et
- interdire la construction en-dessous de l’espace découvert minimum requis dans les cours latérales et dans les cours arrière, à l’exception des empattements, des accès vers les sous-sols et les puits de fenêtres.

Ces règlements entrent en vigueur conformément à la loi.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter ces règlements sur le site web de la ville : www.westmount.org et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 10 mai 2011.

Mario Gerbeau
Greffier

NOTICE OF COMING INTO FORCE ZONING BY-LAW

Nos 1406-1, 1406-2 and 1406-3

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that the Zoning by-laws listed below, adopted by the Municipal Council of Westmount at a regular sitting held on April 4, 2011, were deemed to have been approved by the qualified voters at the registers held on April 26, 2011.

By-law 1406-1 entitled “*By-law to further amend Zoning By-law 1303 - Site coverage, uncovered spaces and underground structures in side yards and rear yards in zone R2-07-01*”;

By-law 1406-2 entitled “*By-law to further amend Zoning By-law 1303 - Site coverage, uncovered spaces and underground structures in side yards and rear yards in zone R2-09-01*”;

By-law 1406-3 entitled “*By-law to further amend Zoning By-law 1303 - Site coverage, uncovered spaces and underground structures in side yards and rear yards in zone R2-10-01*”

The object of these draft by-laws is, among other things:

- To increase the lateral setback requirements in zones R2-07-01, R2-09-01 and R2-10-01 from 7 feet to 10 feet for a lot of 8,000 square feet or more;
- To reduce the maximum permissible site coverage to 3,200 square feet (297.29 square meters) or 35% of the area of the lot or parcel of land, whichever is the greater area, if the area of the lot or parcel of land is 8,000 square feet (743.2 square meters) or greater; and
- To forbid below grade construction in the required minimum open space in the side yards and in the rear yards with the exception of footings, basement accesses and window well.

These by-laws shall come into force according to law.

Any interested person may consult these by-laws on the City’s website: www.westmount.org and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Quebec, from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, Quebec, this May 10, 2011.

Mario Gerbeau
City Clerk

Cyclist injured on bike path

A cyclist, who was reported to have rolled through a stop sign on the bike path, was injured April 29 after colliding with a northbound car at Grosvenor and de Maisonneuve, Public Security officials said. The intersection is a four-way stop.

Officers were called to the scene at 11:48 am where they said the driver

claimed to have made his stop. The cyclist, a 36-year-old NDG resident, admitted to “rolling through” thinking he would be given the right of way.

At first he said he was not injured; then complained of pain in the neck and back. Urgences Santé was called to the scene. There was a large dent in the car fender.

Make compost or get it

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a fork. Keep a bag of brown handy and just add some each time the compost is emptied.

Once the air temperature heats up and the magic begins, you may notice the smell of methane, a by-product of decomposition. This smell can be neutralized with a few shovels of soil. This treatment also discourages flying insects and urban wildlife.

It is possible to mature a container over the warm season with green and brown layering approach. Corncobs will not dis-

integrate in a single year, but if left in the soil will act as sponges and will hold water for dry times.

If this adventure isn’t for you, the city of Westmount provides free compost each year as a product of its composting program. This will be available from the Public Works yards on Bethune St., Saturday, May 14 at 9 am.

Marci Babineau is an urban farmer in Westmount. She teaches sustainable gardening practices at Victoria Hall.



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AVIS D'ADOPTION
RÈGLEMENT 1408

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné à tous ceux qui peuvent être concernés que le règlement 1408 intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1318 CONCERNANT LES TARIFS** » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d’une séance ordinaire tenue à l’hôtel de ville le 3 mai 2011.

L’objet de ce règlement vise notamment à augmenter les tarifs imposés et prélevés pour l’utilisation de biens et de services ou la participation à des activités, y compris les frais d’utilisation de la piscine, des courts de tennis et des installations de l’aréna, les frais d’abonnement à la bibliothèque, la délivrance de permis, la photocopie et l’impression, le mariage et l’union civile, la transcription ou la reproduction de documents et l’utilisation des terrains de stationnement.

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 et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 10 mai 2011.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION
BY-LAW 1408

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law 1408 entitled “**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 1318 CONCERNING TARIFFS**” was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a regular sitting held at City Hall on May 3, 2011.


The object of this by-law is, among other things, to increase tariffs imposed and levied for the use of goods and services or the benefit of activities, including membership fees for the use of pool, tennis and arena facilities, the Library membership fees, the issuance of a license or a permit, photocopy and printing, marriage and civil union, transcription or reproduction of documents and the use of parking lots.

This by-law comes into force according to law.


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

GIVEN at Westmount, Quebec, this May 10, 2011.

Mario Gerbeau
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AVIS D'ADOPTION
RÈGLEMENT 1409

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné à tous ceux qui peuvent être concernés que le règlement 1409 intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 742 PRÉVOYANT L'ÉTABLISSEMENT DE TARIFS ET CERTAINES CONDITIONS APPLICABLES À L'APPROVISIONNEMENT D'ÉLECTRICITÉ** » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d’une séance ordinaire tenue à l’hôtel de ville le 3 mai 2011.

Ce règlement a pour objet d’autoriser la réduction des tarifs d’électricité afin de refléter les nouveaux tarifs autorisés par la Régie de l’énergie, à compter du 1^{er} avril 2011.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur conformément à la loi.

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

DONNÉ à Westmount ce 10 mai 2011.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION
BY-LAW 1409

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law 1409 entitled “**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 742 TO ESTABLISH RATES AND CERTAIN CONDITIONS FOR THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY**” was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a regular sitting held at City Hall on May 3, 2011.

The object of this by-law is to authorize the reduction of the electricity tariffs to reflect the new rates authorized by the *Régie de l’énergie*, effective April 1, 2011.

This by-law comes into force according to law.

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

GIVEN at Westmount this May 10, 2011.

Mario Gerbeau
Greffier de la ville / City Clerk

Barracudas win 33 medals



Ruby Boulard swims the butterfly during the Westmount Barracudas swim team's first hosted team championships at Collège Notre Dame from April 29 to May 1. The Barracudas achieved several personal bests and won 33 individual and team medals. Gold medals were won by Logan Stack in the 200m backstroke, Hannah Trier-Roberts for the 200m individual medley and Amanda Borowczyk for the 400m individual medley. "Holding a team championships is a challenge for a small club like the Barracudas," said Dan Lundenberg, president of the team's parent advisory committee. "The tremendous support we have received from our swimmers, parent volunteers and corporate sponsors shows that Westmount is a hotbed of swimming. For a club that does not have a suitable pool to hold swim meets, it is remarkable that we have been able to hold three over the last 15 months."

Photo: Julien Poitout

Westmount diver rises to new heights

By JARED BOOK

For 10-year-old Olivia Chamandy and her family, it all happened so quickly.

Just two years ago, Chamandy was watching Canadian Alexandre Despatie on television at the Beijing Olympics. Within hours she had not only told her parents that she wanted to dive, she started diving into the water at the family's cottage.

Since then, Chamandy has competed at the Quebec Games and Junior Provincial championships, where she has won gold medals in three disciplines including setting a Quebec Games record in the 1m event.

"I saw it and loved the moves in the air," she said. She is also a part of the provincial program that combines schooling with athletic training. The biggest adjustment, aside from the normal changes that comes with a school switch, was the increase of diving from three hours a week to 12.

For her parents, David and Marie-Hélène, first came the shock of their daughter's choice (she had previously only played badminton), then came their learning process of a sport neither knew much about.

"We see the scores after one of her dives, and her coach talks to her, and we don't know what was wrong with it," her mother said. "But we're learning!"

Chamandy is just finishing up grade 5,



Olivia Chamandy competes in the 1m event final during the 46e Finale Jeux du Québec Hiver 2011, March 3 in Beauharnois Salaberry de Valleyfield. Chamandy took home the gold medal.

Photo: David Chamandy

and has her eyes set on her first national championship to take place in Pointe Claire this July.



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AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1410

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné à tous ceux qui peuvent être concernés que le règlement 1410 intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT MODIFIANT LE RÈGLEMENT CONCERNANT LES CHIENS ET LES PERMIS S'Y RAPPORTANT** » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance ordinaire tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 3 mai 2011.

Ce règlement vise à modifier le Règlement concernant les chiens et les permis s'y rapportant (535) afin de :

- prévoir l'obligation pour le gardien de tout chien de porter en tout temps sur lui le permis sous forme de carte indiquant le numéro de médaille délivré par la ville quand il promène son chien dans un lieu public;
- clarifier les règles que doit respecter le gardien de tout chien dans les zones de parcs désignées par la ville et identifiées par des panneaux officiels;
- clarifier les règles que doit respecter le gardien de tout chien dans le boisé du parc Summit;
- établir l'amende minimale à 75 \$ dans le cas d'une première infraction;
- désigner le directeur du Service de la sécurité publique comme personne responsable de l'application de ce règlement;
- assurer la concordance de certaines dispositions avec l'actuelle orientation juridique de la ville.

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 et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 10 mai 2011.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1410

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law 1410 entitled "**BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW CONCERNING DOGS AND THE LICENSING THEREOF**" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a regular sitting held at City Hall on May 3, 2011.

The object of this by-law is to amend the By-law concerning dogs and the licensing thereof (535) in order to:

- Provide for the obligation for the keeper of any dog to have at all times on his or her person a licence in the form of a card bearing the dog's tag number issued by the City when having or taking the dog in any public place in the City;
- Clarify the rules that must be observed by the keeper of any dog in the City park areas designated by the City and identified by official signs;
- Clarify the rules that must be observed by the keeper of any dog in the Summit Woods;
- Fix the minimum fine at \$75 in the case of a first offence;
- Designate the Director of the Public Security Department as the person responsible for the administration of this by-law;
- Bring some cross-referencing provisions with the current legal position of the City.

This by-law comes into force in accordance with the law.


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

GIVEN at Westmount, Quebec, this May 10, 2011.

**Mario Gerbeau,
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In conversation with Michael Millman on Greene Ave.



In Conversation

HEATHER BLACK

Westmount gallery owner Michael Millman has lived on Greene Ave. for most of his life. The third generation of gallery owners, his family has played a significant role in the Montreal art scene. Recently, I spoke to Millman at his West End Gallery.

All in the family

Art lover and painter Rose Millman founded the Dominion Gallery in 1941. She later sold it to junior partner Max Stern, and in 1948, she opened the West End Gallery on Sherbrooke St.'s Prince of Wales Terrace.

Michael Millman recounts how his grandmother's first group exhibit in 1949 included Emily Carr, Marian Scott and members of the Beaver Hall Group – Anne Savage, Prudence Heward, Mabel

Lockerby, Sarah Robertson and Ethel Seath.

Following her death, Millman's mother Florence reopened the gallery in 1964 at its present location on Greene Ave. Interestingly, Millman recalls that the first exhibit also featured female artists, including Madeleine Boyer, Rita Briansky, Ghitta Caiserman-Roth and Louise Carrier.

Illustrious artists

Over the years, the West End Gallery featured many prominent painters, including the famed Group of Seven. Millman recalls that Ralph Burton's 1967 show brought artists A. Y. Jackson, Arthur Lismer and Ann Savage together for the last time.

Over the years, the gallery also represented many artists from Montreal's Jewish community, including Sam Borenstein, Harry Mayerovitch, Louis Muhlstock and Moe Reinblatt.

Florence Millman, who died earlier this year, worked closely with curator Esther Trépanier on the 1980 and 1987 exhibits

and was instrumental in securing initial funding for the most recent retrospective, "Jewish Painters of Montreal: Witnesses of Their Time, 1930-1948".

The gallery, which specializes in Canadian art, currently exhibits the work of area residents Lynda Schneider-Granatstein and Nory Steiger.

Greene Ave. then

Millman is also fascinated by the street's history. He possesses a 1840s pastel by Holdstock depicting two buildings – one of which was the Sherbrooke St. tollhouse. This representation, he explained was made "just before the boom."

At one time, the west side of the street was owned by the Grey Nuns, while the east side belonged to the Sulpicians. Eventually homes were built. In 1890, the gallery building was constructed as a "private residence for Alfred Forbes," a St. James St. art dealer.

But Greene Ave.'s early association with art doesn't end there. Millman

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Michael Millman in front of his gallery, April 7.

Prugger Design, trink present show for Sarah Cook Fund



From left, Tracy Gartner, unnamed mannequin, Astri Prugger, May 6.

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Astri Prugger of Astri Prugger Design and Tracy Gartner of trink jewelry are presenting an "Amour Bohème" fashion show benefiting the Sarah Cook Fund of the Cedars Cancer Institute for Children.

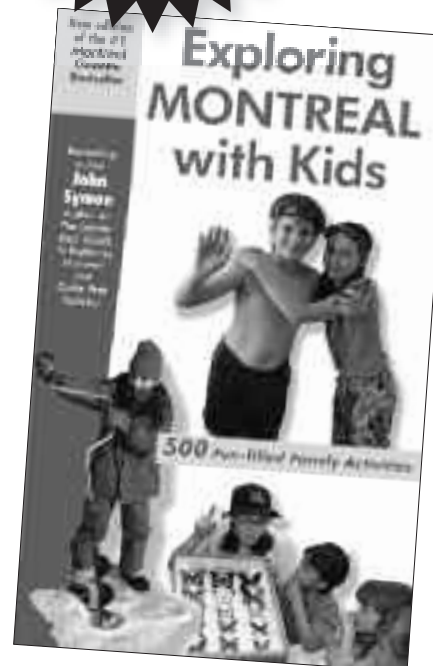
The show will take place Tuesday, May

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Digital literacy program aims to help groups get comfy with technology

BY LAUREN O'LOUGHLIN

The Atwater Library and Computer Centre's digital literacy program is there if you need a hand with technology.

The program, which started in 2007, organizes workshops for individuals, com-



Robin Kelley in the Atwater Library and Computer Centre's reading room.

munity groups and schools. Students, young and old, can learn different skills, ranging from navigating government websites, to making and editing video, to mastering photo manipulation software, to learning stop-motion animation.

Robin Kelley, the library's information society project coordinator explained, "The aim of the program is to provide workshops in new media technology to youth and community groups. Most programs are given in partnership with specific groups and tailored specifically to the group's needs."

What makes the program different from a straightforward technical class is that its workshops often have a strong social or community-building message as a theme.

Contactivity learns videomaking

An example of this is the "Sharing Stories" workshop, which was held in tandem with the Contactivity seniors' centre. Over four classes, seniors were taught to use video cameras in order to share their personal stories.

For youths is the "HipHopNoPop"

workshop, which offers participants a chance to learn about the non-violent origins of hip hop while learning to make video documentaries.

The "Media Literacy" workshop taught girls at Trafalgar School photo manipulation and creating posters while learning about gender stereotypes in the media.

Create and communicate

"The aim of the program is to give people skills to create things but also to help them communicate. ... I find the role very rewarding, and I really love doing the workshops," said Kelley, who became involved in August 2009.

The library and computer centre's program is funded by the Quebec ministry of

Government Services program grant.

The digital literacy program has created workshops for other groups, including the Carrefour Jeunesse-Emploi in NDG, Head and Hands Young Parents program and Yellow Door's Yellow Ribbon Social Club.

Videos, posters, photos and animations produced through the workshops can be viewed on the program's website gallery at <http://media.atwaterlibrary.ca/taxonomy/term/21>.

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BY MARTIN C. BARRY

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Michael Millman

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Greene Ave. now

But time doesn't stand still for Greene Ave. or the West End Gallery. Millman, a co-chair of the Greene Ave. Merchants' Association, is active in promoting the area. As for the gallery, he is currently planning

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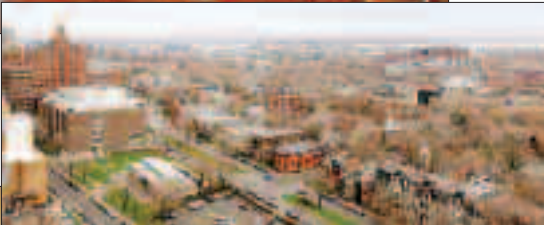
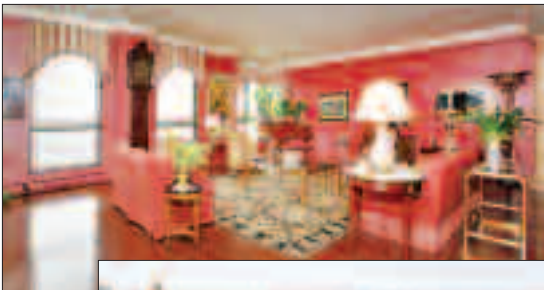
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