

**Public consultation
meeting set for Nov. 18**

Big zoning changes proposed for Greene, St. Catherine district

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A major rezoning of the southeast commercial sector was unveiled November 3 at the city council meeting to rejuvenate retail activity and encourage new business development. The proposal follows months of zoning freezes and a revamping of the *continued on p. 4*

Remembrance Day observed



An RMR cadet stands in silence at the corner of the cenotaph during Westmount's Remembrance ceremony November 9. For stories, see p. 12, 16, 17, 18.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

**School to donate \$1
million to WRC campaign**

City rents ice time to Selwyn for \$65,000+ this season

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council approved a 25-year agreement November 3 to rent ice time at the Westmount recreation centre (WRC) to Selwyn House amounting to an invoice for this season of some \$65,650 before tax.

At the same time, the private boys' school will make good on a pledge to donate \$1 million to the WRC's \$6-million fundraising campaign, Mayor Peter Trent announced. This amount is understood to be payable over five years.

Terms of the ice-use agreement call for a rate *continued on p. 21*



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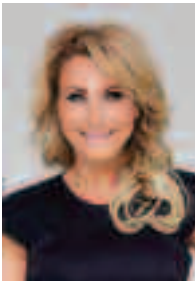
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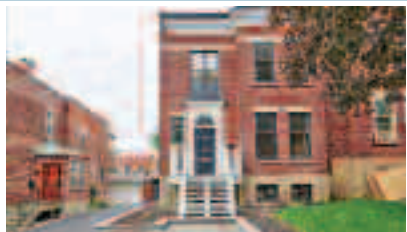
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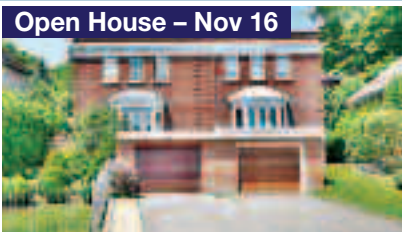
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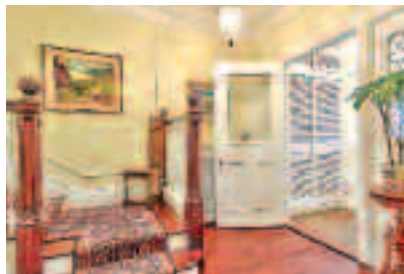
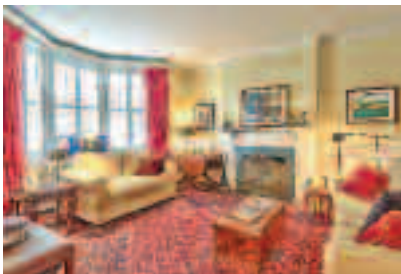
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Artisans' festival marks its sweet 16



The Westmount Artisans' Festival celebrated a sweet sixteenth anniversary on November 8 and 9 with 36 participants taking part in the show, held annually at Victoria Hall. The price of admission was a voluntary donation of \$2 or a non-perishable food item for the Westmount Public Security department's annual drive for Christmas baskets. Six Westmounters were among those who displayed their creations: from left, Amy Felske, Chris Bagnall, Arlene Lund, Wendy Hayden, Barbara Covington and Flora-Lee Wagner, the festival's organizer, who started it with the late Ilyse Segal.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

3 noisy parties checked out during Halloween weekend

Complaints of noisy parties over the weekend on and after Halloween started with one on October 31 at 11:15 pm, Public Security officials said. Officers were called to the home on St. Catherine near Irvine where they could hear loud music. The young host was asked to close a balcony door, and all was reported in order.

A resident of Church Hill called Public Security at 12:40 am November 2 for loud music coming from a house on Côte St. Antoine. When patrollers checked out the complaint, no music could be heard from the front of the house but the host was is-

sued a verbal warning, and no further ones were reported. The event was described as an adult Halloween party involving *karaoke*.

A complaint was generated around the same time by a party on Dorchester near Greene, officials said. On the first complaint at 12:09 am, the host was asked to tone down music as well as the voices of some 30 guests. When patrollers were called back almost two hours later, they found police already on the scene, and the matter was left in their hands. – LS

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Centre Greene is hosting its annual Treats & Treasures craft sale and bazaar from 10 am to 3:30 pm. The bazaar is to include over 30 artisans displaying their work, as well as baked goods, raffle, light lunch and the Empty Bowls Project. Free. Proceeds are to go to supporting Centre Greene's community programs. 1090 Greene Ave.
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“planning vision” for the area.

Highlights involve limiting new street-level occupancies to retail or service-store use along Greene and St. Catherine, and “upzoning” the south side of St. Catherine from just west of Gladstone east to Atwater from four to seven storeys, rising up to 10 at the corner across from Alexis Nihon.

The changes aim to “bring new energy” to the area and ensure its prevailing commercial use, Councillor Theodora Samiotis said in announcing the draft by-law.

Other highlights include the commercialization by offices on both sides of Sher-

brooke (Greene to Wood) and allowing restaurant use at the original Scotiabank building at the southwest corner of Greene and Sherbrooke. It now lies vacant after the departure of Lululemon.

A public consultation meeting to explain the proposed rezoning by-law is planned for Tuesday, November 18 at 7 pm at city hall.

The owners of affected buildings were to be sent letters at the end of last week inviting them to the meeting, Samiotis said.

A total of 16 zones are affected by the changes in usage and/or height (see map, p. 5). These are along St. Catherine be-

tween Clarke and Atwater, on Greene between Sherbrooke and St. Catherine, and on Sherbrooke between Greene and Wood.

Not subject to referendum

The proposed zoning changes – exceptionally – are not subject to a referendum, according to Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier.

This is because they are contained in a “concordance” or “harmonizing” by-law to bring the zoning “into agreement” with the city’s updated planning program adopted September 2. This is the last phase in the evolution of updating the master plan or “vision” for the southeast sector.

The zones have been under a freeze imposed initially March 17 as an “interim control” measure to prohibit the conversion of commercial occupancies into resi-

dential (see story March 25, p. 1). The freeze continues until the proposed by-law is approved.

Tupper lot still being studied

One untouched zone still under consideration as part of the city’s planning program for the sector is the Tupper parking lot, which will “come later,” Samiotis told the *Independent*.

Tables of permitted building types and uses are modified in the following zones: C5-21-07, C1-24-01, C1-24-02, C10-24-06, C15-24-07, C7-24-09, C11-24-10, C5-24-11, C5-24-12, C5-24-13, C5-24-14, C14-31-01, C8-31-02, C9-31-03, C16-31-04 and R9-24-03.

Tables of physical and spatial provisions regulating heights, masses and other elements are modified as well for zones C7-24-09, C1-24-01, C1-24-02, C5-21-07 and R9-24-03.

Comparative tables outlining existing and proposed usages and/or spatial elements are expected to be posted on the city website this week.

See also “Westmount Square zoning to remain intact,” p. 11.

Haunted house brings in \$600 for Leucan

Some \$600 was raised at Public Security’s haunted house October 31, Councillor Philip Cutler reported at the council meeting November 3. The voluntary donations came from an estimated 1,500 visitors to the annual attraction, organizers said. This year’s theme was “Alice in Horrorland” (see October 21, p. 1).



Councillor Theodora Samiotis tables the rezoning “concordance” by-law during the city council meeting November 3.



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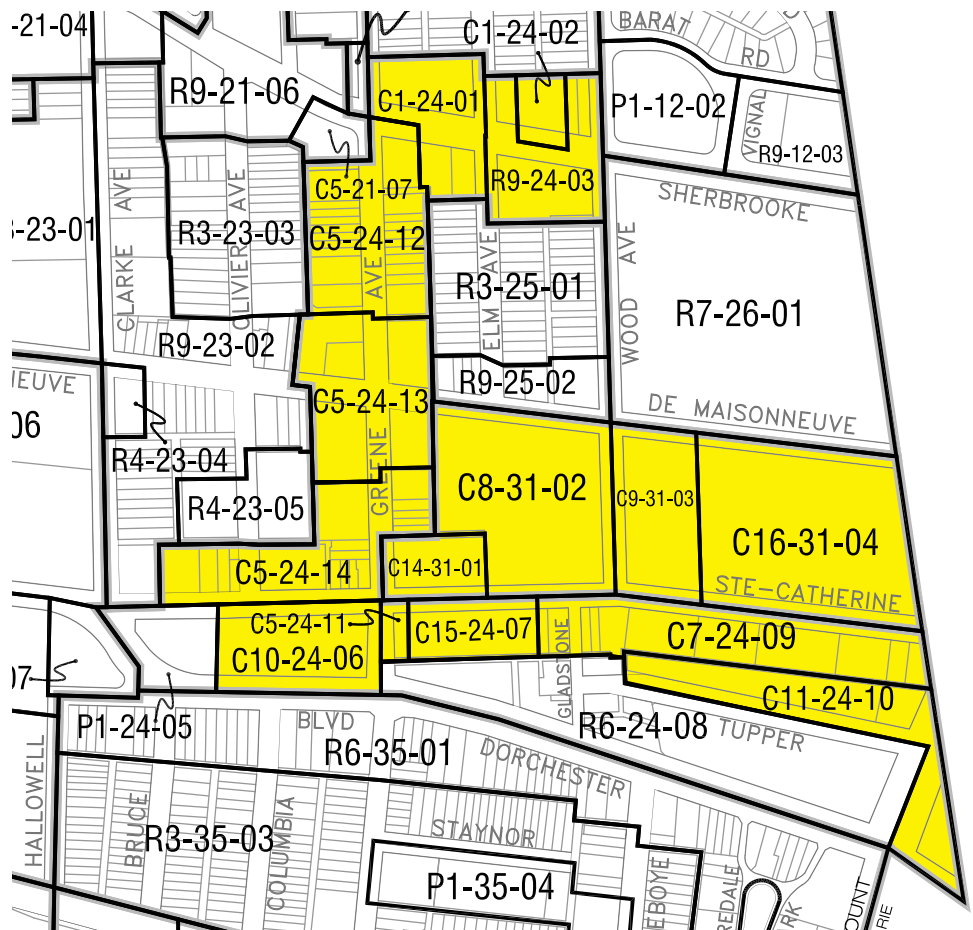


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SNIFFER SQUIRRELS THE SOLUTION TO RATS PROBLEM?

In response to my letter concerning the proliferation of rats in lower Westmount, (“WRC not cause of rats,” October 28, p. 6) the mayor, instead of dealing directly with the thrust of my argument, that the source of the so-called “infestation” is not well defined, chose to frame it in terms of an attack on the WRC when in fact that was only an example of excavation projects generating vibrational migratory stress on rodent populations. I also cited the MUHC. Other infrastructure works (sewers, retention basin and the Turcot) could also be factors.

The real puzzle, however, is why, if the problem is so overwhelming and so long-standing, there appears to be no real plan by the city to deal with it. Going to the media and denigrating lower Westmount is not a plan. Nor is it clear what the real motive of this ongoing publicity blitz is, although certainly there must be one.

Potential solutions can only be determined once a problem and its cause have been documented through facts and empirical evidence, not anecdotal accounts of random sightings. Where is that process?

Relying on a peanut bogeyman theory that is implausible and impractical actually thwarts the finding of a real solution. If in fact the infestation is so massive and pervasive, will the city be offering all those in lower Westmount free extermination services or only certain residents?

In the absence of any credible plan, and if the city insists on the bogeyman theory, how about this: Place a peanut embargo on Westmount. Use some sniffer squirrels at the border. Apparently they’ll work for, well, peanuts.

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Ten-year-old Grayson Csik of Thornhill Ave. studies the cenotaph in Westmount on November 2, “an important reminder of all those fallen Canadian soldiers,” said his mother Suzanne Csik.

Photo courtesy of Suzanne Csik.

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In the photo above, Thornhill Ave. resident and Priory School student, Grayson Csik, age 10, studies an important re-

minder of those fallen soldiers and veterans who have served so that he may enjoy the privileges of being Canadian.

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Correction

The spelling of the name of the owner of Brioche Dorée in “Petition of 250 asks for greater parking leniency on Greene,” (November 4, p. 1) should have been Lily Venezia Koutsos.

71 new trees to be planted this fall

City to cut down 22 'dying' cottonwoods at WAG



The row of 22 cottonwoods to be cut down at the Westmount Athletic Grounds extends from Hallowell Ave., at left, behind the tennis courts along the railway tracks to Hillside. While the trees are mixed in with a variety of others, the greatest concentration of cottonwoods is behind the tennis courts.

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council November 3 approved the removal of 22 eastern cottonwood trees at the Westmount Athletic Grounds. The trees are located along the railway tracks at the south end of the park.

The trees are dead or dying and pose a danger, explained Councillor Patrick Martin, commissioner of Public Works, who moved that the contract be awarded to Arbo-Design. The tender bid includes the cutting and disposal of the trees at a total cost to the city of \$48,744 after tax credits.

The contractor was the only bidder. Three others asked to quote did not and were listed as being "unable" to at this time of year.

There is no plan at present to remove the cottonwood stumps or consider re-

placement trees in this area since the narrow strip of land between the courts and tracks is reportedly too tight to provide sufficient work space. "There will be some kind of green screen," said Jayme Gerbrandt, city horticulture and arboriculture inspector.

New trees

A total of 71 trees are to be planted this fall as part of the city's tree-planting program for streets and other public places, Martin said.

Zalzal also said the new trees of mixed varieties would be planted this fall as usual "to ensure we keep our tree canopy" after the normal removal of trees that become dangerous.

Hydro worker, PSOs catch thief from super-hospital at 1:20 am

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A night operator at Hydro Westmount was driving down Glen Rd. October 30 when he spotted a man walking north carrying a large roll of electrical wire on his shoulder, Public Security officials said.

Receiving the information at 1:20 am and guided by a city security camera, public safety officers stopped the man on the west side as he approached the tunnel. When he was discovered in possession of heavy wire cutters and an Exacto knife, he was detained for police.

Once the video was verified and no image had been caught of the wire being stolen from Hydro Westmount as suspected given the utility's location on Glen Rd., the man subsequently admitted to taking it from the site of the MUHC super-hospital. He was detained by police.

Aged 30 to 35 years, he was reported to have been charged with theft, said Public Security director Greg McBain.

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30 new parking spots expected to open up on Olivier

Planned to generate activity on Greene



Greene Ave. merchant Glenn Neven asks council November 3 for east-side parking on Olivier.

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Some 30 parking spots are expected to be opened up on the east side of Olivier next spring to help attract more shoppers to Greene Ave., it was revealed at the city council meeting November 3.

A request to allow parking on the east side was raised during question period by Glenn Neven, managing director of Birkenstock Naturino shoes and vice president of the Greene Ave. Merchants' Association. This east-side parking had been allowed last year during construction work.

Neven cited a lack of parking as one of the reasons for what he calls "a steady decline" of interest in the street.

In reply, Councillor Cynthia Lulham said the city's Transportation Advisory Committee had identified 30 spots on the east side, which could help "generate activity" on Greene but which would not be available over winter months when one side of residential streets are kept open for snow removal. This is December through March.

"It's in the works for the spring," Councillor Theodora Samiotis later said of the plan for Olivier. "The Traffic committee has been discussing it but it hasn't been announced, and council needs to approve it first."

Neven said his parking solution for Greene would provide two free hours from 10 am to 6 pm. Meters also needed to be changed in line with those in Montreal, and he suggested they could offer 30 minutes of free parking before the regular rate would kick in.

"Commercial properties pay a third of Westmount's taxes, thus making it very crucial that the city finds a solution to help commercial and retail thrive," he added. Neven had participated in a walk-about on Greene Ave. with Samiotis October 14 to assess the street's situation (see story October 28, p. 5).

Peter Starr, president of the Westmount Municipal Association later voiced similar concerns as Neven about retail being "in bad shape" in both the Greene and Victoria village districts.

He also asked the city *continued on p. 21*

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10 year-olds take their case for skate park to council

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A pair of the youngest questioners in recent memory stepped up to the mic at the city council meeting November 3 to ask for a skate park.

Owen Frankel and Bobby Emblem, both 10-year-old Westmount residents at Roslyn School, performed like “pros” as they took turns describing how much “teen” and “kid” skateboarders would like a place to practice their skills rather than on the street or sidewalk.

They then presented a petition of some

30 names along with a photo of a proposed location in King George (Murray) Park behind the wading pool.

There had been other requests for a skate park, explained Councillor Rosalind Davis, commissioner of Sports and Recreation. The challenge was finding a spot that would not disturb residents. “We’ll take it into consideration,” she told them.

The boys, who play soccer and hockey and swim for the YMCA Barracudas, handed over their information to assistant director Mike Deegan.



Bobby Emblem, at the mic at left, and Owen Frankel, presented their case for a skate park at the city council meeting November 3.

Trip to dentist ends with smoking car

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A driver who tried to deodorize the interior of his car ended up getting more than he bargained for November 4, according to Public Security reports.

The man had driven to Westmount from Rawdon for a dentist appointment when he parked the car on Grove Park with incense burning inside. On his return to the car, he found firefighters and public safety officers on the scene as well as an odour of burning plastic from the car’s console, where the incense had been

left burning, as well as from a pair of sunglasses that had started melting.

Smoke had been seen issuing from the car by a nearby resident who called Public Security at 12:22 pm, Public Security officials said in relating the incident. A patroller discovered “a foul odour” of the burning plastic and called for firefighters who opened the car doors and discovered the cause of the smoke.

Little other damage was reported to the Hyundai, and the cause of the original odour was not reported.



Smoke issues from car on Grove Park November 4. A resident who was walking her dog Ursa said the dog “suddenly turned to me in an odd manner, sniffed the air and stopped in her tracks,” she reported. The resident then smelled the smoke and noticed the “parked car we had just walked by was filling up with smoke.” She called Public Security. Ursa “got an extra treat when we got home,” she said.

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Drinking, fighting plague St. Catherine St. merchants

BY ROBERT J. GALBRAITH

A stretch of St. Catherine St. just west of Atwater has left some local merchants feeling discouraged about the state of the neighbourhood. The street smells like alcohol, spilled beer stains the concrete, shards of broken beer bottles form mosaics on the sidewalk, ground-in cigarette butts make a carpet. People drinking in public line the street, sitting on curbs and tucking large bottles of strong beer into their jackets, while others drink out of bottles snuggled into brown bags as they sit on the sidewalk or in shop entranceways. Passers-by tend to hustle past and seem to not want to make eye contact. On the afternoon of October 21, police cars cruised by, and officers seemed to shift their glance to the road ahead.

Several businesses in this area are having a difficult time, they say, and there is uncertainty over what their future holds. But “the problem is right now,” says André Gilbert, owner of Karaté André Gilbert, located on St. Catherine St., just west of Atwater. “There are too many people out front, most of the time in numbers of 10 to 12. They drink and fight, and so we call the police. Every day we call the police or Public Security. But we have to push every time to get them here – the police are so used to it happening.”

Gilbert says his 30-year-old business is taking a major financial hit because of the

public drunkenness that he says drives away potential clients. “The clientele is afraid of coming here, and we have been losing clients and business. It is so bad that for the last three years we have had a problem paying our taxes. This year we lost about 25 students out of a total of 150. That’s a huge lose for a business this size.”

Some customers don’t come back

Gilbert says that many potential students come to register for courses but when they pass the corner of Atwater and St. Catherine they don’t come back.

Three businesses that the *Independent* spoke to point their finger to the Dépanneur 7 Jours as being the catalyst for the public drinking pervading the strip. The dépanneur has what has seemed like a non-stop line-up of clientele waiting to buy beer. On one day, a group was seen drinking together. Some were seen sitting on the sidewalk drinking beer, then going into the dépanneur to make purchases.

“The city either has to move the crowd or move the dépanneur,” says Gilbert. “We have to do something. This is not supposed to be happening in a beautiful city like Westmount.”

Kevin Fung, a manager at Imadake, a Japanese-style pub, located at 4006 St. Catherine, has lost patience. “We pay a lot of taxes in Westmount, so we should be given the opportunity to earn a living,” he says. “I’ve been here for four years. At that



A public safety officer is seen dumping out a can of beer that was being consumed on St. Catherine St. near west of Atwater October 21.



A view of the south side of St. Catherine St. near the corner of Atwater on October 21. The owner of the karate school, top left, says public drinking is affecting his business. To the west, Dépanneur 7 Jours says it sells beer to customers who want it but “refuses them when they are too drunk.”

time I could tolerate the problem as it was smaller groups of, say, three to four. Now there are large groups of a dozen all the time, and they are more violent – not as much to people passing by – but mainly amongst themselves. Now I don’t put up with it. I just call the police, sometimes five times a day.”

Fung says that web reviews of the restaurant frequently include comments about the area being very sketchy. “We have seen a loss of about 15 to 20 percent of our business, [compared] to what it was

a few years ago before the crowds started showing up. It’s like they have written off this area, to leave us to our own devices.”

“They have a right to buy our beer; we have to serve them,” says Dépanneur 7 Jours employee Yan Yu. “We always refuse them if they are too drunk. Every day we refuse them.”

Yu said that the root of the problem with this area of Westmount is due to homelessness. “The main problem is homelessness. It’s a society problem. Every country has the same thing.”

Station 12 holds public consultation November 3

Police hear complaints on itinerant issues

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

A public consultation held at Victoria Hall by the Montreal police from Station 12 on November 3 provided some residents with an opportunity to voice concerns on security issues, including a reported rise in the number of disturbances by itinerants drifting from downtown into Westmount.

An influx of homeless people into the area west of Atwater is being partly attributed to the closing of Cabot Square just east of the Westmount border in July for refurbishing. The square was for many years a favourite gathering place for itinerants.

“I don’t feel safe in our sector at all,” said Scott Jones, who has lived on Dorchester Blvd. between Clandeboye and Atwater for more than 10 years, at the start of a roundtable focus-group discussion conducted by Lt. Jacques Meunier of the Montreal police. Meunier led one of two focus groups. The other group, according to its coordinator Cst. Stéphane Laperrière, raised similar issues. A total of about seven people participated.

While Jones said his family’s first eight years in the area were fine, he added that in the last two years things have seriously deteriorated and there are now noisy outbursts and drug dealing. He said prostitutes are increasingly seen and squatters sometimes camp out on private property. On a brighter note, the incidents are expected to become fewer with the onset of winter.

“I think the biggest concern for us is the increase in violence in our area,” said Jones, pointing out that such incidents typically involve fights. But he said his 82-year-old mother-in-law no longer feels secure crossing Dorchester at Atwater because vagrants standing near the corner during the day outside the Open Door outreach centre often block the sidewalk.

Jones’s wife, Shanly Dixon, a social services professional, said she feels torn between wanting to acknowledge the desperate needs of the marginal individuals who are increasingly drifting into the neighbourhood and ensuring the security of her family and household.

“I moved in knowing the Open Door was there, and I’m very supportive of the Open Door and its mission,” she said. However, according to Dixon, conditions have deteriorated so much that many residents are looking to sell and leave the area. She claimed that the Open Door, which has operated in St. Stephen’s Anglican Church for the past 26 years, can’t cope with an increase in clients.

Caleb Clark, the Open Door’s director, said in a November 5 interview with the *Independent* that in the last two years, homelessness in Montreal has significantly gone up and the number of people served by the Open Door has risen correspondingly. But beyond dealing case by case with more aggressive individuals who sometimes turn up, he had no immediate suggestions for improving security.

While Clark acknowledged meeting re-

cently with city of Westmount officials to discuss the issues, he said there has never been any question of the Open Door moving. He said serious social problems in the area would persist, although the Open Door wouldn’t be there to address them. He also stood by the fact that the Open Door operates from inside a church as an essential component of the Open Door’s mission.

Police break up street fight at Atwater

A Public Security patroller reported coming across a street fight October 30 at 9:45 pm at the corner of Atwater and St. Catherine. A group of about 10 to 15 people were involved including a motorist who had left his car in such a way as to “completely block traffic,” Public Security officials said. Another person was seen trying to attack someone with a broken beer bottle. The incident was left in the hands of police.



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AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1472

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que le règlement n° 1472 intitulé « *RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1315 SUR LA DÉLÉGATION DE POUVOIRS À CERTAINS FONCTIONNAIRES DE LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT* » 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 novembre 2014.

Ce règlement a pour objet :

- de réviser la délégation de pouvoirs à certains fonctionnaires compte tenu de la mise en œuvre du nouveau système financier UniCité; et
- d’établir la délégation de pouvoirs compte tenu des nouveaux postes créés depuis les dernières modifications au Règlement 1315.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur conformément à la loi.

Toute personne peut consulter ce règlement 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 1472

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that By-law No. 1472 entitled “*BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 1315 ON THE DELEGATION OF POWERS TO CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT*” was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount during its regular sitting held at City Hall on November 3, 2014.

The object of this by-law is:

- to update the delegation of powers to certain employees in accordance with the implementation of the new financial system UniCité; and
- to determine the delegation of powers in accordance with new positions created since the last amendments to By-law 1315.

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

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

GIVEN at Westmount, this 11th day of November, 2014.

Me Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza
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From left, Lt. Jacques Meunier and Sgt. Anick Chénard of the Montreal police, and focus group participants Scott Jones, Shanly Dixon and Roberta Capelovitch, November 3 in Victoria Hall.

Police tactical squad provides extra security

RMR’s ‘Freedom of the City’ renewed at cenotaph service



During the service, this police car made one of many U-turns on Sherbrooke as it patrolled in front of the assembled at the cenotaph. A Groupe d’Intervention officer stands at the ready in the middle of the street.

Photo: Laureen Sweeney

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The Royal Montreal Regiment (RMR) was granted reaffirmation of its “Freedom of the City” status outside Westmount city hall November 9, in honour of its 100th anniversary.

As citizens waited at the nearby cenotaph for the Remembrance Day service, the RMR’s ceremonial right to march through the city “with bayonets fixed, colours flying and bands playing” was renewed by Mayor Peter Trent. It was originally bestowed in 1954.

As a higher than usual presence of Montreal police, including the tactical squad, closed and patrolled Sherbrooke, the RMR’s commanding officer, Lieut.-Col. Paul Langlais, led the regiment up to the front of city hall.

There, in accordance with British military tradition, he was stopped by the city’s “chief constable,” Public Security director Greg McBain, asking him to state his “purpose.”

McBain then accompanied Langlais up to the doors to city hall where the colonel

knocked three times. When the doors were opened by city councillors Victor Drury and Theodora Samiotis, he told them his regiment “wishes to enter your city.”

Thereupon, Mayor Peter Trent read a proclamation stating the appreciation by citizens of the regiment’s “famous record,” 100 years of service and cordial relations between the city and RMR “in which so many of Westmount’s sons and daughters have been proud to serve.”

The regiment then paraded toward the cenotaph, where it was positioned during the service on Argyle between Sherbrooke and Côte St. Antoine. Parading with the regiment was the 34 Signal Regiment (formerly 712 Communication Squadron).

Police presence

A high-profile police security throughout the well-attended service included at least six police cars closing off Sherbrooke between Clarke and Metcalfe along with several members of the tactical squad. One, dressed in black combat gear, stood at the

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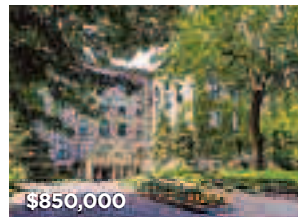
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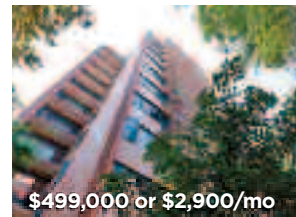
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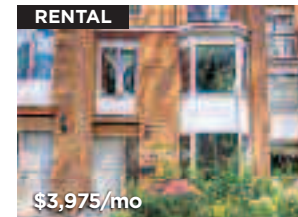
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The Westmount Public Library hosted a Guess the Giller soirée on November 6, where members of the library's staff each reviewed one of the six books short-listed for the 2014 Giller Prize. The event was hosted by journalist Shelley Pomerance, who has hosted the event for the past seven of its nine-year existence. About 50 people, almost all women, attended the free event. The library has also been holding its own Guess the Giller contest, separate from the similar CBC contest, where anyone can predict which book will win this year's Canadian fiction prize named after literary journalist Doris Giller. The winner of the 2014 Giller prize was to be announced November 10 after press time. Westmounter Claire Holden Rothman had been long-listed for this year's Giller.

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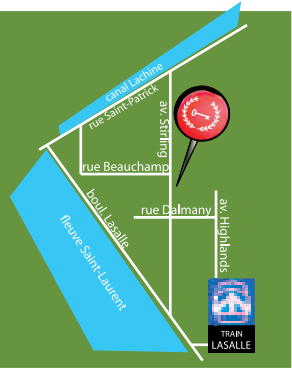


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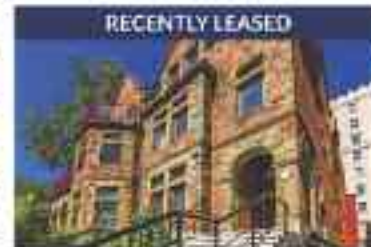
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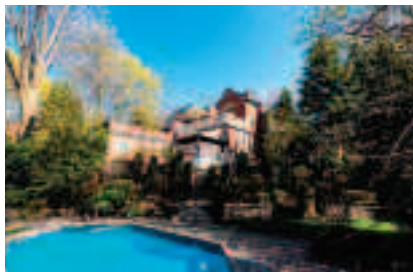


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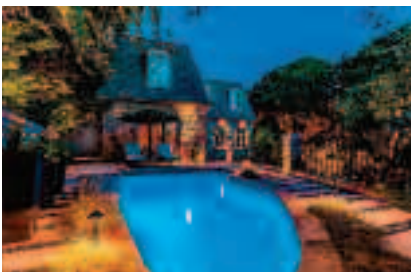
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Resolution found in old military chest 1919 council paid tribute to 'fallen heroes' and all who served in World War I

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

At the November 3 city council meeting, former councillor Nicolas Matossian displayed an item of World War I memorabilia he had found in a piece of furniture at his country home.

The item, a framed resolution from a council meeting of January 16, 1919 printed in what appears to be an Old English script, expressed in part the "gratitude and appreciation" to "the gallant men in Westmount who to the number of not less than 1,571 so willingly enlisted in their country's cause."

A lengthily worded resolution concludes with a statement that "a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the relatives of the fallen heroes of Westmount and to every other Westmount citizen who enlisted."

Signed by P. W. McLagan, mayor, the document was inscribed at the bottom "To Captain Louis E. Guillet."

Matossian said he had discovered it at the bottom

of a military campaign chest at his country house while moving furniture around. Turning it over to the city clerk at the suggestion of Mayor Peter Trent, he said he hoped the city might be able to track down Guillet's family.



Nicolas Matossian displays a found piece of World War I memorabilia he subsequently turned over to the city at the council meeting November 3.



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Westmount High class works on Remembrance Day project

Teacher Chantal Clabrough's grade 10 students at Westmount High worked on a

Remembrance Day-themed project. Using iPads and Pages software, students

created profiles of Westmount High alumni who died in World War II. They researched the soldiers' lives, war duties and Westmount High history, scanning their original school photos, along with their school year book entry, according to the English Montreal School Board. Their work was to be presented on November 11.

"Westmount High is probably one of the few schools in the province where this type of project is doable because of our long history," said Principal Michael Cristofaro. "Kids have actually tied together names on the war memorial, to photos we have of the men, to their picture in the year books that go back to 1910, to where they are buried – all on an electronic profile that they will compile in an electronic scrap book. I think it is an amazing project where the names on the memorial becomes more that just names."

Heather Craig is among students in a grade 10 Social Sciences class at Westmount High compiling profiles of soldiers, once Westmount High students, who died in World War II.

Photo courtesy of the English Montreal School Board

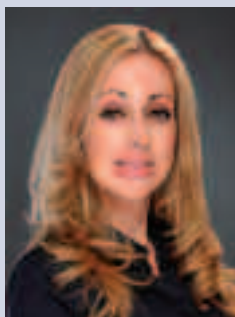


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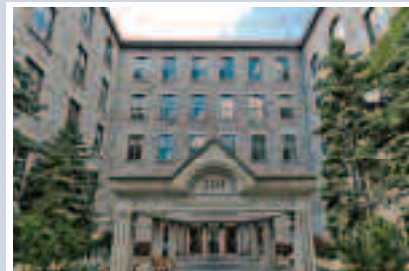
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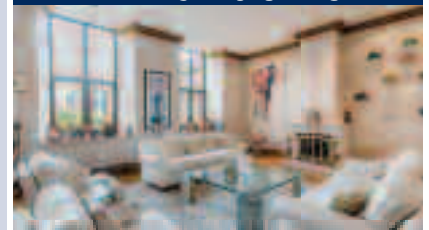


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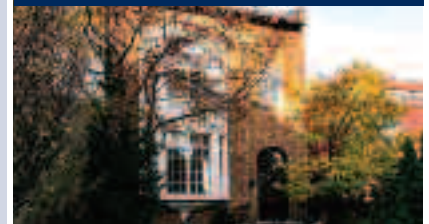


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Bieler’s new wartime memoir based on family letters, time on Columbia Ave.

By JOANNE PENHALE

First World War letters between four sons enlisted in the Canadian army and their Swiss immigrant parents in Westmount form the basis of *Onward, Dear Boys* by Philippe Bieler, whose family has a history on Westmount’s Columbia Ave.

“I was surprised at their willingness to accept the fact that one of their boys after

the other was volunteering into the Canadian army,” said Bieler of his grandparents. His father was the eldest of the four immigrant sons who went to war.

After Bieler decided to write this book, he said he read through piles of letters handwritten on thin paper in 19th century French. The book blends these letters with excerpts from a family memoir written by his grandparents, Blanche Merle d’Aigné Bieler and Charles Bieler, as well as the author’s own comments.

Bieler’s French Protestant grandparents originally lived in the East End of Mont-

real after arriving in Canada, from France, in 1908. By 1909, they bought a house in English Protestant Westmount, he said. From 1909 to 1922, they lived at 98 Columbia, and from here would have written letters to four of their five sons at war.

Bieler was raised in Geneva, Switzerland and Quebec City, graduated with an engineering degree from McGill University, and later did an MBA in Switzerland. He now lives in Wales.

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Author Philippe Bieler photographed October 30 in front of the house on Columbia Ave., where his grandparents lived from 1909 to 1922.

Police Report

Thief apprehended by Westmount Square security guards

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

BY MICHAEL MOORE

Station 12 police officers arrested a man suspected of breaking into and robbing a Westmount Square store before being detained by the mall's security officers on October 26, according to Constable Adalbert Pimentel.

Shortly after 3 pm, the 58-year-old man entered the shopping complex through the Atwater Metro tunnel entrance.

At approximately 3:20 pm, he was caught on surveillance video wrenching open the doors of the shop, which had closed for the day. Once inside, the man

reportedly emptied the store's cash register and broke a mirror with a kick before leaving through a rear exit.

Using the video recording, mall security officers were later able to locate and detain the man, whom they say had a history of issues inside Westmount Square.

Once the suspect had been apprehended, the security guards phoned 911 and the responding Station 12 officers placed the man under arrest after reviewing the video evidence.

The man will likely face charges for breaking and entering as well as an additional mischief accusation for breaking the mirror, said Pimentel.

The man had two warrants out for his arrest and is currently under probation for an unrelated crime, according to Pimentel.



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Projet Turcot : séance d'information publique

Le mercredi 26 novembre à 19 h, Victoria Hall, 4626, rue Sherbrooke Ouest. Le public est invité à une séance publique au sujet de la construction du nouvel échangeur Turcot. Un représentant du Ministère des transports du Québec expliquera les travaux à venir et les impacts sur Westmount.

CUSM : séance d'information publique

Le lundi 8 décembre à 19 h, Hôtel de Ville, 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest. L'objet de cette séance vise à assurer un suivi de la rencontre du 27 octobre dernier au sujet du bruit provenant de l'installation Glen du Centre universitaire de santé McGill. Info : www.westmount.org

BIBLIOTHÈQUE

Rencontre d'auteure : Susan Wener

Le mercredi 12 novembre à 19 h. Rencontrez l'auteure du livre *Resilience: A Story of Courage and Triumph in the Face of Recurrent Cancer*. Info : 514 989-5299.

Ateliers de poésie avec Ann Lloyd

Les mercredi 12 et 26 novembre à 10 h 15. Info : 514 989-5299.

Club de lecture en anglais avec Wanda Swiderski

Le mardi 18 novembre à 19 h. Joignez-vous au club pour discuter du livre *The Invention of Wings* de Sue Monk Kidd. Info : 514 989-5299.

Rencontre de 14 heures : Daniel Benn

Le mercredi 26 novembre à 14 h. *Experiencing the Kumbh Mela, the Largest Gathering of Humanity on Earth*. Info : 514 989-5299.

Secrets of Successful Aging

Le mercredi 26 novembre à 19 h. Conférencière : D^{re} Dolly Dastoor Info : 514 989-5299.

Amis de la Bibliothèque : vente de livres

Les samedi 22 et dimanche 23 novembre de 10 h à 17 h au Victoria Hall. Les profits serviront à acheter de nouveaux livres pour la bibliothèque. Info : 514 483-5604.

ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

Floralies d'automne

Jusqu'au 30 novembre au Conservatoire. Ne manquez pas l'exposition de chrysanthèmes et d'autres fleurs automnales. Info : 514 932-5213.

Soirée Flamenco avec Michael Laucke

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Prochaine séance du conseil le lundi 1^{er} décembre

présente une soirée de musique espagnole et de danse flamenco classique. Billets : 20 \$ pré-vente (Victoria Hall, argent comptant) ou 25 \$ à l'entrée. Bar payant. Info : 514 939-5226.

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Exposition : Léo Rosshandler

Du 20 novembre au 13 décembre. La galerie du Victoria Hall est fière de présenter les œuvres de Léo Rosshandler. Info : victoriahall@westmount.org ou 514 989-5521.

Bazaar et vente *Treats & Treasures*

Le samedi 22 novembre de 10 h à 15 h, Centre Greene, 1090, av. Greene. Cette foire annuelle comptera au-delà de 30 artisans offrant leurs œuvres, des pâtisseries, un tirage, un repas léger et le projet « bols du partage ». Entrée gratuite. Toutes les recettes appuieront les programmes communautaires du centre. Info : www.centregreene.org ou 514-931-6202.

Soirée de danse 2014

Le samedi 29 novembre à 19 h, Victoria Hall. Sheila Lawrence présente l'œuvre des chorégraphes et danseurs des programmes de loisirs de Westmount lors de cette superbe soirée de ballet classique, ballet jazz, danse moderne, break dance et danse du ventre. Adultes 10 \$, enfants 5 \$. Info : 514 989-5393.

Illumination de l'arbre de Noël

Le lundi 1er décembre à 18 h 30, Hôtel de Ville. Venez en famille pour écouter des contes et des cantiques interprétés par l'ensemble Burton Street Singers. Chocolat chaud et friandises des fêtes au menu. Entrée gratuite. N'oubliez pas d'apporter vos denrées non-périssables pour la collecte des fêtes de la Sécurité publique. Info : 514 989-5226.

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CITY HALL

Turcot project: public information session

Wednesday, November 26 at 7 p.m., Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke Street West. The public is invited to an information session concerning the construction of the new Turcot Interchange. A representative of the Ministère des transports du Québec will be present to explain the upcoming work and its impact on Westmount.

MUHC: public information session

Monday, December 8 at 7 p.m., City Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West. This session is a followup to the October 27 public meeting concerning noise emanating from the MUHC Glen Campus. Info: www.westmount.org.

LIBRARY



Author event : Susan Wener

Wednesday, November 12 at 7 p.m. Meet the author of *Resilience: A Story of Courage and Triumph in the Face of Recurrent Cancer*. Info: 514 989-5299.

Poetry Workshops with Ann Lloyd

Wednesday, November 12 and 26 at 10:15 a.m. Info: 514 989-5299.

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Tuesday, November 18 at 7 p.m. Join us for a discussion of the novel *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Info: 514 989-5299.

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Friends of the Library: Used Book sale

Saturday and Sunday, November 22nd and 23rd from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m at Victoria Hall. Proceeds from the sale go towards purchasing new books for the Library. Info: 514 483-5604.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fall Flower Show

Until November 30 in the Conservatory. Don't miss this annual exhibition of chrysanthemums and other fall flowers. Info: 514 932-5213.

Soirée Flamenco with Michael Laucke

Saturday, November 15, 7 p.m. at Victoria Hall. World-renowned guitarist Michael Laucke presents an evening of Spanish music and classic flamenco dancing. Tickets: \$20 (Victoria Hall, cash only), or \$25 at the door. Cash bar. Info: 514 939-5226.

Next Council Meeting Monday, December 1st

CLSC Flu vaccination clinic at Victoria Hall

Wednesday, November 19, 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Victoria Hall. The CLSC Métro offers the influenza vaccine free to people 60 and over; to infants between 2 and 23 months of age and to those with a chronic illness. Remember to bring your medicare card and to wear short sleeves. Info: 514 934-0354.



Exhibition: Léo Rosshandler

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Treats & Treasures Craft Sale and Bazaar

Saturday, November 22 from 10 am to 3 pm. Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave. This annual event includes works by more than 30 artisans, baked goods, a raffle, a light lunch and the Empty Bowls Project. Free admission. All proceeds support the Centre's community programs. Info: www.centregreene.org or 514-931-6202.

Soirée de danse 2014

Saturday November 29th at 7 p.m., Victoria Hall. Sheila Lawrence presents the work of choreographers and dancers from Westmount's dance classes in a spectacular evening of classical ballet, jazz and modern dance, break dance and belly dancing. Adults, \$10; children, \$5. Info: 514 989-5393.

Christmas Tree Lighting

Monday, December 1st at 6:30 p.m., City Hall. Bring the family to enjoy Christmas stories, carols sung by the Burton Street Singers, hot chocolate and holiday treats. Free. Don't forget to bring your contributions of non-perishable food items for public Security's food drive. Info: 514 989-5226.

PUBLIC SECURITY

Holiday Food Drive in Westmount

From November 8 to December 15. Support Public Security's annual food drive with a donation of non-perishable food items for the needy. Collection bins are located in City buildings. If you are unable to bring your donations, an officer can pick them up at your home. Info: 514 989-5222.



Remembrance Day ceremony, cont'd. from p. 12

ready at the centre of Sherbrooke opposite the cenotaph.

On at least one occasion, this officer was seen walking alongside a pedestrian with a back pack until the man headed east past Clarke, a patrol car accompanying them.

Trent later said “the tactical squad” had responded to the city’s request for tightened security given the number of people

in uniform and the two recent attacks on soldiers in St. Jean sur Richelieu and at the National War Memorial in Ottawa.

In recent years, only the northern half of Sherbrooke has been closed to traffic during the cenotaph service despite requests from the city to close the entire width, as the practice had been up to some five years ago.



The RMR’s commanding officer, Lieut.-Col. Paul Langlais, right, is accompanied to the front door of city hall by Westmount Public Security director Greg McBain just prior to the “Freedom of the City” ritual.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

Greene Ave., cont'd. from p. 8

to hire a business consultant and improve dialogue between the city and merchants.

“Yes, we can improve dialogue,” said Mayor Peter Trent, but he dismissed the hiring of a consultant, suggesting instead that volunteers might be found for the same purpose. Other than zoning and street work, the city had few powers to intervene in the sale of commercial property to one particular owner-group or regulate escalating rents.

Councillor Patrick Martin said that he had “never been so optimistic” about the future of retail given the 8,000 to 10,000 super-hospital employees who would create foot traffic within the Victoria village and “assuring we manage properly the traffic and parking” to create a turnover of parking spots.

Selwyn, cont'd. from p. 1

of \$130 an hour, to be adjusted annually according to increases in the cost of living index in Montreal. The rate is not to exceed that charged to any other school. So far, Selwyn is the largest user other than the city for its own programming.

The school is scheduled for 30 hours a week this hockey season. This involves practice time on school days starting as early as 7:15 am along with 62 hours of tournament play. Requests for additional ice time are to be billed at the same rate.

Selwyn previously used about 10 hours a week at the city’s old arena, according to city assistant director general Mike Deegan. “The rest they would procure from Verdun and Gadbois arena in St. Henri. With the second rink in Westmount, now we have a lot more day-time-only ice available,” he noted.

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Cahill takes over water/sewer network

Gaetano to head new Engineering arm in Public Works shuffle

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A reorganization of the city's Public Works department was adopted by city council November 3 with the appointment of department engineer Elisa Gaetano to a new position called assistant director of engineering and infrastructure. She has worked for the city for six years.

This will enable Gaetano to concentrate on short-term and long-term planning as well as many capital works and special projects, explained director Marianne Zalzal. She will oversee a team of six or seven of the department's technicians and engineers though the new structure is still "a work in progress."

This will help support the council's increased number of Public Works projects as the city plays catch-up on the upgrading of roads, water and sewer projects, municipal buildings and others.

The new position replaces one in which the assistant director helped oversee all aspects of the department. This was a contract position held by Alain Casavant, who departed in July, (see July 8, p. 2). It has been filled in an interim position by Gaetano.

Public Works is the city's largest department, operating on a budget of more than \$12 million and a capital works budget this year of some \$11 million (see February 4, p. 11).



Elisa Gaetano, right, at the council meeting November 3, awaits her appointment as assistant director of Public Works beside director Marianne Zalzal. With them is city director general Duncan Campbell, left.

The new structure reverts to one used many years ago when Zalzal, as senior engineer, held the engineering and planning function. This enabled then-director Fred Caluori to focus on day-to-day operations of the department.

Meanwhile, the council also appointed Kenneth Cahill to a new permanent posi-

tion of superintendent of water and sewer networks. He had been working as part of the network team under Michel Berthelet, a retiree from the Montreal water works department, whose contract with Public Works was to be expiring.

Cahill was not present at the council meeting.

Batshaw Children Needing Homes

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Henry was born prematurely and lags behind developmentally in some areas such as his fine and gross motor skills for which he is receiving occupational therapy resulting in great improvement in his gross motor skills. He is walking, jumping, is able to climb the stairs and dashes around the house non-stop. He therefore needs the supervision of any child of his age. He sleeps through the night.

Henry's parents are not able to take care of him. He needs a family that can make the long-term commitment, as well as being open to structured visits from his parents. The ideal family would be that of an Inuit, an Inuit/Caucasian or an aboriginal family for as long as he needs.

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History by the house

ANDY DODGE, CRA

One of the first streets to stretch up the mountain above Côte St. Antoine Rd. was Argyle Ave., and in its early days the Town of Côte St. Antoine, as Westmount was once called, had plans to build a cross street called Beloeil just south of The Boulevard, with 50-foot lots along Argyle reaching down to Montrose Ave. Most of the land had been subdivided by a consortium including some well-known Scottish names such as William Notman, William Angus, John Macfarlane and Alexander Ramsay, who purchased the section between The Boulevard and Montrose from another triad, including Alexander Foster, George Drummond and Thomas M. Taylor in 1874.

It was clear at this point, which marked the establishment of the village of Notre Dame de Grâce, that at least the eastern part of the new town was becoming an English-speaking enclave as Montreal expanded beyond the downtown and Square Mile area.

Slow start

Despite the best plans of the Notman *et al* group, only a few buildings appeared north of Montrose, and in 1887 the group formed a corporation, Westmount Homestead Company Inc., with Notman as the president, to try to handle the subdivided land. In 1892, once the Town of Côte St. Antoine had divided off from the rest of Notre Dame de Grâce, the company (now with Macfarlane as president) sold the land to another triad, this one including David and Rev. John Williamson, along with George R. Locker.

David was a bookkeeper, according to the deed, while his (presumed) brother was rector of a local school. Locker was an importer who had a store on Notre Dame St.

The plans, according to the deed, included the land south of Beloeil St. between Montarville and Argyle avenues. As it turns out, Montarville eventually (with obvious thanks to the Scots) became Aberdeen Ave., and Beloeil was never built. Instead, though the lots were all drawn for houses running north and south on Argyle and (what is now) Aberdeen, the city decided to stretch another street westward from The Boulevard, somewhat south of where Beloeil had been planned. The new



4338 Westmount Ave.

east-west street was named “Westmount Avenue,” ostensibly because it was originally the driveway to the Murray estate, which was named “West Mount.” Of course, the town of Côte St. Antoine was later renamed Westmount (1895) as citizens decided they wanted a more English-oriented name for the growing community.

In the mid-1890s Westmount Ave. was described (in *Lovell’s Directory*) as one block, from Mount Pleasant Ave. to The Boulevard (probably what is now Cedar Ave.) with no civic numbers for the three houses listed. By 1900, two four-digit civic numbers appear on the street. By then the land between what is now Argyle and Aberdeen avenues had changed hands a couple of times, first to Alfred Benn in exchange for land in Montreal on Quiblier St. – what is now Tupper – and then to Francis D. Shallow, publisher and owner of a publication called *Le Moniteur du Commerce* in 1894. He held onto the land until 1909 when he sold off three lots.

These lots included one section of Lot 282-101, much of which had been expropriated to allow for construction of the new section of Westmount Ave, and the two 50-foot lots to the south. These were then split into three sections fronting on Westmount Ave., two of which sold in 1909 to William H. Creed, who began construction of two semi-detached houses, 4338 and 4340.

First house owner

In April of 1910, then, Thomas K. Dick-

inson, financial editor of the *Montreal Herald*, became the proud owner of a brand new home at 4338 Westmount Ave. At the time he purchased it, Creed was still the owner of 4340 (he sold it soon after to N. M. Campbell) and Shallow still owned the lot at the corner of Argyle, which he finally sold to lumber baron D. H. McLennan, who built the huge detached yellow brick house at the corner of Argyle in 1912.

Dickinson paid \$9,325 for the property and sold it nine years later for \$14,500, to Paul F. Mellinger. With the inflation of the 1920s, he was able to sell it for a 50-per-cent profit in 1924 to John A. Burns, a merchant, who apparently rented it out for seven years before finally moving to the house in 1931.

After purchasing it for \$22,000, Burns held onto the property through the Great Depression and World War II before finally selling it in 1958 for \$28,750, to John A.H. Allan, an insurance broker with Calvin, Rankin, Allan & Co. He stayed there for 12 years and sold to a chartered accountant Bing Peng Lun Wong in 1970; it went to another chartered accountant, Michael K. Butler, in 1977.

The soaring house prices in Westmount during the 1970s meant that the value of this modest semi-detached home jumped from \$38,000 in 1970 to \$91,000 by the time Butler sold it to Thomas J. Madden in 1978, then leapt to \$257,000 eight years later and climbed to \$350,000 in 1991.

The house came back on the market in 1994 — just before the re-election of the

HISTORY OF 4338 WESTMOUNT AVE. (since construction)		
Date	Buyer	Price
11 Apr 1910	Thomas Kelly Dickinson, financial editor	\$9,325
9 Jan 1919	Paul Frederic Mellinger, manager	\$14,500
25 Feb 1924	John Andrew Burns, merchant	\$22,000
15 Dec 1958	John A. H. Allan, insurance broker	\$28,750
20 Oct 1970	Bing Peng Lun Wong, chartered accountant	\$38,000
7 Apr 1977	Michael Kevin Butler, chartered accountant	\$1
17 Aug, 1978	Thomas J. Madden, executive, & M. Girard	\$91,000
21 May 1986	Leonard Monaco, industrial designer, & G. Montpetit, comptroller	\$257,000
19 Dec 1991	Wayne Firestone, executive, & L. Belmont, administrator	\$350,000
5 Aug 1996	Sylvie Pelletier	\$300,000
14 May 1999	Susan Orr, director of CFAS	\$445,000
24 Apr 2007	Tuong Tam Nguyen & Thanh Can Nguyen	\$840,000

Parti Québécois government that year — asking \$399,000; it was relisted in November 1995, for \$379,000 and the price dropped to \$318,000 by the following May. It finally sold to Sylvie Pelletier for \$300,000, at the bottom of the 1990s slump.

Susan Orr-Mongeau, executive director of the Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society, paid Pelletier \$445,000 in 1999 and lived there for eight years before finally selling the property to Tuong Tam Nguyen and Thanh Can Nguyen in 2007, this time for \$840,000.

The municipal evaluation of the property in 2014 is \$1,167,400.

Search conducted for man with baseball bat

Public safety officers and police searched the area around Abbott and St. Catherine for a man “wandering” in a nearby lane carrying a baseball bat at 12:38 am November 3, Public Security officials said. No one could be found matching a description provided by a caller. While public safety officers were answering the call, they flagged down police for assistance.



Ville de Westmount City of Westmount



COMMENTAIRES DU MAIRE SUR LA SITUATION FINANCIÈRE DE LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT SÉANCE DU CONSEIL DU 3 NOVEMBRE 2014

Chers conseillers, Mesdames et Messieurs, bonsoir,

À cette première étape du processus de préparation et d'adoption du budget 2015, je dois présenter aux résidents un rapport sur la situation financière de notre Ville en général.

En août dernier, le conseil a établi les lignes directrices suivantes concernant le budget 2015 :

• Limiter au taux d'inflation + 1 %, l'augmentation des taxes reliées aux services locaux. Cette limite exclut les augmentations relatives aux immobilisations ainsi que toute augmentation relative à la quote-part de l'agglomération de Montréal ou de la Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal (CMM).

• Poursuivre les efforts en vue d'augmenter les revenus provenant d'autres sources que l'impôt foncier afin d'équilibrer le budget.

Les revenus et les dépenses projetés pour l'année 2014, incluant les affectations de l'excédent accumulé, sont de 98 M \$.

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

- les résultats de fin d'exercice 2013;
- les prévisions préliminaires des revenus et dépenses de la Ville pour 2014;
- l'état de la dette de la Ville et les mesures mises en place pour la gérer; et
- l'orientation générale du budget 2015 et des dépenses d'immobilisations pour la période de 2015 à 2017.

Résultats de fin d'exercice 2013

Le budget total de fonctionnement de l'année 2013 était de 93,1 M\$.¹ L'an dernier, un revenu total de 97,8 M\$ fut atteint et les dépenses de fonctionnement se sont élevées à 93,3 M\$. L'excédent de fonctionnement de 3,8 M \$ a été affecté aux travaux d'immobilisations, au remplacement d'arbres et au paiement de la dette du Centre des loisirs de Westmount (CLW). L'excédent de fonctionnement en 2013, net des affectations, s'est élevé à 664 K\$ principalement en raison d'un revenu plus élevé provenant des taxes prélevées des rénovations résidentielles, des droits de mutation et de la contribution nette d'Hydro Westmount.

Au cours de l'année 2013, les dépenses d'immobilisations, y compris celles du CLW, se sont élevées à 31,3 M\$, dont un montant de 4,9 M\$ a été couvert par notre mode de financement « *pay-as-you-go* » (financement par répartition), 2,9 M\$ provenant de dons, 1,4 M\$ provenant de subventions et 664 K\$ provenant de l'excédent accumulé affecté. Le reste des projets de 2013 a été financé au moyen de règlements d'emprunt au montant de 21,4 M\$.

Mis à part le CLW, les dépenses d'immobilisations se sont élevées à 7,6 M\$, dont 3,1 M\$ furent couvertes par notre mode de financement « *pay-as-you-go* ». Le reste des projets de 2013 a été financé par des règlements d'emprunt de 2,4 M\$, des subventions de 1,3 M\$, des dons de 600 K\$ et par l'excédent accumulé affecté de 200 K\$.

Les états financiers de la Ville de Westmount pour l'exercice financier 2013 ont été vérifiés par la firme Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton.

Prévisions pour 2014

Le budget de fonctionnement de la Ville en 2014 était de 95 M\$. À la lumière des résultats disponibles à ce jour et des revenus et dépenses anticipés pour le reste de l'année, nous prévoyons terminer l'exercice 2014 avec des revenus et des dépenses projetés de 98 M\$, incluant les affectations proposées de l'excédent de fonctionnement.

- Le règlement hors cour intervenu en février avec Montréal a généré 500 K\$ de revenus supplémentaires.
- L'adoption d'une nouvelle structure tarifaire d'Hydro-Québec, qui entrera en vigueur en décembre, prévoit augmenter la contribution d'Hydro Westmount de 646 K\$ en cette année de transition. Cet écart favorable a été réduit par l'impact de la nouvelle table de mortalité 2014 qui a contribué à l'augmentation des coûts des régimes de retraite. Il est recommandé que le montant de 646 K\$ soit approprié pour de futures mises à niveau des infrastructures d'Hydro Westmount.
- Les coûts supplémentaires liés au CLW ont été partiellement compensés par la hausse des revenus provenant des activités de loisirs.
- D'après les calculs des actuaires, il est prévu que la table de mortalité 2014 du nouveau secteur public canadien augmentera les coûts des régimes de retraite

municipaux de 429 K\$ cette année.

- La part versée à l'agglomération fut inférieure de 423 K\$ par rapport au montant budgété.
- Des projets de travaux d'immobilisations supplémentaires furent entrepris comme la place Prince-Albert, qui a augmenté le « *pay-as-you-go* » projeté de 302 K\$. En ce qui concerne Hydro Westmount, certains projets « *pay-as-you-go* » auront lieu au cours de la période 2014-2015 au lieu de 2014.
- En vue du versement unique de 2,7 M\$ de la dette en 2018 relativement au CLW, et de l'engagement de la Ville à rembourser la dette du CLW sur une période de 10 ans, un montant de 617 K\$ doit être imposé pour les coûts de financement de la dette, et affecté à chaque année.
- Les revenus nets supplémentaires mis en évidence ci-dessus devraient permettre une plus faible utilisation du surplus affecté par rapport au budget.

Veuillez noter que ces résultats pourraient changer d'ici la fin de l'année, notamment si des événements imprévisibles d'importance devaient survenir tels des chutes de neige abondantes, d'important bris d'aqueduc ou des inondations.

Dette

En date du 31 décembre 2014, la dette de Westmount s'élèvera à 54 M\$. De ce montant, 42,4 M\$ devraient être assumés par la Ville, et 11,6 M\$ par le gouvernement du Québec qui paie maintenant ses subventions sur une période de 10 à 20 ans. Des 42,4 M\$ devant être assumées par la Ville, la portion de la dette du CLW s'élève à 11,6 M\$.

Budget 2015

Conformément aux objectifs financiers décrits précédemment dans ce rapport, le conseil aimerait limiter l'augmentation des taxes municipales reliées aux services locaux au taux de l'inflation (2 %) + 1 %, excluant l'impact des travaux d'immobilisations, de la quote-part de l'agglomération et de la contribution à la Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal.

Cela constitue un défi, si l'on tient compte de l'impact du déficit actuariel du régime de retraite de nos employés. Le conseil a également approuvé l'affectation d'excédent accumulé afin d'équilibrer le budget local, le cas échéant.

Puisqu'environ 85 % de nos revenus proviennent de l'impôt foncier, le conseil pourrait décider d'augmenter les revenus provenant d'autres sources, tels les tarifs de stationnement, la tarification des activités et des loyers.

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

Rémunération des élus municipaux

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

Ainsi, en 2014 le maire recevra les rémunérations suivantes :

- une rémunération annuelle de la Ville de 43 934 \$;
- une allocation de dépenses de la Ville de 15 787 \$;
- une rémunération annuelle du conseil d'agglomération de Montréal de 10 847 \$;
- une rémunération annuelle de la Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal de 10 000 \$;
- un jeton de présence de 542 \$ (par présence) à titre de vice-président de la Commission sur les finances et l'administration du conseil de l'agglomération urbaine de Montréal, et ce, jusqu'à concurrence de la somme annuelle de 10 847 \$.

Quant aux conseillers, ils recevront les rémunérations suivantes en 2014 :

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

Transactions au-delà de 25 000 \$

Comme l'exige la loi, je dépose la liste des transactions dont le montant total cumulatif dépassait 25 000 \$ entre le 1^{er} octobre 2013 et le 30 septembre 2014.

Le maire, Peter F. Trent

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



Ville de Westmount
City of Westmount



THE MAYOR'S COMMENTS ON THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 3rd, 2014

Councillors, Ladies and Gentlemen, good evening:

As the first formal step in the 2015 budget preparation and adoption process, I am required to report to residents on the general financial health of our City.

In August, Council established the following guidelines for the 2015 budget:

Limit the increase in taxation for local services to inflation + 1%. This limit excludes increases for capital works and also any increases stemming from our apportionment from the Agglomeration Council of Montreal or the Montreal Metropolitan Community (CMM); and,

Continue efforts to increase revenue from sources other than property taxes to balance the budget.

Revenues and expenses, including proposed appropriations to accumulated surplus, are projected to be \$98 million for 2014.

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

- The 2013 year-end results;
- The preliminary forecast of the City's 2014 revenues and expenditures;
- The state of the City's debt and the action taken to manage it;
- The overall direction of the 2015 budget, along with the capital expenditures planned for 2015 through 2017.

2013 Year-End Results

The City's 2013 total operating budget was \$93.1 million.¹ Total revenues last year reached \$97.8 million, and operational expenditures amounted to \$93.3 million. \$3.8 million in operating surplus was appropriated for capital works, actuarial deficit, tree replacement, and the Westmount Recreation Centre (WRC) debt payment. This resulted in a net 2013 non-appropriated surplus of \$664K mostly owing to higher than budgeted taxation revenue derived from residential renovations, transfer duties, and Hydro Westmount net contribution.

During 2013, capital expenditures including the WRC amounted to \$31.3 million, of which \$4.9 million was covered by our 'pay-as-you-go' funding, \$2.9 million by donations, \$1.4 million by grants, and \$664K by appropriated surplus. The balance of the 2013 projects was funded by loan by-laws in the amount of \$21.4 million.

Excluding the WRC, capital expenditures amounted to \$7.6 million, of which \$3.1 million was covered by our 'pay-as-you-go' funding. The balance of the 2013 projects was funded by loan by-laws of \$2.4 million, grants of \$1.3 million, donations of \$0.6 million, and an appropriated surplus of \$0.2 million.

The City of Westmount's 2013 financial statements were audited by Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton.

2014 Forecast

The City's 2014 operating budget was \$95 million. Based on the results to date and the projected revenues and expenditures for the balance of the year, we expect to close 2014 with both revenues and expenses, including proposed surplus appropriations, projected at \$98 million.

Key variances from budget are highlighted below:

- The out-of-court settlement with Montreal in February generated \$500K in additional revenues.
- The adoption of a new rate structure by Hydro-Quebec effective in December is anticipated to increase Hydro Westmount contribution by \$646K in this transition year. This favorable variance was reduced by the impact of the new 2014 mortality table that increased pension fund costs. It is recommended that the \$646K be appropriated for future HW infrastructure upgrades.
- Additional costs related to the WRC were partially offset by higher revenues from Recreational Activities.
- As calculated by actuaries, the new 2014 Canadian Public Sector mortality table is anticipated to increase municipal pension plan costs by \$429K this year.

- The agglomeration share was lower than budgeted by \$423K.
- Additional municipal capital work projects were undertaken such as the Prince Albert Square, which increased the 'pay-as-you-go' forecast by \$302K. With respect to Hydro Westmount, some 'pay-as-you-go' projects will take place over the 2014-2015 period instead of in 2014.
- In view of the \$2.7 million bullet debt payment in 2018 relating to the WRC and of the City's commitment to repay the WRC debt over 10 years, an amount of \$617K must be taxed for debt costs, and appropriated each year.
- The net additional revenues highlighted above would allow a lower use of appropriated surplus as compared to the budget.

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

Debt

As of December 31st, 2014, Westmount's outstanding debt will be \$54 million. Of this amount, \$42.4 million should be assumed by the City and \$11.6 million by the Quebec government that now pays its grants over 10 to 20 years. The WRC-portion of the \$42.4 million municipal debt amounts to \$11.6 million.

2015 Budget

Consistent with the financial goals outlined earlier in this report, Council would like to limit the increase in taxation for local services to inflation (2%) + 1%, excluding the impact of Capital Works, the Agglomeration apportionment, and the contribution to the Montreal Metropolitan Community.

This is a challenge considering the current impact of the actuarial deficit in our employee pension plan. Council has also approved the appropriation of accumulated surplus to balance the local budget, if required.

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

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

Remuneration of Elected Municipal Representatives

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

Thus, the Mayor received the following remuneration in 2014:

- \$43,934 as an annual remuneration from the City;
- \$15,787 as an expense allowance from the City;
- \$10,847 as an annual remuneration from the Urban Agglomeration Council of Montreal;
- \$10K as an annual remuneration from the *Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal*; and
- \$542 per presence as an attendance allowance from the *Commission sur les finances et l'administration* of the Urban Agglomeration Council of Montreal, up to an annual maximum of \$10,847, where he is the Vice-President.

As for the Councillors, they received the following remuneration in 2014:

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

Transactions Exceeding \$25K

As required by law, I am filing the list of total cumulative transactions exceeding \$25,000 from October 1st, 2013 to September 30th, 2014.

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

Westmount Square zoning to remain intact



The Westmount Square towers looking southeast from Greene and de Maisonneuve October 29 show the office building, tower 1 at centre. The other two, to the left and right, are residential.

Zoning regulations governing the Westmount Square towers remain unchanged under the proposed updating of the southeast area revealed November 3 at the Westmount city council meeting. While the concerned zone, C8-31-02, is listed among the 16 for which permitted building types are being modified, this is simply to reiterate on a separate table the criteria governing the complex that already exists in the city’s zoning By-law 1303, explained Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier.

The existing criteria are contained in the development plan of 1964 for Westmount Centre Inc., which specifies that Westmount Square’s tower 1 was to be commercial and the other two residential, she said. “Therefore, no change was made,” explained Councillor Theodora Samiotis, commissioner of Urban Planning. There have been requests recently to convert this tower to condos (see June 11, p. 1). See also “Big zoning changes proposed for Greene, St. Catherine,” p. 1.



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This car climbed Mount Royal

On the Lighter Side

INGRID KOVITCH-
DANNENBAUM



This summer my husband and I drove to Waskaganish, a small Cree community 700 miles north of Val d'Or, where we have worked for the past 20 years.

With our band of hooligans away at camp, the 13-hour ride was blissfully serene (i.e., it was *dull*). In particular, I missed that iconic game played by carloads of bored moppets in vehicles across the globe. Namely, “Yellow-Car-No-Hit-Back.”

Though the origins of the game remain a mystery, it matters little. All children appear to be born knowing – and prepared to abide by – the simple rules: The first to spy a yellow vehicle of any kind simply hollers the eponymous moniker and is thus permitted to clobber, with baffling impunity, a sibling of their choice.

The resulting caterwauling, punctuated only by savage bickering regarding whether or not said vehicle actually exists, has been the defining soundtrack to road trips since the dawn of the first Model T.

Looking to reprise those nostalgic days, my husband and I decided to play the more sophisticated version: “This-Car-Climbed-Mount-Washington-Bumper-Sticker (TCCMWBS) No-Hit-Back.”

In addition to providing a most satisfying outlet for aggression, it has continually spurred me to ponder what would inspire one to buy a sticker proclaiming such a feat.

For those not familiar with that particular region of the Appalachians, I should mention the trifling fact that there is a *road* to the summit of Mount Washington. Eerily similar, in fact, to the one up Clarke Ave. (though somewhat less steep).

I do believe that all vehicles sporting this label have – if I might be so bold to presume – “driven” this very road, and not – as the sticker explicitly suggests – “climbed” the more rugged route up Tuckerman’s Ravine. (In case of the latter, then by all means, plaster those TCCMWBS’s

willy nilly across even the windshield if you like!)

By contrast, anyone staying at the mountain hut near the summit may have remarked upon a most impressively weather-beaten canoe propped against one of the outer walls. According to hiking lore, a group of college students, inspired by the promise of canoeing the “Lakes of the Clouds,” heaved, hauled (and undoubtedly cursed) the vessel along every step of the trail as they staggered up all 6,000 feet of vertical elevation.

Miffed to discover that the “lakes” were no more than dribbles of frigid condensation which had accumulated in a few faint depressions in the earth, they summarily abandoned ship. (Though judging from the condition of the craft, not before indulging in a smattering of joy rides down the ravine).

Now that sort of legendary effort surely merits a TCCMW (This Canoe Climbed Mount Washington) hull sticker; the more technically accurate “portage” manifestly deficient under the circumstances.

Considering the stunning prevalence of the original TCCMW bumper stickers, I am forced to concede that this euphemistic liberty is a jewel of marketing genius. Proof positive, if ever there was, that language is everything. After all, “This knife cuts” is unlikely to spur a spike in sales. “These shingles will keep snow off your bed,” though marginally more inventive, is no less self-evident. But behold, “This toilet performs vanishing acts!” A guaranteed chart-buster!

So I am eagerly looking forward to setting up my new kiosk next summer. I have scouted out a prime spot on the banks of Beaver Lake where I will proudly peddle my “This Car Climbed Mount Royal” stickers.

Or as they say in Quebec, “Mon Char a Gravi le Mont Royal!”

Lecroix, Nowacki take top 2 places in photo contest



From left, Andrew Nowacki, Winston Hennelly, Nadine Hennelly and Katherine Lecroix.

By JOANNE PENHALE

The Westmount-Ville Marie Green Party announced the winners of its first “Nature in the City” photo contest at Shaika Café on October 23. Two Westmount teens, Katherine Lecroix, 15, and Andrew Nowacki, 16, took first and second place respectively in the youth category.

Westmounter Nadine Hennelly won first place in the adult category for a photo she took of her son, Winston, and a flower he’d picked up off the ground to give to her.

The contest had 126 entries, and three jury members, each local photographers: Pierre Arsenault, Raphael Ghahveh Rokhi, and Ralph Thompson, a freelance photog-

rapher for the *Independent*.

The Green Party riding association is actively seeking a candidate for the 2015 federal election, said Westmounter Megan Durnford, the association’s CEO.

Found breaking curfew in Prince Albert Park

Two 16-year-olds were found on a bench near the playground in Prince Albert Park November 2 at 1 am, Public Security officials said. Both were given \$69 tickets for breaking the midnight parks curfew. The young men were identified as residents of Westmount and Dollard des Ormeaux.

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TRENDSETTERS

LAURA LAVY

By VERONICA REDGRAVE

While attending a fashion evening in Westmount recently, I couldn't help but notice a young lady with great style. She was the fall fashion, worn with an easy elegance. As many of us dash about in comfy pants, Laura Lavy wore an on-trend skirt whose pattern was prettily Prada. Furthermore, she is bringing up her darling daughter with the same sartorial style – worn perfectly without pretension.

STYLE

How would you describe your personal style?

Classic with a twist. I love clothes that look like they could be from any time and then combining them with something a little trendier or more modern.

What is your favourite way of dressing?

My style can be a little feminine. I love dresses and skirts, and continue wearing them into the fall before it gets very cold, when it all turns to jeans and cashmere sweaters.

On weekends, what do you like to wear?

At this time of year, jeans and either a plaid flannel shirt or white t-shirt – the most comfortable things to run after my daughter in!

Who are your favourite designers?

Derek Lam, David Neville and Marcus Wainwright from Rag and Bone, Diane Von Furstenberg, Alice and Olivia by Stacey Bendet, Rebecca Taylor, Ralph Lauren and Valentino. I also love what the funkier, more contemporary designers are doing today, such as Philip Lim, Alexan-

der Wang, Yigal Azrouel and Helmut Lang.

If you had a choice, where would you live in the world, money being no object?

Miami. I think I'm done with winter.

What is your favourite flower?

Peonies are my favourite. That said, I have a lot of beautiful orchids in my home, and it is always exciting when they bloom again so many months after I thought I killed them.

Whom would you invite to a dinner party if you could invite any artist from any era?

Ai Wei Wei, Andy Warhol, Damien Hirst, Karl Lagerfeld and Leonardo Da Vinci. With respect to art, I have always had very eclectic taste.

Your favourite music?

John Lennon, Ben Harper, Bono, Madonna and Michael Jackson. Michael Jackson died way too young; there will never be anyone else like him.

What do you think of today's fashions?

I think today's fashions are very interesting. There has never been a time when women have been so encouraged to em-



Laura Lavy with her daughter Emily at home on October 15.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

brace their individuality, style and otherwise, as well as the trends on the runways. This morning my daughter dressed for school in her own clothes for her first "free dress" day out of uniform. She declared

proudly, "I'm so happy now they will see who I am." I think that is a great statement of how fashion is fundamentally a reflection of who we are.



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MAC gala sold-out



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Held on September 20, the annual benefit ball for the Musée d'art contemporain – fondly referred to as the MAC – was a sold-out success. Held at the museum, the absolutely fabulous décor – “In Aeternam, The Rite of Passage” – designed by Sid Lee, boasted a stylized altar at the entrance, among other bright surprises.

Gala pres **Debbie Zakaib**, slinky in black, worked with committee members **Sophie Banford**, **Violette Cohen**, **Ruby Brown**, **Nathalie Goyette**, **François Dufresne**, **Danièle Patenaude**, **Josée Noiseux**, **Katerine Rocheleau**, **Marie-Josée Simard** and **Robert Côté**.



Michèle Dionne and Jean Charest.



Kassa Burne and John Zeppetelli.

Zakaib attended with husband **Alexandre Tailler**, president of XPND Capital and chair of the museum. Also attending from the museum were director and chief curator **John Zeppetelli** and his wife **Kassa Burne**. Montreal mayor **Denis Coderre** was noted, as were **Hélène David**, minister of Culture and Communications; former Finance minister **Raymond Bachand** and **Micheline Brazeau**; Sid Lee agency chair/senior partner **Bertrand Cesvet** and **Josée Noiseux**; **Nathalie Goyette** and **Philippe Lamarre**; **François Dell'Aniello** and **Serge Sasseville**; Sun Life Financial Quebec pres **Isabelle Hudon** and **Gilles Coulombe**; **Manon Gauthier** and **Manuela Goya**; Telus executive VP **François Côté** and **Monique Légaré**; and **François Lambert** with **Valérie Taillefer**.

Westmounters noted included McCarthy Tetraault partner and former Quebec premier **Jean Charest** and **Michèle Dionne** (whose black gown had such a fabulous train we wondered how she could dance); **Mary Dailey Desmarais** and **Paul Guy Desmarais III** and **Claudine** and **Stephen Bronfman**, who are behind the enormously popular MAC SéminArts pre-



Stephen and Claudine Bronfman.

sentations on contemporary art.

Former Westmounter **Mark Mulrone**y and his wife **Vanessa** flew in from Toronto. Ball presidents of honour were **Guy Côté**, first vice president of National Bank Private Wealth 1859, and **Alexandre L'Heureux**, CFO, WSP Global.

Food was divine, featuring delicious lamb and seafood, created by Fairmont Queen Elizabeth catering chief **Armando Arruda** and his team, including chef **Marc Lintanf**.

The gala raised \$500,000 to support the foundation's expansion of collection and investment in emerging talent.



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An autumn scene showing Victoria Ave. under construction November 4 at dusk.

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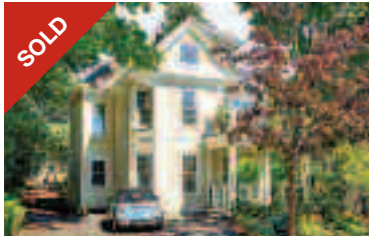
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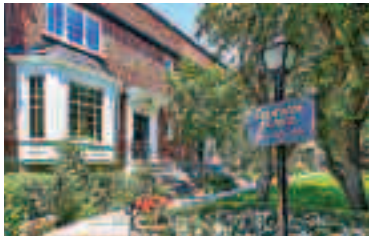
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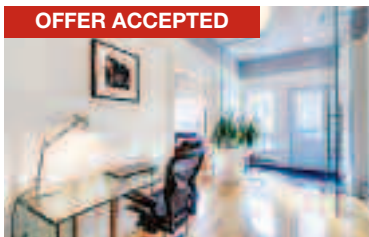
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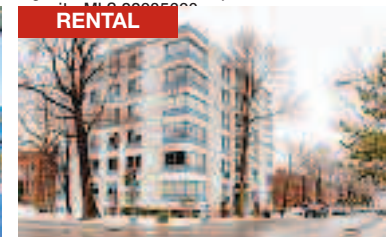
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