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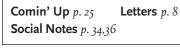
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Martin queries validation process, councillors' role Council legitimizes Miss Vicky's operation at St. Matthias'

By Laureen Sweeney

After two years of discussion at city council meetings, the operation of Miss Vicky's preschool was legitimized at St. Matthias' Church with the adoption September 3 of what amounts to an unopposed zoning change.

A by-law to add school usage to the church at 10 and 12 Church Hill was adopted by a vote of 7 to 1 after city clerk Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza announced that an insufficient number of names had signed a petition to request a referendum register.

While 12 signatures had been required, only eight of the 14 received on the lone petition had been "validated," by the city clerk's office, she explained. Though Councillor Patrick Martin's lone vote against the by-law went without comment, he later told the *Independent* he felt not enough effort had been made to validate the six names struck off the list. The result raised the issue of the councillors' role versus that of the administration (permanent staff).

"Before you disenfranchise 43 percent of people who sign a petition, you have to do your due diligence," he said. "In this case, it would have involved ringing only four doorbells three blocks away from city hall even if you are not required to do so by law."

Knew one of the six

When Martin finally managed to obtain the six *continued on p.* 10



Slow down, it's Back-to-School time! See our supplement and coverage, p. 14-27

New condo design, traffic plans pending Council rejects neighbours' demo appeal for 175 Metcalfe

By Laureen Sweeney

City council has dismissed the appeal by two Metcalfe residents of a demolition committee judgment allowing the former Vanguard school building to be knocked down at 175 Metcalfe.

The decision was read and explained by Councillor Cynthia Lulham at a special meeting of the council September 3, which had heard the appeal August 21 from Geoffrey Dougherty and Susan

Kucer.

But Dougherty later said he and Kucer felt "the legitimacy of the decision was undermined by the failure of the city to research the correct legal case" that they had used as a key argument which, he claimed, "could have easily influenced the councillors' decision."

He now hoped to be able to work with the city to reduce the massing of the building "which the city has the discretion to do," he point- *continued on p. 28*





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2 first firsts at Novice Fours, Westmount lawn bowlers 'hit jackpot'





Members of the victorious women's team, from left, are: Shelley Kerman, Betty O'Connor, Laura Kobayashi (skip) and Sophie Belanger. Winning the men's fours title, are, from left: Chris Morrin, Bruce St. Louis (skip), Peter Vaupshas and Gerry Nolan. Photos courtesy of Westmount Lawn Bowling Club.

Building on previous years' successes, the Westmount Lawn Bowling Club has just added more feathers to its cap.

The club carried off two championship trophies in the Quebec Lawn Bowling Fed-

Greyhound reunited with owner

A greyhound was found August 24 at Atwater and St. Antoine at 7:19 am, Public Security officials said. Officers took the dog back to their offices on Stanton. Just as they managed to track down the owner through a greyhound organization, the resident of St. Henri called Public Security after being informed of the dog's whereabouts by the SPCA. The dog was picked up at 8:55 am.

eration Novice Fours tournament held August 17 at the Pierrefonds Lawn Bowling Club.

This tournament has been running since 1988 but this is the first year that a team from Westmount (either men or women) has won, according to club president Bruce St. Louis, the city's retired director general. "So we hit the jackpot this year when we won in both categories."

Altercation

Two men were seen in a running confrontation August 29 at approximately 9:30 pm. One man was pursuing another from Victoria onto de Maisonneuve, heading west. "Leave me be. I will never come back to your shop," said the pursued man, then "Don't touch me. I have AIDS."

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Dizzy cyclist falls near gazebo

A woman who became dizzy while riding her bicycle was transported to hospital by Urgences Santé from Westmount Park August 29, according to Public Security reports. A passer-by called at 12:46 pm to report a woman lying on the ground near the gazebo. Responding to the call, fire cadet Guillaume Tittley found the cyclist, an NDG woman, slightly disoriented and saying she had stopped for a break in the park after feeling unwell. Her 21-speed mountain bike was taken to the Public Security station.



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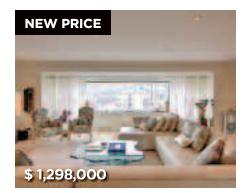


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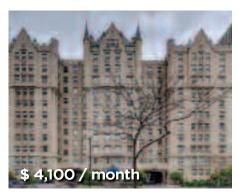
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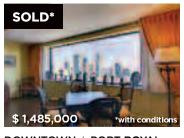
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First meeting in 5 months, Westmount Park Church 'hopeful' Driveway access for church appears to move forward

A meeting September 4 between officials from Westmount Park Church and the city seems to have taken a step forward in finding a solution to providing the church vehicular access to its main door off the dead end of de Maisonneuve near Lansdowne.

This door no longer opens onto a throughway street, and has lost its turnaround after the building of the new Westmount recreation centre blocked off Academy Rd. and narrowed the distance between the bike path and the church.

The city's proposed design for the deadend, created by landscape architect Marc Fauteux, calls for paving over a wider area in front of the door where cars can pull in to pick up or drop off passengers, and then back out as in most driveways, according to church treasurer Joan Hagerman.

The area, created with paving stones, would also slope up to the door, eliminat-



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The church's de Maisonneuve entrance, September 5.

ing the need for the existing ramp.

"It looks hopeful," she said after the onsite meeting with city director general Duncan Campbell and Sports and Recreation director Mike Deegan in his capacity as the city's project coordinator for the WRC. "It's a process that's moving ahead."

Waiting for a cross-section

It was agreed the city would provide the church, at its request, with a cross-section of the plan and narrow if possible the sidewalk immediately south of the bike path in order to widen the driveway portion, Hagerman said. "I suggested that that the south sidewalk be eliminated entirely." She also hoped the paving could come even closer to the church.

That the meeting took place in itself was a step forward, she explained, since the last time the church and city had met over the issue was March 21 (see March 26, p. 5).

At that time, the city had proposed creating a way for vehicles to turn around the back of the church using some of the north-south pathway in the park and controlling passage through the use of gates. The church said such an arrangement was not manageable.

Photo: Independen

The city will also be meeting now with representatives from Contactivity seniors' centre over the plan, she said. Based at the church and funded in part by a city grant, the centre holds regular events that can attract more than 100 seniors.

Good on a quiet day

That and other church events are among the aspects that concern Hagerman about the current design. "It's good on a quiet day but if you have only the one lane what happens at a large event?" As well, the *continued on p. 8*





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In the August 27 *Independent* (p. 6), Bob Cotter wrote, "The key phrase in Mr. Pless' letter is, 'bicyclist assumes driver will look behind before opening door."

Mr. Cotter goes on to state that he himself "must always assume car drivers are at best in a semi-conscious state."

I wish to point out that both Mr. Pless and Mr. Cotter are wrong in their assumptions. Most car drivers who open their doors into cyclists' faces are women admiring the reflection in their mirror. I have had more than one car door opening into my bicycle. And without exception all the drivers were female.

Stephen Chin, Sherbrooke St.

WIDEN WESTMOUNT PARK CHURCH'S CUL-DE-SAC

The proposed landscaping arrangement alongside the new arena in front of Westmount Park Church needs to be completely changed before it becomes *a fait accompli*. As proposed at present, the arrangement virtually eliminates vehicle access to the front entrance of the church.

The capability of the church to conduct funerals and weddings would be seriously impaired if there was no satisfactory vehicle access to the front entrance. Adapted taxis with people in wheelchairs and cars that convey mobility challenged senior citizens with walkers require access to the front entrance of the church. Also, buses transporting people from the Contactivity centre on outings should be able to park at the front entrance of the church.

The pictorial concept for the new arena on display in Westmount Library is deceptive in that it does not show the church and fully depict the extent to which the proposed landscaping concept for the surroundings of an over- sized arena would cut into the lawn area in front of the church.

In many parts of Westmount, by-laws limit the building coverage both above and below ground, but when it comes to the arena, the building coverage has been pushed beyond reasonable limits to accommodate two NHL-sized hockey rinks and the surrounding landscaping has not taken this into account. Instead of penalizing the church for this excessive building coverage, the proposed landscaping arrangement for the surroundings of the arena need to be changed as outlined below so as to not infringe on the present lawn area in front of the church or on access to its front entrance from pedestrians entering on the city sidewalk or from vehicles stopping in front of the church.

For about about the first 230 feet east from the sidewalk on Lansdowne Ave. the present arrangement in the de Maisonneuve cul-de-sac should be maintained ex-



Doors can hurt

The driver of a car whose door opened into the path of this cyclist August 2 on Claremont was reported to have told people at the time he did not see the cyclist approaching in the car window. "Sometimes cyclists cruise too close to parked cars," suggested assistant Public Works director Alain Cazavant who was "just going past at the time." The cyclist was cared for by Public Security fire cadet Guillaume Tittley until the arrival of Urgences Santé (see story August 2, p. 8, and a subsequent letter, August 20, p. 6). Dooring incidents continue to generate comments (see Stephen Chin's letter at left).

cept that the south sidewalk should be eliminated and its area allocated to accommodating the bike path which would be relocated immediately adjacent to the vertical stone wall of the arena. Thus the cul-de-sac would be widened so that in-

Access, cont'd. from p. 6

congested area that includes the bike path

is not particularly senior-friendly, she

from the church to a board meeting of the

Westmount Municipal Association August

19. These were subsequently posted on the

WMA website as part of a membership

survey. The meeting with the city was fi-

nalized soon after. "After four and a half

months since our last meeting, the timing

city council meeting September 3 when

News of the meeting was raised at the

was quite curious," she said.

Hagerman presented design plans

added.

coming vehicles would have adequate space to turn around and stop in front of the church without interfering with traffic in the bike path on the south side of the cul-de-sac.

John D. Dorey, Victoria Ave.

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WMA president Peter Starr said there seemed to be "some kind of a disconnect" between the city and church over the

issue. He asked the city to provide "a critical path" for the project: "What's going to be done and when it's going to happen." He has since declared his candidacy for city council, see p. 12.

Councillor Patrick Martin stated that "proper access to the church" had always been in the WRC plan. "The devil's in the detail."

Along with Hagerman, the recent meeting included church minister Frank Giffen and trustee Bernice Kinnon.

Residents John Dorey and John Fretz present two slightly different versions of the city's proposal as described on the WMA website at: http://www. twma-amw.org/blog/?p=974

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Master traffic plan, vision statement adopted **CIMA+** gets contracts for bike path, parking studies

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

With only one more monthly meeting left in its mandate, city council September 3 adopted the Traffic Master Plan, one of its priorities. It also awarded contracts for promised studies on bike paths and parking in the Victoria village area.

Both contracts went to CIMA+, the low bidder of two in each case, said Councillor Patrick Martin in moving the resolutions. The tender for "preparation of a study to optimize parking in the southwest sector" was accepted in a total amount of \$16,730.

The tender for the "preparation of a study to update the cycling network infrastructure" was \$18,700.

After contracting Genivar Inc. to prepare the Traffic Master Plan in May 2011 and tabling it in March this year, the council unanimously adopted the plan "as a policy guide for future administrations and the Administrative Traffic Committee."

It is "a broad brush plan" that establishes a framework for future projects, Mayor Peter Trent explained. "It's not a detailed plan of what will be done on each street.

Vision statement

The vision statement for the Traffic Master Plan read by Councillor Gary Ikeman, describes it as "guiding principles for transportation infrastructure, management and control." It states the city "seeks to create a transportation network and infrastructure that serves the whole community regardless of their mode of travel, while doing so in an integrated, safe and efficient manner.

"To meet its environmentally sustainable goals," the statement continues, "the city strives to reduce dependency on cars by facilitating walking, cycling and public transit use.

"Moreover, in the interests of health. quality of life and a sense of community, the city seeks to reduce the volume and speed of vehicular traffic, and by so doing, reduce the attendant noise and pollution."

New by-law introduced 'Downzoning' in Vic Village to prohibit large medical offices

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Legislation was tabled by city council September 3 to re-zone areas of the Victoria village restricting the size of new doctors' offices and clinics. A date for public consultation has not been set.

The by-law would also regulate the number of parking spaces required for medical offices to obtain an occupancy permit. The proposed re-zoning essentially freezes any new applications involving the opening of such offices, Councillor Cynthia Lulham explained.

The move is necessary with the approach of the super-hospital, Lulham explained. "Medical clinics bring a lot of people." They also add strains on parking, which is already at a premium in both residential and commercial zones in the area.

The city has already prohibited the opening of new medical offices or clinics at ground floor level in these zones and is now planning to restrict the size of any opening in the future on upper floors.

The zones involved are C5-20-01, C5-

20-02, C5-20-03, C5-20-04, C5-20-5 and C-17-20-06. They cover both sides of Sherbrooke from the west city limits to just east of Grosvenor and south along Victoria to St. Catherine.

The move would prevent large clinics and doctors' offices being established in this sector as has been occurring on de Maisonneuve in NDG.

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LED lights in place, water likely in pools in October Arena updates, budgeting reviewed, new grant sought

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

No more cheques have been issued to arena contractor Pomerleau Inc. since last month's council meeting, Councillor Patrick Martin told the city council meeting September 3. The total at that time had been just over \$24 million. It has been his custom to provide up-to-date payments.

Pointing out that city director general Duncan Campbell, "the final signing authority," had been away on vacation during August, maybe he should be sent away for a longer time, Martin suggested to general laughter. "On my own yacht," interjected Campbell to even louder laughter.

On a more serious note, however, he noted that the city had already received \$1.5 million from the federal government on its half-share of the \$20-million grant and was expecting several millions of dollars more this month in reimbursements. Quebec's repayment would take place "in time."

Pursuing energy grant

There were no additional extras approved over the last month and "on a balance

Miss Vicky's, cont'd. from p. 1

names from the city, he said, he discovered he knew one of the people and believed this person was in fact eligible and was known within the city administration.



Reject the by-law, urged Dario Favretto

of credits and debits, we're within 1 percent of budget, not counting the famous contamination issue," Martin said, there have been no new approved extras and the city is pursuing an energy-conservation grant of several hundred thousand dollars.

As well, he said, the savings in operating costs from the recent installation of LED lights over the rinks "will far outweigh their cost." Additional savings will also be realized on lower than budgeted interest rates.

In updating the facility's progress, he said, "there's talk of putting water in the pool in mid-October."

Martin described as "amazing" both the underground facility and the new parkland above. But residents visiting during the open house September 22 could draw their "own conclusions."

Mayor Peter Trent later told questioner John Fretz, of Lansdowne, that as reported in June, the worst-case scenario for total costs related to the Westmount recreation centre remained unchanged at \$40.7 million (see June 4, p. 3). This includes payments previously made to the former architectural firm of Lemay.

After the petition was received by the August 14 deadline and the six names could not be found on the voters' list, Westmount Hydro lists or street directories, the city clerk's office had sent letters

by regular mail to the six people giving them one week to contact city hall. He felt this was too short a period considering mail de- stamp the administration?" lays, a weekend and the - Councillor Patrick Martin summer holiday season.

"It speaks to the role of city councillors," he said. "Is it to rubber stamp the administration or as representatives of residents, is it to keep an eye on things and assure due process?"

Martin, who is known for conducting his own research on various issues, said he was actually in favour of Miss Vicky's staying at the church and felt the traffic safety issue was "manageable."

Opposition to the school's location on steep Church Hill was reiterated by Dario Favretto in a last-minute appeal to the council to reject the zoning change based in large measure on traffic. Favretto had been collecting petition signatures on behalf of his mother who lives on the street along with Shelley Kerman who had been spearheading opposition to the school for two years.

Church rector Kenneth Near also ad-



The recreation centre entrance, September 5.

"We're very much on track," Trent said. Some "peripheral" expenses would have been undertaken regardless of the new fa-

cility, he said. These included improvements to the bike path and a pipe dating back to 1900.

dressed the council asking them to adopt the change. After the vote, he thanked the council, saying the church had set up a compliance committee in an effort to conform to the city's requirements.

"Is (the role of city

councillors) to rubber

Miss Vicky's has been operating at the church for 20 years but had never been issued an occupancy permit by the city until after the school's legitimacy was raised by Kerman. As well, the

permitted usages under the zoning by-law did not include a preschool.

Allow residents to decide

City council's solution to the situation was to proceed with the zoning change, which would allow residents to ultimately decide.

While the sole petition (from a zone on Côte St. Antoine) was found not to qualify, a second one with some 23 names that includes Church Hill itself was never submitted by Kerman and Favretto for strategic reasons. They claimed that zone was too large to generate a majority of voters in opposition in a referendum register (see August 27, p. 1).

Interestingly, none of those 23 people spoke at the meeting, if any had, in fact, attended.



Adopt the change by-law, asks St. Matthias' rector Kenneth Near

Sidewalks 'appalling', hydro network 'antiquated' Upgrading infrastructure a challenge for next council

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount's next city council has had the gauntlet thrown down by the current Solons: hold a debate on updating the city's crumbling infrastructure. This includes municipal buildings, streets and sidewalks as well as the water, sewer and electricity networks.

After a resident of Bruce Ave. raised concerns about years of asphalt patching of the sidewalks, Mayor Peter Trent called the state of the city's sidewalks "appalling."

And Councillor Patrick Martin, commissioner of Utilities and Public Works, added that "what you don't see is underneath," the sewers and water pipes are 100 years old or more. The hydro system was "really antiquated," and had to be maintained and renewed.

"I think the next council should have a real debate over how infrastructure should be maintained," he said. "Personally, I feel we're not spending enough on this prob-



AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1450

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que le règlement n° 1450 intitulé « *Règlement visant à Modifier de Nouveau le Règlement 1303 concernant le zonage* – *Tableau 4: 10-12, ave. Church Hill* » 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 septembre 2013.

L'objet de ce règlement vise à modifier le Règlement de zonage 1303, en ajoutant le libellé « et une école d'enseignement préscolaire » aux usages permis de l'adresse civique 10-12, avenue Church Hill.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur en date d'aujourd'hui.

Toute personne peut consulter ce règlement sur le site Web de la Ville, <u>www.westmount.org</u>, et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffe situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1450

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that By-law No. 1450 entitled "BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 1303 – TABLE 4: 10-12 CHURCH HILL AVENUE" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount during the regular sitting held at City Hall on September 3, 2013.

The object of this by-law is to modify *Zoning By-law 1303* by adding to the usages allowed at civic address 10-12 Church Hill Avenue, a school for preschool education.

This by-law comes into force today.

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

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Bronwen Mantel asks council September 3 for new sidewalks on Bruce Ave. to replace asphalt patching.

lem." The city wasn't catching up with past neglect from the merger years or even "our own neglect," he said, "but we're trying to keep our taxes at a reasonable level."

The challenge is how to fund what has to be done. The city had had "an amazing opportunity" with the provincial and federal government grants to build the new recreation centre, which itself was infrastructure renewal. "I'm very hopeful candidates wishing to be on council the next time around will feel it's as important as I do."

In raising the issue during the question period, Bronwen Mantel said the state of sidewalks patched through the years with asphalt on Bruce had become "quite alarming." Were there going to be new sidewalks on Bruce and other streets in the area, or more patching, she asked.

City director general Duncan Campbell said he had brought up the issue with Public Works director Marianne Zalzal and there was "a limit on what can be spent on sidewalks." While the asphalt may not look good, safety was the first concern.

Mantel pointed out that Bruce residents



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Bruce sidewalks planned for next year

The complete reconstruction of sidewalks on Bruce Ave. has been scheduled to take place next summer after replacement of the water main on the street, Councillor Theodora Samiotis told the *Independent* September 5.

She said the work had initially been planned to take place this summer but that after replacement of two hydrants and some water services on the street it was discovered a wider water main was required. This work is expected to take place next summer.

"It didn't make sense to do the sidewalks now and rip everything up next summer."

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First to throw hat into ring Peter Starr to run in District 2, cites business, communication assets

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Peter Starr, president of the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA), threw his hat into the ring September 4 as a candidate for Ward 2 in the November municipal election. He is the first to declare his candidacy for a council seat.

He confirmed his intention the day after Tim Price announced at the council meeting he would not run again for council (see separate story).

"It was not my intent to run against any incumbent," Starr told the *Independent*. And as a resident of Cedar, he felt he would better represent the concerns of residents north of Sherbrooke.

A business development consultant, whose career has been based on founding and building radio stations, newspapers and other media outlets, Starr cites his strengths in business and communica-



Councillor Tim Price announces his decision, September 3.



tions as key assets. He's also "on top of the major issues," in which he has been involving the WMA.

"I can hit the ground running," he said. "This is a great asset."

Filing papers quickly

He plans to file nomination papers as soon as possible and to chair his last WMA board meeting September 9 and "tie up loose ends," with the aim of ensuring a "seamless transition" in the organization's leadership.

Starr said he has a lot of passion he can bring to issues, "I think it's an important time in Westmount with the upcoming Turcot project and the opening of the super-hospital and someone with my capabilities will be needed to help provide a strong council," he explained.

No stranger to campaigning, Starr knocked on many doors in support of his

late wife, Laurie Normand-Starr, who ran for council in District 3 in 1999. She lost to Nicolas Matossian.

Starr, 61, helped found CKOI-FM among many business ventures. He was instrumental in bringing Jean-François Lisée, minister for the Montreal region, to address the WMA shortly after the provincial election a year ago. He has worked to bring a higher profile to the citizen watchdog group.

Asked in an *Independent* profile (February 19, p. 17) whether he might run in the November election as other WMA leaders have, he replied: "At this point I haven't finished what I set out to do on the WMA. But we have a good board, everyone is enthused and this should be a good year for us – and time for the WMA to make a difference."

Under the WMA's constitution, board members of the executive must recuse



Peter Starr asks city council September 3 about city's plans for street access to the de Maisonneuve door of Westmount Park Church now that the street has been closed off. He had not yet declared his candidacy for council.

themselves once they are elected to civic office. But Starr says he wants to hand over the reins to an interim president once he files nomination papers to avoid any perception of conflict of interest.

Oversees city finances, arena fundraising Tim Price calls it a day on city council, won't run

By Laureen Sweeney

Councillor Tim Price, the city's Finance commissioner, told the city council meeting September 3 he would not seek re-election in the November 3 vote, but left the door open to a possible return to council in the future. He represents District 2.

During his four years, he said, property tax increases had been kept under control and the fundraising campaign for the Westmount recreation centre is nearing its \$6-million goal.

"It's been an interesting and rewarding



experience," he said. "I might like to think I may come back at another time."

"I would love to see you come back," replied Mayor Peter Trent to a hearty round of applause from the audience.

Many commitments

With a young family and a demanding full-time job as chairman of the financial house of MacDougall, MacDougall and MacTier, Price told the *Independent* he had decided not to run again because of his many commitments.

This will leave council seats vacant in at



least District 2, where Peter Starr has said he will run, and in District 5, where Gary Ikeman is not seeking re-election (see August 27, p. 3).

In addition to overseeing the city's financial situation, Price assembled the city's fundraising team for the Westmount recreation centre (WRC), which includes Geoff Molson, as chair, and Joey Saputo.

Financing

His experience also has been apparent in helping the city through its financing through various debenture issues to cover the overall financing of the \$37-million loan by-law, of which \$20 million is being offset by a government infrastructure grant and \$6 million expected from fundraising.

It was Price's first council term after defeating two other candidates in District 2 in the last election.



Will he or won't he? Trent to announce decision after arena opening

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Mayor Peter Trent will not reveal whether or not he will seek another term as mayor until after an official opening of the Westmount recreation centre (WRC) on September 19, he told the city council meeting September 3.

"I would feel it inappropriate to be front and centre at the ceremonial opening of the WRC while being a publicly declared candidate," he explained.

On the other hand, he felt it appropriate that he officiate as the mayor of the outgoing council that had realized the project. "In other words, I would think Westmounters would not wish a politically flavoured opening of the biggest civic project in our history."

Since September 20 is the first day for legally filing a declaration of candidacy, but the day after the WRC opening, "that will be the day I shall announce my intention to run or not."

An open house for all Westmount residents to tour the new arena is scheduled for Sunday, September 22 when Sports

and Recreation staff are expected to lead the tours with Trent, if he attends, taking a lesser role.

In a prepared statement that opened the council meeting, Trent said that this council "can be credited" with at least two major building projects.

These are the WRC, he said, and the refurbishment of Greene "giving rise to a new public square, the 1250 Greene building and the rebirth of the 5 Saisons grocerv store."



Councillor Gary Ikeman told the city council meeting September 3 he won't be running in the November 3 election. He had made his decision public two weeks ago (see August 27, p. 1). During election announcements, Mayor Peter Trent declared he would wait until Friday, September 20.

Break-in on Redfern?

When public safety officers answered a call August 28 at 7:56 pm for two men cutting a chain at the 215 Redfern work site, they could not find any "suspects," Public Security officials said.

After meeting with a superintendent at the site, they discovered one of the men was a worker who had left his car in garage after closing time and was unable to get it

All was considered in order.

Another fall on Greene Ave.

A 72-year-old woman who fell on the sidewalk in front of the new condo building at 1250 Greene August complained of pain to the left side but did not want Urgences Santé called, Public Security officials said.

Officers cleaned scrapes on her elbow and contacted her later to check on her condition.

She was reported to have tripped on plywood about 3:30 pm. At least two other pedestrians were known to have fallen in the same area during recent street reconstruction (see August 20, p. 10).

Boys terrified by bandana man

Public safety officers called police to King George (Murray) Park August 30 to check out a man described by two boys as having "terrified" them by watching them strangely.

Officers found him on a bench "staring" at a young girl. He left the bench on their approach.

Police started up a conversation with him and identified him but reported they had no record of him. He was described as having a long dark pony tail and wearing a bandana.

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Soccer: U11 Wanderers finish with two wins



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In its first year, the U11 Westmount Wanderers boys' team had a strong finish to its season, winning its last two games, including a 5-2 final game win against Pierrefonds.

Ticket in the mail

A Redfern dog owner was told August 27 she would receive a \$76 ticket by mail after her two dogs were reported at 9:12 pm to have been "barking incessantly," that evening, Public Security officials said. For the season, the boys finished in 9th place out of 12 teams. As a season finale, 75 players and their families will be heading to Saputo stadium to cheer on the Montreal Impact.

Officers returned an hour later to her apartment to find her home and asked her to make arrangements to correct the problem. She had been warned about complaints three weeks earlier.



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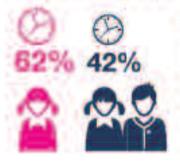
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Emphasizing Authentic Teaching and Learning The Akiva School is committed to 21st century learning and offering students relevant, meaningful learning that will develop the skills that are so crucial in today's world. Akiva provides their teachers with the professional development and tools to teach the enduring understandings that our children need to develop in order to be collaborators, problem-solvers, communicators and independently creative. Through authentic teaching and learning, Akiva provides students with the knowledge they need, while simultaneously building their skills in order to produce work that they value and that can actually be used outside the classroom.

New Athletic Opportunities and Extra Curricular Activities The Akiva School wants their students to stay active, engaged and healthy. This year, they have introduced more athletic opportunities and extracurricular activities that students can participate in both during lunch hour and/or after school. This year, for example, in addition to their boy and girl basketball teams, Akiva will have a soccer program. Students will have the opportunity to participate in the GMAA one day soccer tournament. At lunch and after school, students can be part of a range of activities including chess club, Kung Fu, gymnastics and beading just to name a few.

Commitment to Judaism At the heart of everything which goes on at Akiva, is their commitment to Jewish life and learning. This year, Akiva hired Lisa Steinmetz as their new Director of Jewish Life and Learning to focus on enriching Akiva families' Jewish journeys through creating educational opportunities and programming. With their Jewish life and Judaic studies curriculum, Akiva provides students and their families with a well-rounded Jewish experience guided by strong Jewish values and traditions.

Open House

To find out more about all of Akiva's new and unique learning opportunities, The Akiva School is inviting all interested parents to attend their Open House on Thursday, November 7th.

For more information, please contact the school at: **514-939-2430** or visit their website at **www.akivaschool.com**.

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Right from the start, we want to make prospective families feel welcome when visiting and asking questions about Trafalgar. Our admissions process takes place entirely at the school, and Principal Geoff Dowd meets every family and all applicant students personally.

From the first hello, girls find Trafalgar a lively, welcoming place. New girls have the help of their "big sisters," older girls assigned to help their younger counterparts feel at home. Every girl belongs to one of five intramural Houses which compete in academics, athletics, and special events. House Plays and Field Day each year are the highlights of this friendly rivalry, and underscore the warmth and spirit typical of Traf girls.

While small in size, Traf has a big range of activities, allowing all girls to get involved outside the classroom. A World School conference in Japan? Debating? Science Fair? Robotics? Clay sculpture? Swing dance? A Parisian exchange? These activities and clubs are among the many offered by enthusiastic and engaged Traf teachers.

Small also means that everyone is someone! Traf helps girls gain and maintain the confidence to try anything and succeed. Supported by their peers, our student artists perform in concerts, cabarets, and drama productions. Athletes play on our many teams or enjoy intramural games. Those ready to take on the world may run a committee, join the Earth Club, or be a delegate at a Model United Nations.

Traf is a charter member of the Canadian Accredited Independent Schools (CAIS). 100% of our graduates, who earn both their Quebec Secondary School and Trafalgar Diplomas, carry on to a variety of programs at CEGEPs or prep schools, and thereafter enroll in leading colleges and universities in Canada and internationally.

The curriculum at all levels consists of English, French, mathematics and sciences (streamed), social studies, arts (art, music and or drama) and physical education. These core courses engage girls in building their skills and knowledge, while allowing them to discover new interests and deepen existing ones.

At Secondary I and II, the variety of compulsory courses stress the foundation of good study skills. Our multimedia course teaches software and research skills, as well as digital citizenship. All Cycle I students use their own iPad as a key tool in their coursework. Across the curriculum (and between home and school), Trafalgar incorporates digital technology as a necessary tool for learning, research, and communication, offering its students a secure wireless network, the use of high-end Mac computers and iPads.

Our French program seeks to improve Frenchlanguage competence and fluency, whatever an incoming student's level. French classes are grouped into *français avancé*, *langue seconde enrichi*, or *langue seconde base* sections. All Secondary I and II students study *sciences humaines* in French, and students who follow a more enriched program of French-language studies and activities throughout their high school years will earn Trafalgar's *Certificat de compétences en français*. Additionally, all Secondary II students study Spanish as a third language, and students in Sec. III-V may choose Spanish among the wide variety of Cycle 2 optional courses.

We look forward to seeing you at Open House on September 28, or any other time you choose to tour the school (by appointment). You'll feel the Traf difference from the moment you come through our doors.





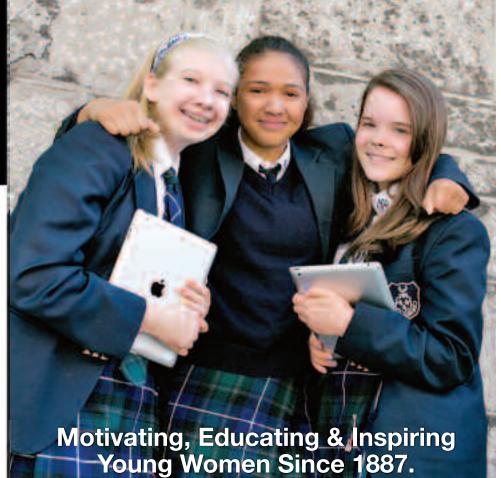
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Selwyn House and self-evident truths

A sculpture in front of Selwyn House spells out the school slogan: *veritas*, Latin for "truth." This is not just a hollow motto. Headmaster Hal Hannaford uses it to articulate the school's vision – a vision that gives Selwyn House a bright future in the world of education.

The truth is, there are enormous advantages to being a small, bilingual boys' school that emphasizes experience in education.

"Boys' schools are better for boys," Mr. Hannaford states flatly, "better for *any* boy. We need to understand this and create a setting that will allow our boys to develop their strengths and deal with their weaknesses.

"Without the presence of girls, the reality is that boys learn to bond with each other in their own unique way. Boys who attend all boys' schools tend to keep their high school friends for life.

At the same time, he says, "many boys' schools have also made gender equality a legitimate goal, and the presence of a large percentage of strong, talented women teaching at boys' schools has made the attainment of this goal realistic.

"To be sure, cross-gender skills are essential in achieving a socially and emotionally effective adult life. Boys' schools have created partnerships with girls attending other schools, especially in areas such as community service and the arts, ensuring the necessary collaboration. At approximately 540 students, Selwyn House also benefits from what has become known as the "small-school advantage," which means that every student has a guarantee that he will be "known and loved." In the classroom, on class trips, in the gym, playing field, dining room or hallways, faculty and staff know each student and appreciate him for his unique skills, abilities, and personality. *Faculty Culture*

"The two characteristics of a school that will have the most impact on a child's life are the size of the school and the quality of the faculty culture," says Mr. Hannaford.

"The students are not number one at this school," he points out. "It's the teachers and staff who are going to make all the difference."

"There has been significant research showing that having a very positive, proactive, and effective faculty culture has the most significant influence on the life of a student," he adds. "We must put a lot of energy, devotion and resources towards achieving this goal."

French language and culture

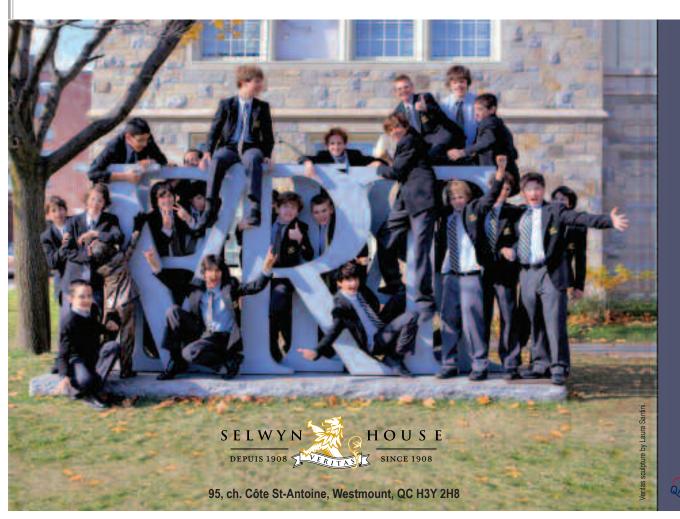
Selwyn House is constantly increasing its devotion to the French language and its dedication to ensuring that every student will graduate feeling completely at home in the professional and social culture of Quebec. This year's adoption of the *Français plus* program is just the most recent example of why Selwyn House has become the school of choice for parents – anglophone, francophone or allophone – who want to give their sons a well-rounded Québec-born education. **Experiential education**

Selwyn House also remains on the leading edge of education because of its expanding and vital program of experiential education, a field that "seems to become more pressing and important every single year," Mr. Hannaford says.

"Experiential education seeks to increase student motivation through active hands-on engagement that is relevant to the student," says Courtney Prieur, Director of Student Life at Selwyn House.

"For Senior students, this could include building projects in the developing world, or visits to local seniors' homes. For Elementary students it could consist of field trips to learn more about their city. It's all about helping students learn about themselves and develop real-life skills from experience.

I think we could be onto something that is really great here at Selwyn House," says Mr. Hannaford. "It's not that one type of school is superior to the other. It never is. It will always be about great teachers, the development of relationships, building character and leadership, and providing creative and challenging opportunities within a caring and supportive environment."



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The Priory School: Learning in a caring and nurturing environment

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The Priory believes that a child's earliest school years are the most important. It is at this time that the seeds of academic and life skills are sown. An environment that is nurturing, secure, caring and aware of individual needs is the key to future success. This ideology was the motivation of The Priory's founders, and it continues to guide the school today.

What began as two mothers' shared dream of creating a child-centered elementary school in 1947 has stood the test of time and is flourishing today as The Priory School. Founders Frances Ballantyne and Alphonsine Paré-Howlett's vision of a co-educational English independent school, based on Catholic traditions yet open to all faiths, remains as true to its mission today as it did over 65 years ago. Tim Peters, Principal of The Priory, echoes the school's vision, "The Priory is a place where children are encouraged to be children" says Peters, a father of three young children. "The Priory is a Village school in the city where innovative learning takes place in a nurturing and caring environment and where an enthusiasm for learning is developed."

Despite a strong rooting in tradition, The Priory has evolved with the changing times, revamping and enhancing its French program, introducing the Priory Band program, providing up-to-date school-wide computer literacy, as well as strong academic programs in language arts, math and science. This rich and engaging academic program has enabled Priory graduates to enter their first choice of high school as well as the opportunity for scholarship offers. The school's 'strength in small numbers' (168 students from Kindergarten to grade 6) provides students with small group learning situations designed to promote self-esteem and success in the future.

As French, Math, Guided Reading, Language Arts and Computer Literacy are taught in small groups of 12 students; each student performs tasks suited to their strengths and receives more individualized attention providing differentiation and enrichment opportunities.

Priory students have endless opportunities to express themselves in creative and meaningful ways. The Visual Arts program at The Priory



School, also taught in small groups of 12 students, is designed to stimulate the children's imaginations, developing their skills in a playful atmosphere that fosters the growth of selfconfidence.

Music at The Priory begins in Kindergarten and continues to be an integral part of school life through grade 6. From the battery of Orff instruments to recorder studies and the new Band Program in grades 5 and 6, the students look forward to new instruments and the unique skills they develop at every step of their musical journey.

Athletics are an important part of student life at The Priory. The Priory takes great pride in its inter-scholastic and intramural Priory Panthers sports teams. Participation, whether interscholastic or intramural, develops a strong sense of teamwork, cooperation and respect for healthy competition.

The curriculum is not confined to the classroom and many activities are organized which allow children to further develop social and cooperative skills and self-confidence. "Throughout our school year, school field trips, invited guest speakers and special events enrich our classroom curriculum and enhance student learning," describes Principal Peters.

The strong moral fiber of The Priory that began in 1947 has also continued and is

demonstrated by the Peace Program implemented at the school. The children have learned that they are part of a global family that needs their support and have reached out with "helping hands" to those less fortunate than themselves. Peters explains, "This year's theme at The Priory is 'I Care'. Children will be challenged to think about what they care about and how they can make a difference. Through assemblies, class discussions and collaborative projects, Priory students will be encouraged to think about how they can act either as a group or as individuals to make a positive change. Priory students learn that it is possible for children to help children.

Under Principal Tim Peters' direction, The Priory maintains the traditions that have made it so successful over time. At The Priory, children have always come first and each child is recognized and valued for their inherent uniqueness.

"A place where all stakeholders recognize that happy children learn best," Peters adds, "The Priory has become 'a home away from home' for many and has provided a nurturing learning environment where children are encouraged by acknowledging and celebrating their achievements every step of the way."

If you would like to see first-hand what makes The Priory unique, you are cordially invited to attend:

The Priory School Open House Sunday, October 20th from 2:00–4:00 PM, and Wednesday, October 23rd from 9:30–11:30 AM

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As Director of Educational Services, Chantal Rioux is proud of Villa Maria's caring environment and the programs of study that take into consideration the different stages of cognitive and social development specific to girls.

"We offer our students a world of possibilities so that over their five years with us, they can develop their full potential. Whether they are involved in science projects, art activities, leadership programs or humanitarian and cultural trips, they are exposed to the wonders of the world through learning."

Responding to the needs of teenagers

Taking into consideration the developmental differences between age groups, and to further help its students make a smooth transition from elementary to secondary school, Villa Maria has organized its teaching strategies and adapted its environment to meet girls' particular needs.

In Middle School (Secondary 1 and 2), teaching is student-oriented rather than subject-oriented. The environment promotes teamwork and positive encouragement. In High School, students cover subject content in greater depth and a choice of optional profiles favours their intellectual independence.

Experiencing leadership in Kenya

An example of Villa Maria's students' involvement in the world is a recent trip to a small Kenyan village by Secondary 3, 4 and 5 students. During the two-week trip, the students helped to dig trenches,



Digging trenches in Enelerai, Kenya

took part in discussions and activities fundamental to Kenya such as drought, education, and women. The spiritual animator who accompanied the students says, "They learned about Kenyan culture through their people and the community. They arrived as young students. They left as young leaders."

Healthy Mind. Healthy Body.

Today's teenagers live in a world saturated with the pressures to perform academically and socially. Villa Maria's innovative program called "Healthy Mind, Healthy Body" helps to foster a positive body image and promotes healthy lifestyle habits. Through lessons and events such as Yoga Week or Positive Body Talk, students learn skills and positive attitudes that will carry them through adolescence, and into adulthood.

One school. Two languages.

Villa Maria is home to two secondary level sectors of approximately 650 students each, one French, the other English. Closer ties allow them to come together through a series of joint projects and activities such as the Villa Maria Band, Mandarin lessons and art competitions.

"Teachers and staff encourage the girls to be the best that they can be, giving them sound values and a belief in their own capacity, says the Director of Educational Services. When they leave, at the end of Secondary 5, they are ready to take on the world."



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Seminar on the Old Age Security Pension Plan. Reservation required (contact Beth at 514.935.7344 x 206 or beth@atwaterlibrary.ca). Atwater Library (1200 Atwater), 1 to 3 pm.

Author Mary Soderstrom leads the Atwater Library Book Club in a discussion of *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks. Click here for the Book Club schedule up to June 2014. Atwater Library (1200 Atwater), 7:30 pm.

Thursday, September 12

Mario Robert, gives an illustrated presentation on the Archives de Montréal, now celebrating its 100th anniversary. Atwater Library (1200 Atwater), 12:30 pm.

The Montreal Storytellers' Guild welcomes all listeners every second Thursday of the month at the Westmount Public Library. Its first event of the season is September 12 at 7 p.m. Free. For more information, contact Paula at 514.593.9947 or e-mail mtlstorytellersguild@gmail.com.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Marcia Massa sculpture exhibit begins at Warren G. Flowers art gallery of Daw-

son College, 4001 de Maisonneuve. 5:30 pm. Until October 3.

Tuesday, September 17

Alzheimer Café (monthly) For information, contact Beth Symansky at 514-935-7344 ext 206 or beth@atwaterlibrary .ca. Atwater Library (1200 Atwater), 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Wednesday, September 18

Seminar on Wills and Estate Planning. Reservation required (contact Beth at 514.935.7344 x 206 or beth@atwaterlibrary.ca). Atwater Library (1200 Atwater), 1 to 4 pm.

Thursday, September 19

Will Aitken speaks on the theme "Another County: Fiction Writing and the Other Place." He will talk about Japan and read from his latest novel, *My Life Burning in the Moonlight*. Atwater Library (1200 Atwater), 12:30 pm.

Greene Ave. merchants' festival. 10 am to 6 pm. Also September 20 and 21.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 Centre Greene community corn roast (by donation) – 5 to 7 pm.

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Tuesday, September 24

U.S. author and bereaved mother Sandy Fox gives a talk on coping skills for surviving the loss of a loved one. Her two books are *I Have No Intention of Saying Good-bye* and *Creating a New Normal...After the Death of a Child.* Free admission. Selwyn House School (95 Cote St. Antoine Road), 7 pm.

Thursday, September 26

Brenda Shanahan gives a talk on "Bridging the Income Gap.... Tips on Easing Into Full Retirement". She will discuss different phases in post-employment life. Atwater Library (1200 Atwater), 12:30 pm.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Silent Movie Night at the Atwater Library (1200 Atwater) features the 1932 classic by Japanese director Yasujiro Ozu, *I Was Born, But...*, with Jamie Woollard providing accompaniment. Pay what you can. 6:30 pm.

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BACK TO SCHOOL 2013 Dietician recommends healthy options Avoid the back-to-school lunchbox blues

By Marlene Eisner

It's time to dust off those Batman and Hello Kitty lunchboxes – back to school for kids means mums and dads are back to making lunches.

For some parents, that daily meal-in-abox task is easy. But for many others, fussy eaters coupled with maintaining good nutrition can be a frustrating challenge.

Westmount resident and registered dietician Tracy Satov understands some of the hurdles parents face.

Satov is the mother of two boys, ages six and nine, who attend Westmount's Selwyn House. The private boys' school has a dining room where students are served a hot lunch. But that doesn't mean Satov is off the hook preparing lunches.

One son is not fond of the school's menu and has said he won't eat from it. So most days, Satov packs a noontime meal for him, usually something delicious from the night before.

"Our biggest thing is leftovers, which is what other parents can do," said Satov.

"I tell my son I will always give him healthy leftovers, but if we don't have anything left over, I won't just throw anything into a thermos, like spaghetti from a can. I'll give him something cold, like a sandwich, but if for some reason I can't, I say 'eat what's at school."

Satov's philosophy about good daily nutrition is not about perfection.

"Not every meal is going to be perfect," she said.

"There's no way you're going to have everything perfect. There is nothing wrong with having a granola bar or a small juice box [every now and then]. That's the way I see it as a parent and a nutritionist."

To help parents prepare meals their younger children will eat and enjoy, Satov offers up these tips:

• Use cookie cutters to cut out fun shapes

in a sandwich to create perfect, childsized portions.

- Offer a variety of foods, and package them into small, separate containers. Young children especially don't like when food is "smushed" together.
- Water is very important. Provide your child with his or her own water bottle with their name on it.
- Use containers that are BPA free and instead of giving them throwaway plastic knives and forks, provide inexpensive cutlery that can be brought home and washed.
- Cold cuts make a quick, easy meal, so once a week is okay. Choose nitrate-free and low-sodium products.
- Wraps are easy and fun and can have a wide variety of fillings.
- Separate lettuce and tomato from sand-

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Consider offering a variety of foods, and package them into small, separate containers, especially for younger children, so they won't feel overwhelmed.

wiches so they don't get soggy.

- Keep cold and hot items separate, and try to include an ice pack or frozen juice box so food won't spoil.
- Limit processed foods that have high fructose corn syrup, such as sugary drinks, cookies, etc.

The key, said Satov, is to try to include foods a child will eat, in small portions so they won't feel overwhelmed.

"Kids like things to be their own size," said Satov.

"Try mini-pizzas, or whole-wheat tortillas. They don't want a lot of food. I try to include protein and then multiple little snacks — carrots, fruit — lots of colours in different containers."





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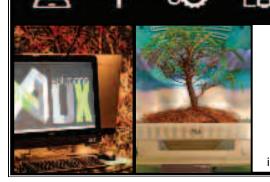
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ed out.

He and Kucer, a lawyer, had argued the design of the building was too massive for the streetscape, contravened the city's own planning guidelines and would generate

risks to their century-old heritagerated house and the general safety of the neighbourhood.

Require monetary guarantee

In reading the reasons for council's dismissal of the appeal, Lulham said the council found the new building met the city's norms for height, volume and setbacks. The developers would be required

"The legitimacy of the decision was undermined by the failure of the city to research the correct legal case." – Geoffrey Dougherty, Metcalfe resident

to post a monetary guarantee of \$750,000 in favour of the city. The city would require strict application of the noise by-laws, and prohibit a trucking route south into

residential neighbourhoods.

The decision, she said, took into account a Superior Court ruling she claimed Kucer had cited to the effect that a city's Planning and Architectural Integration Program (known by its French acronym of PIIA) could not trump zoning regulations. But this caused Kucer to immediately insist from the audience the case to which Lulham referred was the wrong one. In fact, Kucer said, the one that was the point of their argument had been rendered by the Court of Appeal. This had found the PIIA and zoning should, she said, "work



Gerald Glass stands before council to ask about approval of the new building's final design.

together."

"I think it's important that if you're going to be citing the grounds of your decision, the grounds should be based on the arguments made."

"Good point," said Mayor Peter Trent. He also noted the city's Demolition com-

mittee ruling had mentioned the building's massing should be reduced. As a result, the seventhstorey penthouse, had been removed before the appeal hearing.

Another neighbour asked if rejecting the appeal meant the city had approved the design of the new building. Trent said the council's role at this time was simply to say whether or not the Demolition committee ruling was correct. Building plans and permits would be subject to council approval later.

Gerald Glass, who lives immediately adjacent to the concerned site, brought up the same subject at the end of the regular council meeting later that evening, asking if there would be another public meeting on the new building's design. "It will be up to council to make the final decision," Trent stated.



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Dumpster news

Newborns adopted and one left behind



9 Lives Lysanne Fowler

I am so pleased to give you a wonderful update on the young tortoiseshell mother cat and three newborn kittens found in a dumpster at the dump in St. Sophie. Mother is well and kittens are growing beautifully. All three kittens will be going to homes when they are weaned thanks to readers of the Indie who reached out to help. It is heartwarming to see the results of teamwork: a young woman saving them, this newspaper promoting them and kind neighbours adopting them.

Marlène is a very caring person and she

Illegal tree cutting generates \$1,250 ticket

A resident of Montrose was issued a ticket for \$1,250 for cutting down a city tree August 29 at the front of her property without authorization, Public Security officials said. Investigating a complaint from a passer-by about tree-cutting in progress at 12:29 pm, officers arrived to find it gone except for a mound of branches in a pickup truck. When they returned to speak with the resident at 6:28 pm, she was reported to be unaware she was responsible for obtaining a permit.





kept her eyes open for other dumped pets at the landfill. She was watching out and recently saved a beautiful 3-month-old kit-



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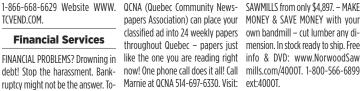
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Station 12 Reports Man assaulted, smart phone stolen

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.

A man, while talking on his cell phone, was walking on de Maisonneuve Blvd. near Westmount Square at around 4:45 pm on August 23 when he was assaulted and the very cell phone he was talking on was stolen, according to Station 12 constable Adalbert Pimentel.

A witness called 911 to report a man chasing after two people, said Pimentel, because the man doing the chasing yelled "call the police" as he ran by. A few mo-





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ments before, said Pimentel, the victim had been walking west on de Maisonneuve talking on his iPhone when he suddenly received a sharp, unexpected blow to the head without warning.

The hit to the head caused the victim to stumble and drop his phone, said Pimentel. A suspect then scooped up the phone and sprinted away. The victim, Pimentel explained, decided to chase the suspects and, as he ran by a person on a bicycle, he told the cyclist to call the police.

The suspects ran near Westmount Square, hopped a barrier and ended up on St. Catherine St. That is where the victim lost sight of the suspects, said Pimentel, who noted the victim was not seriously injured in the incident.

"This is a crime that we see happen more and more," said Pimentel. "It is a crime that we do a campaign on safety. We don't tell people to not use their phones, but, when they do, be aware of your surroundings. Smart phones are being targeted by criminals."

Cell phones are a distraction, said Pimentel, and this is part of the problem. People lose track of their surroundings when using their phones to talk or text, and they get into accidents or the phones are stolen right out of their hands.

Soon, said Pimentel, it will be harder for thieves to make much use of stolen phones. While data is and can still be harvested, companies will now be able to shut down stolen phones for good by banning its international mobile station equipment identity (IMEI) from reactivation.

This, he said, will hopefully help reduce the opportunistic crime of stealing smart phones.



On Westmount's Streets Environmental entrepreneurs



Mt. Stephen Ave. – September 4: a man inspects a blue bag for cans and bottles with a refundable deposit.



September 4: this woman's efforts have been well rewarded as she homes in on four fully laden blue bags.



Strathcona Ave. – September 4: a man has collected a full bag of beer and soft drink cans, and searches for more booty.



Mt. Stephen Ave. – September 4: a well-organized woman has a large collection of cans and bottles in her shopping cart.

Two 'Goldblooms' for Westmount Judy Martin, Kevin Tierney recognized



Judy Martin.

Two Westmounters have been recognized by the Quebec Community Groups Network with Sheila and Victor Goldbloom Distinguished Community Service awards. It is the fifth annual awarding of the honour.

Judy Martin was recognized for her work as a volunteer and professional working at "improving the lives of troubled Englishspeaking youth and all children with muscular dystrophy," according to the group's press release.

Kevin Tierney's work "as a filmmaker, leader, mentor and pioneer," was lauded by Guy Rodgers of the English-Language Arts Network. He is the producer of Bon Cop, Bad Cop, The Trotsky and many other films. Ac-



AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1452

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que le règlement nº 1452 intitulé « Règlement visant à modifier de nouveau le règlement 1300 sur les permis et CERTIFICATS » 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 septembre 2013.

L'objet de ce règlement vise à modifier la section 65 afin de permettre au Bureau des inspections de requérir la soumission d'une stratégie de gestion des eaux pluviales pour des projets spécifiques.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur en date d'aujourd'hui.

Toute personne 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 vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 10 septembre 2013.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION **BY-LAW 1452**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that By-law No. 1452 entitled "BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES BY-LAW 1300" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount during the regular sitting held at City Hall on September 3, 2013.

The object of this by-law is to amend section 65 in order to allow the Board of Inspections to require the submittal of a Storm Water Management Strategy for specific projects.

This by-law comes into force today.

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

GIVEN at Westmount, this 10th day of September, 2013.

Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza Greffière de la Ville/ City Clerk cording to the press release, he "has contributed immeasurably to breaking down stereotypes and fostering a better understanding between anglophones and francophones."

"I am surprised and deeply honoured," Tierney told the Independent. "It is very complimentary to be included [among the ranks of other recipients]."

The jury consisted of Westmounter Joan Ivory, John Parisella, Gemma Raeburn-Baynes, Aline Visser, and Father John Walsh. The awards will be presented at Montreal's St. James Club on Thursday, October 17.

Magdalen Islander Robina Goodwin was the third recipient of a Goldbloom this year.

> Ville de Westmount **City of Westmount**



Kevin Tierney.

Photo: Independen

AVIS D'ADOPTION

RÈGLEMENT 1453

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que le règlement nº 1453 intitulé « Règlement visant à modifier de nouveau le règlement 1303 concernant le zonage - TERRASSE ANTIDÉRAPANTE » 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 septembre 2013.

L'objet de ce règlement vise à modifier la section 6.1.5 afin de réduire la surface de la terrasse antidérapante obligatoire autour d'une piscine privée, afin de prévoir plus de verdure et de percolation dans les cours arrière.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur en date d'aujourd'hui.

Toute personne 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 vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION **BY-LAW 1453**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that By-law No. 1453 entitled "BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 1303 -NON-SKID DECK" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount during the regular sitting held at City Hall on September 3, 2013.

The object of this by-law is to modify section 6.1.5 in order to reduce the area of the mandatory non-skid deck around a private swimming pool to allow more greenery and more percolation in rear yards.

This by-law comes into force today.

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

GIVEN at Westmount, this 10th day of September, 2013.

Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza Greffière de la Ville/ City Clerk

Greta's dream closet



Colourfully Yours in Design Greta Von Schmedlapp, muse to Aurélien Guillory

Hello my dears. It is time for true confessions. Dear design friends/fiends:I must tell you that it is true that old adage that the shoemaker's children have neglected shoes.

I have always helped Aurel's clients with a womanly viewpoint when he is asked to design the master bedroom closets. I always insist that well thought-out closets are not a luxury. A good closet allows dressing stress-free in the morning's rush to work and helps find the best, most inventive combinations of clothes for those special dinners, concerts and outings with friends.

First, please measure your closets and see if there is a way to borrow a few feet from an adjacent room or hall. Aurel is obsessive about always measuring first – and I agree.

Don't believe the hype

Do not believe the sales people at the condo office with their drawing of the space. We have discovered a difference of over 100 square feet several times when we have measured on-site for Aurel's clients. Once, when he was moving a

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AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1455

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que le règlement n° 1455 intitulé « *Règlement visant à Modifier le règlement de Plomberie 1368* » 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 septembre 2013.

L'objet de ce règlement vise à préciser qu'un branchement d'égout combiné ne doit pas être installé dans une nouvelle construction, conformément au Code national de la plomberie qui exige des tuyaux séparés pour l'évacuation sanitaire et des eaux pluviales.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur en date d'aujourd'hui.

Toute personne peut consulter ce règlement sur le site Web de la Ville, <u>www.westmount.org</u>, et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffe situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 10 septembre 2013.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1455

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that By-law No. 1455 entitled "BY-LAW TO AMEND PLUMBING BY-LAW 1368" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount during the regular sitting held at City Hall on September 3, 2013.

The object of this by-law is to require that a combined building drain shall not be installed in a new construction, as per the National Plumbing Code that requires separate sanitary and storm water drains.

This by-law comes into force today.

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

GIVEN at Westmount, this 10th day of September, 2013.

Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza Greffière de la Ville/ City Clerk client from Roslyn to Westmount Square, he discovered a surprise 8" x 12" plumbing box right where the husband's chest of drawers was planned!

The "standard" floor plan for that shape of apartment did not have that floor-to-ceiling box. We visited others of the same size on other floors – and no box. So, that was a big disappointment and resulted in completely re-planning the bedroom to accommodate his chest.

Another client in Outremont bought top quality closet fitments for the children's and guest bedrooms from California Closets and had his nephew sweat over assembling Ikea closet fitments for their master suite. The drawers rattled and did not fully open. After a year, they were recycled, as his wife hated the noisy drawers.

Editing is the most difficult thing to do when designing your spaces – even more so with closets. As they all say, after two years of neglect, find a new home for those clothes and accessories no longer giving you a thrill. Recycle or give or sell them to the many *fripperies* here. You will increase the energy in your space and help others, who *continued on p. 37*



AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1454

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que le règlement n° 1454 intitulé « *Règlement visant à modifier de nouveau le règlement 1305 sur les plans d'IMPLANTATION ET d'INTÉGRATION ARCHITECTURALE* » 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 septembre 2013.

L'objet de ce règlement vise à modifier la directive 6.8.1 afin d'exiger la soumission d'une stratégie de gestion des eaux pluviales pour les nouvelles constructions, les ajouts majeurs de 40 m² ou plus, et tous les projets d'aménagement paysager de 92,9 m² ou plus, de même que pour tout projet où le ratio de surface dure *versus* le couvre-sol mou est augmenté.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur en date d'aujourd'hui.

Toute personne peut consulter ce règlement sur le site Web de la Ville, <u>www.westmount.org</u>, et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffe situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 10 septembre 2013.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1454

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that By-law No. 1454 entitled "BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 1305 ON SITE PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMMES" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount during the regular sitting held at City Hall on September 3, 2013.

The object of this by-law is to amend Guideline 6.8.1 to require that a storm water management strategy be submitted for new construction, major additions of 40 sq. m. or more and all landscaping projects of 92.9 sq. m. or more, as for any projects where the ratio of hard vs. soft surface is increased.

This by-law comes into force today.

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

GIVEN at Westmount, this 10th day of September, 2013.

Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza Greffière de la Ville/ City Clerk

Singer Jennifer Holliday adds some Hope



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond Veronica Redgrave

Westmount philanthropists Linda Smith (there with husband Terry) and Vivian Stotland (with Howard) co-sponsored a magical evening June 11 to raise funds for Hope & Cope. Linda tracked down

Broadway star and Tony award-winning actress from Dream Girls, Jennifer Holliday, who made a special singing appearance in Vivian's spacious home.

Co-chairs were elegant in black leather. The evening was sold out and standing room only in spite of the inclement downpour. Thankfully Bob Perras' valet team was uber-efficient, and couture-clad gals stayed dry.

Sponsors included Westmounters Barry Pascal and Hanya Wiseman - who home-baked the dangerously delicious after-concert desserts – as well as Francine and Robbie Wiseman. Moshie Shivack of Stoke's, David's Tea and Sandra's VIP Olive Oil, presented in a vintage-style

bottle.

Westmount residents enjoying the Java U-catered cocktail included Andrew Hops, Therese Brownstein (fashionable in



Suzanne O'Brien, Vivian Stotland, Linda Smith, Nancy Wiseman and Lillian Vineberg.



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Fendi), Frank and Rosemary Niro, Sheila and Bobby Garfield, gallerists Jacques and Helen Bellefeuille (in a pretty pastel Louis Vuitton silk shawl), Heather and Joseph Paperman, Bill and Dana Bell (Chanel-clad in black and pearls), Laurie Samuelson (in black lace), Lori Shiller, and Richard and jewellery designer Gloria Bass, wearing one of her own creations - a Tahitian pearl



Jennifer Holliday.



Sascha Smith and Therese Brownstein.



LesLee Gelber, Barry Pascal, and Dana and Bill Bell.

necklace.

Applauding Holliday were gallerists Mark and Louise Leibner (in a Matisse-Yves-Klein-blue dress), Sascha Smith, Janet and Jeff Soloman, Anna and John Broccolini, LesLee Gelber, Francine and Robbie Wiseman, designer Steve Shadowitz and Earl Veinish, Joy and Jeff Boltz, Cheryl Besner Cohen (colourfully bright in a long gown), and Howie Greenspoon.

Also seen were Hope & Cope's director Suzanne O'Brien, president Lillian Vineberg, and vice president Nancy Wiseman (lovely in white lace) there with her husband David.

Jack Russell found

Public safety officers took a lost Jack Russell terrier to the SPCA August 30 after no one claimed it. The little dog had been dropped off at the Stanton St. station at 8 am by someone reporting to have found it, though it was not known where.

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Temple turns 130 in style



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

Veronica Redgrave

On a perfect June night, Westmount's Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom hosted a private viewing of *Dale Chihuly: A Master of Contemporary Glass* at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts.

The fundraiser was held in celebration of the temple's 130th anniversary since its founding. Guests enjoyed a delightful dînatoire, catered by Java U, and delicious desserts, as they shared their excitement about the colourful exhibition.

The evening also included a silent auction of *objets d'art* including a book autographed by Chihuly, and glass jewellery modeled by lovely Westmounters Lisa Reitman, Jessica Berger, Jennifer Anckorn, Lauren Alcorn and Katherine Berger.

A neighbour of the temple, Westmount's Galerie de Bellefeuille, which represents Chilhuly in Montreal, donated to the event. Stylishly dressed women, many wearing summer frocks, admired Chi-



Sarah Rubin and Julia Reitman.





Paul and Jewel Lowenstein.

Senior rabbi Lisa Gruschow and her daughter Ariella.

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The boutique is equipped with 8 makeup stations, various lines of makeup, and skin care catering to

all ages and lifestyles, men included. It offers makeup applications, private makeup lessons, and even a school for professional makeup artists. They continue to offer their makeup services at home or on location as well.

Other services available are hair styling by request, brow shaping, threading, lash tinting and perming, eyebrow tinting, manicures, spray tanning.

Annie is especially excited to be able to offer personal facial treatments and skin care. 'We are seeing beautiful results on our clients who are having facial treatments before a big event, or even just as a 'pick me up''.

The boutique is filled with makeup bags and tools of the trade, clutches and jewelry and selective accessories and gift items.

"We are really excited to be in the neighborhood, there is so much going on with great boutiques and hair stylists all around us."



The Sun by Dale Chihuly

huly's massive yellow and orange glass site-specific sculpture, The Sun, which sits in all its glory outside the museum's front steps. Committee chair **Jewel Lowenstein**, attending with her husband **Paul**, was Parisian chic in a black cocktail dress.

Westmounters noted included the temple's senior rabbi, Lisa Gruschow, and her daughter Ariella, Rabbi Emeritus Leigh Lerner and his wife Loren Lerner, Julia and Stephen Reitman, Sarah Rubin, Martha and Mark Oppenheim, Rona and Bob Davis, Nancy and Stephen Engels, Felicity Blatt, Sally Yaffe, Heather and Joseph Paperman, Ruth Nadler, Lila and Herby Paperman, Leslie Alcorn, Joelle and Bruce Kent, Erna and Arnold Ludwick with their daughter-in-law Erika Ludwick, Nancy Maklan and Martin Smith, Stella Samuels with her daughter Kayla, Suanne and Michael Ray, and Karys and Barry Marcus.

Also seen were Rona Davis, Sheila and Victor Goldbloom, Vivian and Brian Grant, Nancy Engels, Marilyn Green, Susan Greenberg, Denise Grossman, Sandy Martz, Jane Adams Rothstein, Nancy Strohl, Lillian Vineberg, Lynn Waxman, Elaine Paperman Woolner and Sally Yaffe.

The enchanting evening supported the temple's learning and interfaith outreach initiatives.

Colourfully Yours, cont'd. from p. 33

might find treasures in your trash.

Fantasies

Do allow yourself to indulge in your fantasies, though. After all, it's your space! Make it support your lifestyle and reduce your stresses.

So, I will tell you that I managed to remove the back wall of my guest bedroom closet and turn it into more space for my closet. I made this happen by measuring. I wish that the genius space planner Tracy Shadley was still in town. But I did shop around and found a fresh new space planner almost equally talented.

As I wanted drama and sparkle, we

came up with the idea of having all the walls and shelving white, but we covered the ceiling with glossy black, put vinyl wallpaper on the ceiling, and changed the ceiling light to a crystal chandelier. That resulted in a super mirror reflection on the ceiling also adding more light. All the knobs were changed to crystal, and we hung a big silver-framed mirror on the back of the door. I managed to have an old ottoman re-upholstered in black vinyl and had interior storage made with a flip-top cushion. What comfortable luxury. I feel so happy every time I walk in.

Bye for now,

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New owner has site for rent Former post office's future constrained by zoning laws

By Stephanie O'Hanley

The site of the former "Victoria" post office has undoubtedly been sold, but details about its present and future remain vague.

On July 19, the one-storey building, located at 4895 Sherbrooke St., sold for \$2,350,000. Built in 1970, the building sits on 325 square metres of land at the corner of Sherbrooke St. and Prince Albert.

Information about the number of bidders and whether there was a minimum bid is not available. Canada Post handles real estate transactions through the CB Richard Ellis Limited (CBRE) brokerage firm, said Canada Post spokesperson John Caines, adding that Canada Post doesn't divulge details of such transactions. "I can tell you the property was advertised and we received several interested buyers."

Information about the building's new owner, 7815883 Canada Inc., is also hard to come by. Opencorporates, an online database, lists Westmounter Danny Lavy and Stephen Shiller as the company's directors.

According to a report published in March in the *Journal de Montréal*, Shiller is one of the sons featured with their father, David Shiller, in the Au Bon Marché ads that aired on Montreal television in the 1980s. Together with his brother, Richard, and other business partners, Stephen currently owns some 98 buildings in Montreal at a total value of \$128 million, the *Journal* reported.

In addition to being listed as a company director, Danny Lavy has been in the news as the owner of the currently defunct Laurier BBQ restaurant, developed in partnership with British chef Gordon Ramsay.



Last year Ramsay filed a \$2.7-million lawsuit in Quebec Superior Court against Lavy and Laurier BBQ, accusing Lavy and his business partners of damaging Ramsay's reputation. Lavy is also suing Ramsay.

As for the former post office building's future, neither Shiller nor Lavy could be reached for comment. But the CBRE's website lists a 2,500-square foot retail space at 4895 Sherbrooke as available for lease at a "negotiable" rent.

Westmount's zoning

Joanne Poirier, director of Urban Planning for the city of Westmount said no plans have been deposited for the building, designated a Category 2 building under Westmount's zoning laws. If the owner wishes to develop the property with the help of an architect, there is potential to add a second storey, but the maximum height is 30 feet, Poirier said.

"The owner has to follow rules as expressed in the zoning by-law," Poirier said, adding the owner would have a small footprint in terms of what they could do since they have to respect zoning laws concerning building lines and setbacks.



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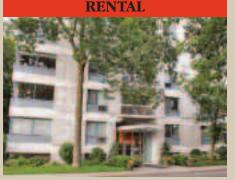
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