

5 Saisons scheduled to re-open in May-June

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Les 5 Saisons is set to re-open on Greene Ave. in late May or early June after a hiatus of two years, the *Independent* learned last week. The landmark grocery store had shut its doors to make way for construction of a six-storey condo development.

In its second life, the store will move

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into the ground floor of the new 1250 Greene at the southwest corner of de Maisonneuve at the same location where it had been a fixture since 1985.

Despite some rumours suggesting the business would re-open in February, the May-June timeline was confirmed by Marie-Claude Bacon, corporate affairs director for Metro Inc., which owns the 5 Saisons banner.

"We already have possession of the premises but it is still in construction," she explained. "After that, it will take us four or five weeks to do the décor, the design and stock the shelves. You will see us working there in May."

While the store will occupy about the same amount of floor space as it did in the pre-

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Lulham lays out blueprint for 2013 projects

Re-shaping SW and SE sectors, lowering bike path

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The face of Westmount in southwest and southeast sectors is expected to be re-shaped in 2013 when updated urban plans set a blueprint for rezoning and future development, Councillor Cynthia Lulham said last week.

A public meeting to present plans for the southwest Victoria village district will take place next month following input from the neighbourhood meeting October



The Westmount YMCA's executive director, Gary White, strums a tune with Shane Murphy at the Y's December 12 fundraiser, which was held at the Crowley Arts Center in NDG. This was the second such event. The Choirboys and 3.5 Men also performed. Over \$4,200 was raised for the Westmount Y's Strong Kids campaign, which works to make programs accessible to children with financial or special needs.

Photo courtesy of the Westmount Y

3, she said.

Also in February, the city should be ready to solicit a study of the eastern commercial area from Atwater to Clarke, south of Sherbrooke including the Greene/St. Catherine/Tupper area. "That's the goal," she explained. "We've got to move quickly."

Laying out the planning program for the year as commissioner of Parks and Urban Planning, Lulham said the city had already

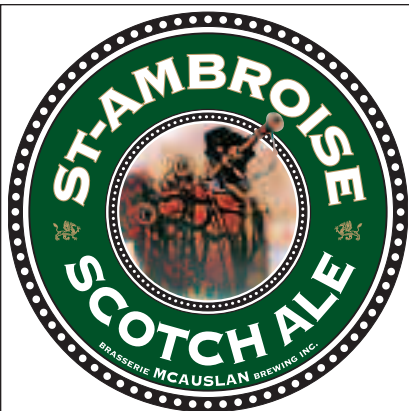
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Public Works shifts strategy to meet new needs

Record storm costs city at least \$660K to clean up

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

An eight-day operation to clean up Westmount after a record 45.6-cm snow-storm December 27 cost more than \$660,000, Public Works officials said last week. This preliminary figure does not yet include blue-collar overtime or smaller internal costs.

It also caused the city to deviate from some of its traditional procedures, innovate and tailor its efforts to particular streets, said Public Works director Marianne Zalzal.

In a significant change of strategy, the city set a goal to clear at least one side of

every street as much as possible throughout the city in case a second back-to-back storm should strike.

“We wanted to keep the traffic flowing,” she said. “Every street had a different priority.”

In all, it took almost 3,000 truckloads to cart away more than 82,000 cubic meters of snow from streets and sidewalks including amounts put out from private driveways. Salt alone cost \$114,500.

Challenges included narrow streets with heavy parking, 10-foot high snow mounds across sidewalks, lanes with nowhere to put the snow and some snow banks so high that two-way streets became

one-way out of necessity.

“There were residents at the top of the mountain who had never seen so much snow left on their street for so long. But this time we felt more at ease leaving some of the streets with driveways and less of a parking problem to the end.”

In all, it took from December 28 to January 5 to clear the city’s 52 kilometers of streets, 104 km of sidewalks and 10 km of lanes, she said. Workers were given New

Year’s Day off, however, to comply with safety regulations limiting the hours of work for operators of heavy machinery.

Fortunately, noted roads and parks superintendents John Monteiro and Mike Hunter, the storm struck during a holiday period.

This contributed to fewer cars on the road to delay snow crews within Westmount as well as the trucks taking the city’s continued on p. 14



This mini loader/blower purchased for outdoor rinks was able to clear sidewalks impassable by small plows; at right, after it cleared a sidewalk on Murray Hill.

Photos courtesy of Westmount Public Works

240 drivers get early warning to dig out

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

More than 240 residents were given an early heads-up to dig their cars out of tow zones before 7 am on streets slated for snow removal after the December 27 snowstorm, Public Security officials report.

Many were called by the dispatcher or public safety officers the night before the snow blower was scheduled to pass in case they had failed to notice the snow removal signs. Some were called twice if their cars had not been moved.

“This was an exceptional circumstance,” said assistant director Greg McBain.

While typically, Public Security personnel try to alert parking permit holders whose cars remain in the path of the snow blower before it passes, the extraordinary amount of snow that piled up resulted in

the earlier than usual warnings.

“We made an effort to give people lots of time, and it showed in the small number of cars that actually had to be towed, not much more than 10 over the eight days,” he said.

The occasional person objected to being awakened if a car had not been moved by 7 am, he added. One stated the blower hadn’t yet appeared on his street, McBain said. But preparation for the blower takes place before its arrival, “and legally, cars can be towed after 7 am regardless of when the blower appears.”

Public Works provided Public Security with a list of streets to be cleared the night before so the calls could be made, he said.

While it spared residents from having cars towed, it also helped snow removal proceed more quickly instead of a long line of trucks being held up while someone moved a car.



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Record snow fall in Montreal, Westmount digs its way out



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Watching the snow removal operation at the intersection of Abbott and Hillside “was not unlike a well choreographed dance,” according to Sam Beitel, who took this photo on January 3.



The Public Works crew of the city of Westmount and contractors clear piles of snow from Claremont Ave. just above Sherbrooke on January 5 after a record-breaking snow fall on December 27.

Photo: Robert J. Galbraith



Buried under snow between the telephone pole at left and the green fence at right is an alley, which is usually passable all winter by car between York and de Maisonneuve, just west of Prince Albert. It wasn't on December 28 when this photo was taken!

Photo: Westmount Independent



Photographed December 28 at around 6 pm, Grosvenor Ave., which looked like a carriage path from the olden days, had snow contractors and homeowners clearing out their driveways and digging through the six-foot high snow pyramids that lined the roadside.

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Public Security kept busy over storm, holidays

30 vehicles slip on Greene hill

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

One of the most significant of many storm-related incidents reported by public safety officers December 27 was a back-up of 30 vehicles trying to navigate the hill up Greene from St. Antoine St. to Dorchester at 8 am, including a bus.

Officers called Public Works to salt the hill while trying to sort out the problem that included two minor accidents. “Random assistance” was provided by personnel from two police cars from Station 15 and the RCMP.

At 10:15 am, according to Public Security officials, a city salt truck trying to make its way up Bellevue hooked an illegally parked car at Sunnyside with its blade.

Several other snow removal vehicles were also reported involved in accidents over the following days. These included a sidewalk plow whose blade hit a parked car on Winchester December 30.

On January 7, another sidewalk plow broke branches off a hedge close to the sidewalk on Claremont near Westmount Ave., while another the same day hit a garden rock on Mount Stephen causing it to

veer into a parked car.

Two fall on sidewalks

A 65-year-old Westmount woman was reported to have been taken to hospital December 29 after slipping on the north sidewalk on de Maisonneuve at Redfern at 10:50 am. Public Security personnel provided medical assistance until the arrival of Urgences Santé at 11:05 am.

On January 4, a resident of St. Antoine St. was reported to have hurt a shoulder and arm after slipping on a slushy sidewalk ramp at the corner of Olivier and de Maisonneuve, public safety officers said. He was taken to the Montreal General Hospital by Urgences Santé.

Roslyn School spouts holiday water leaks

Public safety officers checked out two complaints of water leaks at Roslyn School over the holidays, December 24 and 30. On both occasions a citizen spotted large amounts of water flowing outside the school and alerted Public Security. Officials said the school board’s security firm was contacted and, with its personnel, officers gained entry to shut off a garden

hose valve. Firefighters were called for the second incident but were reportedly unable to track down the problem. It was left in the hands of a plumber.

Snowboarders dismantle jump

Three snowboarders were ordered to dismantle a ramp they had made down snowy public steps from the Summit lookout December 30, Public Security officials said. Public Works was advised to clean the staircase.

82 addresses missing from lanes

A total of 82 houses backing onto lanes from Barat, de Casson, Holton, Wood, Elm and Mount Pleasant were left notices advising residents to identify their addresses at the lane-way entrance to their properties to help guide emergency responders, Public Security officials said. In some cases, the existing address designations were not clearly visible. The address checks are a program carried out by public safety officers in different areas throughout the year.

Outdoor rinks maintained during holidays

Despite the focus on street and sidewalk cleaning, the city made a point of keeping its outdoor skating rinks cleared during the holidays, roads and parks superintendent Mike Hunter said.

All had been opened and in operation for the winter by December 24. Nevertheless, the new refrigerated rink at the Westmount Athletic Grounds (WAG) that had opened earlier remained “in better shape.”

In keeping with the city’s policy to clean the bike path at the same time as de Maisonneuve, the cycling route was cleared of snow on January 3, near the end of the eight-day operation.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SUNKEN BIKE PATH NOT GOOD IDEA

The preliminary ideas that have been exposed in the media concerning a walking bridge over the Westmount Park portion of the cycling path are interesting but leave open a number of questions.

The success of Bixis in Westmount has been exceptional. It proves there is a real desire to promote healthy lifestyles in our city. All generations have contributed to this Westmount success of urban cycling. We must be careful that any new infrastructure does not deflate these substantial gains by poor design.

The preliminary design of a cycling path in a trench with a level walking bridge is not good design. It presents all types of problems: poor visibility, the pooling of storm water, difficulties for young cycling parents with children in carriers and future cargo bikes, and unnecessary difficult slopes are some that come readily of mind.

Equally serious is an important design feature that was not included in the media presentation. The new rec centre should be the centrepiece of Westmount's stated desire to foster active transport. Citizens being physically active is a Westmount ideal. But there was no indication of how the de Maisonneuve cycling path will be commodiously connected by excellent

path design to the two primary entrances of the rec centre. This should be an integral part of the planning.

We are certain that it is the intention of council to decrease Westmount's athletes' dependence on cars to access its sports venues. Good design encouraging active transport is the basic technique of success. ROGER JOCHYM, LEWIS AVE. AND MEMBER OF THE WESTMOUNT WALKING AND CYCLING ASSOCIATION

ANYONE ELSE SEEN A SNOWY OWL?

When walking my dog recently at around 9:30 am at the corner of Grosvenor and Sunnyside, I saw what I believed to be a snowy owl fly directly over my head and perch on a nearby tree. Although I had a cell phone in my pocket, I did not have the presence of mind to take a picture until the bird had flown off.

I wondered, though, if any other readers had reported seeing such a bird near or around the summit in Westmount. I would love to know.

TAMARA LYNCH, GROSVENOR AVE.

OPEN LETTER TO PUBLIC WORKS

On December 27 during a raging snowstorm, I optimistically put out the garbage, not really expecting it would be picked up.

There was a lot to be collected. To my amazement and relief, it was indeed taken away.

The garbage collector had to climb over a snow bank and make his way in deep snow to my back entrance. Because of the quantity, he must have had to make more than one trip. We are most grateful and realize how fortunate we are to live in Westmount.

We also appreciated the overnight parking amnesty for the Christmas holidays. It made having family visiting from out of town so much easier.

Many thanks and a happy New Year.

JANET MACKLEM, METCALFE AVE.

MORE KUDOS TO PUBLIC WORKS

I believe John Monteiro, roads superintendent, and his skillful crew of men and women and support staff, should be congratulated for their efforts in keeping our roads, sidewalks, public laneways and access to public buildings clean and safe, not only in the recent overbearing snowfall but, as well, throughout their multi-tude of spring, summer and fall tasks.

One only has to view the condition and duplicity of the adjacent megacity to appreciate how fortunate we are that these dedicated people conduct themselves in a professional manner, frequently through trying conditions, and in near 24/7 time periods, to ensure our unique topography is accessible on a timely basis, and always delivered in a helpful and courteous manner.

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REHASHING THE ISSUES

I promise as my only New Year's resolution to no longer write letters to the editor of the *Westmount Independent* commenting on letters written by David Ludmer on the subject of our arena project ... as of tomorrow!

With respect to his letter published in the issue of December 19 ("Light in Laval, darkness in Westmount," p. 6), we are once more subject to a rehash of comments questioning the same issues that he has been writing about for over a year. I'm actually quite surprised at the length and depth of the response in the "editor's note," which clearly shows the degree to which his questions have been previously dealt with.

SAM BEITEL, ABBOTT AVE.

SNOW STORM RITUALS

Big storm. Lots of snow. Christmas with family visiting and thoughtful people shoveling, including my 14-year-old grandson, who comes from a city where snow melts fast.

My family was out shoveling and helping neighbours and repeating this until the highways were cleared. They were only a few of the many helping others.

However on December 29, after my street had been posted for 36 hours, a city truck came by early this morning, accompanied by a sidewalk-clearing plow rigged out with a mini-blower. Great, except that the driveways on our side of the street had the snow blown into them – the driveways that my family, now having gone home, had shoveled and plowed, the driveways that our friends also use. My driveway that my husband and I, who are no longer young, cannot keep clear by ourselves.

While I am more than happy with the extraordinary snow removal job that Westmount has done, it would make a lot of us happier if we had a clue as to what is going on – in advance.

That said, thank you, city of Westmount, for having spoken to my family from away when they called to try and find out what was happening.

LYNN PECKNOLD, GROSVENOR AVE.

Stolen car found, another broken down

Two cars were found to have been accumulating parking tickets on Westmount streets January 4, Public Security officials said. One, a Honda Civic on Tupper, turned out to have been reported stolen January 1 in the St. Laurent borough. The other, a Volkswagen on Kensington at Sherbrooke, had broken down. Its owner was informed to have it removed, but the car was still there four days later. It was referred to police.

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Preparing for the new year in civic affairs



Words from the WMA

PETER STARR

The past year has been a busy one for the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA), and 2013 promises more of the same.

The first event of the year will be an open meeting with Jean-François Lisée, Quebec minister responsible for Montreal. The meeting is open to the public and will be held at 7 pm on Thursday, January 17 in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Library.

Riding name

In November, WMA representatives, along with the Westmount Historical Association, appeared before the Federal Electoral Commission to request that “Westmount” be retained as part of the re-defined riding.

We expect to receive the commission’s decision within the next few weeks.

Super-hospital

The opening of the MUHC super-hospital at the Glen site presents a number of interrelated issues which the WMA is monitoring closely. The association worked with La Concertation interquartiers (CIQ) to study the traffic and transportation needs presented by the development. The hospital is projected to bring at least 11,000 people into the area every day. In its report to the Quebec minister of Transport in December, the CIQ asked that a second access be constructed between the Vendôme intermodal station and the hospital. The WMA is especially concerned about traffic, easy accessibility

to the campus, emergency routes and effective Metro entry points. The WMA and CIQ are actively promoting the installation of a 24-hour on-site pharmacy as well as working to ensure universal accessibility, on the Glen campus itself, for the handicapped and for people of limited mobility.

Traffic plan

The WMA is also working on alignment and agreement between the civic government and Westmounters on the new Master Traffic Plan to improve traffic flows through the city. In addition, it is lobbying for effective changes to the design of the Turcot interchange.

An important related issue is cycling and active transport. Westmount is one of the more proactive cycling boroughs, and the WMA has worked with the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association (WWCA) to provide feedback and recommendations to the city government on existing bike paths, Bixi stations and new paths to facilitate east-west travel.

The WMA also provided important feedback and communication to the city for safe bike path deviations around the Westmount recreation centre construction site.

Noise

One of the biggest continuing issues in Westmount is noise. The WMA will continue its efforts to alleviate sound pollution wherever and whenever possible, from homeowners’ leaf blowers, mowers, snow-clearing equipment and noise from home and commercial renovations.

The complexities of reducing the din of rail traffic passing through southern Westmount is a particular concern to our association. The WMA has interacted, over the past year, with individual citizens as well as with the Westmount Train Action Group (WTAG) and the Community University Research Alliance (CURA) in ef-

forts to find solutions to this problem.

Construction of the new Westmount recreation centre is nearing completion. The association has played an active role in minimizing the aggravation of noise on and around the site.

Commercial areas

This year, the WMA will continue to represent the interests of merchants, business owners and professional enterprises. The redevelopment of Victoria village, the resolution of parking issues, improved traffic flows and the provision of adequate infrastructure and services are all necessary to increase the vitality and realize the full potential of Westmount’s commercial areas.

The renovation and renewal of necessary infrastructure is the largest and most costly issue facing city council and taxpayers at the current time. The WMA has been a strong advocate of new sewers, better roads and hazard-free sidewalks.

As we look to the future, the WMA will launch an “Eco Action” program in conjunction with CURA to help set Westmount on the right path to becoming a model of a liveable and sustainable community. *continued on p. 19*

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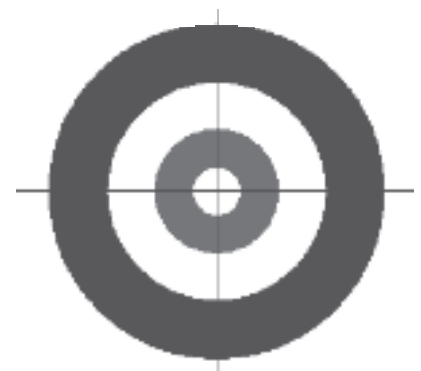


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Freezes on new development await updates

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put a moratorium on “a ton of proposals” for developing vacant city-owned land in the southeast now used for two parking lots. These are the Tupper lot (north of Dorchester from Greene to east of Gladstone), and the Greene lot (off Greene just south of Sherbrooke).

A freeze has already been in place on new development in Victoria village until a cohesive plan is adopted. This is to include a public square on Prince Albert Ave. just south of Sherbrooke (see October 9, 2012, p. 3). Its creation has already been budgeted for 2013.

Meanwhile, plans for a public square on the southwest corner of Greene and de Maisonneuve, outside the new 5 Saisons store, are almost ready to be presented to the public, also in February, she said. Development of the other three corners of the intersection as “greened” seating areas are also on the agenda to complete the design.

Work in parks

“A proper study of Westmount Park,” is expected to be commissioned this year after being put off until completion of the

new Westmount recreation centre, Lulham said. Landscaping work will be required to merge the sections north and south of the bike path.

The city will also request the agglomeration council to fund the lowering of the bike path in a section of the park to allow for a pedestrian crossing bridge at the northeast corner of the rec. centre, she said.

Re-landscaping in Summit Woods

The city will also be applying for grants for work in Summit Woods to re-landscape the proposed closure area of Summit Circle, as well as to fix up the Public Works storage area off Côte des Neiges Rd.

As well, there will be some minor changes to the noise by-law to correct some inconsistencies pointed out by Public Security, she said. A study of noise levels generated by various types of construction machinery is also ongoing.

All told, she said, planning and parks projects are expected to tie together and



This latest aerial rendering of the completed Westmount recreation centre site, supplied by city hall, shows the proposed pedestrian crossing (circled) over a sunken portion of the bike path.

Image courtesy of the city of Westmount

complete those begun throughout the four-year term of this council.

Lulham, who represents District 7, also said she remains committed to pushing Montreal’s commuter train authority – the

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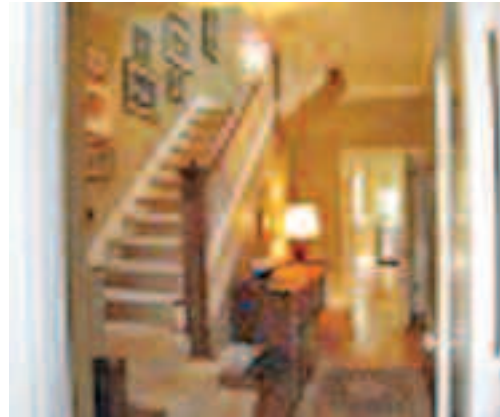


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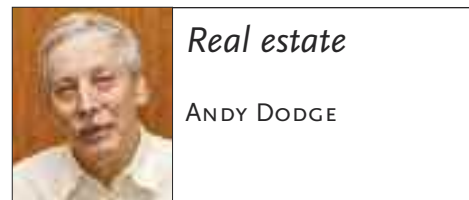
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Former Royal Bank building highlights Nov. sales



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ANDY DODGE

The following article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in November 2012 provided by city officials. A list of sales can be found on p. 14.

The original Royal Bank building at the corner of Greene Ave. and St. Catherine St., which has been the home of Henrietta Antony Inc. for the past 34 years, changed hands in November for more than \$3 million, by far the highest price paid for a commercial property in Westmount this year. It sold for more than 5 times its municipal valuation, which was only \$662,000, to a corporation whose president is Sharon Azrieli.

Ten single-family dwellings and two duplexes also changed hands in November, with prices ranging from \$800,000 to \$2,150,000 and an average mark-up of 18.3 percent, somewhat lower than the average for the year but about the same as it

had been in the previous two months.

The highest price involved 118 Upper Bellevue Ave., a stone mansion just west of Westmount lookout, while the lowest price was paid for a duplex at 357-59 Clarke Ave. The month's other duplex, at 4465 Montrose Ave., was the second highest price in November. The city suggests there were two dwellings there but the \$2,060,000 price suggests this is no longer the case.

The highest mark-up in November was recorded in the sale of 4046 Dorchester Blvd., which brought 38 percent more than municipal assessment; 4290 Montrose Ave. sold for almost 9 percent less than its tax value of \$1,262,200, the biggest mark-down.

Five of the 12 one- and two-family dwelling sales in November were for prices under \$1 million, helping pull down the average price to \$1,293,500, lower than for any month since April. The 18-percent mark-up puts the "typical" Westmount home's value at \$1,422,010, about where it was in the first three months of the year but lower than it had been between May and August.

Four condominium apartments sold in

November, one involving a third-floor apartment at 11 Hillside Ave., the new building constructed on the site of the former Caledonia Curling Club, for which tax information is still pending.

The other sales included two at Château Westmount Square, 4175 St. Catherine St., and one at Le Cacharel, 295 Victoria Ave. The average mark-up among those three sales is 13 percent, slightly lower than for one- and two-family dwellings; for the year, the average in 38 condominium sales is 17.8 percent, while for homes the year's average is 24.1 percent in 167 sales.

Two shares of multi-family dwellings sold in November, one involving a 45-percent share of 437-39 Prince Albert Ave., which appears to be between two members of the same family, though there is no exoneration from transfer tax, according to the title deed. The other includes vacant occupancy of 3127 St. Antoine St., one of three flats in the building. All three flats had sold in 2011; this is the first resale since the co-ops were first sold off at that address.

The only other sale in November involved one of the commercial condominium units inside 4055 St. Catherine

St., the basement of the huge One Wood Condominium complex. The unit is the seventh commercial condo in the building to sell this year and the first since July.

Andy Dodge is a residential real estate appraiser. His email address is andy@andydodgeassociates.com.

Snow contractors warned against overnight work

At least six private snow removal contractors were warned recently about the city's by-law prohibiting overnight work unless at least 10 cm of snow had fallen, which in all cases, it had not, Public Security officials claim. Names were recorded and tickets are to be issued on subsequent violations.

One was found at work at 5:17 am at 5025 Sherbrooke (the Westmount Medical Building) on December 30. Others were recorded as working on January 7 at 12:26 am at Roslyn School, at 12:40 am at 483 Victoria, at 2:01 am at 90 Hillside and at 4 am at 426 Prince Albert and 4998 de Maisonneuve.

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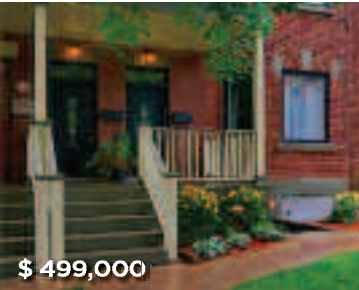
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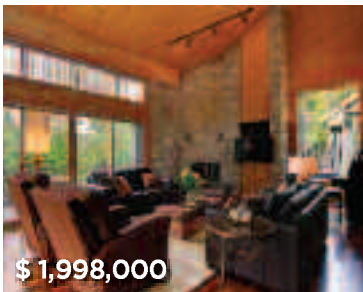
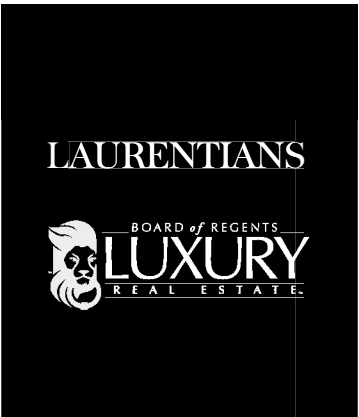
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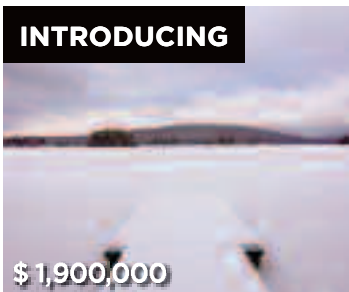
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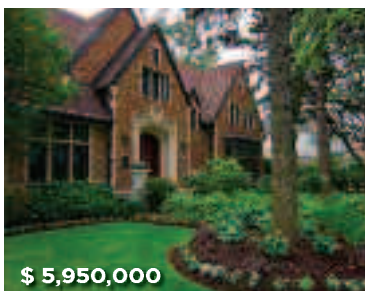
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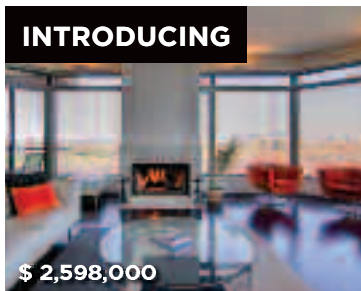
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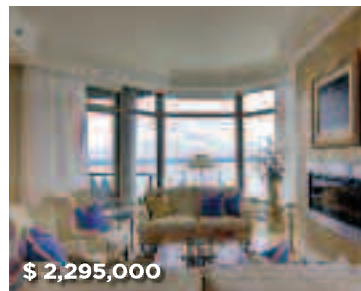
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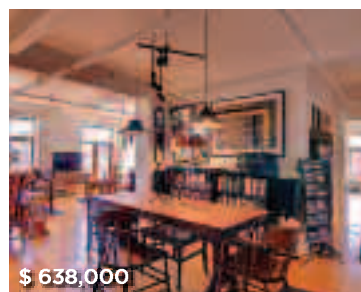
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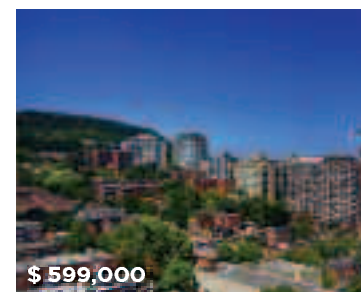
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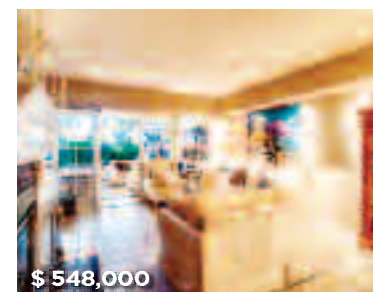
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Snow, cont'd. from p. 3

snow to the two dumps it uses in the Southwest borough and Lachine. “The city was much quieter,” Hunter pointed out. “We were lucky.”

As well, without schools in session, the city was able to set aside its school-zone clearing priority to keep traffic moving and open up sidewalks in keeping with Westmount being a “walkable” community.

“Just the sheer volume of snow on our narrow streets between our plowing and the private contractors doing driveways, made the spillage uncontrollable onto sidewalks,” Zalzal said.

A mini loader/blower purchased for last winter for the skating rinks was put into service to blow sidewalks where snow

was too deep for the small sidewalk plows.

To reduce the delays caused by people digging their cars out of tow zones on the arrival of the snow blower, Public Security was provided with a list of streets the night before so people could receive early warning (see p. 3).

“Another challenge was the lanes where there is nowhere for people to put their snow,” Zalzal said. “Even after we had cleared them, it looked like they had never been done.” As soon as they were cleaned by the city, people dug out their cars. Then the city had to plow again and more cars were dug out. “It went on like that for a week.” One of the worst was reported to be the de Casson lane.

The snow trucks hired by the city at a cost of almost \$300,000 carried their loads to the two dump sites. The Butler snow chute, where snow is pushed into the sewer, can fill up without warning. This can require many snow-filled trucks already en route to be diverted to the alternate dump site on Norman Rd. in Lachine.

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Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

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Fifty shades of black ball gowns were noted on November 3 at the Museum of Fine Arts' (MMFA) "Le Bal des Lumières." Tickets were \$1,000. Using the theme of light, designer **Scott Yetman** created a dazzling décor.

Honorary ball co-presidents were **Rupert Duchesne**, group chief executive, Aimia; and **Michael Fortier**, vice chair, RBC Capital Markets, there with his wife **Michelle Setlakwe**.

Westmount res, ball president **Alix d'Anglejan-Chatillon**, partner at Stikeman Elliott, attended with her husband **François Janson**. Guest of honour was **Michel de la Chenelière**, who made a major contribution to the MMFA with the recently inaugurated Studios Art & Education Michel de la Chenelière.

Westmounters noted included **Heather and Len Blum**, **Claudia and Maurizio Favretto**, **Rae and Roy Heenan**, **Joëlle and Bruce Kent**, **Leslie Macdonald** and **Eric Klinkhoff**, **Lise Laberge** and **Daniel Labrecque**, **Joanne and John Leopold**, **Lorraine Cadoret** and **Pierre Mantha**, **Suzanne Legge** and **Jeffrey Orr**, **Julia and Stephen Reitman**, **Elaine and Calin Rovinescu**, **Connie and Javier San Juan**, **Bartha Knoppers** and **Daniel Turp**, **Mary and Siim Vanaselja**, and co-presidents of the volunteer association, **Alexandra MacDougall**, there with her husband **Hubert Colas**, and **Linda Greenberg** with **Ian Greenberg**.

Attending from the MMFA were museum director **Nathalie Bondil**, wearing a luminous white wrap by Ying Gao; director of communications **Danielle Champagne**; **Anne Grace**, curator modern art; and board chair **Brian Levitt**.

Standing out amidst the dark shades were **Sophie Grégoire**, Hollywood glam in sequined gold, with her husband **Justin Trudeau**, and **Isabelle Marcoux**, also in gold, hers a simple, shimmery, body-skimming gown by Prada, with her husband **François Olivier**.

Jacqueline Desmarais wore a sensational sapphire blue gown with matching jewels. Also noted were **Daniel Lafond** and **Michaëlle Jean**, former governor general of Canada, wearing M Siam by Marisa Minicucci; **Vivianne Case** and **Francis Fox**; **Liza Frulla** and **André Morrow**; **Andrea Wolff** and **Eric Maldoff**; **gallerist Pierre-François Ouellette**; **Phyllis and John Rae**; **Chantale Bastien** and **Charles Sirois**; **France Denis** and **Raymond Royer**; **Monique Grégoire** and **Henri-Paul Rousseau**; and **Debbie Zakaib** and **Alexandre Taillefer**.

The evening raised \$1.3 million, which is intended to support the MMFA and its programs.



Linda and Ian Greenberg.



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Longtime Sherbrooke St. children's clothing shops call it quits

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

The owners of two Sherbrooke St. children's clothing stores, who have both decided to shut their doors after more than two decades years, say the overall retail climate, soaring business taxes and the hard-nosed attitude of a new breed of corporate landlord are largely to blame.

"Business conditions in the neighbourhood have gotten more and more difficult these past few years, and there's less pedestrian traffic," said Shelley Kerman, co-owner of LMNOP at 4919A Sherbrooke, which closed permanently last week.

Hard to 'make a go of it'

She and business partner Sharyn Fagan saw no reason to continue for another season after a deal to sell the shop fell through. Kerman said a small retailer being able to make a go of it on Sherbrooke St. in Westmount has become close to impossible.

"I'm afraid you're going to see more and more of this as time goes by, without the support of the city to try and stop this monopoly of ownership, which has driven prices up," she continued.

Kerman said the greatest impact of a corporation owning most of the commercial properties in a community like Westmount is that it makes it increasingly difficult for independent owner-operated businesses to continue, "because our sales are not going up at the rate that our rent and taxes are."



Despite a 50-percent off sign in its storefront window, children's clothing boutique LMNOP has closed for good.

She described the relationship with her (non corporate) landlord (who is a Westmount resident) as cordial for many years, but that changed and the relationship suffered. She is more critical of the city for not doing more to hold the line on taxes.

The building's landlord did not return a phone call.

Kerman cited new trends for marketing clothes, like the internet and major chains like Loblaw's Joe Fresh, Gap, Zara, H&M and the giant US discounters Target, as having made the most impact on the way children's clothes are sold now.

Zèbre soon to close

Located two doors east of LMNOP on Sherbrooke for almost as long, Zèbre will be shutting its doors permanently at the end of the winter. In an interview with the *Independent*, the store's owner, Debra Johnson, cited a soaring municipal business tax as the main reason, but also a general decline on Sherbrooke in shopper traffic.

"In the short term, they're grabbing all the money," she said of the city's fiscal policy, but in the long term that's not going to work." Johnson noted that the mix of businesses along Sherbrooke is becoming much more restricted.

"The fourth manicurist is about to open across the street within a block-and-a-half," she said. "What does that mean? I mean, I can't imagine how four manicurists can be accommodated within that area."



Zèbre, located at 4909A Sherbrooke, is closing shop at the end of the month.



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vious one-storey building, Bacon said, “We will have completely new equipment and a more contemporary design and décor.

“It’s time again to be a high-end store with new and different products and we’re looking at how to improve our offering.” Personnel, she said, were still in the throes of scouting out new products in other cities.

There will be underground parking for more cars than previously provided outside, Bacon said, though she could not provide an exact number. “We don’t see a need for much more parking since most of the business is in the neighbourhood.”

According to Metro operations director Phil Furino, 5 Saisons provided its own parking area off de Maisonneuve. While it shared a parking lot adjacent to the store off Greene, space was not specifically designated for 5 Saisons clientele. This has now been covered by the new building as planned (see November 23, 2010, p. 13).

Bacon said the store will continue to provide its “bistro” section with prepared food for take-out, which can be eaten on the new public terrasse being planned by the city in conjunction with Ramco, the site developer. Some of the employees from the former store will be returning from temporary positions they had at other Metro stores, she said.

Referring to the initial Metro announcement that the store would shut its doors at the end of its lease in December 2009, Bacon said the publicity and groundswell of support to keep the business on Greene came as a surprise.

“We had not realized it had become such an institution. Now our new store is going to be very exciting and inspiring.”

The store received a “stay of execution” until May 20, 2011 in a deal brokered by Mayor Peter Trent between the city, Ramco developer Joseph Attias and Metro Inc. would see it reopen in the new building.

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Open letter to mayor and council

What Vic village really needs

BY SHELLEY KERMAN, CO-OWNER OF LMNOP
(OPEN AT TIME OF LETTER, NOW CLOSED)

On October 3, I attended a much publicized meeting about the future of Victoria village. The key issues that were presented were the greening of the area, walking and cycling, the train station and major external projects like the MUHC and the Turcot.

As a long-time Victoria village retailer, my greatest concern is the preservation of our commercial district. Unfortunately, we are dealing with ongoing issues that have not been dealt with. Finding solutions to these issues is critical to maintaining the vibrancy of the neighbourhood. Independent, owner-operated shops are disappearing at an astonishing rate. We stand to lose the essence of what has made this village “a village” for more than 60 years.

Some of the most critical issues for us are as follows:

1. Lack of parking

There is already too much daytime reserved parking for residents, resulting in an inadequate amount of parking for shoppers. Spots occupied by employees for entire days also exacerbate the problem. Maintaining existing parking meters to promote the “paying forward” opportunity for parkers and the construction of an underground or above-ground parking lot are essential as further development will only bring more people.

2. Lack of restaurants

After an 18-year moratorium on restaurant permits, the village has lost popularity. Many similar neighbourhoods like Monkland and Bernard St. have managed to draw away clients.

3. Cromwell properties

The insidious consumption of properties by Cromwell continues. Its presence is making commerce more and more difficult, and increasingly expensive, for many merchants. Rents continue to skyrocket in Cromwell-owned buildings with no possible recourse by the commercial tenants other than to move or close shop.

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We will also continue to actively support and enhance the efforts to sustain the fragile ecological balance of Summit Woods.

Membership in the WMA is open to all residents and business owners in Westmount. The WMA has over 200 members.

Peter Starr is the president of the Westmount Municipal Association.

We brought this problem to the attention of the city many years ago but as of yet, no response or action has been taken (or even suggested).

4. Taxes

The business taxes passed on to us by most landlords are exorbitant! In some mixed residential and commercial properties, the full tax bill sent to the landlord is being passed to the commercial tenants.

5. The MUHC hospital

How the arrival of the MUHC hospital will affect both the residential and commercial parking opportunities is worrisome.

6. Issues with recycling and garbage

The commercial recycling wagons occupy two parking spots, taking them away from potential shoppers. The people who move the wagons are not concerned about removing any overflow. Public Works is not being diligent enough about removing parking hoods and “no parking” sandwich boards [once the need is gone] and emptying overflowing city garbage cans on week-ends.

7. Parking tickets

There are too many ticketing officers. Clients need a reasonable grace period. Maybe if the person returns when the ticket is still being written, it can be a warning. We need to be friendlier.

8. The ‘greening’ of the dead-end section of Prince Albert

At the consultation meeting, there was a lot of discussion about taking 6-7 more parking spots out of circulation by “greening up” the dead-end at Prince Albert and Sherbrooke St. On paper, this is a nice idea, but I think the merchants need *more* parking spots, not fewer. Is the city prepared to create an equal number of parking spaces to offset the ones that it’ll be taking away?

Bixi terminals are taking up more space and parking. We cannot sustain ourselves exclusively on pedestrian or bicycle traffic. I do encourage cycling, but who is going to come shopping on a bicycle?

9. Bicycles on sidewalks

Unfortunately, many cyclists are cycling on the sidewalks. Where are pedestrians supposed to walk safely? I understand there are not enough police to deal with this problem. I also understand that Public Security officers do not have the authority to stop these offenders. Pedestrians, including the elderly, dog walkers, mothers with strollers, or just young children, are all in danger of being knocked down by skateboarders, cyclists and scooter riders of all ages. We need sig-

nage, at least, and some kind of assistance from the city to rectify this situation...now!

Most of what I heard at that meeting suggests that the consultants have no real grassroots feel for what has been going on in the village. I am not sure they are really looking at the essence of what the area brings to Westmount and what we are at risk of losing.

After listening to a very interesting history of the division of the land and properties in our sector, I heard suggestions of which locations might be available for development. Some of the ideas were geared to incorporating the defunct train station at the foot of Victoria into the commercial sector.

But our current commercial sector is already suffering. Merchants are not getting the pedestrian traffic they need to pay the new, much higher rents that have become commonplace in our area. Only corporate stores have the ability to pay the rents that are being asked. Stores sit empty for months, maybe years at a time and it reflects poorly on the commercial landscape.

I hope this letter brings a different perspective, one from street level.

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Public Security food drive collects \$3,298

Eight more families receive holiday baskets this year

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Local residents and organizations helped Public Security collect enough non-perishable food and \$3,298 in cash to distribute holiday food baskets to 24 families in Westmount, officials report. All were selected through the CLSC and received their food on December 19 or 20.

In announcing the results, assistant Public Security director Greg McBain said this year's recipients benefitted not only from the usual annual contribution of the Westmount Artisans' Festival, but also from a first-time collection of food (and \$500) from the Church of the Ascension of our Lord.

Non-perishable food was also collected at municipal depots as well as at the city's employee children's party and the Christmas tree lighting party. Also, a \$50 donation of thanks was received from a woman for whom Public Security installed a child's car seat, and a separate \$20 cheque sent in by another resident.

"It was a great thing because it helped so many more people," McBain said. Last year, 16 families benefitted. The cash was used to buy turkeys and hams as well as Metro gift cards for other food for the 24 families. Four boxes of excess food – an overflow of canned beans and recently expired foods – were donated to Maison de partage d'Youville.

Police visit kids in hospital

A visit by local police from Station 12 to the Montreal Children's Hospital was the 48th year that police had donated and distributed gifts to the kids, according to commander Stéphane Plourde. "This is always a heart warming experience," he said. The results of the station's blood donor clinic at Victoria Hall on December 19 were very gratifying, he noted. This year the event exceeded its goal by four when 89 donors turned out.

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Conférence du Projet ville en santé : *Bâtons de hockey, patinoires extérieures et les changements climatiques*

Est-ce que les changements climatiques menacent l'avenir des traditions hivernales au Canada? Le hockey en plein-air est-il en voie de disparition? Le comité environnementale du PVS de Westmount présente le **Dr Lawrence Mysak**, professeur et chercheur au Département des sciences atmosphériques et océaniques de l'université McGill et co-auteur d'une étude qui retrace les tendances de température et l'impact sur les patinoires extérieures. Soyez des nôtres le jeudi 31 janvier à 19 h à la bibliothèque publique de Westmount. Bienvenue à tous.

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Les plans du nouveau Centre des loisirs de Westmount sont présentement exposés à la Bibliothèque de Westmount et au Victoria Hall.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Gallery at Victoria Hall

The Gallery at Victoria Hall is pleased to feature the works of Roxanne Dyer from January 10 to February 2. Info: 514 989-5521 or victoriahall@westmount.org.

Gleams Theatre: *Little Red Riding Hood*

Saturday, January 19 at 2:30 p.m. and Sunday, January 20 at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St. W.. Starring Alexandra Laferrière, Alexandre Lounde, Jane Fiske and Ira S. Directed by Ira S. Adults \$12, seniors \$10, children \$8 (free for under 3 years). Tickets: Gleams Theatre 514 934-0535 and *La vitrine* 514 285-4545.

2013 Winter Carnival - February 7, 8 and 9

Celebrate the winter season at Westmount's 30th annual Carnival on February 7, 8 and 9, with activities for everyone, including skating, sleigh rides, family night and more. Watch for the complete schedule soon. Info: 514 989-5353.

LIBRARY

Poetry Workshop with Ann Lloyd

Get creative in these monthly light-hearted workshops that get you to express yourself in verse. Our next session will be on Wednesday, January 16 at 10:15 a.m. Info: 514 989-5299.

2 O'Clock Series:

The Ancient Library of Alexandria

Join Hassan Elshafei for a virtual presentation on the Library of Alexandria, one of the most significant libraries of the ancient world on Wednesday, January 16 at 2:00 p.m. Info: 514 989-5299.

English Book Club

Join the English Book Club from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m. as they discuss Kim Thúy's novel *Ru*. Info: 514 989-5299.

Next Council Meeting:

February 4

Children's activities at the Library

Children's Activities begin the week of January 21. Consult www.westlib.org/jeuneskids or phone 514 989-5229 for details. Registration is required.

Author Event : Terry "Aislin" Mosher

Come meet Terry Mosher, Montreal political cartoonist and author of *Was It Good For You?* on Wednesday, February 6 at 7 p.m. Info: 514 989-5299.

Book Club for 9- to 12-year-olds

Come discuss some wonderful books with other kids at our monthly meetings. The next meeting will take place on Thursday, January 31 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. to discuss *A Tale Dark and Grimm* by Adam Gidwitz. Registration is required. Info: 514 989-5229.

PUBLIC SECURITY

Bicycle path: winter conditions



Cyclists using the De Maisonneuve bicycle path are invited to check www.westmount.org for updates on conditions or subscribe to Twitter (@westmount_cycle). The bicycle path may close where weather conditions warrant or during snow removal operations.

PUBLIC WORKS

Christmas Tree Collection

Christmas tree collection will begin January 3. Place trees (free of all decorations) behind the sidewalk. Please note that snow and other conditions may delay pick up. Info: 514 989-5311.

Reminder - snow clearing

Snow from private driveways and walkways should never be placed on public sidewalks, lanes or streets. Snow may be added to the existing snowbanks prior to removal, but this snow must never obstruct the public roadways or sidewalks. Fines may be levied on homeowners and/or contactors who violate these regulations.

We also ask that on recycling day, you keep your blue box off the sidewalk and out of the path of Westmount's sidewalk plows. With your cooperation, we can all look forward to a safe winter season.

Outdoor Skating Rinks

Coconsult the City website at www.westmount.org to check on the condition of the outdoor skating rinks, as weather conditions may require their closure from time to time. Info: 514 989-5311.

Warned to lock up

In a special holiday shopping campaign to prevent thefts from parked cars, public safety officers spotted at least 104 in Westmount's commercial districts and environs where items of apparent value sat in plain view. Public Security officials said that foot patrollers left flyers on the car windshields explaining the need to hide purses, iPads, computers and parcels, and to lock up. The campaign took place from December 6 to 25 when the number of officers on foot patrol was stepped up and items in cars tend to become particular targets of thieves.

Top scorers, bridge club

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

- 1. Michel Blouin with 9,160 points.
- 2. Dael Perry with 8,540 points.
- 3. Sheila Notkin with 8,310 points.
- 4. Viviane Agia with 7040 points.

Celebrating Grace Dart care



Westmount residents Gary and Valerie Aitken enjoy the evening at the Grace Dart Extended Care Centre's 150th anniversary kick-off gathering at the University Club on January 9. Historian Gary Aitken was the guest speaker who delivered a talk on the centre's first 50 years. Founded in 1863, its two sites provide permanent and temporary accommodation and long-term care services for people who can no longer live at home due to functional or psychosocial loss of autonomy even with the support of families and friends.

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Many Westmount residents turned out to fête the Grace Dart Extended Care Centre at its 150th anniversary kick-off at the University Club.

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