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Lively discussion stalls adoption

Dog walking limit change to undergo further study

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

After listening to several people who work in the dog walking business, city council decided June 3 to “take another look” at a plan to limit to three the number of dogs any one person could take into Westmount dog runs at the same time.

Adoption of a by-law change to this effect had been added to the meeting’s agenda as a new business item but did not come to a vote after the issue sparked concerns, suggestions and even a call for public consultation.

The walkers stated that the majority they knew were responsible people who didn’t accept aggressive dogs from clients. They provide a service to the Westmount

community and would be forced to raise their rates if not allowed to walk at least five dogs at one time.

“It’s not the dog walkers, it’s the dog owners,” whose charges were out of control, said Renata Militzer, a walker of Westmount dogs who lives on Ridgewood Ave. just north of Summit Woods.

She proposed a time of day be set aside, such as 10 am to 2 pm, when more than three dogs could be walked.

Councillor Victor Drury was among some council members who said they believed the need to limit the number of dogs ap- continued on p. 21

Street fest, street food



Photo: Martin C. Barry

Marc Lagacé, a leader with the Westmount Venturers, shows Venturer Griffin Leahy how to spin cotton candy at a booth on Sherbrooke St. as part of the Westmount Street Festival. See p. 21.

Public consultation meeting set for June 18

St. Matthias’ rezoning kicks off for Miss Vicky’s

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

It was the first time that a contingent from Miss Vicky’s pre-school had made its voice heard at a city council meeting in the 18 months it has been opposed by residents of Church Hill. It operates out of St. Matthias’ Church.

The group of parents, along with school owner Vicky Naday, attended the June 3 meeting during which a draft by-law was

adopted to amend the city’s zoning by-law to permit the usages allowed at the church to include a pre-school.

“We’ve been talking about this for so long,” Councillor Theodora Samiotis said. “It’s good to see you.”

Not only is the school an important source of revenue to the church, but the group told council members that the school’s value to the community and the role its continued on p. 14

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Job action ‘of concern’ for new rec centre

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A possible strike by construction workers or a lock-out by the contractors could negatively affect the Westmount recreation centre, according to city director general Duncan Campbell.

As of last week, both groups had obtained mandates “and depending on the type of job action, our site may well be affected,” he said. If any materializes, there could be rotating strikes or a full-scale lock-out.

Any job action is of concern, Campbell said. “The progress has been pretty good over the last few weeks. A lot of work has been done on the interior. We’re keen to get the job finished, and a delay won’t help.”

The site will close down for the annual construction holiday in mid-July for two weeks, though this effectively spans three weeks when shut-down and start-up days are factored in, according to Councillor Patrick Martin.

City unveils summer water program 6 days a week

Busing to pools, day trips, water games

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Details of a Sports and Recreation program for residents of all ages were unveiled last week to help make up for the lack of a pool this summer. Most activities are water-based and scheduled for six days a week starting the week of June 24.

They include bus transport to the pool at Parc Jean Drapeau on two days, sprinkler and hose games in Westmount Park on three days and a full-day field trip every Thursday to a water park, beach, or other attractions having water activities such as Park Safari.

There will be water-related family movies in the park every other Tuesday night, barbecue lunches every other Friday and a special water introductory program for very young children at the Murray Park wading pool.

The overall program is expected to cost about \$30,000, according to city director general Duncan Campbell. All activities and trips will be fully paid and open to Westmount residents.

“We want to offer the community

something different this year since we don’t have our pool,” said Dave Lapointe, assistant Sports and Recreation director, who worked out the program with assistant pool managers Skyler Wittman and Laura Meagher.

“I felt it was important for us to include Saturday in the scheduling,” said Councillor Kathleen Duncan, who also participated in the programming as Sports and Recreation commissioner.

Activities are open to all ages. Events requiring busing need reservation by registration in person a week ahead with proof of residency and children 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

The concept of the program was conceived in March, initially as an interim measure in the event the new pool might be open later than the May 31 contracted date (see May 7, p. 19).

The activities will be run by Wittman and Meagher and seven lifeguards already hired, who also will supervise the wading pool at Murray Park.

“We have no idea what to expect in terms of turn-out,” Wittman said. “We in-

tend to be flexible and make some adjustments in scheduling if necessary. That’s why we’re interested to have feedback on times and activities.

“People can e-mail questions and comments to us at westmountlifeguards@gmail.com. We also have a Facebook page (Westmount Lifeguards) and Twitter @WSTMTguards.”

Water programs in Westmount Park take place on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 pm rather than in the morning. The reason, Lapointe explained, was to provide a chance to cool off during the hottest period of the day. As well, that’s when the lifeguards will not be coaching the Dolphins swim team.

However, the program for young children at Murray Park called “Tiny Turtles” takes place two days a week in the morning.

The city is planning to look after as many people as possible with the program, said Councillor Forbes in announcing the overall program at the city council meeting June 3 in Councillor Duncan’s absence.

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BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

NEWS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEETING, JUNE 3

Residents fail to change move of dog run

Despite pleas to city council June 3 not to relocate the Lansdowne dog run in Westmount Park, arguments from residents failed to change council's decision.

Susan Kazenel of Kensington said she thought the matter of leaving the dog run in Lansdowne Park had been "put to bed" when an earlier plan was quashed to move it temporarily at least to the site used for Shakespeare-in-the-Park.

Now, in moving it to the area north of the round planting bed at the centre of the park, barking would echo throughout the area and destroy the park's peace, she said. She asked if the proposed new site could instead be enhanced into an even more tranquil garden.

Mayor Peter Trent said he lived basically right on Murray Park and did not hear barking from that run.

He reiterated from the May 6 meeting the city's plan to use the Lansdowne site to expand the space around the pool in the new Westmount recreation centre. "We're trying to weigh the needs of a number of different groups," he said.

He also said that in creating an acre more of green space by building the new arena below ground, park users would have a new tranquil garden area around the pavilion.

The Lansdowne run is already closed while plans are made to prepare the new site (see May 21, p. 4).

Traffic plan adoption hoisted for study of citizen comments

A resolution to adopt the Traffic Master Plan report submitted by city consultants was hoisted from the agenda of the city council meeting June 3 to provide more time for a review of citizen comments.

The decision was announced at the start of the meeting by Mayor Peter Trent as the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) was poised to ask for a longer period of consideration.

"We felt it's too early to adopt this now," Mayor Peter Trent explained. There were "interesting comments" submitted including a lengthy one just received from the WMA. "It only makes sense to react to

the reactions so we'll be looking at them seriously," he said.

A total of about 20 comments and submissions on the plan were received before the May 31 deadline, many arriving at the last minute, according to city director general Duncan Campbell. He said about two thirds came from individuals, the rest from groups.

After the report was tabled at the council meeting March 4 with a month provided for comments, the deadline was extended another month after only five had been received.

Dobbie hired as assistant city clerk

The City Clerk's Office will soon be up to full complement with the city council appointment June 3 of an assistant city clerk.

Nicole Dobbie, who joined the Quebec Bar at the end of last year, will assume the position on an 18-month contract starting June 17. She fills the vacancy left by the de-

parture of Nancy Gagnon at the end of April after more than 17 years (see May 7, p. 9).

More council news: p. 1 and 4.

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Public consultation to take place June 18

Café terraces to be allowed on public domain

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

An experiment last summer to allow two Greene Ave. café-terraces on the public domain proved so positive the city plans to extend it to commercial areas city-wide, according to Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier.

To do so, a public consultation meeting will take place June 18 at 5 pm at city hall to modify zoning By-law 1303, which currently does not allow for such use.

A permit fee of 17 cents per square foot was also proposed.

The move is being recommended to improve the spirit of the street, Poirier said. It also paves the way for café-terraces to be set up on either side of the new public square to be created on Prince Albert extending south from the sidewalk on Sherbrooke.

Previously, she explained, restaurants and food-serving establishments could only be set up on their own property. But last summer when a request was received to allow Vago's and Second Cup to use the

public domain, it was decided to try it to help the merchants on Greene Ave.

The public domain is defined as streets, lanes, public squares and places, including sidewalks, medians, and the right of way beyond a public thoroughfare.

"We evaluated the impact and found the experiment to be very well received," Poirier told the *Independent*.

A modification to the zoning by-law 1303 will be required to make the change. A draft version was tabled at the city council meeting June 3 along with changes to two other related by-laws that don't require a public meeting but will also be addressed at the June 18 meeting.

One is to regulate the periodic occupancy of the café terraces and sets the fines for infractions. It limits the hours of operation to between 7:30 am to 11 pm. It also prohibits the use of sound equipment, presentation of live performances and the preparation of food.

The other by-law sets and adds the fee to the permits and certificates by-law.

Mayor and Barnard agree over lack of pool warning

A question from a longtime arena/pool project critic generated hearty approval from Mayor Peter Trent at the city council meeting June 3 that probably surprised both.

How was it, asked Melville resident Patrick Barnard that Genivar, hired by the city at more than \$800,000 to manage the building project, had not warned the city it would spend a second summer without a pool?

"That is a very good question," stated

Trent, "a very, very good question," adding "I never thought I'd see the day when I agreed with you!"

"It's a question we're asking ourselves," stated Councillor Patrick Martin. "We're not happy about it at all."

Martin said earlier in the meeting that the city still had not received new delivery timelines in writing for either the pool or arena as requested from the contractor, Pomerleau Inc.

Cyclist taken to hospital

A 48-year-old man was taken to hospital complaining of stomach pain and scratches to the elbow after falling off his bicycle May 28 at de Maisonneuve and Wood, Public Security officials said. He was described as heavily intoxicated. The man had been spotted lying on the ground at 8:23 pm along with several empty beer cans scattered around. Police, who were called to the scene along with Urgences Santé, used the man's bicycle lock to secure the "Supercycle" at the scene.

Leaf blower brings contractor a fifth ticket

A gardening contractor received a \$269 ticket May 28 for using a leaf blower after the permitted spring period. Public Security officials said he was noticed by a patroller on Lexington at 8:10 am and known to have received four previous tickets for the same offence. When issued the fifth, he was reported to have referred to "the stupidity of the regulation."

‘Why should Westmounters pay the price?’

Residents tell AMT, CP to limit track work to daytime only

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The message to railway officials was loud and clear: Westmount residents living along the train corridor won't stand for another summer of overnight construction work on the commuter tracks. They want project planners to find a way to do the work during the day.

At a meeting at city hall June 6 to learn about this summer's work, they raised questions and concerns and related stories of sleepless nights last year to those overseeing the project from the Agence métropolitaine de transport (AMT) and Canadian Pacific (CP).

The group of about 20 listened quietly to steps that would be taken to minimize noise over the nine weeks of work to begin in Westmount in mid-July. This involves the installation of massive concrete foundations for three new overhead signaling structures at Prospect, Abbott and directly behind the POM condos at 4700 St. Catherine.

Then they provided their own solutions: find a way to do the work during the daytime and weekends only – even if it means stopping a few trains between morning and evening rush-hour and using shuttle buses to take passengers between Vendôme and Lucien L'Allier stations.

Since the majority of trains are at peak hours, "you have a window of opportunity

during the day to work," said Michael Mossop of Columbia.

"It seems like we the people who don't use the trains are being impacted the most," said Virginia Elliott of Hillside. "We shouldn't pay the price."

"Do you understand what it's like to go to work without any sleep?" asked Dorothy Lipovenko of York St.

Need six hours

"We have at least six hours of work to do," between trains replied Alexandre Eyquem, AMT director of engineering and construction projects. It had to be done when the trains aren't running, he said. "Unfortunately, I can't answer you any better than that."

"We're not in a cornfield in the middle of Saskatchewan," said David Schachter, president of the Westmount Train Action Group (WTAG). All noise including workers yelling back and forth is magnified in the still of the night at 3 am, he explained.

"I'm not sure which one of you guys I'm going to call at 3 am. I don't really believe you think you can control" the behaviours of the workers. When working through Westmount, "you should be bound morally and ethically by the laws of the town," Schachter added.

Nigel Goddard of Irvine, called the noise from trains "an assault on property and health" and urged residents to monitor sound levels themselves.

"The noise is unbearable," said Sandor Klein of 4700 St. Catherine. Given that the piling is the noisiest part, "Is there any reason why that can't be done on the weekend," when there are fewer trains?

Night work outrageous

Night work costs "millions more," John Fretz of Lansdowne said. "It's outrageous."

Residents said it should be specified in the contract with contractors that work should be done on weekends or when the inconvenience is less.

After the meeting, however, Adrian Tena-Russell, the project manager for CP,

told the *Independent* the contract was already signed, but the contractor would be informed.

Working during the day sounds like a solution, Eyquem added, "but not with this kind of work. We'll look at it again but we have to be realistic and try to minimize the noise as much as possible."

The cost of the project from Lucien L'Allier to Montreal West is \$37.2 million, according to Eyquem.

The work is scheduled to take place four days out of seven on evenings, nights and weekends.

Citizens were told by *continued on p. 9*



AMT's Alexandre Eyquem, left, presents a slide of an overhead signaling structure (gantry) for the "latest generation" of signaling elements destined to extend over three tracks at three locations in Westmount. Inset: Eyquem with residents, from left: Sandor Klein and Michael Mossop.

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BRICKPOINT'S EVOLUTION

Thanks for the nostalgic story about Brickpoint. It's worthy of Andy Dodge's chronological treatment. Shirley Brickendon's original location in 1962 was on Crescent St. in what would now be a high-rent location.

Sometime before 1976, the shop moved to 1248 Greene Ave., located in the basement of the Steinberg's store with a parking lot, and then the Avenue Theatre to the south, an area much in the news lately.

I know because I became a part owner of Brickpoint in November 1976, showing great business acumen. It was the month of the PQ's first election win!

When redevelopment loomed, we chose to move Brickpoint to 328 Victoria Ave., one floor up in row housing. We sold it to Penny Papineau in 1984, who moved the store to its present location. I wish her daughter Belinda Fox success with the latest iteration of 50-year-old Brickpoint!

NANCY GALLOP, METCALFE AVE.

OPEN LETTER TO WESTMOUNTERS AND CITY COUNCIL, RE: MISS VICKY'S

I am writing not only as a concerned citizen but as a proud parent of Miss Vicky's pre-school students.

I have been closely following the saga between the city, pre-school and third parties.

In all of the negative campaigning against Miss Vicky, we seem to forget the wonderful impact that the nursery school has in our community. We are so lucky to have a pre-school with such a great reputation and excellent educators. I have three children who have or are currently attending this pre-school.

Miss Vicky's has been operating for over 20 years and my understanding is that it received a proper certificate of [occupancy]. So what is the matter?

Some would say, the safety and traffic it provokes. Well, take a walk on Argyle or Kensington and then compare. On Church Hill, the drop off is done as carefully as possible, and we are all very aware of the safety issues since we are dropping off our most precious children every morning.

I am very concerned that in all of this we forget that, at the heart of our community, we have a place that benefits our children and that we are privileged as a city to be able to walk our kids to school and teach them the value of being part of a community. The pre-school is located close to a church, a synagogue, a park. How wonderful is that?

So I ask that we put this matter to rest: the city has taken all the proper steps to ensure security (the street is one way in mornings and tickets are regularly issued),

Miss Vicky has promptly responded to our concerns (we have a wonderful man

helping at the pick-up and the drop-off) and as parents, we have been informed and made aware of security issues.

LAURENCE DUGUAY, MONTROSE AVE.

Mayor of Westmount Peter Trent replied: "The city has never questioned the quality of, nor the need for, the services that this facility provides. It is simply that, under the current zoning, this occupation is not permitted. The area is zoned for a house of worship, not a child-care facility. The law is clear in that regard. So we are rezoning it to permit a child-care facility. If the proposed zoning change is not voted down, the occupation remains."

For news, see p. 1.

MISS VICKY'S A BENEFIT

As one who had three kids benefit from a nursery school experience at Miss Vicky's, I hope it will be allowed to continue to benefit other families.

Surely a compromise can be found that will keep this important community resource at its present safe and quiet Church Hill address.

ROBERT JOHNSON,
DE MAISONNEUVE BLVD.

THANKS FOR THE SOUK

I want to thank the many contributors responsible for the great May 31 night that many Westmounters enjoyed at Victoria Hall: Westmount's "Scheherazade – une Soirée au Souk."

We had a lovely evening that began in the gallery downstairs and outside, and moved upstairs to the elaborately decorated Victoria Hall. The scene was beautiful and the conversation lively. Many volunteers worked hard to create the atmosphere – from the food to the tapestries to the henna designs to the Middle Eastern dancing display.

Lots of generous people came up with wine, vacations, hockey tickets and entertainment deals that generous party-goers bid on, helping to raise money for the soon-to-be-opened Westmount recreation centre.

It was a super chance to be together in a community and to enjoy neighbourly mingling.

WILLEM WESTENBERG, STAYNER ST.

TRAFFIC PLAN COMING

Regarding the traffic master plan, we want to thank residents who took the time to respond. Though we received approximately 20 submissions, what we lacked in terms of quantity was found in the quality of the suggestions. All the comments that we received have been provided to all members of council.

In reference to the Westmount Municipal Association's comments (June 4, p. 13) regarding the plan being unfocused, etc., it is important to stress that the Genivar report was never intended to develop specific action plans. The mandate was to analyze the current and future traffic patterns and trends, take stock of the components that control traffic patterns (e.g., speed limits, traffic calming, traffic lights, etc.) and develop ideas.

It was fundamentally important that the very first step was to understand what was driving traffic (pun intended) in, through and around Westmount. Without this self-analysis, no corrective measures could be properly implemented. To rush straight into solutions would be history repeating itself, and we would end up with a hodgepodge of traffic controls. As this type of study is undertaken once every 20 years or so, it is not surprising that it will take time to complete properly.

As it stands now, we have a report from Genivar but not a plan. Given your input, this report will be transformed over the next few weeks into a plan that will indicate the orientations, budgets and priorities that the city should follow to improve the current traffic concerns, to prepare for future impacts and develop the important aspect of active transportation. It will also serve as a reference for the two mandates that we have identified as strategic: bike paths and parking in the south-west area of the city.

DUNCAN CAMPBELL, DIRECTOR GENERAL,
CITY OF WESTMOUNT

CITY EMPLOYEES SHOULD OBEY RULES TOO

Parking is always a challenge in Victoria village, and more so during the annual street fair – unless you happen to be an off-duty parking enforcement officer, in which case you are free to leave your car parked in a bus stop while you take your wife and kids for a casual stroll amidst the exhibits.

These city employees should know how easily recognizable they are to residents of the neighbourhood, even when they are out of uniform. What was even more discouraging was that neither calling Public Security nor bringing the matter to the attention of a uniformed officer gave any result.

RICHARD FOLTZ, VICTORIA AVE.

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As a long time swimmer in the Westmount pool, I doubt very much I would like to relax on the grassy, treeless area on top of the skating rink and, in the process, burn myself to a crisp.

Simply by leaving the dog run in the “Newfoundland,” the city could save the \$100,000-plus without destroying the heart of our park and use the money towards the cost overrun of the Westmount recreation centre. Please, re-assess the priorities.

Then, perhaps someday, I could hope to swim in the long-awaited and anticipated pool.

KIMBERLY LAPENSON, ST. CATHERINE ST.

Editor's note: For clarity, the pool will not be on top of the rinks, but south of them, and current dog run is not in the “Newfoundland” (which is on top of the rinks), but southwest of it and west of the eventual pool. – KM

GREEN SPACE LESSENED WITH RE-LOCATED DOG RUN

Once again, Mayor Peter Trent is talking about the increased green space the city will supposedly have because of the new arena, but this time he writes to defend a terrible decision: moving the Lansdowne dog run into the center of

Westmount Park (“‘Newfoundland’ changes dog-run calculation,” June 4, p. 10).

So the “incessant and sustained” barking that Lansdowne resident Merne Price complains of (“Great for Lansdowners that dog run moves away,” June 4, p. 10), will now be brought into an area where children play and residents walk in search of some peace. If Ms. Price is right, then the mayor and council are only making things much worse – at a cost of \$100,000!

Or does the mayor think this noise is just fine for the quiet center of Westmount Park? He appears unaware that the city's own park master plan by Marc Fauteux indicates that all parks have reached saturation point in terms of “the parks’ capacity to accommodate new installations,” a fact that is even more true for Westmount Park, which is the busiest of them all.

The mayor says he has never thought “of our parks having a kind of hierarchical classification.” If he believes all are equal, then there are 34 other green areas found in Fauteux's report where the dog run could be placed.

It is sad to think that Westmount citizens can never relax about the integrity of Westmount Park. Official insensitivity towards such a fine place reflects a larger global pattern of indifference to parks and rising

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Constables Adalbert Pimentel and Caroline Gauthier from Station 12 stopped by June 6 to give us [the Westmount Y] a cheque for \$506 from their bean lunch fundraiser.

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From left: Station 12 Constable Caroline Gauthier, the Y's Vanessa Ferreira-Valente and Constable Adalbert Pimentel on June 6.
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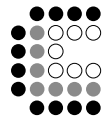
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‘Just keep swimming’ was motto in Alcatraz race

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Here we all were on May 19 in San Francisco, five hardy teammates (see photo) from the Westmount YMCA Masters Swim Team – Anne Marie Gosselin, Christine Cardinal, Jessica Sinclair (former teammate now living in San Francisco), Tara Norris, Sylvia Reiter and me along with my stepson Alastair Kyle – each

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of us ready to experience an exciting swim and achieve a personal goal. It is the “before” shot and the apprehension probably doesn’t show as much as it was being felt.

Soon after the picture was taken we, along with about 800 mostly wet-suited other swimmers, gathered on the stands by the bay inlet beach for a swim briefing with an emphasis on “it’s not too late to change your mind” before we set off down Bay St. to Pier 41, where we boarded the ferries to take us out along the Alcatraz Island shore.

It was about 7:30 am and a beautiful, sunny, calm day, but we were soon to realize that calm does not mean no currents. We jumped in two at a time from the ferries and quickly swam out to the line of about 30 safety kayaks denoting the start line.

It wasn’t as cold as we hardy Canadians had expected – about 55 degrees. When all the competitors were in the water, the ferry horn sounded and we were off, each of us in our own swimming mind bubble. After a certain amount of getting kicked and hit by, and kicking and hitting, other swimmers in the very murky water, it didn’t take long for 800 participants to thin out over the 2.6-km course as we all swam at different speeds, and alas, some of us were even swimming in different directions.

“Just keep swimming” was probably running through the mind of every swimmer in spite of some wetsuit chafing and tiredness setting in.

It was close to the end of the swim that so many of us got caught in the current.

An experienced Sharkfest swimmer and former teammate Kristina’s words of “keep left” were ringing in my ears as I and many other swimmers were being swept along the pier to the right of the bay inlet entrance to the finish line. The “just keep swimming” turned into “swim like there is no tomorrow.” Any stopping or slowing down meant being swept backwards.

Swim like crazy

The determined current fighters were passed by seadoos and kayaks towing others back to the inlet entrance, but none of our hardy gang who were caught in the current took that ignominious option. We just swam like crazy, trying hard not to brush against the barnacle covered pier pylons.

Once we finally rounded the corner through the pier entrance into the sheltered bay inlet, it was only about 200 more meters to the finish line. What a super sight: a huge mass of people cheering on the swimmers as they ran or stumbled up the beach and through the finish posts.

Though some of us had lost time fighting the current, I managed to come first in my age group of 65-70, and Tara also came first in her age group (45-50) – a very competitive level.

We all finished well and are so proud of ourselves and our teammates. A lifetime achievement for us all.

Margot Kyle is a Westmount resident and a member of the YMCA Master Swim team.



Photo courtesy of Margot Kyle

Rain, wind flood streets, pop manhole lids, set off alarms

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Heavy rain and wind overnight June 1-2 caused manhole covers to pop off, branches to fall, intersections to flood and alarm systems to activate, according to Public Security reports.

Mountain Ave. was blocked to traffic at Rosemount when the two manhole covers found to have been dislodged June 1 at 8:45 pm could be repositioned. Public Works crews went around unblocking sewer drains where water had accumulated – notably at Clarke and Sherbrooke as well as Greene and de Maisonneuve, where geo-textile from construction work had blocked the sewer.

An alarm that went off at Victoria Hall at about the same time was traced to water accumulation in the connection between the greenhouse and the Gallery at Victoria Hall. Both the library and Victoria Hall were checked and found in order.

Another alarm sounding at 1381 Greene, the apartment building just south of Sherbrooke, was heard by a patroller at 11:24 pm. Firefighters arrived for what

turned out to be the second time that evening. A large amount of water on the roof was setting off the alarm.

A 20-inch diameter portion of a tree fell on Mount Stephen, obstructing traffic at 10:29 pm, while a branch on Upper Belmont threatened to fall after being caught by another. It was reported at 7:40 am June 2.

The same morning, the lane between Lewis and Irvine was blocked off when a branch was found to have fallen close to electrical wires and required intervention by Hydro Westmount. A tree or branch from a property on Prospect also was reported to have fallen on a Porsche in the rear lane.

Get-together costs \$1K

Five people were issued tickets for \$219 each June 3 for breaking the parks curfew when found in Summit Woods at 1:07 am, Public Security officials said. They were identified as residents of Laval ranging in age from 18 to 21.

Train, cont'd. from p. 5

Eyquem, who presented the project, that the night work was required to finish the work more quickly and “reduce inconveniences for adjacent residents” as well as when trains were not using the track.

Steps to mitigate annoyance, he said, included limiting the use of light to work zones, delivering material and reducing traffic during the day, monitoring noise levels and reducing truck traffic.

Keep voices down

CP and the contractor, Eyquem said, would relay to their workers the need to keep down voices and radio-communications. Where excavation may prove particularly noisy or lengthy depending on the composition of the ground, temporary sound barriers of acoustical sheeting would be installed around the work zones.

This prompted Lipovenko to ask about the contamination level of the soil. Eyquem replied that was not an issue since all soil would remain at the location and not require transport from the site.

Notices would be delivered to residents and published in the newspaper while details of the project would be carried on the AMT website.

The tracks pass through Ville Marie, Westmount, NDG and Montreal West and

are used by three commuter lines: Vaudreuil-Hudson, Blainville-St. Jérôme and Candiac. They carry more than 30,000 passengers daily, according to the AMT.

The three-year project began in 2012 and aims to upgrade service, improve safety and efficiency and enable the eventual expansion of commuter service.

Modernizing signaling

It involves modernizing the signaling system, extending a third track to Montreal West and widening the Vendôme station platform to service the third track.

The work last summer involved relocating the optical fibre and building up the road bed for the third track. This year's summer and fall work is devoted mainly to installing the concrete bases for the installation, either this fall or next summer, of the overhead signaling structure called gantries of which three of the six are to be in Westmount.

Track laying work is scheduled from this fall to next summer when the widening of the station platform will take place.

The meeting was opened by Councillor Theodora Samiotis, who represents district 8 where the work will start. Councillors Cynthia Lulham and Gary Ikeman from districts 7 and 5 respectively, also attended and posed their own questions and concerns.

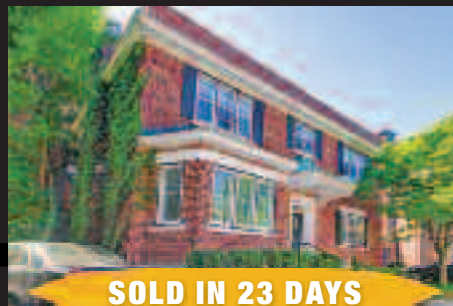
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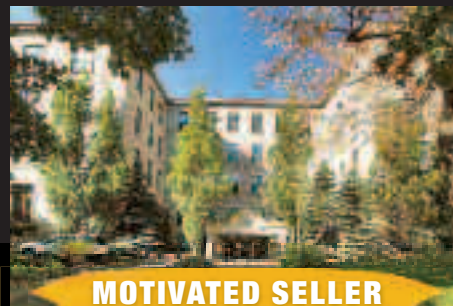
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442-46 Claremont Ave.: Part of the corner development



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Claremont Ave. was one of the first north-south streets in western Westmount, dating back to the mid-19th century, when it served as an access to the Villa Maria School, which was formed out of the former Monklands villa, built by James Monk, chief justice of Lower Canada. It later served as the official residence of the governor general of Canada. It bordered farmland owned by Joseph Hurtubise, which may have been given to Henri Hurtubise upon his marriage to Alphonsine Houle in 1858, according to a notarial search in 1890.

Lot 207, which reached from just south of what is now Sherbrooke St. to Côte St. Antoine Rd. on the west side of Claremont, was purchased by Ephriam Hudon in 1868, then sold to David Bissell in 1872 and finally, just before the village of Notre Dame de Grâce was formed, was purchased by Richard Warminton, manufac-

turer, and Campbell Bryson, a “leather dealer and trader,” who noticed the potential for development of the district.

Warminton built his house at the northeast corner of Côte St. Antoine Rd. and Claremont in 1869 (now 649 Côte St. Antoine) and then started assembling the land on the south side of Côte St. Antoine.

Finally in 1877, Warminton and Bryson divided all of the land below Warminton’s house, with Lot 207 going to Bryson, who died soon afterwards. The land was eventually transferred back to Warminton in 1879. He finally sold the still unsubdivided lot to Samuel Jones in December 1888, along with several subdivisions on Victoria Ave., but then Warminton’s wife, Isabella Nicol, bought it back again in March 1889. According to the deeds, the first price was \$13,950, while the buy-back was \$14,141.

The land on the west side of Claremont still had not been subdivided when the land north of the corner of what was now Sherbrooke St. some 24,305 square feet, was sold in May 1897, to Moise Rochon, a contractor, who paid \$9,722 or 40 cents per square foot. He arranged for the subdivision of the land and built four stonefront triplexes, backing on to a lane that



The three black doors represent 442 to 46 Claremont Ave.

stretched north from Sherbrooke, part of his property, and may even have started collecting rents before selling all four to Joshua Bell for \$30,000 in May 1899.

Bell defaulted on his mortgage in 1903 and was forced to surrender the triplexes to Sun Life Assurance for a claim of only \$3,000. Sun Life held on to the property for five years and then sold to Paul Ogulnik, described as a “merchant tailor,” for \$22,500, on March 14, 1908. That ownership lasted only 18 months, and in November 1909, Ogulnik sold to Olivia Austin, wife of Joseph Quintal, who still kept the four triplexes together and paid \$35,000 for the twelve living units.

The 30-year-old mother of two daughters collected rents through the years, losing her husband in 1916 but maintaining ownership of the property until her death at age 99 in 1978. The two daughters, Josephine Edna and Marie Louise Quintal, held on to the triplexes for three years before starting to sell them off, including 442-46 Claremont, the farthest from Sherbrooke St., to Dorothy Markiewicz and William Moss, faculty members at Concordia University. The August 1981 price was \$94,000, or just over \$31,300 per unit.

The terms and conditions of the sale sparked a new approach to the ownership of multi-family buildings that is now commonplace in Westmount. According to the deed, Markiewicz had occupancy of 446 Claremont (third floor) and Moss took over 444 Claremont (second floor) while the two jointly owned the remaining rental unit at 442 Claremont. The ownership was arranged in such a way that the owners would lose their right to live in the property if they sold their respective shares, but

could maintain ownership and exclusive rental rights if they chose to move out.

Markiewicz, now married to Jack Lightstone, sold a 1/6 interest in the property – her share of the rental unit – to Moss in June 1985, and then sold her apartment to Nancy Chalmers, a flight attendant and wife of Robert Adam, for \$79,000, two months later. Moss then sold 442 Claremont, the rental unit, in May 1987, to Alan Lewis and Deborah Van Wyck, thus completing the concept of three different owners with exclusive occupancy of their own units.

In fact, this is the only one of the four original triplexes that has not been converted to condominium status, and Moss remains as a 1/3 owner. There have been no sales of his unit since the original purchase from the Quintals.

The ground-floor apartment, 442 Claremont, sold to Lewis and Van Wyck for \$143,500; they sold to Stuart Korne and Nancy Master in July 1993, for the same \$143,500. The apartment sold again to Janet Faith in June of 1998 for \$135,000, an indication the market had been suffering through the mid-90s.

Alyson Turner purchased the apartment in December 2003 for \$280,000 and then turned it over to James Shetler in June 2007 for \$325,000. He died and his widow sold off the flat in August 2010 to Eleanore McNaughton for \$375,000, and she remains the owner.

Meanwhile the top-floor apartment sold only once more, from Nancy Chalmers to Judith LeGallais, who purchased it in May 1999 for \$166,000. She is still listed as a 1/3 co-owner of the property.

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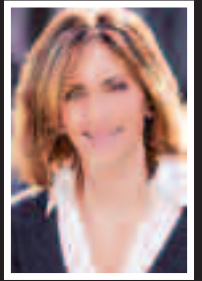
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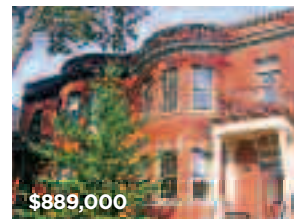
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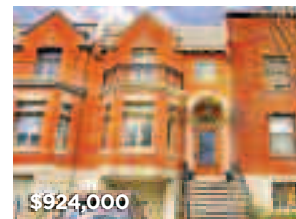
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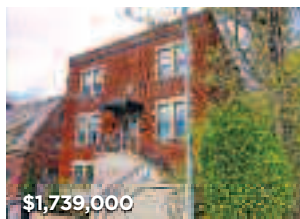
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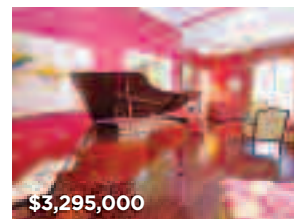
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Station 12 Reports

Guards catch phone thief

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.

Police may have caught one of the young men behind the recent rash of smart phone thefts that has plagued Westmount and the surrounding area for several months, according to Station 12 constable Caroline Gauthier.

On June 3 around 12:30 pm, Gauthier said a man in his 20s approached a young woman in the Alexis Nihon Plaza and asked her for the time. When she took out her phone to check, he grabbed it and ran, said Gauthier, but the victim quickly shouted, “Help! He stole my phone!”

Her screams alerted nearby mall security guards who chased and captured the suspect, said Gauthier. The suspect stayed in the guards’ custody until police arrived and the suspect was arrested.

Gauthier said he meets the description of one of the suspects in several similar cases in the area and, based on that, police

think he may be the same man. He is described as a black man, 18 years old, about 55 kilos and 175 centimeters, she said, but she declined to give his name before he has gone before a judge.

Until then, she said, investigators will be working to connect the suspect to the other crimes and possibly track down the other men involved. These muggings have either been through violence or intimidation, often with a brandished knife, and have generally targeted the younger population.

Burglar bolts before taking anything

Police aren’t quite sure why the burglar left a home on Mt. Pleasant Ave. before stealing anything, but it is obvious that, on May 31 around 1 pm, a suspect entered the home’s backyard, broke a second-storey window and climbed inside, said Gauthier.

The suspect then hastily searched several of the bedrooms, leaving the place in disarray, but he left before taking anything, she said. There were no cameras in the home, so there are no suspects as of yet, she said.

Dog found wandering at 12:50 am

A public safety officer spotted a golden retriever walking alone at 12:50 am May 29 on Belmont, according to Public Security reports. It was not wearing a collar. The officer turned on the cruiser’s emergency flashers in hopes the owner would spot them. When no one came forward, the dog was taken back to the station where a resident of the street called at 2:18 am in search of the dog. She was reported to have been looking after the dog for its owner and was “very happy” to locate it.

Early morning wake-up alarm bothers neighbour

An apartment resident on Mount Stephen complained to Public Security May 24 about a neighbour’s radio that switched on every morning at 5:30 am and played very loudly. The sound of the radio could be clearly heard at 6:03 am, responding officers reported. The matter was followed up three days later and it was determined the neighbour must be away. The “victim” was advised to contact the building superintendent.


Technician was the real thing

Public safety officers responded to a call May 30 for two people arguing outside 227 Kensington at 12:19 am, Public Security officials report. On the scene, they discovered a man described as a Videotron worker on a ladder and a woman afraid he had false identification papers and was trying to sabotage the cables. He turned out to be a legitimate technician carrying out work described as an emergency.

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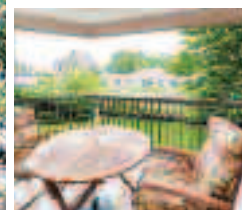
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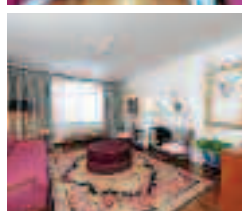
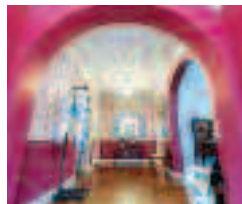
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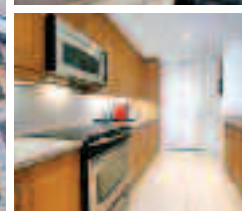
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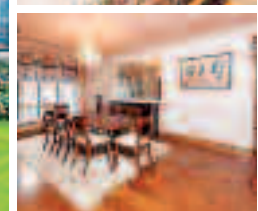
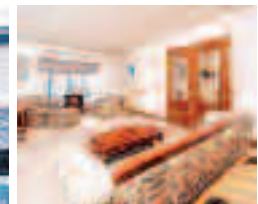
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Miss Vicky’s owner wants Church Hill harmony back

By MICHAEL MOORE

After a nearly two years of dispute over the placement of her pre-school, Victoria Naday says she wants to restore the harmony that had existed between Miss Vicky’s and her Church Hill neighbours for almost two decades.

“Yes, things have happened in the past, but over the long run everything has been very positive,” she said.

In 1992, Naday moved her Miss Vicky’s pre-school into St. Matthias Church on the corner of Church Hill and Côte St. Antoine, helping the parish reach out to the community by offering services to young parents, according to the church’s rector, Kenneth Near. “[Naday] is running a program that we see as harmonious with our mission and our purpose ... St. Matthias had space, and we were looking to establish an opening into the family life of our parish.”

For almost 20 years, the school, church and neighbours all existed side-by-side in relative peace, according to Naday.

Over the last 18 months, however, the pre-school and church have been embroiled in a series of disputes with some Church Hill residents, who claim that parents dropping off and picking up their

children has wreaked havoc on the street’s traffic safety.

In September 2011, a run-away car rolled down the sloped street, pinning a baby carriage belonging to a Miss Vicky’s parent against the church wall. A day later, a dog running across Church Hill was hit by a car in front of the school.

Neither car involved in the accidents belonged to an employee or parent of Miss Vicky’s, and no humans or canines were seriously hurt.

According to Naday, the pre-school and church have worked with city hall to improve the traffic conditions, including staggering drop-offs for its 80 families and limiting turns onto the street.

“Some good has come out of the accident with the pressure from some residents, and it’s much better now,” she said.

The pre-school, which has a certificate of occupancy dated February 23, 2012 and signed by Westmount Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier posted on the wall in its main office, is a for-profit institution, leading to questions about the legality of operating in a church.

At the June 3 city council meeting, a by-law was tabled to re-zone St. Matthias, allowing the pre-school to stay.

Neither Miss Vicky’s nor St. Matthias



Victoria Naday (“Miss Vicky”) stands in her St. Matthias Church-based pre-school with rector Kenneth Near on June 7.

are keen to adopt a platform to sway public opinion.

Near said that even if the pre-school is forced out, the space would be given to another community group in need and the

Church Hill traffic issues wouldn’t be resolved.

“There are other options, but for the community, the best option is Miss Vicky’s,” he said.

Miss Vicky’s, cont’d. from p. 1

parents play as volunteers in the church’s programs had been under reported. It also had implemented many safety measures for students being dropped off.

“However meritorious,” Mayor Peter Trent told parent Laurence Duguay, the school was “in a residential zone” and had no acquired rights.

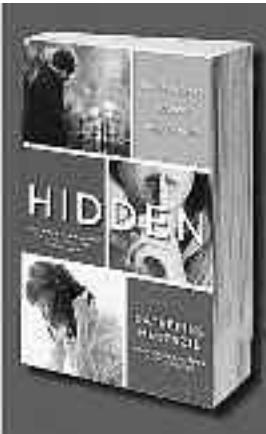
While church rector Kenneth Near had spoken at the council meeting in March

about the value of the school to the church, this was the first time parents and Naday had made input.

Rezoning was the solution the city had chosen to resolve the sensitive issue. It was, Trent said, a democratic way for residents in a wider area – contiguous zones – than Church Hill to vote on the matter through a referendum register.

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Victoria Naday, owner of Miss Vicky's pre-school.



Catherine Melling, a mother of a child who attends Miss Vicky's.

Resident recovers purse full of cash

A woman appearing to be disoriented was seen walking back and forth along Somerville between Victoria and Prince Albert May 31 by a resident who called Public Security. The woman, an NDG resident, explained she had mislaid her purse and was looking for it. She was reported to have been drinking. Meanwhile, the resident called back to say she had found the woman's purse on her front lawn on Somerville. Officers located the victim at de Maisonneuve and Grosvenor, and the bag was returned. Officials said it contained a substantial amount of cash.

Miss Vicky's, cont'd. from p. 14

The school has operated within the church for more than 20 years though its occupancy permit was issued only February 23, 2012 after neighbours, led by Shelley Kerman and Bertha Dawang, began questioning its status and operation as a "for-profit" enterprise in a residential zone and traffic safety after a run-away car narrowly missed injuring two students September 29, 2011 (see December 11, 2012).

Addressing the issue of the school contributing to traffic congestion on the steep hill, Catherine Melling, a mother from Grove Park said, "You'd be surprised how many of us really walk to school."

"I think it's terrible what's been said about Miss Vicky's. It involves a lot more than 12 people," she added referring to the number of houses on the block.

"If you want to see a safety issue, take a

look at Kensington between Sherbrooke and Côte St. Antoine," said another mother. Trent said the city had, but did not elaborate.

Naday, a Westmount resident, explained that 90 percent of her students live in Westmount. The school was providing them with a safe atmosphere. "Would you want a pre-school at the corner of Sherbrooke and Victoria?" she asked. That was an example of a commercially zoned alter-

native to being in the church.

A complicated process dictated by the Quebec government for zoning changes leading to a possible referendum is to be announced later. This involves who can sign a petition to request that a register be opened that could lead to a referendum if enough people in specified zones sign up for one.

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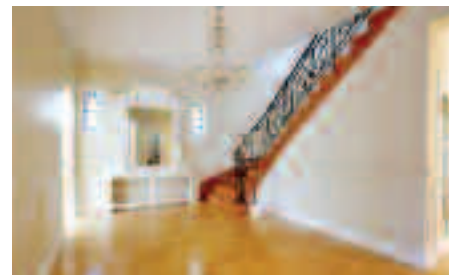
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F1 fun: Hugh Grant attends Ferrari party



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Despite the dark and stormy night, the Ferrari reception held at Hôtel le St. James on June 8 was a sophisticated success. The private invitation-only evening attracted award-winning actor **Hugh Grant**, whose presence caused a paparazzi flutter, as did the arrival of Olympic medallists **Alexandre Despatie** and **Alexandre Bilodeau**.

Wearing a black Marie Saint-Pierre gown, Westmounter **Elizabeth Glimenaki**, the hotel's vice president of sales and marketing, welcomed guests with **Marco Mattiacci**, CEO/president Ferrari North America, who attended with his wife **Farah**.

Among the glamorous guests were Italian consul general **Enrico Padula** and consul **Antonio Poletti**, as well as Quebec minister of tourism **Pascal Bérubé**, attending with **Maria Sanz** in sunny yellow;



Hugh Grant, left, and Mitsou Gélinas.

Photos courtesy of Hôtel le Saint-James

fashion designer **Marie Saint-Pierre** and Quebec celeb **Mitsou Gélinas** whose sister **Abeille** rocked the house as DJ during the champagne cocktail party.

Noted amidst the crowd of elegantly dressed ladies and their sharply turned-out escorts were the cast and crew of *X Men*,

as well as producer **Steven Nash**; **Mallory Hagan**, Miss America 2013; and **Maria** and **Vince Guzzo** of Cinémas Guzzo, who wore a Ferrari-red jacket.

Arriving to flashing cameras and smart phone photo clicks were Giorgio Armani look-alike **Michel Girouard** and his tiny

dog **Pablo**; media celeb **Anne-Marie Withenshaw**, gorgeously pregnant; producer **Fabienne Larouche**; L'Oréal's PR whiz **Maya Aziz**; **Umberto Bonfa**, president Ferrari Quebec; and American film producer **Bryan Singer**.

Westmounters noted included **Jennifer Campbell** in stunning stripes of black and white; **Barry Goldenberg**; **Jonathan Singer** and **Lisa Kisber**, also in black and white; and **David Lewis Sternfeld**, as well as former Westmounters **Lisa MacDonald** and **Duncan MacDougall**.

On display under the drizzle were sexy, gleaming new Ferraris: The Ferrari FF, F12 Berlinetta and the Formula One F150.



Elizabeth Glimenaki, left, and Farah Mattiacci.

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McEntyre awards take place June 5



Westmount mayor Peter Trent congratulates Thomas Backman, left, a Selwyn House grade 2 student, who received third prize for his grade level during a ceremony for the 2013 McEntyre Writing Competition held in Victoria Hall on June 5. Another Selwyn House grade 2 student, Mikhael Auerbach, right, won an honourable mention. The first and second prizes in the category went to Gunes Gumus of The Study and Matthew Anderson of Selwyn House respectively. The annual event is named after former mayor Peter McEntyre who set up a trust fund to support an annual writing competition.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

Incident closes down St. Catherine



Photographed between 1 and 2 pm on June 1, police and firefighters are seen at the corner of Park Place and St. Catherine St., which had been closed. A large orange trampoline was set up beneath an open second-storey window at the 4560 St. Catherine St. apartment building. Station 12 police said only no crime had been committed and that it was a “personal matter.”

Photo: Ralph Thompson with files from Isaac Olson

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Miss America 2013, Mallory Hagan, left, and Lisa Kisber



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AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1446

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que le règlement n° 1446 intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1303 CONCERNANT LE ZONAGE – SUPERFICIE DE PLANCHER HORS-SOL** » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance ordinaire tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 3 juin 2013.

L'objet de ce règlement vise à clarifier la définition française de « Superficie de plancher hors-sol » afin d'éviter toute interprétation qui porterait à confusion.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur en date d'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 greffe situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, du lundi au jeudi de 8 h à 16 h 30 et le vendredi de 8 h à 13 h.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 11 juin 2013

NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1446

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that By-law No. 1446 entitled “**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 1303 – ABOVE GROUND FLOOR AREA**” was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a regular sitting held at City Hall on June 3, 2013.

The object of this by-law is to clarify the French definition of “Above Ground Floor Area” to avoid any misinterpretation.

This by-law comes into force today.

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

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Tennis tournament supports new rec centre



A resident-organized tennis tournament fundraiser in support of the new recreation centre went ahead in spite of steady drizzle, the evening of June 7 at the Murray Park tennis courts. Thirty-two mixed doubles teams played for the competition, which continued throughout the weekend, culminating in a cocktail party and awards ceremony Sunday evening. Finalists were siblings Stephan and Mishi Papich, and the champions Kiefer Shaw and Geoffrey Bernard. The organizing committee was led by Antony Kovic.

Photo: Ralph Thompson



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AVIS PUBLIC ASSEMBLÉE PUBLIQUE DE CONSULTATION PROJET DE RÈGLEMENT 1449 LE MARDI 18 JUIN 2013 – 17 h

À TOUTES LES PERSONNES INTÉRESSÉES PAR LE PROJET DE RÈGLEMENT N° 1449 INTITULÉ « **RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1303 CONCERNANT LE ZONAGE – CAFÉ-TERRASSES** »

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné par la soussignée, greffière de la Ville de Westmount, de ce qui suit :

1. Lors de sa séance ordinaire tenue le lundi 3 juin 2013, le conseil a adopté par résolution le projet de règlement n° 1449 intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1303 CONCERNANT LE ZONAGE – CAFÉ-TERRASSES** ».

2. Conformément à la *Loi sur l'aménagement et l'urbanisme* (chapitre A-19.1), une assemblée publique de consultation aura lieu le **mardi 18 juin à 17 h**, à la salle du conseil de l'hôtel de ville de Westmount située au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest.

Cette assemblée publique de consultation a pour but d'expliquer le projet de règlement n° 1449 dont l'objet vise à modifier les articles 6.9.1 à 6.9.4 du règlement de zonage, afin de mettre à jour la définition de café-terrasse à la lumière de l'adoption du nouveau *Règlement sur l'occupation périodique du domaine public*.

3. Au cours de cette assemblée, la personne qui préside expliquera le projet de règlement et entendra les personnes et organismes qui désirent s'exprimer.
4. Le projet de règlement ne comporte aucune disposition propre à un règlement susceptible d'approbation référendaire.
5. Toute personne intéressée peut consulter le projet de règlement n° 1449 et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffe situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, du lundi au jeudi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30 et le vendredi de 8 h à 13 h.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 11 juin 2013

Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza
Greffière de la ville/City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING DRAFT BY-LAW 1449 TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2013 – 5:00 P.M.

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED BY THE DRAFT BY-LAW NO. 1449 ENTITLED “**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 1303 – CAFE-TERRACES**”

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 Monday, June 3, 2013, Council adopted by resolution, the first draft By-law no. 1449 entitled “**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 1303 – CAFE-TERRACES**”.

2. In accordance with *An Act respecting land use planning and development* (chapter A-19.1), a public consultation meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.**, in the Council Chamber of Westmount City Hall located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West.

The purpose of this public consultation meeting is to explain the draft By-law no. 1449, the object of which is to amend sections 6.9.1 to 6.9.4 of the *Zoning By-law* to update the definition of Cafe-terrace in light of the adoption of the new *By-law on periodic occupancy of the public domain*.

3. During this meeting, the person presiding will explain the draft by-law and will hear every person or body wishing to express an opinion.
4. The draft by-law does not contain provision making it a by-law subject to approval by way of referendum.
5. Any interested person may consult the draft By-law no. 1449 and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, from Monday to Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, June 11, 2013.



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AVIS PUBLIC
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PREMIER PROJET DE RÈGLEMENT 1450
LE MARDI 18 JUIN 2013 – 19 h

À TOUTES LES PERSONNES INTÉRESSÉES PAR LE PREMIER PROJET DE RÈGLEMENT N° 1450 INTITULÉ « RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1303 CONCERNANT LE ZONAGE – TABLEAU 4 : 10, AVE. CHURCHILL »

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné par la soussignée, greffière de la Ville de Westmount, de ce qui suit :

1. Lors de sa séance ordinaire tenue le lundi 3 juin 2013, le conseil a adopté par résolution le premier projet de règlement n° 1450 intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1303 CONCERNANT LE ZONAGE – TABLEAU 4 : 10, AVE. CHURCHILL** ».
2. Conformément à la *Loi sur l'aménagement et l'urbanisme* (chapitre A-19.1), une assemblée publique de consultation aura lieu le **mardi 18 juin 2013 à 19 h**, à la salle du conseil de l'hôtel de ville de Westmount située au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest.

Cette assemblée publique de consultation a pour but d'expliquer le premier projet de règlement n° 1450 dont l'objet vise notamment à ajouter le libellé « et une école d'enseignement pré-scolaire » aux usages permis de l'adresse civique 10, ave. Church Hill.

3. Au cours de cette assemblée, la personne qui préside expliquera le premier projet de règlement et entendra les personnes et organismes qui désirent s'exprimer.
4. Le premier projet de règlement comporte des dispositions propres à un règlement susceptible d'approbation référendaire.
5. Le premier projet de règlement s'applique à la zone concernée R2-15-03.

6. LE CROQUIS DE LA ZONE CONCERNÉE :

Le croquis de la zone concernée est reproduit ci-contre.

7. Toute personne intéressée peut consulter le premier projet de règlement n° 1450 et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffe situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, du lundi au jeudi de 8 h à 16 h 30 et le vendredi de 8 h à 13 h.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 11 juin 2013.

PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING
FIRST DRAFT BY-LAW 1450
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED BY THE FIRST DRAFT BY-LAW NO. 1450 ENTITLED "BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 1303 – TABLE 4: 10 CHURCHILL AVE."

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 Monday, June 3, 2013, Council adopted by resolution, the first draft By-law no. 1450 entitled "**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 1303 – TABLE 4: 10 CHURCHILL AVE.**".
2. In accordance with *An Act respecting land use planning and development* (chapter A-19.1), a public consultation meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Council Chamber of Westmount City Hall located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West.

The purpose of this public consultation meeting is to explain the first draft By-law No. 1450, the object of which is to add the usage "and a school for pre-school education" to the permitted ones at Civic number 10 Church Hill Ave.

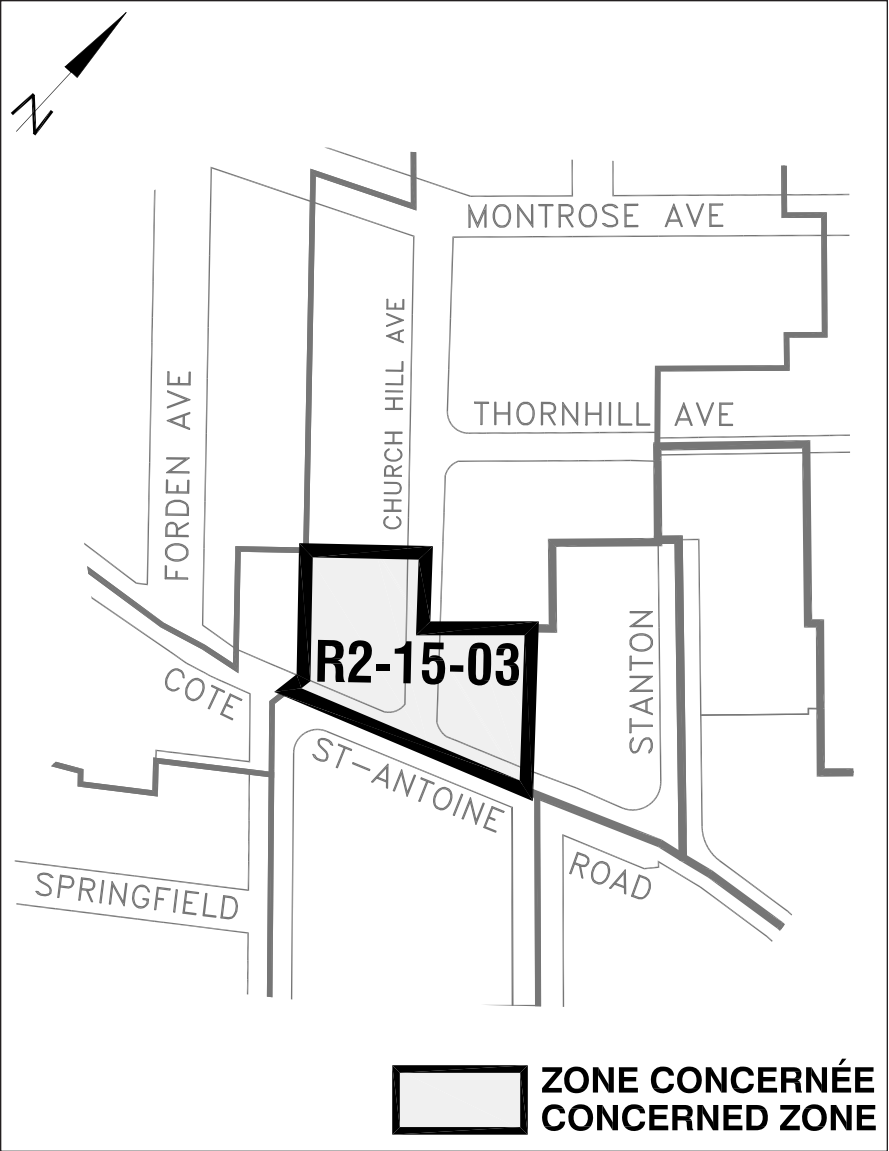
3. During this meeting, the person presiding will explain the first draft by-law and will hear every person or body wishing to express an opinion.
4. The first draft by-law contains provisions making it a by-law subject to approval by way of referendum.
5. The first draft by-law concerns zone R2-15-03.

6. SKETCH OF THE CONCERNED ZONE:

The sketch of the concerned zone is reproduced herewith.

7. Any interested person may consult the first draft By-law no. 1450 and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, from Monday to Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, June 11, 2013.



Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza
Greffière de la ville/City Clerk

Vic village merchants-led street fest proceeds, rain and shine



A sign of the weather that prevailed for part of the street festival's June 8, Julie Shefner of Beaded Creations sits under her umbrella completing a crossword puzzle at a table on Victoria Ave.

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Although rain put a temporary damper on activities at the Westmount Street Festival, taking place June 7 to 9, the sun finally broke through by the third day of the

Dog walking, cont'd. from p. 1

plied mainly to Summit Woods rather than at the fenced dog runs in other parks.

"It's a zoo," said John Fretz, president of the Summit Woods Advisory Committee (SWAC).

He said it was not unusual during off-leash hours in the woods to find 10 or 12 dogs walking in a pack along the ever-widening trails as their owners also walked in a group. This intimidated other users.

Now that summer leash hours are in ef-

weekend event.

"We had a terrific day yesterday, and I was very surprised because it was so iffy," Gail Fellerath of Folklore I, who is a member of the Victoria Village Merchant's Association along with her husband Gerard,

fect during much of the day, he said there were many people in the woods, such as mothers with little children, who hadn't been seen when the dogs were off leash. Anyone walking five to seven dogs can't do it on the trails when the dogs are leashed, he added.

"I do believe there's room to manoeuvre," said Councillor Gary Ikeman, Public Security commissioner, in calling for more discussion before the proposed by-law change was adopted.



Sisters Tiffany, left, and Brittany Auerbach serve organic fruit juice on Sherbrooke St. June 8 during the Westmount Street Festival.

told the *Independent*.

While it rained most of Friday and part of Saturday, the sun shone brightly on the final day.

Although it was the first time in the past five years that the weather had been

an issue, Fellerath said that "as far as we're concerned, it didn't really affect anything. There were more people than ever, we've done very well and we're very happy with this year's event."

One walker invited council members to accompany her to see how well-behaved her dogs were. She said she had never heard of a problem in the Murray Park run.

One non-dog walker suggested leashing dogs in Summit Woods at all times.

Given the suggestions arising from the brief discussion, Maureen Kiely of The Boulevard proposed a public consultation meeting be held.

As a result, Mayor Peter Trent said

council would "take another look" at the matter before writing the limit into the dog by-law.

The plan to limit the number of dogs had been announced at the May 6 council meeting by Councillor Cynthia Lulham, commissioner of Parks and Urban Planning. It was based on the theory that it was not possible to control and pick up after more than three dogs, a number consistent with the number that Westmount residents are allowed to have.



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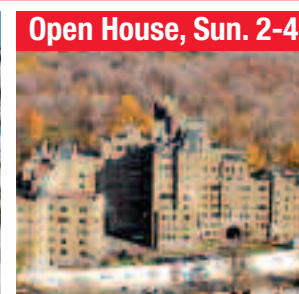
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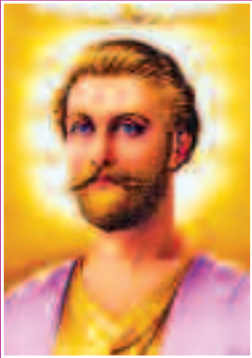


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public anger.

Whose idea was it to move the dog run to the center of Westmount Park? Did all of council vote for this move? I hope not, and I also wish that those who may not have voted for it would come forward to try to reverse this preposterous plan.

MARILYNN GILLIES, MELVILLE AVE.

JUST MOVE CURRENT DOG RUN SLIGHTLY EAST

Mayor Peter Trent writes “a dog run right next to a kiddie pool is not the best of ideas” (“Newfoundland” changes dog-run calculation,” June 4, p. 10).

Assuming the two do not share a fence (thus removing the risk of any fingers getting bitten), can you please explain this logic? Using land that does not require the removal of large chunks of concrete; is already noisy thanks to its location along St. Catherine St.; and is far away from the play structures where far more “kiddies” congregate is quite logical.

We must stop comparing Westmount Park to Murray Hill. Westmount Park easily has 10 times the amount visitors on any

given day and is far less tranquil. By moving the dog run, a promise made at the start of the recreation centre build is being broken, and we are [ruining] one of the few quiet areas left in Westmount Park (one that does need a facelift, admittedly, but not of this kind).

My solution: move the dog park slightly east to the neighbouring land located between the pool and St. Catherine St., which according to the artist rendition on the city website, is to be left vacant. This will appease noise complaints from Lansdowne residents while at the same time preserving a quiet space in Westmount Park. It will also cost far less than \$100,000.

DARCY FERRON,
MELVILLE AVE.

VARIOUS KINDS OF PARK USERS IN NEW DOG RUN

I am in total agreement with the letter writers of the June 4 issue of the *Independent* who advocate more thorough research before proceeding with an apparently hasty decision to relocate the Lansdowne dog run to the centre of Westmount Park (e.g. “Dog run change requires survey,” p. 11).

The notion that the new location is a rarely used space has become something of a local meme. Its very existence underscores an element of instrumentalism that seems to have taken hold, and which belies the very purpose of a park – tranquility, open space and a place to sit. A park – any park – is surely not reducible to mere utility.

As a dog owner myself, I walk through Westmount Park about four times a day, and must confess amazement that the diversity of the Westmount community has gone unobserved in this decision-making process: tai chi practitioners, whose graceful movements and meditative demeanor bring a distinctive aura to parks all over the city; elderly people in wheelchairs seeking a shaded, quiet spot to talk with their companions and caregivers; the not-yet elderly taking a chat break; mothers with their babies in strollers; students with their books; office workers with their lunches; runners warming up, cooling down or stopping for a drink of water; children playing hide and seek – and yes, in the later evening – skateboarders or daredevil tricksters on bikes.

On a recent Sunday afternoon, there was a group of adults and children having a picnic, someone else sketching, two people reading, a small group of younger people chatting, an elderly couple resting – all

in this spot designated for a dog run.

As it is, bench space around the (erst-while) pond area is not plentiful, so some element of the park community will lose out as traditional park space is reduced.

The loss of this space for a dog run does indeed affect “all Westmount Park users,” and surely merits robust debate.

MARIE CAMPBELL,
ACADEMY RD.

INCREASE SIZE OF DOG RUN

Like many of your other readers, I find the area designated for the new dog run completely inadequate.

I have no objection to the new location, but I am positive that the space being set aside is far too small. Once a bench is installed, the dogs will be unable to do what dog runs are supposed to [allow them to] do: run.

Many of the dogs that used the old dog run are large, and their favourite sport is to run up and down and in circles. I cannot imagine their being able to do that in this wretchedly cramped space.

I realize, as your Letters to the Editor section indicates, that the old controversy between dog lovers and the rest of society will probably never be settled and that there are some people who are against having a run anywhere in the park, but if we are going to have one, couldn't the current plan be altered to increase its size?

WENDY SCOTT,
IRVINE AVE.

HAPPY ABOUT DOG RUN RE-LOCATION

We commend city council for relocating the former Lansdowne dog run to the area surrounding the shuffleboard courts in Westmount Park.

This area is underused and has been for decades. On the other hand, the Lansdowne dog run was well used prior to being reduced to postage-stamp size for the arena construction. Like all city facilities, it met the needs of some residents at certain times in their lives. That need shows no sign of going away. Returning the run to Westmount Park – where it was, then unfenced, until about 30 years ago – is entirely appropriate, just as is having a dog run in Murray Park.

With space in such short supply in Westmount, there simply is no better spot. It is safe, away from private residences but accessible to dog lovers, not just owners, of all ages, who take great pleasure in watching the dogs romp and play.

MARY PAT AND GEORGES HÉBERT,
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