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Tremblay resignation 'will affect us'

Trent sees opportunity to clean up Montreal

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The resignation of Montreal mayor Gérald Tremblay "will affect us" in Westmount, Mayor Peter Trent told the city council meeting November 5, less than an hour after Tremblay announced his decision.

He said he didn't know "anyone" in the municipal arena "capable of running a \$4.9-billion budget," such as Montreal's, and that included Quebec's minister of Municipal Affairs (in event of a trusteeship).

Because Westmount turns over the major portion of its taxes to the island-wide agglomeration council, which is ruled by Montreal, what happens now in the megacity will have a bearing on Westmount and other suburbs, he explained the next day. If Montreal reduces proposed spending for 2013, for example, it could have a *continued on p. 8*



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Outdoor refrigerated rink now to open at the WAG

BY MICHAEL MOORE

Westmounters going through hockey withdrawal will soon be able to get their fix of Canada's national winter sport.

With the arena out of commission, Westmount city council gave the final go-ahead at its November 5 meeting for the construction of a new refrigerated ice rink to be constructed outside at the Westmount Athletic Grounds (WAG). The rink

was originally slated to be built on the tennis courts in Murray Park (see September 18, p. 1), but stability concerns about construction on sloping areas around the courts necessitated the move to the WAG.

"It is all about getting as many kids and adults out there playing hockey as possible," said Sports and Recreation director Mike Deegan. "We don't want them to lose a whole season while the *continued on p. 29*

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NEWS FROM CITY

2008 employee ethics code evolves into required by-law

An ethics code that has been in place for Westmount employees since 2008 was incorporated into a by-law (as required by Quebec of all municipalities) and adopted at the city council meeting November 5. Westmount also has a code governing elected officials.

The Westmount code lays down guidelines on how employees should carry out their responsibilities vis-à-vis residents and their employer in areas of competence, integrity, loyalty, adherence to by-laws and directives, promoting the city's culture and values, including anti-harassment. It also covers the treatment of confidential information, conflicts of interest, gifts and benefits, and consequences of violation.

The employee code also states that "no employee may accept any gifts, invitations to entertainment activities, donations, services, benefits or any other favours that could influence his or her work or affect the credibility of the city."

But omitted from the by-law at the request of the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) in a flurry of emails to council members that afternoon was a section immediately following the above one. This stated that "exceptionally, a non-recurring gift" of "nominal value" may be accepted as long as it does not place an employee in an embarrassing position or influence a decision, "including meals and tickets to cultural and sporting events."

"You can't have it both ways," argued Paul Marriott in the question period that preceded adoption of the by-law. "No gifts, that's it." The WMA had had "quite a heated discussion" over the issue, he noted.

He also objected to an earlier statement by Councillor Patrick Martin that in a small community like Westmount where people tend to know what was happening, it is less likely for influencing to occur. Martin noted that he had confidence in the city's *continued on p. 11*

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COUNCIL MEETING, Nov. 5

Public consultation meeting Nov. 26

Changes intended to prohibit construction after 6 pm

Residents annoyed by neighbourhood construction noise over dinner hour or early Saturday mornings may have some relief as the city prepares to prohibit such work after 6 pm and allow it to start up only after 9 am on Saturdays.

Currently, the city allows construction on weekdays from 7 am to 9 pm and on Saturdays from 8 am to 8 pm.

The new times were presented at the city council meeting November 5 by Councillor Cynthia Lulham, commissioner of Urban Planning and Parks, in moving notice of motion to amend the current by-law.

She also announced that a public consultation meeting on the changes would

take place Monday, November 26 at 7 pm at city hall.

Interestingly, however, the draft of the amending by-law distributed as part of the meeting agenda was less restrictive, banning construction after 7 pm rather than 6 pm. It also left the existing Saturday morning start-up time in place.

But just before the start of the council meeting, Lulham said council members had agreed to be even more restrictive so people could “go outside and enjoy their gardens” in the early evening – and have more peace Saturday mornings.

Maureen Kiely, a resident of The Boulevard, asked council to consider eliminating Saturday work entirely, to which Mayor

Peter Trent said: “No. There’s so much work going on.” Working on Saturday “gets it over quicker.”

And Timothy Slonofsky of Redfern asked if consideration had been given to restricting work with heavy machinery to

40 hours a week. He also wanted to know if changes to maximum sound levels of construction equipment would be included with the proposed by-law changes. Lulham said that would come later after more research into the issue.



Gerald Glass leads off the question period at the city council meeting November 5, noting *Gérald Tremblay* had just announced his resignation as mayor of Montreal.

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Bike path being explored for Côte Rd. to link with NDG

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount city officials have met with those in NDG concerning the possible creation of a bike path on Côte St. Antoine Rd., director general Duncan Campbell told the city council meeting November 5. It was the first time a coordinated approach had been reported.

Campbell also said he would be meeting with the agglomeration “to prepare part of the equation” since the funding of bike paths is an island-council responsibility.

Replying to a question about the bike path from Patricia Dumais of the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association

(WWCA), Campbell stated that NDG was planning to “rip up” its portion of Côte St. Antoine in 2013 for road work, “so we may try to dovetail into their plan.”

“I’m glad they’re talking to NDG,” WWCA president Dan Lambert said later. However, NDG had already added bike lanes on both NDG Ave. and Côte St. Antoine in that community so he didn’t see why Westmount was “so delayed” in this respect.

The group has been asking for a study of a Côte Rd. bike path for more than a year. It has also wanted to meet on the subject with consultants preparing the city’s Traffic Master Plan.

Remembrance Day vs. corruption?

At the start of the city council meeting November 5, Councillor Patrick Martin worked to put the current issues of corruption and ethics into perspective at the time of year when people remember wartime sacrifices and losses.

During the Westmount Remembrance

Day ceremony November 4, he said he was struck by the moral chasm between the alleged selfishness and lack of moral fibre of some individuals and the sacrifices made by those who gave their lives to defend moral values and the common good.

Public meeting set for Nov. 26 on plan to loosen balcony requirement

A public consultation meeting will take place Monday, November 26 for a by-law change involving the construction of balconies, it was announced at the city council meeting November 5. The meeting starts at 6 pm at city hall, preceding another to change construction hours (see p. 3).

The proposed by-law to amend building by-law 1391 deletes section 2.12. This re-

quires that all construction within the first three feet of a property line must be of non-combustible material, which is more restrictive than the Quebec Building Code.

In explaining the intent, Councillor Cynthia Lulham said that the “non-combustible” provision “leads to a lack of coherence in the design and construction of balconies and decks on buildings containing one or two dwelling units.”

NDG Food Depot urgently needs volunteers, council told

Volunteers are urgently needed to help staff a collection for the NDG Food Depot taking place December 1 at the Metro store at Victoria and Sherbrooke, city council heard November 5.

The NDG non-profit organization feeds between 35 to 50 families from Westmount, explained longtime Westmount volunteer Francie Montgomery. “I feel as Westmounters we should be giving some-

thing back.” Volunteers may call 514.483.4680.

Councillor Cynthia Lulham pointed out that the city donates its harvest from the edible planters to the depot.

More council news, p. 5.

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Mayor presents state-of-union address

3% cap put on 'controllable' spending hikes for 2013

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

While Westmount taxpayers probably won't know what impact the city's 2013 budget will have their pocketbooks until the budget meeting December 10, city council has imposed a 3-percent limit on local spending pertaining to most so-called controllable items. This is based on inflation plus 1 percent.

Mayor Peter Trent announced the guidelines November 5 in his annual state-of-the-union address, which reports on the city's financial position.

"This is a challenge considering the current impact of the actuarial deficit in our employee pension plan," he said. (This was \$16.5 million in forecasts October 31, he later told the *Independent*.)

The 2013 limits exclude the impact of the arena/pool project, capital works projects including pay-as-you-go, as well as the city's agglomeration share and other uncontrollable expenses.

If Montreal reduces proposed expenses for island-wide services as tabled in the ag-

glomeration budget, it's possible this might have a positive impact on Westmount's portion, he explained, deviating from a prepared written text.

"Council has also approved the appropriation of accumulated surplus to balance the local budget if required."

2012 forecast

This was also done for the year 2012, he pointed out in expecting this year would close with revenues and expenditures balancing at \$94.7 million. The original operating budget had been adopted at \$91.8 million.

In 2012, additional pay-as-you-go investments were made to extend the second ice rink for the new recreation centre, for decontamination of the site, to purchase an external refrigerated rink and additional transformers to improve the stability of Hydro Westmount's network.

"As of December 31, 2012, Westmount's net debt should be \$36.5 million including the annual capital expenditures from 2001 to 2012," Trent said. This excludes the arena/pool project.

The 2011 audited statement approved by city council in May this year confirmed operating expenditures of \$89.5 million and revenues of \$93.2 million for last year. A total of \$3.3 million in surplus was appropriated, leaving a non-appropriated surplus of \$401,654 (see July 3, p. 5).

PSOs track down mischievous teens

Five 14-year-olds were tracked down and questioned by public safety officers November 3 shortly before 1 am after a resident complained four of them had been ringing doorbells and talking loudly on Côte St. Antoine near Roslyn.

The witness saw the four run east and turn north on Lansdowne, where officers found them coming out of a driveway.

They were identified and given a "stern warning." A fifth teen was intercepted at Côte St. Antoine Rd. and Roslyn. He claimed to have left the others when they started smashing pumpkins on Grosvenor.

Three lived in Westmount. The others came from Hampstead and Outremont.

Mayor reports pay received by council members

As required by law, Mayor Peter Trent November 5 presented the remuneration and expense allowances for Westmount's elected officials from both the city and a higher level of municipal body.

In this respect, the mayor received \$43,934 from the city along with an expense allowance of \$15,310. He also received \$10,551 from the agglomeration council, as well as \$528 per meeting attended of its Finance and Administration committee, which he vice chairs, up to a maximum of \$10,551. He was also paid \$10,000 from the Montreal Metropolitan Community.

Westmount councillors received \$14,645 and an expense allowance of \$7,322.50.

In addition, Councillor Patrick Martin, as vice chair of the Montreal/agglo contracts review committee, receives \$528 per meeting to an annual maximum of \$10,551, and \$264 per presence as an expense allowance to a maximum of \$5,275.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WAY TO COMBAT SPEEDING IS CONSISTENT ENFORCEMENT

Please explain how it is possible on p. 1 (“On the menu: photo radar, diagonal crossings, parking, bike lanes,” October 30) to quote assistant Public Security director Greg McBain’s summary of the workshop on speeding that “every group wanted photo radar” and yet nowhere mention this proven deterrent among the “potential measures” in the summary on p. 7.

Perhaps someone could explain what evidence was used to conclude that “enforcement and calming devices (humps) are last resorts.” Westmount may well have decided to make enforcement a last resort, but I assure readers that there are abundant data in the traffic safety literature that both can be highly effective, especially if enforcement is consistent and includes sufficiently strong penalties.

It is ironic that the same issue describes the injuries experienced by a woman whose car was rear-ended by a vehicle travelling at a speed of 5 to 10 km/h (p. 17). Imagine what those injuries would have been if the car has been travelling at a far more typical Westmount speed, generally well in excess of 50 km/h?

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REDUCING SHERBROOKE TO ONE LANE LUDICROUS

Daniel Lambert is once again pushing his agenda to reduce or eliminate all cars from Westmount (“Make Vic village more appealing by reducing cars,” November 6, p. 7).

He points out that nearly 20 percent of Westmounters cycle regularly and 28 percent of residents don’t own a car. If we look at what these numbers actually say, over 80 percent of Westmounters *do not* cycle regularly, no doubt due mostly to the demographic profile of residents, and that 72 percent of households own at least one automobile, for which they pay various taxes and fees that go towards building and maintaining the roads and sidewalks that pedestrians and cyclists enjoy.

Mr. Lambert proposes eliminating one lane of traffic in each direction on Sherbrooke without a care of the chaos this would cause, solely to benefit the 50 or so cyclists who would actually use this path during the winter months.

Figures show about 25,000 cars per day travel on Sherbrooke. Where does Mr. Lambert think the displaced traffic would go?

I am all for an active lifestyle and agree that people should bike and walk when they can. However, this ludicrous idea of reducing Sherbrooke traffic to one lane in

each direction is certainly not the way to go. Thankfully, I am quite sure his idea will be given all the attention it merits.

STEVE MYRO, WESTMOUNT SQUARE

HISTORICAL GROUP IS NOT SUGGESTING TRAIN STATION SHOULD BE THEIRS

Regarding publisher David Price’s opinion piece in the November 6 issue of the *Independent* (“Let’s train ourselves to avoid boondoggles,” p. 6), the directors of the Westmount Historical Association (WHA) wish to clarify their position regarding any proposed future uses of the Victoria Ave. train station.

The possibility has often been examined, but the WHA has never in recent years advocated renovating the station to serve exclusively as our office and archives.

In terms of our association’s immediate needs, the station’s location and surrounding conditions are not ideal, and the costs of such a renovation could prove unfeasible unless a suitable shared-use scenario could be devised by the city.

We are deeply concerned that this important element of our local history be preserved, celebrated and used to the benefit of the community. We will continue to support the city’s quest to design a development plan for the Victoria/Sherbrooke area that honours our heritage and is in the best interests of residents. We encourage other citizens to bring forward innovative suggestions of their own.

JANE MARTIN, DIRECTOR,
WESTMOUNT HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

NOT LIKELY SUPER-HOSPITAL WON’T IMPACT PARKING FOR LOCALS

On what basis did Genivar conclude that the MUHC “should have little impact” on parking through the city? (“On the menu: photo radar, diagonal crossings, parking, bike lanes,” October 30, p. 1). I guess that none of the Genivar consultants had ever tried street parking around the Jewish General Hospital or around other major hospitals. It is virtually impossible to find open spots.

Granted the super-hospital will have parking as well as excellent access to various forms of public transportation. However many visitors, especially families visiting patients in the evening, will be arriving in cars from a huge catchment area.

We don’t know what the MUHC will charge for parking. Still, the first choice of

many, if not most, will be to find parking in the neighbouring streets in NDG and Victoria village. It will be a mess as cars circle around looking for parking. Parking for residents will be very difficult if current regulations are maintained.

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SWEENEY ON THE BALL

An article written by Laureen Sweeney in the October 30 edition of the *Independent* (“Westmount, others drawn into results of inflated contracts,” p. 1) made for fascinating reading.

In it, Councillor Patrick Martin observed that during the Charbonneau commission hearings, the public “actually heard that one of the first rigged contracts [arranged by Montreal] involved a sewer project in Westmount.” *

This reporting recalled an earlier insightful piece of reporting by Laureen Sweeney published in the issue of December 21, 2011 when she described the winning offer of sole bidder Pomerleau Inc. to build the arena project (“Pomerleau bids \$36.4 million with taxes, a ‘historic moment’,” p. 1). Sweeney described how four firms in 2011, “all well-known” – Decarel, Giffels, Magil, and Opron – had “lost out based on the city’s stringent design evaluation.”

That evaluating committee, one remembers, consisted of a handful of people, all of whose names are confidential.

According to Sweeney, only SNC-Lavalin and Pomerleau made it through this selection a year ago, and SNC withdrew its bid on November 28, 2011 for “business reasons,” in the words of Mayor Peter Trent, leaving Pomerleau as the sole surviving competitor.

Sweeney added a paragraph of insider information in the December 21, 2011 article (p. 8): “One well-placed industry source, who asked not to be named, told the *Independent* a week earlier that it was “no secret” that Pomerleau would bid and probably be the only one. Also reported was that “some of the firms that did not qualify were ‘upset and disappointed, but not surprised,’ given ‘the way the industry works’ and that the Pomerleau team includes CIMA engineers already familiar with the project.”

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* *Editor’s note: For clarity, the contract in question was for sewer work in Westmount but awarded by the city of Montreal, which was the practice at the time (the 1980s and pre-merger/demerger generally).*

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Priory conducts special Remembrance Day ceremony



Heba Aldahham, in grade 2 at The Priory, presented "a bouquet of messages of peace" to Francis Badley, chair for the poppy distribution of Branch #127 of the Royal Canadian Legion, while to his right World War II veteran Phil Scott and other special guests look on. According to the school's Anita DiStefano, a special Remembrance Day ceremony took place at the school on November 6, which included pipers, a prayer by principal Tim Peters, the students' recital of "In Flanders Fields" and a reading from Proud as a Peacock, Brave as a Lion, a story about a young boy who learns from his grandfather about his war-time experiences.

Photo courtesy of The Priory

Selwyn brings in Old Boy to speak at ceremony



Lieutenant Chris Robinson (class of 2000) recounted some of his experiences as a member of the Canadian Armed Forces in Afghanistan and Haiti to students at Selwyn House School, where a Remembrance Day ceremony was held on November 9. A Selwyn House Old Boy, Robinson told how military service in Afghanistan was often dull until all hell suddenly broke loose during an encounter with insurgents.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

NDG remembers Westmount

Adorned by poppies in the front window of NDG's Cartes Etc. on Sherbrooke St. W. sits a letter from 1919 written by the Westmount mayor's office thanking the Allied forces and 1,571 Westmount soldiers who fought in World War I.

The letter, written two months after the signing of the armistice that ended the war with Germany, was sent to every enlisted soldier in Westmount and the relatives of those who never returned back home. It is difficult to decipher the name in the signature, but it is possible it is John McKergow, who was mayor from 1913 to 1919.

"I look out the window at the 18-, 19- and 20-year-olds passing by the shop, and I think to myself, 'It would've been them in the trenches,'" said shop owner Arlyle Waring.

Her copy of the letter, addressed to Lt. John Whyte McCammon, was donated to the store by a local artist who displays work in the shop. Waring is hoping to find a permanent home for the letter with the city of Westmount.



1919 letter from Westmount mayor sits in window of NDG's Cartes Etc.

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Station 12 tackles spate of thefts from cars at summit

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Local station 12 police in undercover surveillance have been paying special attention to cars parked at the Westmount summit after a spike in thefts was reported for September, commander Stéphane Plourde said last week. So far, however, no

| Westmount crime samplings | | | | |
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| Type of crime reported | 2011 | | 2012 | |
| | Aug | Sept. | Aug | Sept. |
| Break and enter | 6 | 10 | 6 | 6 |
| - residential: | | | 4 | 5 |
| - commercial: | | | 2 | 1 |
| Robbery | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Theft from vehicles | 3 | 14 | 9 | 22 |
| Theft of vehicles | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| Graffiti | 6 | 4 | 6 | 12 |
| Hit-and-run | 10 | 8 | 10 | 18 |

one had been caught. “We know there is a problem there,” he said. “And we’re continuing to watch the area.”

Cars left unattended with items visible from the outside while drivers and passengers walk in Summit Woods or visit St. Joseph’s Oratory accounted for many of the 22 thefts from vehicles, he said. This compares with 14 for the same month last year and nine in August.

In releasing the monthly crime samplings for Westmount, Plourde said police think two people caught stealing from parked cars in Montreal a couple of weeks ago may also have been working Westmount. Both were apprehended in unrelated incidents east of the old Forum.

He said police don’t track reasons or trends for hit-and-run incidents, so he did not know why there was a spike in the 18 reported in September compared with 10 in August. “They could be related to a week of rainy weather for example. When we talk hit-and-run, we talk about random incidents.”

Cabot Square officers returning to shift
Officers who have been on a special assignment to tackle loitering, substance

abuse and anti-social behaviour in Cabot Square will be going back to their respective shift teams on November 15, Plourde said. “Now that they know the people in the park and how to react with them, they will be able to coach their teammates and act as important resources.”

He said the project had been effective in trying to change behaviours and that with the onset of colder weather, park life should settle into a more stable pattern. Some of the so-called regulars had been moving into Westmount-adjacent lanes and areas around Tupper and St. Catherine generating nuisance complaints from residents and workers.

Retain Westmount’s name in new riding City’s case presented to boundary commission

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city’s case for retaining the name of Westmount in the proposed new federal electoral riding was presented by Mayor Peter Trent November 9 at boundary commission hearings.

The city has already objected in a council resolution adopted August 6 to the suggested new name of Wilder Penfield. The existing riding of Westmount-Ville Marie is to be carved up and redistributed, aligning Westmount with other areas that include NDG and Montreal West (see August 14, p. 1).

“They were a little defensive regarding their change of name,” Trent told the *Independent* of the reaction to his presentation. “But they understood my points very well.” Describing the hearing as friendly, he said it was presided over by a judge, “so I can’t speculate which way the three-

Nez Rouge volunteers
With Halloween over, and the holiday season fast approaching, Station 12 is now looking for volunteers to work with Nez Rouge, Plourde said. The program aimed at “don’t drink and drive” provides volunteers to drive people home who have consumed alcohol. “We’ve just received the application forms and anyone who would like to volunteer can fill one out at the station,” located on Stanton St., he said. Drivers and “navigators” who accompany them must be at least 18 years of age, though navigators need not have a driver’s licence. Volunteer drivers aged 21 and over may be qualified to drive the client’s car. All applicants are subject to a background check.

member panel will rule.” Trent was not accompanied by other members of council or city staff. Among the points he raised, he said, were that the new name neither reflects nor identifies the community, which, as a national historic site, has been designated “one of Canada’s iconic neighbourhoods.” He also pointed out it was connected with two prime ministers (Brian Mulroney and Paul Martin) and that changing the name is “a denial of history.” The Quebec Commission of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission has been holding public hearings throughout the province since September. Westmount MP Marc Garneau has already appeared before the commission, also requesting that the names of communities be retained in the new riding alignments (see his column in the issue of September 18, p. 5).

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positive effect on Westmount. “Montreal can either have a caretaker government or attack the fundamental problems. It’s a great opportunity for people to work together,” he said, including all of Montreal’s three political parties along with suburban mayors – even as a coalition.

Tree uprooted in vandalism spree
A vandalism spree at the west city limits of Westmount occurred November 5 between 1 am and 2 am, according to Public Security. Among the incidents noticed by patrollers on Sherbrooke, Claremont and St. Catherine were flowers pulled out, a “for rent” sign cast aside and a small tree uprooted.



NEW HOME ON THE DIAL



Station 12 reports

Business in Victoria Village broken into, ATM mugging

BY ISAAC OLSON

The following news stories are based on information from police reports provided by a Station 12 constable in an interview with the reporter.

Sometime between midnight and 12:30 am on November 7, burglars broke into a commercial building at 376 Victoria Ave., forced open the door to a business on the fourth floor and stole about \$400 in cash.

Constable Adalbert Pimentel from Station 12 said the janitorial crew took a short break, leaving the building unattended. While gone, the suspect went in through the front door though, said Pimentel, it's not clear if the front door was locked or forced open. The alarm system was not on, he said. The burglar moved swiftly, he noted, cleaning out a cash register's drawer.

Everything was caught on camera, Pimentel said, so the police have a video of a suspect: a white male with a black backpack, blue jacket with a hood, black toque, black shoes and beige pants. The police are continuing to investigate the crime.

"We always recommend that busi-

nesses leave their cash drawer empty and open, and always put the money in a safety deposit box regardless of the amount," said Pimentel, noting some merchants even put the open cash register on display to avoid getting a window smashed or door broken.

Police looking for suspect in ATM mugging

Police are still looking for a suspect in an August 26 mugging that took place at an automatic teller machine (ATM) located in Place Alexis Nihon.

What's unique about this case, said Pimentel, is the investigation has revealed that the suspect actually committed the same crime twice in the same day but in different parts of Montreal's West End. In both instances, the suspect approached a person using an ATM, restrained the victim with his left hand and brandished a knife with his right while demanding money in English.

However, the armed robbery at the Westmount-based ATM was not successful because, rather than complying with the demands, the victim turned, faced the mugger and screamed. The suspect fled

the scene, said Pimentel, hopped into a taxi and rode to Dorval, where he committed the same crime. There, he made off with about \$500, Pimentel said.

"People should try to go to ATMs during business hours when there is a lot more people," said Pimentel. "If you walk up to a row of ATMs and someone is hanging around but not using one, you should walk away and find another. If somebody does accost you in any situation, you never resist. You cooperate."

The suspect is described as a white



Photo of mugging suspect.

Photo courtesy of Station 12

Arena/pool court case still pending against city, contractor

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Arena/pool critic David Ludmer confirmed recently that "nothing has changed" in the legal action he launched last April to stop the project in conjunction with Westmount Park Church and local resident George Robert Tait, a church official.

In a Superior Court ruling April 24, the plaintiffs lost a request for an emergency injunction to stop demolition of the then existing arena. They are now seeking a permanent one, which like the emergency one, is also based on a claim against the city and contractor Pomerleau Inc. that the project does not conform to the loan by-law.

Ludmer, who has not been attending city council meetings for a few months, made a public comment in a letter to the editor October 23 over various comments by Mayor Peter Trent and Councillor Patrick Martin made at the October 1 council meeting.

Because of the legal case, he said, "I'm trying my best to steer clear of talking

about the arena project."

But referring to himself as "a political gadfly," he was still keeping his options open regarding an earlier declaration he would run for mayor in the November 2013 election. "It's still a year away," he pointed out, adding: "Someone has to challenge this council."

City's haunted house raises \$800 for Leucan

The city's Halloween haunted house raised \$800 on October 31 for Leucan in memory of Tyler McEnroe, the grandson of former Public Security director Richard McEnroe. Leucan is a support group for children and their family touched by leukemia and other cancers.

The money came from donations made by people visiting the house, which this year attracted 1,200 visitors, said assistant Public Security director Greg McBain.

More cyclists given lights in latest police operation

In a second police program in Westmount on the de Maisonneuve bike path to highlight the need for bicycle lights, 41 light sets were given out November 8 at the intersection of Wood Ave., according to Station 12 traffic officer Cst. Steven Goldberg. Each set consists of a red and white LED light for the back and front of a bike, each installed on the spot.

Also as part of Opération Éclairage, 24 reflective arm bands were handed out as well as 125 pamphlets from the Société d'assurance d'automobile du Québec (SAAQ). The event took place from 4:30 pm to 6 pm.

Working with Goldberg were Cst. Adalbert Pimentel, public safety officers Rebecca Décary-Corbeil and Sabrina Tremblay along with Dan Lambert of the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association (WWCA).

The first rendition of the program took place October 10 on the bike path's intersection with Lansdowne. Ninety-one sets of lights were given out (see October 16, p. 5).

male, approximately 150 pounds, 170 centimeters, with brown eyes and dark hair.

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City interrupted

Selected excerpts from The Merger Delusion, part 2

The following excerpts from Mayor Peter Trent's book The Merger Delusion: How Swallowing Its Suburbs Made an Even Bigger Mess of Montreal relate to his observations on departing as Westmount's mayor at the end of the legal fight against forced mergers and the creation of the megacity at the end of 2001 – and again in November 2009 on his return.

He also tells how Montreal area municipalities are “suffocated by structures,” and bureaucracy imposed by Quebec.

Ch. 15: “A Fight to the Finish”

We had our day in the Supreme Court of Canada on 3 December, pleading in front of nine judges clad in ermine. We asked for a stay of the application of Bill 170, which created the megacity 1 January 2002. ... On December 7, the Supreme Court pronounced that they would not hear our case. They gave absolutely no reason as they are not required to do so. The highest court in the land had let us down....

I held a rather funereal press conference. It warmed my heart to see there Bill McMurchie, the Pointe-Claire representative on the megacity council. McMurchie not only had the guts to show up, along with two megacity local councillors, but he even bravely reiterated his support for demerger. Louise Harel, of course, was over the moon about our loss. Her beloved reform would go through. The new megamayor Tremblay was elated. His kingdom was now intact.

So it was Government 3; Political Eunuchs, 0. The legal game was over.

The next thing I knew, a city truck drove up my driveway, unloaded, and set up all my archives in my basement. I cleaned out my desk at city hall, kissed my valiant assistant Marie-José good-bye, pulled my photos off the wall, took the burgundy desk pad embossed “Mayor,” and set up shop in a little room at home. I was given my now-pointless chain of office to keep as a memento, and I care-

fully stowed it in the back of a closet. With two years to go in my mandate as mayor, I was summarily dis-elected by the provincial government. I was now Westmount's self-described Mayor-in-exile.

– p. 398

Conclusion: “Making Good: Rebuilding Montreal's Local and Regional Government”

I returned to find a heightened climate of confrontation in local politics, a climate that contrasted with the days when a referendum revealed that 98 percent of Westmounters were behind me in fighting the mergers. While the retroactive romanticism called nostalgia clouds the identification of trends, I can't help but think that the sort of politician who went into local government thirty years ago is now scarcer. Few will put up with the indignities of office today. The desire to knock politicians down from their admittedly self-made pedestals was always present, but now deadly effective means to do so are readily available thanks to social media. Anyone can create a website or merchandise rumours and half-baked theories on YouTube. Self-appointed élites try to bring down the elected élites, all the while demanding “transparency,” today's pressure-group watchword. Complete political transparency is like nudism: it's easier to agree on what it is than what it achieves. In fact, too much public transparency creates opacity, not transparency. Besides, what these groups want to replace is the politician's judgment with their own.

When I came back to Westmount City Hall, I looked quickly around and at first had trouble recognizing it. Four years of merger had subtly infected Westmount; for one thing, salaries and benefits had rocketed up during the merger period to meet Montreal's levels. Financially, today's Westmount is not in good shape. ... In fact, Montreal both pocketed our tax money earmarked for pay-as-you-go *and* stuck us with a debt for the same expenditures on demerging – a bit of larceny that cost Westmount \$16

million. We took Montreal to court to get the money back, but to no avail....

– p. 484

Indeed, in spite of the debt problem, just about all increases in Westmount taxes were caused by the merger, not by the demerger.

– p. 485.

From The Merger Delusion by Peter F. Trent (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2012). Excerpts from the book have been reprinted by permission of the publisher.

Overdeveloped world?

Ch. 5: “Metropolitan Montreal: Suffocated by Structures”

In Quebec, the word development has a totemic value: it finds itself incorporated into the names of many structures and titles. It is not surprising, then, that the structure the newly minted minister (of the Metropole, Serge) Ménard (in 1996) was to bring into this world would be called the Metropolitan Development Commission, not to be confused with the Regional Development Councils, or the Local Development Councils, or the Community Economic Development Corporations, or the Regional Development Cooperatives, or the Community Futures Development Corporations, or the Cultural Enterprise Development Corporations – most of which are still very much with us today.

– p. 127

Thanks to the superimposition of structures with the CLDs at the base, we are now blessed with an administrative carving-up that would do proud a whole country – which was, of course, (Municipal Affairs minister Guy) Chevrette's whole idea. The trouble is, it is appropriate for a country the size of India.

– p. 132.

Vic Hall venue for annual artisans' sale



Margret Surridge, right, takes in the smell of Victoria Teofilova's natural make-up products during the Westmount Artisans' Festival, November 11 at Victoria Hall.

Photos: Ralph Thompson



Michel and Isabel Larocque stand with their presentation of a large collection of maplewood kitchen products during the sale of artisanal products.

Megacity adds \$400M more to island tax bills

Agglo, political parties must go, Trent's book argues

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Creation of the megacity through forced mergers 10 years ago continues to cost taxpayers on the island of Montreal \$400 million a year more than they paid before, Mayor Peter Trent stated November 12 at a press conference launching his book on the fight against forced mergers.

But he told reporters crowding into the council chamber that while the cost of corruption was being addressed, the megacity amount was not.

To solve Montreal's "continued decline," he states in this book, the agglom-

"The current web of structures is untenable," he writes.

He blames Montreal's current state on Quebec's "wilful neglect of its only metropolitan region," and its fixation with "the regions."

Remedial solutions include slowing urban sprawl, creating one administrative area for the Montreal region rather than three, allowing urban municipalities to structure themselves as they see fit, and providing them with the legislative means to deal with high employee costs and pensions.

He also calls for reducing the size of

Never-again mergers

"My chronicle is part history, part opinion and part memoir" to demonstrate "how governments impose decisions and how bad ideas take root," he writes. And, he told the city council meeting November 5: "to ensure that mergers never play out again."

In this regard, he calls on Quebec to adopt a charter of municipal rights such as Europe's Charter of Local Self-Government and the World Charter of Local Government, both based on the premise that municipalities should not be changed without the will of their citizenry.

Discussing the book with the *Independent*, Trent said that the fact it had taken longer to come out than he expected – some five years – has probably turned out to be good timing given the Parti Québécois' recent return to power following its defeat after the mergers.

PQ more amenable

"I think the PQ is probably more amendable to my point of view," he explained. This is because "there has been a bit of sea change and the people in power now are not as keen on mergers as their predecessors."

Trent quotes newly elected Quebec premier Pauline Marois, a cabinet minister and deputy premier for a while at the time of the mergers, as later admitting in 2008 as PQ party leader that the mergers had not produced the economies of scale predicted by her government, and that electors were still angry with her government for imposing the mergers without the mandate to do so.

He also suggests that one of the reasons Louise Harel, now leader of the Montreal opposition party, lost her bid for the mayoralty in 2009 was that she had been "the incarnation of forced mergers" as PQ minister of Municipal Affairs at the time.

Trent describes his solutions for Montreal as a blueprint for the direction it should be headed. "Any changes, however, should be undertaken with much thought

and public consultation," he cautions.

While Trent provides vivid descriptions of politicians at various levels in the provincial and municipal levels, some of his harshest words are reserved for Quebec's bureaucracy and the structures that make the province – and island of Montreal, in particular – "almost impossible" to govern in its current form.

"That today's landscape was the result of partisan politics is something all Quebecers should be ashamed of," he writes. "And I can't help but ask: if they were so convinced that mergers were beneficial, why did the PQ largely reserve them for their political enemies?"

Trent's book, published in English by McGill-Queen's University Press, is also making a simultaneous debut in French from Septentrion.



Mayor Peter Trent discusses solutions for Montreal at the press conference November 12 at city hall. Also attending were Pointe Claire mayor Bill McMurchie and St. Lambert mayor Philippe Brunet.

eration council should be replaced by three boards to provide transit, water and public security services, and municipal parties should be abolished.

In *The Merger Delusion: How Swallowing Its Suburbs Made an Even Bigger Mess of Montreal*, Trent claims the entire metropolitan region is "suffocated by structures" and financial downloading imposed by Quebec over the years.

Montreal's city council and thereby eliminating the need for an executive committee.

These are included in many conclusions Trent draws from personal experiences on the front line of the fights against mergers and then for demerger – and how they played out behind closed doors (see story and excerpts November 6, p. 1 and 12).

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system that had worked well throughout the years.

Later, however, Councillor Victor Drury, who moved the adoption of the by-law, told the *Independent* that it was expected that employees would have used their discretion and good judgment as to where to

draw the line on items of "nominal value."

Mayor Peter Trent also used the "ethics" opportunity to reiterate that he had asked director general Duncan Campbell to redo the city's process for going out to tender on contracts (see October 2, p. 7). He was concerned, however, that too complicated a process might dissuade companies from bidding.

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Two tickets for distributor

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611 Belmont Ave.: A John Hand house



History by
the house

ANDY DODGE, CRA

The semi-detached house at 611 Belmont Ave., next to the former Murray Estate, which has now become King George Park, is one of many mid-level Westmount houses constructed by John Hand in 1910. They are renowned for their woodwork, leaded windows and fine detail.

Belmont Ave., in fact, was originally a very narrow laneway crossing Côte St. Antoine Rd., stretching south almost to Western Ave. The land on the north side of Côte St. Antoine was owned (in 1872) by Henry Lavender, a tailor with a store on Notre Dame St., who had subdivided his Lot 227 for development and took out a loan with Consolidated Bank of Canada. He died soon after and his wife defaulted on the loan in 1871. The Bank of Montreal seized the land in 1888 and sold Lots 227-3 and 227-4, each 50 feet in width by 262 feet in depth, to William Matley, a Montreal accountant.

As the Town of Côte St. Antoine began to plot its development, officials arranged to move Belmont Ave. farther east to its current position, bisecting each of the original lots and creating tracts on both sides of the new street, giving the former

lanes to the lots on the west side. In March of 1910, Matley sold five resubdivided lots to Ralph Barclay, probably the manager of Montreal Wood Mosaic Flooring Co., Ltd., who lived at the two-year-old Mount Stephen Apartments, 440 Mount Stephen Ave. He paid 40 cents per square foot for five lots with a total area of 28,692 square feet, then turned over the entire property to John Hand four months later for 45 cents per square foot, thus a total \$12,911.40.

Despite the 50-foot lot divisions, Hand arranged with the city to build semi-detached houses 25 feet wide, and with a 7-foot driveway for a total of 32 feet frontage for each house. Thus various houses straddled lot lines, including 611 Belmont. He sold the brand-new house to Lawrence Wilcocks (or Wilcox, according to *Lovell's Directory*) for \$9,500. Wilcocks is listed as secretary treasurer of The Canada Envelope Company, and was married to Mabel Marie Brewster. He died in 1914, and his wife and two children moved out but retained ownership, along with his two daughters, renting it for several years but apparently moving back to the house in 1921. In October 1931, they sold to Germaine Boivin de Nevers, wife of Ernest de Nevers, for \$13,500.

The de Nevers family lived there until both parents died, Germaine passing away in 1967. Then the children sold to Dr. Frederic Wrigley for \$43,000 in January 1969.



611 Belmont Ave.

The October Crisis in 1970 pulled down the Westmount market and in August 1971, Wrigley accepted \$40,000 from Patricia McMillan, wife of John Templeton. Six years later, in December 1977, she sold to Réal Barnabé, a personality on Radio-Canada, for more than double her purchase price.

Then in 1981 Barnabé almost tripled his purchase price by selling to Robert Weeks and Helen Megan for \$250,000.

The second election of the Parti Québécois in 1981 (following the failed 1980 referendum) kept prices low until 1985 when lawyer Bernard Labarge purchased the property for \$1, with a declared value of \$255,000, just 2 percent more than its 1981 price. The Liberals regained the provincial legislature that year and after two years Labarge was able to sell the

house to local real estate agents, Claude and Danielle Boulay, for a declared price of \$403,000.

The Boulays stayed there until 2001 and finally sold to Vincent Butkiewicz, vice president of financial markets at the National Bank of Canada, for \$775,000. He carried out extensive renovations and almost doubled his initial investment, selling in July 2007 for \$1,239,000, to Scott Morey and Sonia Martin.

A year later, the price grew to \$1,275,000 when the house was turned over to Malgoirzata Plech, wife of Zbigniew Barwicz; then to \$1,375,000 two years after that in November 2010, when it was sold to Michel Greiche and Alexandra Dawson, still the owners.

The house has a current municipal evaluation of \$1,322,100.

BUILDING PERMITS 🏠 What's permitted

The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the September 10 meeting of city council.

- 472 Grosvenor: to replace windows;
- 448 Argyle: at a Category I house, to replace French doors at the front;
- 54 Oakland: to modify the rear deck;
- 59 Oakland: to demolish a roof over a rear deck and replace roofing material and some windows;
- 716 Grosvenor: to replace windows and doors;
- 48 Rosemount: to replace some windows in the bay window and to replace roofing material; to replace some windows facing the street;
- 7 Thornhill: to replace the front basement door;
- 430 Clarke: to replace some windows and a storm door;
- 43 Stayner: at a Category I house, to replace a fence;
- 598 Argyle: at a Category I house, to replace some windows;
- 27 de Casson: to redo rear deck, privacy screen and fence;
- 536 Lansdowne: to replace a door;
- 9 Côte St. Antoine: at a Category I house, to replace a fence;
- 427 Elm: to replace two basement windows;
- 492 Arygle: to replace some windows;
- 486 Lansdowne: to replace some windows.

For permits approved at the September 24 meeting of city council, see p. 21.

611 Belmont Ave. list of buyers

| Date | Buyer | Price |
|---|--|-----------|
| 26 May, 1911 | Lawrence Wilcocks | 9,500 |
| 28 Oct, 1931 | Germaine B. de Nevers | 13,500 |
| 16 Jun, 1969 | Frederic Robert Holland Wrigley | 43,000 |
| 10 Aug, 1971 | Patricia Birnie McMillan | 40,000 |
| 6 Dec, 1977 | Real Barnabe | 83,500 |
| 21 Aug, 1981 | Robert W. Weeks & Helen Megan | 250,000 |
| 2 Jul, 1985 | Bernard Labarge, avocat | 255,000* |
| 12 Aug, 1987 | Claude Boulay & Danielle Peloquin-Boulay | 403,000* |
| 12 Jun, 2001 | Vincent Butkiewicz | 775,000 |
| 19 Jul, 2007 | Scott Morey & Sonia Martin | 1,239,000 |
| 31 Mar, 2008 | Malgorzata Plech | 1,275,000 |
| 1 Nov, 2010 | Michel Greiche & Alexandra Dawson | 1,375,000 |
| *Price is “\$1 and other good and valuable considerations;” the price quoted is the declared value for municipal transfer tax purposes. | | |

Fall blooms at conservatory



At the official opening November 7 of the city's fall flower show, two members of the Westmount Youth Orchestra (background) play in the conservatory after their performance earlier in Victoria Hall, where volunteers and newcomers were recognized. Inset: Head city gardener Mélanie Banninger shows off a medinilla plant, a novelty acquired from the Philippines. Other city gardeners, Christine Dupuis and Christophe Côté, were also on hand to explain the display. It can be viewed weekdays 10 am to 9 pm and weekends 10 am to 5 pm.

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In conversation with Catherine Young Bates on interpreting landscapes

BY HEATHER BLACK

Westmount artist Catherine Young Bates has been active in the community since the mid '60s. Renowned for her landscapes, the former Dawson College drawing and painting instructor is also a member of the prestigious Royal Canadian Academy (RCA). I spoke to Bates about her art and the RCA.



Catherine Young Bates at her Sherbrooke St. home, October 27.

Artist and teacher

Her interest in landscapes has taken Bates on extensive travels ranging from the Eastern Townships to New Mexico to Georgian Bay in order to paint grand vistas. Painting “en plein air,” she captures not what is before her but an interpretation of the scene’s energy. For Bates, “Art comes from and through the person.” Images, often painted in bold strokes or colour, are evocative rather than representative.

“Creativity asks you to grow,” she explained, and although Bates describes the process as “sometimes frustrating or discouraging,” she is enthralled with art. A recent recipient of a cochlear implant, she is experiencing a personal renaissance. And colour has returned to her work.

Bates also describes the need to develop a vision. “We forget the ability to make something new. The artist keeps that alive.”

As for teaching art, the former Dawson

instructor would put art at the top of the curriculum. Appreciative of her own education, she recently returned to the University of Toronto to attend the centenary ceremony of a former teacher, literary critic Northrop Frye.

Member of the RCA

For Bates, a member of the RCA since 2001, the award is a “recognition of being a serious artist.” To be recommended and elected by a pan-Canadian committee, candidates must exhibit regionally, nationally and internationally with work in permanent collections or public institutions. Bates herself is represented by Galerie d’Avignon (Montreal), Roberts Gallery (Toronto), and Galerie St. Laurent and Hill (Ottawa), and her work is found in the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, McGill University, Royal Bank and Loto Quebec collections.

The work of Bates reflects our environment with windy land-
scapes evoking the Group *continued on p. 30*

Westmount boasts several RCA artists

Catherine Young Bates is one of many Westmount artists honoured by the Royal Canadian Academy (RCA), including painter Friedhelm Lach, sculptors Arto Tchakmaktchian and Yves Trudeau, and printmakers Tobie Steinhouse, André Bergeron and RCA past president Ann McCall.

Westmounters similarly honoured for their work in the applied arts include designers Pierre Lessard, Jacques Guillon and François Dallegret, filmmakers Colin Low and Cynthia Scott, as well as photographers Gabor Szilasi and Sorel Cohen.

Founded in 1880 by Governor General Marquis of Lorne to promote and advance the visual arts in Canada, the academy was incorporated by parliamentary act in 1882. Over the years, the academy has recognized many Montrealers, including Robert Harris, Edward Maxwell, Percy Erskine Nobbs, A.Y. Jackson, Jean Paul Lemieux, Jean-Paul Riopelle, and Moshe Safdie.

The academy was also established to recognize and develop art within an authentic Canadian context.

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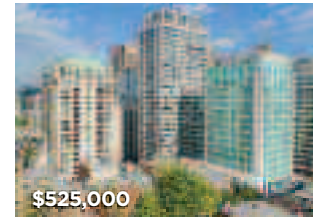
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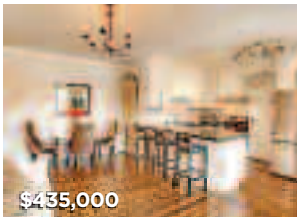
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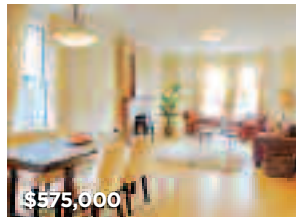
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NDG | COOLBROOKE AVE.
Bright & sunny upper duplex, 4+2 bdrms, hdwd fls., extra living space in fin. basement, private balcony & garage. mls 10433994



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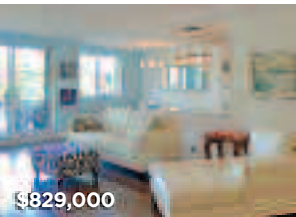
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WESTMOUNT | THE "FLATS"
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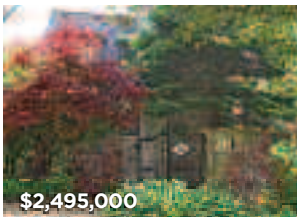
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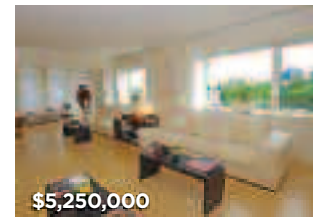
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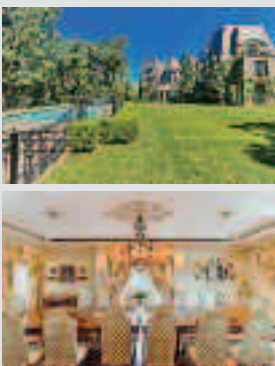
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GRAND ESTATES



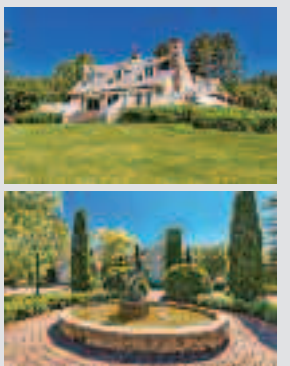
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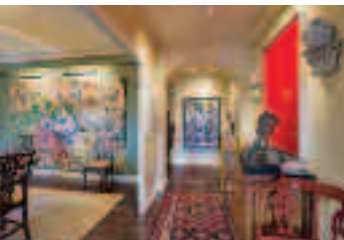
MONTREAL \$1,659,000
SANCTUAIRE | 3 BDRM W/GARAGE & VIEWS



DOWNTOWN \$1,399,000
1515 DOCTEUR-PENFIELD | 2 BDRM PENTHOUSE



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WESTMOUNT ADJ \$4,200,000
3120 JEAN GIRARD | DETACHED 4+1 BDRM



WESTMOUNT \$3,988,000
4280 DORCHESTER | RENOVATED 5 BDRM



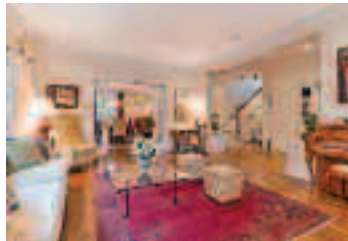
WESTMOUNT \$3,495,000
11 BRAESIDE | MODERN DETACHED



WESTMOUNT \$3,450,000
3289 CEDAR | RENOVATED 4+1 BDRM



DOWNTOWN \$3,295,000
10 CHELSEA PLACE | 4+1 BDRM TOWNHOUSE



WESTMOUNT \$2,950,000
478 ROSLYN | 7+1 BDRM DETACHED W/GARAGE



REVISED PRICE

WESTMOUNT \$2,795,000
565 VICTORIA | RENOVATED 5 BEDROOMS



DOWNTOWN \$2,598,000
5 CHELSEA PLACE | CORNER UNIT TOWNHOUSE



WESTMOUNT ADJ \$2,395,000
3023 JEAN GIRARD | LARGE TOWNHOUSE



WESTMOUNT \$2,349,000
10 GROVE PARK | 7+1 BDRM DETACHED



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14 ROSEMOUNT | 5 BDRM W/ GARAGE



INTRODUCING

CÔTE-SAINT-LUC \$2,195,000
5554 BORDEN | DETACHED 5 BEDROOMS



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MONTREAL \$2,088,000
2700 HILL PARK | MODERN RESIDENCE



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3 BELLEVUE | DETACHED 3 BEDROOMS



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734 UPPER-LANSLOWNE | RENOVATED 5+1 BDRM



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21 OAKLAND | 4 BDRM W/LARGE LOT



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370 OUTREMONT | DETACHED FACING PARK



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444 ELM | RENOVATED W/3 PARKING



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WESTMOUNT ADJ \$1,695,000
3115 JEAN-GIRARD | 3+1 TOWNHOUSE W/GARAGE



WESTMOUNT ADJ \$1,595,000
5236 BRILLON | DETACHED CORNER DUPLEX



WESTMOUNT \$1,450,000
360 KENSINGTON | 4 BDRM W/PARKING



WESTMOUNT \$1,295,000
3742 BOULEVARD | 4 BDRM W/2 GARAGE



WESTMOUNT \$1,289,000
638 LANSDOWNE | 4 BDRM W/GARAGE



WESTMOUNT ADJ \$1,195,000
3575 NORTHCLIFFE | RENOVATED 4 BDRM

Ritz 100 celebration a ritzy affair



*Social Notes
from Westmount
and Beyond*

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Montreal's Ritz-Carlton celebrated its 100th anniversary on October 29 with an invitation-only gala celebrating the re-opening of the iconic hotel, which had undergone a multi-million dollar renovation. Attending with his wife **Arlene**, Ritz CEO and president **Andrew Torriani** was overheard to explain that some of the restorations were so artisanally precise that toothpicks were used!

Guests of honour **Prince Albert II** and **Princess Charlene of Monaco** inaugurated the hotel's royal suite, re-named the Grimaldi Suite in honour of the house of Grimaldi and the principality of Monaco.

The black-tie affair was attended by a bevy of beautiful people, including Westmounters **Brian** and **Mila Mulrone**y (in beige satin by Westmount design duo **Serge & Réal**), **Emmelle** and **Alvin Segal**,



Arlene and Andrew Torriani.

Photos courtesy of the Ritz Carlton Hotel



Prince Albert II and Princess Charlene of Monaco.

Constanza and **Javier San Juan**, and **Joey Adler** (in Armani and a Louis Vuitton shawl), as well as **Galen Weston Sr.** and his wife **Hilary**, former lieutenant governor of Ontario, who flew in from Toronto as did former continued on p. 19

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Social, cont'd. from p. 18

Westmount residents **Jessica Brownstein** (in an lacey-racey electric blue strapless gown), and her husband, **Ben Mulroney**. Bearded from his recent fundraising mountain trek, the talk host emceed the glamorous gala.

Noted in the crowd of stellar chic were **Lise Watier** and **Serge Rocheleau**, **Nadia** and **Lino Saputo Jr.**, **Mirella** and **Lino Saputo Sr.**, **Claudia Barila** (in a sexy crimson creation by Tavan & Mitto), **Emmanuelle Duperré**, (glam in grey Elie Saab and signature shades), and **Jacob** and **Florence Richler** (graceful in white).

The delicious dinner was prepared by renowned chef **Daniel Boulud** of the Ritz's Maison Boulud. Veuve Clicquot champagne added a bubbly note, which helped the mood as diners sang Leonard Cohen's famed song "Hallelujah" along with The Tenors, Canada's studly singing sensation.

An amazing after-party was held on the hotel roof around the new pool. All in all, it was a Cinderella eve, with memories of 100 years of celebrities dancing in guests' heads. Over the years, Ritz sleep-overs have included the **Queen Mother**, **Winston Churchill**, **Charles de**



Brian and Mila Mulroney.

Gaulle, **Richard Nixon**, and **George Bush Sr.**, as well as **Elizabeth Taylor** and **Richard Burton**, who celebrated their first wedding at the hotel. Sigh.



Ben Mulroney and Jessica Brownstein.



Galen and Hilary Weston.



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ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

La galerie du Victoria Hall

La galerie du Victoria Hall est fière de présenter les œuvres de Colin Thomson du 15 novembre au 8 décembre 2012. Info : 514 989-5521.



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Persephone Productions : Hamlet

La troupe Persephone Productions présente Hamlet, l'œuvre de William Shakespeare, qui raconte la vie d'un prince danois et les intrigues de la cour, avec Christopher Moore dans le rôle principal. Mise en scène : Gabrielle Soskin. Le samedi 17 novembre à 19 h et le dimanche 18 novembre à 14 h au Victoria Hall. Entrée 25 \$ (Étudiant(e)s et membres du QDF 15 \$). Tarifs de groupe disponibles. Billets: www.showtix4u.com ou 1 866 967-8167.



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TRAVAUX PUBLICS

Floralie d'automne

Cette exposition de chrysanthèmes et autres fleurs annuelles se poursuivra jusqu'à la fin du mois au Conservatoire de Westmount. Info : 514 989-5230.



DATEBOOK

December 3 - 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Tree Lighting and Party
City Hall

December 3 - 8 p.m.

Council Meeting
City Hall

December 12 - 4:30 p.m.

Community Chanukah party
City Hall and Temple Emanu-El Beth Sholom



DATES À RETENIR

Le 3 décembre - 18 h 30

Illumination du sapin de Noël et fête
Hôtel de ville

Le 3 décembre - 20 h

Séance du conseil
Hôtel de ville

Le 12 décembre - 16 h 30

Fête communautaire de la Hannoukah
Hôtel de ville et Temple Emanu-El Beth Sholom



TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

submit your comments

The City invites its residents to submit their comments and suggestions concerning the **Westmount Traffic and Active Transportation Master Plan**. You may send them by mail to 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, H3Z 1E2 or by email to trafficmasterplan@westmount.org. All of the related documents are available at www.westmount.org.



WRC Fundraising Campaign: opportunities for volunteering!

The WRC Campaign is run for the community, by the community. If you would like to get involved and be part of the team, we would love to have you! Please contact Camilla Leigh, WRC Campaign Coordinator at 514 928-3599 or at camilla.leigh@clphilanthropic.com.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Gallery at Victoria Hall

The Gallery at Victoria Hall is pleased to feature the works of Colin Thomson from November 15th to December 8th, 2012. Info: 514 989-5521.



Persephone Productions : Hamlet

Persephone Productions presents Hamlet, William Shakespeare's tale of a Danish prince and intrigues of the court with Christopher Moore as Hamlet and Director Gabrielle Soskin on Saturday, November 17th at 7 p.m. and Sunday, November 18th at 2 p.m. at Victoria Hall. Admission is \$25 (students and QDF members \$15). Group rates available. For tickets: www.showtix4u.com or 1 866 967-8167.



PUBLIC WORKS

Fall Flower Show

This display of chrysanthemums and other fall flowers will continue until the end of the month at the Westmount Conservatory. Info: 514 989-5230.



Reminder: paper bags for autumn leaves

Please note that leaves and other yard waste must be bagged in paper bags for the collection by Public Works crews and that leaves piled loose behind the sidewalk will no longer be picked up. Paper yard waste bags are available at local retailers. For more information, consult www.westmount.org. Info: 514 989-5390.



CITY HALL

CLSC Flu vaccination clinic at Victoria Hall

The CLSC Métro will be offering free influenza (flu) vaccines to certain groups of residents of its territory. A vaccination clinic will take place at Victoria Hall on Wednesday, November 21 from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. To find out if you are eligible to receive the vaccine and to know the dates and locations of other vaccination clinics in the area, phone 514 934-0354 or visit www.csssdelamontagne.qc.ca.



event will take place Saturday, November 17th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: 514 989-5386.



English Book Club

Join the English Book Club from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, November 20th as they discuss *The Cat's Table* by Michael Ondaatje. Info: 514 989-5386.



Bullying Prevention in a Wired World

Join us for a lecture on bullying with Dr. Shaheen Shariff and Dr. Alissa Sklar on Wednesday, November 21st at 7 p.m. at the Library. This talk will offer an overview of what education and parenting experts know about bullying (and cyber-bullying), as well as strategies for prevention, awareness and engagement with bullies, the bullied and the bystanders. Info: 514 989-5386.



Friends of the Library - Quality Used Book sale

Stock up for winter reading now with great bargains on quality books at the Friends of the Library book sale on Saturday and Sunday, November 24th and 25th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the concert hall at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke Street West. All proceeds from this sale go towards purchasing new books for the Library. Info : 514 483-5604.



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Comin' Up

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- Art historian **Sandra Paikowsky** is guest lecturer at McClure Gallery (350 Victoria Ave.). “Seeing Ourselves – Visual Images of Montreal,” 7:30 pm. Info: 514.488.9558.
- Dawson’s professional theatre school’s opening night of **Julius Caesar**, directed by Jude Beny featuring third-year graduating students, 8 pm. Runs until November 24. Tickets are first come, first served. Cost: Adults: \$12; seniors/students \$8; Dawson students: \$5. Info: www.dawsoncollege.qc.ca.
- Author Mary Soderstrom leads the Atwater Library book club in a discussion of **The Sisters Brothers** by Patrick deWitt, winner of the 2011 Governor General’s Literary Award for Fiction, 7:30 pm. 1200 Atwater. Free.
- **Seniors’ luncheon** at Centre Greene (1090 Greene Ave.), 12:15 pm. Three-course, home-cooked meal. Cost: \$5. RSVP: 514.931.6202.
- Rabbi Leigh Lerner of Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom reviews **Suddenly, a Knock on the Door** by Etgar Keret, 9:30 am coffee, 10 am review. 4100 Sherbrooke St. Info: 514.937.3575, ext. 217.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- The works of **Colin Thomson** will be exhibited at The Gallery at Victoria Hall until December 8. 4626 Sherbrooke St. Info: 514.989.5521.
- “**St. Matthias’ Church** – 100 year anniversary” with speaker Reverend Kenneth Near, rector of St. Matthias’ Church, 7 to 9 pm in the Westmount Public Library, 4574

Sherbrooke St. Admission free for members; non-members \$5 at door. Info: 514.989.5510.

- Retired child psychologist **Margie Golick** to read from her new book *The Life and Rhymes of a Jewish Mother*, 12:30 pm at the Atwater Library, as part of the lunchtime series. 1200 Atwater. Free.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- Centre Greene’s **Treats & Treasures craft sale** and bazaar, 10 am to 3 pm. 1090 Greene Ave. Over 30 crafters tables, Empty Bowls Program, bake sale, raffle, children’s activities and luncheon. Free. Proceeds to go the centre’s community programs. Info: Erica Bloom at 514.931.6202.
- **St. Matthias’ Church’s Christmas fair**, 10 am to 2 pm in the upper hall (entrance at 12 Church Hill). Crafts, books, baked goods, jams and jellies, jewellery. Lunch served from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Info: 514.933.4295.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- **Contactivity Centre’s mini-bazaar**, 11 am to 2 pm at 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd., corner Lansdowne. Handknit and hand-made gifts, homemade food and preserves. On Mondays and Wednesdays until Wednesday, December 19. Info: 514.932.2326.
- Women’s Canadian Club of Montreal presents “**The Future of Books and Publishing**,” 12:30 pm at the Unitarian Church (5035 de Maisonneuve Blvd.). Panel discussion with Simon Dardick, Linda Leith and Hugh McGuire, with

moderator Craig Silverman. Free for club members; \$10 for non-members. Open to all. Info: Carolyn Roper 514.932.4005.

- Professional sports photographer **Bernard Brault** speaks at the Montreal Camera Club, 7:30 pm at the Westmount Park Church (4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd.). Info: johnzimmerman@videotron.ca.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- Information meeting for **residents of District No. 8** with Councillor Theodora Samiotis, 7 pm to 8:30 pm at Centre Greene (1090 Greene Ave.).
- Filmmaker **Chris Wynn** screens and discusses his film *Documenting a Journey - A Younger Caregiver's Perspective* at The Alzheimer Café in the Atwater Library, 1 to 3 pm. Free. Info: beth@atwaterlibrary.ca or 514.935.7344.
- Westmount Public Library’s English book club discusses *Cat’s Table* by Michael Ondaatje, 7 pm in the Westmount Room. Coffee and discussion. Info: Donna Lach at 514.989.5386 or dlach@westmount.org.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- **Manoir Westmount’s annual bazaar**,

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BUILDING PERMITS 🏠 What’s permitted

The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the September 24 meeting of city council.

360 Victoria: to restore the front and partial side of the building;

55 Belvedere Pl.: at a Category I house, to build a small addition for a secondary entrance at the end of building;

460 Lansdowne: to build a new rear deck terrace and privacy screen;

4894 Westmount: to build a two-car garage on the west side of the house as well as a roof-top terrace;

4333 Westmount: at a Category I house, landscaping to include a new terrace, pathway, resurfacing of the driveway and new planting areas;

572 Roslyn: to replace some windows;

652 Lansdowne: to replace some windows and doors;

135 Clandeboye: at a Category I house, to replace the basement windows;

74 Gordon: landscaping to include a swimming pool;

360 Redfern: to replace some windows;

3219 The Boulevard: at Braemar, a Category 1* house, to build an accessory garage with an underground connection to the house and landscape the property.

For permits approved at the September 10 meeting of city council, see p. 12.

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Wallet stolen from library

A wallet containing cards and \$25 was stolen from a woman's bag at the Westmount Public Library October 31, Public Security officials said. The Westmount resident was reported to have left it unattended while she looked for books. A man was spotted on a security camera checking her jacket pocket and then reaching into the bag shortly after the library opened for the day. "No one should leave anything unattended," said assistant Public Security director Greg McBain. The incident is under investigation.

Door to boutiques found open

At 3 am on November 6, public safety officers came across an open door leading to three empty boutiques at 4922 Sherbrooke, just east of Claremont. Public Security officials said the door had been wedged open but all appeared in order and the door was secured.

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Zeus, the thundering sky dog



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Zeus isn't particularly old, ugly or unpopular but something about him just spells underdog. Maybe it's because he has called the shelter, where he is currently based at Frontier Animal Society, home for four long years. Or maybe it's the way in which he was found: as a stray so many years ago and never claimed. As though he never existed. Like being left at the super-market check-out line with no money to pay. The conveyor belt just keeps rolling by – like the years – with you on it.

Technically Zeus qualifies as a senior but that's on paper only. Inside this cute body is the heart of a mysterious dog who likes to think he's part human too. You know the kind of Dilbert-esque male who looks in the mirror and sees a Brad Pitt starring back at him? In this case, it's a shepherd/chow mix looking into the mirror and seeing Ryan Gosling.

Zeus likes people first and foremost but dogs are okay too. At first his aura may strike some as blasé, but if you give it time, a fun-loving boy surfaces. He's a pleaser and likes to show off his skills as a well-trained dog. He sits in anticipation of rescue staff and waits to be engaged. Once he



Zeus

is, he loves to play a kind of tag with anyone who is willing. He can be intense and will vocalize as if to ask "what?"

The thing about Zeus is that despite his

moniker, he's no sky god, just a simple being, but solid and lovely.

He just needs a home, like so many of do, and he will soar as high as his name suggests. If you suspect you may have a thing or two for Zeus, why not contact the Frontier Animal Society today for a face-to-face at 819.876.7747 or frontieranimal-society@gmail.com.

Drop us a line at
contact@underdogclub.org.

Saturday work stopped

Public safety officers were called November 3 to check out window cleaners working with a crane at 7:18 am on Greene near de Maisonneuve. Such work is prohibited before 8 am on Saturdays. They explained they were working during a low-traffic time but were advised to leave. They were also told that heavy equipment was not allowed on a Saturday without a special permit.

At 11:55 am, a worker using a mini-excavator at the rear of a house on Upper Lansdowne also was warned not use it on Saturday and he was reported to be "very co-operative."

Soon after, a wood chipper near the Roslyn lookout also generated a complaint but the work was stopping when officers arrived. The company's name was nevertheless entered into the Public Security database as having been warned.

Curfew ticket

A 17-year-old NDG resident was issued a ticket for \$118 November 4 for being in Westmount Park at 12:21 am after the midnight curfew, Public Security officials said. The young man had been warned earlier the same evening about consuming drugs in the park. On the second sighting, he was with another person who had not received a prior warning and was not ticketed.

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COMMENTAIRES DU MAIRE SUR LA SITUATION FINANCIÈRE DE LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT SÉANCE DU CONSEIL DU 5 NOVEMBRE 2012

Chers conseillers, Mesdames et Messieurs, bonsoir,

À cette première étape du processus de préparation et d’adoption du budget 2013, je dois présenter aux résidents un rapport sur la santé financière de notre ville en général.

En août dernier, le conseil a établi les lignes directrices suivantes concernant le budget 2013:

- Limiter l’augmentation des taxes reliées aux services locaux au taux d’inflation (2%) + 1%, ce qui ne tient pas compte de l’impact des dépenses d’immobilisations et de celles du conseil d’agglomération de Montréal.
- Poursuivre les efforts en vue d’augmenter les revenus provenant d’autres sources que l’impôt foncier afin d’équilibrer le budget.

Les revenus et les dépenses projetés pour l’année 2012 sont de 94,7 millions de dollars, ce qui inclut des affectations de l’excédent accumulé.

Dans mon rapport qui est déposé ce soir, mes commentaires porteront notamment sur les questions financières suivantes:

- les résultats de fin d’exercice 2012;
- les prévisions préliminaires des revenus et dépenses de la ville pour 2012;
- l’état de la dette de la ville et les mesures mises en place pour la gérer;
- l’orientation générale du budget 2013 et des dépenses d’immobilisations pour la période de 2013 à 2015.

Résultats de fin d’exercice 2011

Le budget total de fonctionnement de l’année 2011 a été de 88,8 millions de dollars. La vérification des états financiers de fin d’exercice a confirmé un revenu total de 93,2 millions de dollars pour l’année dernière, dont 945 423 \$ provenaient des bénéfices non répartis affectés. Les dépenses de fonctionnement se sont élevées à 89,5 millions de dollars et l’excédent de fonctionnement de l’ordre de 3,3 millions de dollars a été affecté au budget et aux travaux d’immobilisations. L’excédent budgétaire net de fonctionnement en 2011 s’est élevé à 401 654 \$.

Au cours de l’année 2011, les dépenses d’immobilisations se sont élevées à 9,5 millions de dollars, parmi lesquelles un montant de 4,5 millions de dollars a été couvert par notre mode de financement *pay-as-you-go* (avant les « fusions », l’ensemble de notre programme annuel de travaux d’immobilisations courants était financé selon méthode de financement par répartition). Le solde des projets 2011 a été financé au moyen de règlements d’emprunt et de subventions qui ont respectivement totalisé 2,6 et 2,4 millions de dollars.

Les états financiers de la Ville de Westmount ont été vérifiés par la firme *Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton*.

Prévisions pour 2012

Le budget de fonctionnement 2012 de la ville fut établi à 91,8 millions de dollars¹. À la lumière des résultats disponibles à ce jour et des revenus et dépenses anticipés pour le reste de l’année, nous prévoyons terminer l’exercice 2012 avec des revenus et des dépenses projetés de 94,7 \$ millions, ce qui tient compte d’affectations de l’excédent accumulé.

Des dépenses supplémentaires couvertes par le mode de financement *pay-as-you-go*, telles l’agrandissement de la seconde patinoire du centre des loisirs de Westmount et l’ajout d’une patinoire extérieure réfrigérée, ont été effectuées. De même, des transformateurs supplémentaires ont été acquis dans le but d’assurer une plus grande stabilité de l’exploitation du réseau d’Hydro Westmount.

Dans la mesure où la décontamination du site du centre des loisirs de Westmount constitue une exigence de la loi, une réserve pour la décontamination a été inscrite. Ces coûts supplémentaires ont principalement été compensés par des revenus additionnels et par l’affectation de l’excédent accumulé, et ce, afin d’assurer l’équilibre de ces résultats financiers.

Il est toutefois à noter que cet état des résultats pourrait changer d’ici la fin de l’année, notamment si des événements imprévisibles d’importance devaient survenir tels d’abondantes chutes de neige abondantes, un important bris d’aqueduc, une inondation, etc.

Dette

En date du 31 décembre 2012, la dette nette de Westmount devrait être de 36,5 millions de dollars, ce qui tient compte des dépenses annuelles d’immobilisations d’arrondissement au cours de la période s’étendant de 2002 à 2005. Ce montant ne comprend toutefois pas l’investissement de 37 \$ millions pour le projet du nouveau centre des loisirs, dont un montant d’environ 20 \$ millions provient de subventions des gouvernements provincial et fédéral.

Budget 2013

Conformément aux objectifs financiers décrits précédemment dans ce rapport, le conseil entend limiter l’augmentation des taxes municipales reliées aux services locaux au taux de l’inflation (2%) + 1%, ce qui ne tient toutefois pas compte de l’impact du nouveau centre des loisirs de Westmount, des travaux d’immobilisations et de la quote-part de l’agglomération. Cela constitue un défi si l’on tient compte de l’impact du déficit actuariel du régime de retraite de nos employés. Le conseil a également approuvé l’affectation d’excédent accumulé afin d’équilibrer le budget local, le cas échéant.

Puisqu’environ 85% de nos revenus proviennent de l’impôt foncier, le conseil pourrait continuer de tendre vers une augmentation des revenus provenant d’autres sources tels les tarifs de stationnement et la tarification des activités.

Le conseil se réunira prochainement afin de finaliser notre stratégie générale et adopter le budget de fonctionnement et le programme d’immobilisations en décembre.

Rémunération des élus municipaux

La *Loi sur le traitement des élus municipaux* (L.R.Q., chapitre T-11.001) prévoit que le maire d’une municipalité, dont un règlement touchant la rémunération des membres du conseil est en vigueur, doit inclure dans son rapport annuel sur la situation financière de la municipalité une mention des rémunérations et des allocations de dépenses que chaque membre du conseil reçoit de la municipalité, d’un organisme mandataire de celle-ci ou d’un organisme supramunicipal.

Ainsi, en 2012 le maire recevra les rémunérations suivantes:

- une rémunération annuelle de la ville de 43 934 \$;
- une allocation de dépenses de la ville de 13 310 \$;
- une rémunération annuelle du conseil d’agglomération de Montréal de 10351 \$;
- une rémunération annuelle de la Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal de 10000 \$;
- un jeton de présence de 528 \$ (par présence) à titre de vice-président de la *Commission sur les finances et l’administration* du conseil de l’agglomération urbaine de Montréal, et ce, jusqu’à concurrence de la somme annuelle de 10551 \$.

Quant aux conseillers, ils recevront les rémunérations suivantes en 2012:

- une rémunération annuelle de la ville de 14 645 \$;
- une allocation de dépenses de la ville de 7 322,50 \$.

Pour sa part, le conseiller Patrick Martin recevra les rémunérations additionnelles suivantes:

- un jeton de présence de 528 \$ (par présence) à titre de vice-président de la *Commission sur l’examen des contrats* du conseil de l’agglomération urbaine de Montréal, et ce, jusqu’à concurrence de la somme annuelle de 10551 \$.
- un jeton d’allocation de dépenses de 264 \$ (par présence) à titre de vice-président de la *Commission sur l’examen des contrats* du conseil de l’agglomération urbaine de Montréal, et ce, jusqu’à concurrence de la somme annuelle de 5 275 \$.

Transactions au-delà de 25 000 \$

Comme l’exige la loi, je dépose la liste des transactions dont le montant total cumulatif dépassait 25 000 \$ entre le 1^{er} octobre 2011 et le 30 septembre 2012.

Le maire,
Peter F. Trent

¹Après déduction des dépenses d’Hydro Westmount financées selon la méthode *pay-as-you-go*



Ville de Westmount City of Westmount



THE MAYOR'S COMMENTS ON THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 5th, 2012

Councillors, Ladies and Gentlemen, good evening:

As the first formal step in the 2013 budget preparation and adoption process, I am required to report to residents on the general financial health of our City.

In August, Council established the following guidelines for the 2013 budget:

- Limit the increase in taxation for local services to inflation (2%) + 1%, excluding the impact of capital works and Agglomeration Council of Montreal.
- Continue efforts to increase revenue from sources other than property taxes to balance the budget.

Including appropriations from accumulated surplus, revenues and expenses are projected at \$94.7 million for 2012.

In my report that is being tabled tonight, I will be commenting further on the following and other financial issues:

- The 2011 year-end results;
- The preliminary forecast of the City's 2012 revenues and expenditures;
- The state of the City's debt and the action taken to manage it;
- The overall direction of the 2013 Budget, along with the capital expenditures planned for 2013 through 2014.

2011 Year-End Results

The City's 2011 total operating budget was \$88.8 million. The year-end financial statements confirmed that total revenues last year were \$93.2 million including \$945,423 from appropriated surplus; operational expenditures amounted to \$89.5 million; \$3.3 million in operating surplus was appropriated, for capital works and budget. This resulted in a net 2011 non-appropriated surplus of \$401,654.

During 2011, capital expenditures amounted to \$9.5 million, of which \$4.5 million was covered by our 'pay-as-you-go' funding (prior to the merger, our entire routine annual capital works program was funded on a pay-as-you-go basis). The balance of the 2011 projects was funded by loan by-laws in the amount of \$2.6 million and grants of \$2.4 million.

The City of Westmount's 2011 financial statements were audited by *Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton*.

2012 Forecast

The City's 2012 operating budget was established at \$91.8 million¹. Based on the results to date and the projected revenues and expenditures for the balance of the year, we expect to close 2012 with both revenues and expenses projected at \$94.7 million, including appropriation from accumulated surplus.

Additional 'pay-as-you-go' investments were made, such as extending the second ice surface at the Westmount Recreation Centre and adding an external refrigerated ice rink. Additional transformers were also purchased to ensure better network stability for the Hydro Westmount operations.

A decontamination provision had also to be recorded, since decontaminating the Westmount Recreation Centre site is a legal requirement.

These additional costs were offset mainly through additional revenues and appropriation from accumulated surplus to ensure that financial results be balanced.

Please note that the results could change between now and year-end, especially if we experience significant unforeseen events such as a higher-than-average snowfall, major water-main breaks, flooding, etc.

Debt

As of December 31st, 2012, Westmount's net debt should be \$36.5 million, including the borough's annual capital expenditures from 2002 to 2005. This amount does

not include the \$37 million investment for the new Recreation Centre, approximately \$20 million of which will be offset by a grant from the provincial and federal governments.

2013 Budget

Consistent with the financial goals outlined earlier in this report, Council wants to limit the increase in taxation for local services to inflation (2%) + 1%, excluding impacts for the Westmount Recreation Centre, capital works or the agglomeration apportionment. This is a challenge considering the current impact of the actuarial deficit in our employee pension plan. Council has also approved the appropriation of accumulated surplus to balance the local budget if required.

As around 85% of our revenue comes from property taxes, the Council may continue to seek increased revenues from other areas such as parking rates and programme fees.

We will be sitting down shortly as a Council to finalize our overall strategy and adopt our operating and capital budget in December.

Remuneration of Elected Municipal Representatives

The *Act respecting the remuneration of elected municipal officers* (R.S.Q., chapter T-11.001) provides that the mayor of a municipality in which a remuneration by-law is in force shall include in his annual report on the financial position of the municipality a list showing the remuneration and expense allowance each member of the council receives from the municipality, a mandatory body of the municipality or a supra-municipal body.

Thus, the Mayor received the following remuneration in 2012:

- \$43,934 as an annual remuneration from the City;
- \$15,310 as an expense allowance from the City;
- \$10,551 as an annual remuneration from the urban agglomeration council of Montreal;
- \$10,000 as an annual remuneration from the *Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal*;
- \$528 per presence as an attendance allowance from the *Commission sur les finances et l'administration* of the urban agglomeration council of Montreal, up to an annual maximum of \$10,551, where he is the Vice-President.

As for the councillors, they receive the following remuneration in 2012:

- \$14,645 as an annual remuneration from the City;
- \$7,322.50 as an expense allowance from the City.

As for Councillor Patrick Martin, he receives the additional following remuneration:

- \$528 per presence as an attendance allowance from the *Commission sur l'examen des contrats* of the urban agglomeration council of Montreal, up to an annual maximum of \$10,551, where he is Vice-President;
- \$264 per presence as an expense allowance from the *Commission sur l'examen des contrats* of the urban agglomeration council of Montreal, up to an annual maximum of \$5,275.

Transactions Exceeding \$25,000

As required by law, I am filing the list of total cumulative transactions exceeding \$25,000 from October 1st, 2011 to September 30th, 2012.

Peter F. Trent
Mayor

¹Net of Hydro Westmount 'pay-as-you-go' expenditures

Profusion grows mustaches for November



Members of Profusion Realty pose with their new facial hair in front of their office on Greene Ave., November 6. The brokers will donate \$1 per “like” on their FaceBook page until November 30 to Movember, a one-month November initiative that raises funds and awareness for men’s health, specifically prostate cancer and male mental health initiatives. Three members of the Profusion office, Marc Asselin, Hamid Sedigh and Carl Remillard Fontaine, will grow mustaches until the end of the month.

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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 lundi 5 novembre 2012, le conseil a adopté par résolution le projet de règlement 1439, intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER LE RÈGLEMENT DE CONSTRUCTION 1391** ».
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 **lundi 26 novembre 2012 à 17 h 30**, à la salle du conseil de l’hôtel de ville de Westmount située au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest.
3. Cette assemblée publique de consultation a pour but d’expliquer le projet de règlement n° 1439 dont l’objet vise à abroger l’article 2.12 du règlement 1391, qui prévoit que toute construction à moins de 3 pieds (0,9 m) de la ligne de propriété doit être de matériau non combustible, lequel est plus restrictif que le *Code de construction du Québec* présentement en vigueur. Cette situation entraîne un manque de cohérence dans la conception et la construction des balcons et des terrasses des immeubles contenant un ou deux logements.
4. Au cours de cette assemblée, la personne qui préside expliquera le projet de règlement et entendra les personnes et organismes qui désirent s’exprimer.
5. Le projet de règlement ne comporte aucune disposition propre à un règlement susceptible d’approbation référendaire.
6. Toute personne intéressée peut consulter ce projet de règlement 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 13 novembre 2012.

Mario Gerbeau
Greffier de la ville

PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING
DRAFT BY-LAW 1439
NOVEMBER 26, 2012 – 5:30 p.m.

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED BY THE DRAFT BY-LAW NO. 1439 ENTITLED “BY-LAW AMENDING BUILDING BY-LAW 1391”

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 November 5th, 2012, Council adopted by resolution Draft By-law No. 1439, entitled “**BY-LAW AMENDING BUILDING BY-LAW 1391**”
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 **Monday, November 26 at 5:30 p.m.**, in the Council Chamber of Westmount City Hall located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West.
3. The purpose of this public consultation meeting is to explain the draft By-law No. 1439, the object of which is to repeal section 2.12 of By-law No. 1391 which provides that all construction within the first three feet (0.9 m) of the property line must be of non-combustible material which is more restrictive than the *Quebec Construction Code* currently in force. That situation leads to a lack of coherence in the design and construction of balconies and decks on buildings containing one or two dwelling units.
4. During this meeting, the person presiding will explain the draft by-law and will hear every person or body wishing to express an opinion.
5. The draft by-law contains no provisions making it a by-law subject to approval by way of referendum.
6. Any interested person may consult this draft by-law 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.

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Mario Gerbeau
City Clerk

Paul Creighton's cats looking for homes



9 Lives

LYSANNE FOWLER

we so often replace the beloved one with another in need.

So, this is the subject of my column today. The late Paul Creighton, our fellow Westmouter, (see May 1, 2012, p. 11), was devoted to his pets, and his cats are still in need of new families. I hope that we can find a place in our homes for one of his cats, all of whom had such a wonderful home during his lifetime and who have continued to be cared for by his family. These cats are all well socialized, healthy, sterilized and have had all their shots.

Lars and Sven are 8-year-old brothers, giant black-and-white emperors who

would love to stay together.

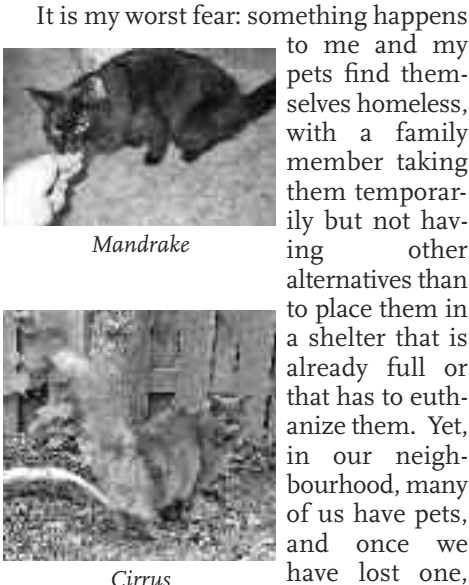
Precious is a charming and sociable 8-year-old grey-and-black tabbie female, quite a little queen.

Cirrus, an 8-year-old long-haired grey female, is delightfully good-natured. She has two siblings, sister Voodoo and brother Mandrake. Voodoo is one shade paler than black and is wonderfully expressive and super-friendly. Mandrake is handsome, sleek and shy. He likes to stay indoors where he can keep away from all the fam-

ily action. If he was a human, he would be considered bookish!

If you would like more information on any of wonderful cats, please contact Paul's daughter Amy Creighton at 514. 467.2754 or amycreighton@bell.net. She can show you others photographs and can provide more information. She also has some fun movies of the cats, which might help you choose the one would love to adopt.

Your neighbour, Lysanne



Mandrake



Cirrus



Sven



Lars



Tristan



Precious



Voodoo

Summer inspectors gained access to 1,000 homes

88 percent found to comply with smoke detector laws

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Results of the summer's smoke detector program by Public Security and the fire department show that 88 percent of dwellings visited conformed to Westmount's fire prevention by-laws. This compares with 84 percent the previous summer and 83 percent in 2010.

Of the 1,000 homes where access was gained, fully 881 were found to have functioning detectors as required. "Overall compliance was very high," noted Councillor Gary Ikeman, Public Security commissioner, in announcing the results at the city council meeting November 5.

All dwellings are required to have at least one smoke detector per floor, and all are supposed to be kept in good working order and containing functional batteries at all times. The purpose of the summer program is to generate awareness of the need and ensure that homes are properly equipped with the life-saving devices.

The inspectors – two fire cadets hired by the city – were unable to gain access at another 1,899 places north of Sherbrooke St., where residents were either not at home or not answering the door.

Of the 1,000 inspected, 23 were found to have non-functioning detectors and 90 were missing one or more of the devices. The cadets installed 136 batteries that had been supplied by the city as well as 55 detectors.

As well, 287 of the dwellings were found to have carbon monoxide detectors, though these are not required but recommended where fossil-burning heaters are in use.

The fire cadets also called on 29 apartment buildings containing a total of 735 units to check out their fire inspection certificates. Six were found to be missing information or lacked updates.

Last year, the program was conducted in the southern portion of the city as part of an annual rotation.



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SÉANCE D'INFORMATION PUBLIQUE PROJET DE RÈGLEMENT MODIFIANT LE RÈGLEMENT SUR LE BRUIT

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné qu'une séance d'information publique sur le projet de règlement intitulé « *RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER LE RÈGLEMENT 1387 SUR LE BRUIT* » aura lieu le **lundi 26 novembre 2012 à 19 h** à l'hôtel de ville de Westmount situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest. L'objet de ce règlement vise à réduire les heures au cours desquelles les travaux de construction sont permis. Aucun travail ne devrait être effectué avant 7 h et après 18 h (présentement avant 7 h et après 21 h) du lundi au vendredi et avant 9 h et après 18 h (présentement avant 8 h et après 20 h) le samedi.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter ce projet de règlement 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 13^e jour de novembre 2012.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING DRAFT BY-LAW AMENDING THE NOISE BY-LAW

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a public information meeting on the draft by-law entitled "*BY-LAW AMENDING BY-LAW 1387 CONCERNING NOISE*" will be held on **Monday, November 26, 2012 at 7 p.m.** at Westmount City Hall, located at 4333 Sherbrooke St. West. The object of this draft by-law is to reduce the hours when construction work is permitted: No work shall be carried out before 7:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m. (currently before 7:00 a.m. and after 9:00 p.m.) from Monday to Friday and before 9:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m. (currently before 8:00 a.m. and after 8:00 p.m.) on Saturday.

Any interested person may consult this draft by-law 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.

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Love as an antibiotic



Parenthood Uncensored

SOPHIE TARNOWSKA

I won't know if my efforts to be a good mother will bear fruition until my child is tested out there in the world. And even then, I won't know...until I do.

My attempts to teach my daughter right from wrong, risky from reckless and fun from frightening will never entirely protect her from making terrible decisions out of sheer stupidity, and even less so will they protect her from harm. Like many other parents, I've done too many moronic

things in the name of youth to be naïve enough to think she won't do the same.

And that she should.

I don't want a daughter who lives like a flower on the proverbial wall of life – and given her personality so far, there's no danger of that, and I'm glad. Brave words until I start to think about all the things I've done that I'd rather she doesn't.

Dear child, there is no need to try bungee jumping. Other than getting a piercing anywhere other than in your earlobes, there is no worse way to spend \$99. Especially when you're jumping off a crane with nothing but a muddy puddle to catch your fall should the line break.

By the time this activity even tempts you, there will be an app for that.

As for scuba diving, give it a go once or

twice, sure. But avoid dropping into a school of barracuda like your mother did. Why? Because peeing your wetsuit with fear is only fun if you're in frigid temperatures and is less so in warm Caribbean waters while you're trying to flirt with your scuba instructor.

We'll just go for a snorkel in the new Westmount swimming pool when the time is right.

Now for that quintessential rite of passage: backpacking around the world. I backpacked for 10 months following university from Beirut to Nepal, and am still proud that I survived a 52-hour, cockroach-infested train ride from one end of India to the other.

Other than the many photos I now have of myself wearing imitation Levis 501s up to my armpits in front of every major landmark in the world, the worst thing to happen to me was witnessing the teenage driver of our Nepali bus light a flaming torch under the gas tank to warm up the engine. But this was before people started bombing discos in Bali or dropping Rohypnol in women's drinks.

I plan to save you the time, and me the

money, by renting *Baraka* together. It's awesome.

Whitewater rafting is fun, and it's usually guided by a guy so gorgeous that he convinces you and your boatmates to deliberately flip your raft into a holy river brimming with the cremated remains of the recently deceased.

As a result, I will forever be inoculated against any and all waterborne illnesses, but I suggest we go see a "Rafting the Grand Canyon" flick at the IMAX theatre.

I know you won't listen to me because I didn't listen either. You too will lie to me about where you are (although there is a GPS in most mobile phones these days, right?), about where you're going and who you're with. You'll go out late, and come home later and wear bad outfits, and try to sneak past my bedroom door late at night.

I'm already trying to figure out how to be a good mother to you during that time. But for now, while you're still young enough to believe in Santa, I'm hoping that my love is a probiotic, immunizing you against the perils of being infected by self-harm – in whatever form it may one day appear.



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AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1438

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné à tous ceux qui peuvent être concernés que le règlement n° 1438 intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT SUR LE CODE D'ÉTHIQUE ET DE DÉONTOLOGIE DES EMPLOYÉS** » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance ordinaire tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 5 novembre 2012.

L'objet de ce règlement vise à adopter un Code d'éthique et de déontologie applicable aux employés de la Ville qui répond aux exigences de la *Loi sur l'éthique et la déontologie en matière municipale* (L.R.Q., chapitre E-15.1.0.1).

Ce règlement entre en vigueur aujourd'hui.

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, ce 13 novembre 2012.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1438

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law No. 1438 entitled "**BY-LAW RESPECTING THE CODE OF ETHICS AND GOOD CONDUCT OF EMPLOYEES**" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a regular sitting held at City Hall on November 5, 2012.

The object of this by-law is to adopt a Code of Ethics and Conduct applicable to municipal employees in accordance with the requirements of the *Municipal Ethics and Good Conduct Act* (R.S.Q., chapter E-15.1.0.1).

This by-law shall come into force today.

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.

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Stern performs in Happy Tree Yoga's 'Got Talent'



Pop/soul vocalist Matt Stern of Westmount was one of seven aspiring entertainers who performed for judges Nicholas Hoare of Greene Ave.'s Nicholas Hoare bookstore, Gazette social columnist Jennifer Campbell and veteran radio personality Ted Bird during the 5th anniversary of St. Catherine St.'s Happy Tree Yoga. The event included the "Got Talent" show and fundraiser held at Dawson College on November 3. Proceeds were to be donated to the Yoga Mala Foundation dedicated to establishing yoga programs in areas of need.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

Montreal's first TEDx conference in the works



Several Westmount mothers on the volunteer organizing committee of the first TEDx conference for Montreal high school students stopped by the Indie's office on November 8. Among them, from left, are Westmounters Louise Bucheit, Grace Yang and Zoë Sakellaropoulou; and Jennifer Davis. The TEDxYouth@Montreal conference is scheduled to take place Saturday, November 17 at The Study. The \$40 ticket includes 16 mostly local speakers and performers in a series of 18-minute long presentations geared towards youth. Among the speakers from Westmount are Sophia Harman-Heath, Erik Thijs, Bernard Mariette and Jessica Magonet. Based on the model of California-inspired "Ted Talks," the presentations are meant to be "inspiring, educational and motivating," and are later made available to the public on the web, according to Bucheit. More information can be found at <http://tedxyouthmontreal.com>.

Photo: Westmount Independent

Outdoor rink, cont'd. from p. 1

Centre is being built."

Deegan expected construction on the rink, which can maintain a consistent ice surface in up to 12.7°C weather, to begin in the third week of November and hopes to have it operational by the end of the month.

Unlike standard outdoor rinks in Westmount and elsewhere in the Montreal area, which often only last from late December to February, the new ice surface is expected to be in use until March, giving Westmounters an added month of playing time on either side of the hockey season.

The new rink will be installed next to the WAG's tennis courts to maximize available lighting, with the cooling equipment being housed on the courts themselves.

"These are exciting times for sports in Westmount," said Deegan, "and I think it's important to keep that momentum going as we move forward."

The regular outdoor rinks are slated to go in Devon Park, Prince Albert Park, Queen Elizabeth Gardens, Stayner Park and Westmount Park. Murray Park has yet to be finalized.

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Bates, cont'd. from p. 14

of Seven. And like others, Bates paints landscapes in the summer and still life and figurative art in the winter.

As for slowing down, Bates replied, "Artists don't retire."

Exhibiting at Galerie D'Avignon

Bates continues to enjoy painting and is enthusiastic about her current exhibit at Galerie D'Avignon. Her first show in three years, the exhibit features a variety of styles and themes with beauty as the common thread. For Bates, "Beautiful paintings are an invitation to come and look."

Sheila Lawrence Dancers get set to 'break a leg' Nov. 3



Photo: Martin C. Barry

Alexandra Sojo, centre, principal dancer in the Sheila Lawrence Dancers, is seen with other members of the Westmount-based ballet company minutes before entering the main auditorium of Victoria Hall where they performed in the Soirée de Danse 2012 event on November 3. The evening of ballet and modern dance was sponsored by the Community Events department with ticket proceeds going to the Montreal Children's Hospital. Also pictured, from left: Gabrielle Korf, Gina di Massimo, Sarah Martenson, Sheila Theophanides, Samantha Youssef, Imen Nailli and Danielle Hubbard.

Pot of gold somewhere?

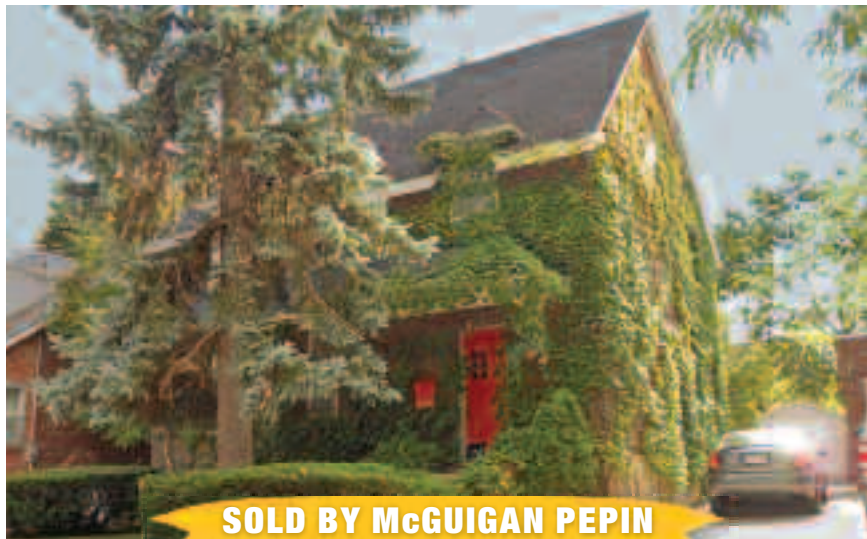


The new arena gets built under a rainbow the morning of October 30.

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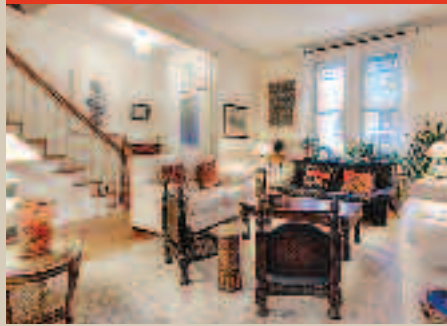


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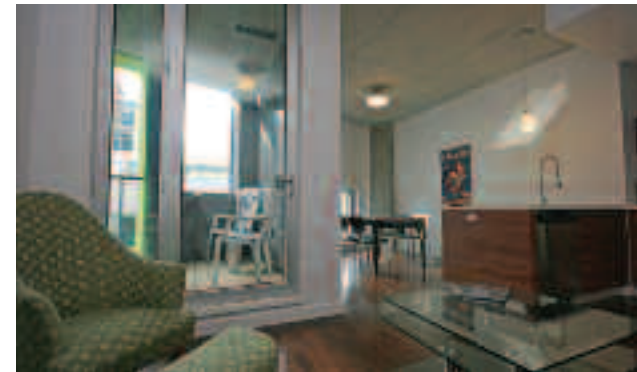
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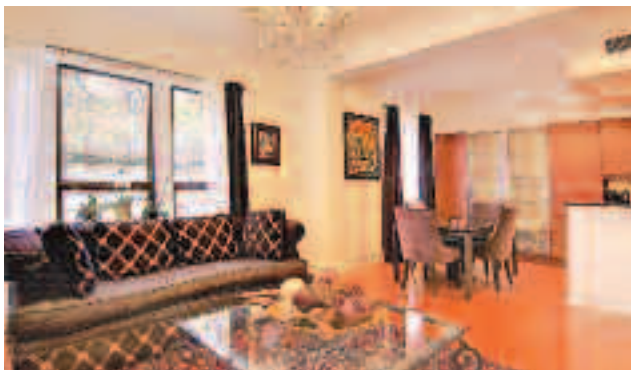
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