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# New zoning in southeast changed by citizens

Council adopts by-law after 9-month freeze

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A comprehensive rezoning of 16 zones in the southeast commercial district was adopted by city council December 1 along with modifications stemming from a public consultation meeting November 18.

Last-minute additions included increased commercial uses for the zone occupied by Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom and a requirement that any restaurant occupying the former Lululemon building at



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Greene and Sherbrooke provide table service to prevent the opening of a fast-food outlet.

Also added were increased and extended setbacks for any new development at the southwest corner of Atwater and St.

Adoption of the by-law concludes some nine months of zoning freezes in the area in an effort to revitalize the commercial district, increase retail activity and stimulate development (see story, map, November 11, p. 1). The freeze was to put on hold any conversions from commercial to residential in those zones.

Other than vested ..... rights, which already continued on p. 26

# Brébeuf victorious in **SWAT** tourney



The Brébeuf team was the SWAT tournament winner at the December 7 final game at the Westmount recreation centre. Standing with the team are contributors, sponsors, Mayor Peter Trent, assistant director general Mike Deegan and city councillor Philip Cutler. For story, see p. 19.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

#### Council meeting hears new strategy

# Liberals wooed to keep home delivery of mail

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

There seems to be only one way to stop Canada Post's plan to replace home delivery with community mailboxes, Mayor Peter Trent told the city council meeting December 1. And that is to get federal "opposition parties" to commit to cancelling the program if elected next October.

About a month and a half ago, he said, he had the idea of asking the opposition parties if they would look for other options

for saving costs and talked it over with Montreal mayor Denis Coderre.

"Last Friday [November 28] he met with [Justin] Trudeau and asked if the Liberals would stop the program and work on viable options," said Trent. "And that seems to be in the works."

Since Canada Post is giving itself five years to implement the community box program, if the Liberals were to be elected on the established election ..... date of October 19 that continued on p. 29



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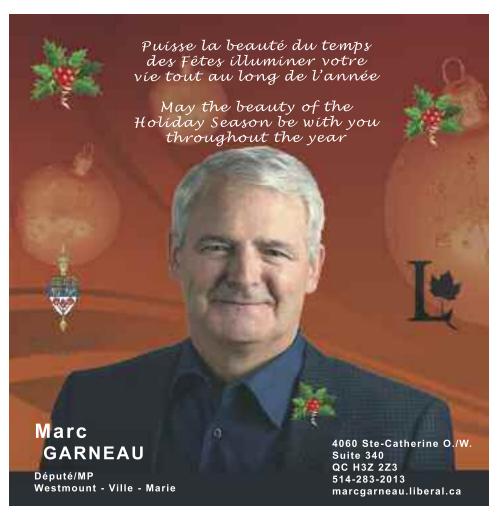




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Police Report

# Early morning break-in foiled at Sherbrooke shop

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

Four men who had reportedly attempted to break into a shop near the corner of Sherbrooke and Claremont in the early hours of December 4 fled the scene after being stymied by the building's extra layers of security.

At approximately 4:30 am, the quartet got out of a dark-coloured SUV and broke through the mesh screen and window of the shop. Their progress was halted, however, by metal bars on the inside of the window, said Station 12 constable Stephan Laperrière.

Unable to break through the bars and unwilling to hang around looking for an alternate way in, the men clambered back into the SUV and fled north on Claremont.

"[The bars] made the criminals work

extra hard, and I don't think they felt as though it was worth it to try to continue," said Laperrière.

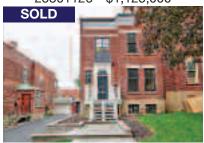
"They could have started to make even more noise, which would have attracted more attention. By staying out there longer, they'd also attract more attention because it's not natural at 4:30 for people to be hanging out in that area."

The attempted break-in triggered the shop's alarm system, sending an alert to the store owner, who in turn called 911.

Though police have limited details about the suspects, the information from the failed break-in will be used to help prevent future incidents in the neighbourhood, according to Laperrière.

"The officers will be made aware that a break-in was attempted in that area around that time. If they aren't on call, they can patrol the area more often. Even just the description of a dark SUV will alert police officers to push their investigation further if they see similar vehicles in the area at a suspicious time," he said.





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#### Subtle difference in meaning discovered

# User-friendly 'nuisance, morals' by-law deletes old clauses

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A combined version of the city's century-old by-laws on "Good Morals and Decency" and "Nuisances" was adopted by city council December 1 in easy-to-read language and a format that sets out the basic do's and don'ts for everyday life in Westmount.

While the two original by-laws dating back to 1909 and 1912 respectively had been added to over the years, both contained clauses from a by-gone era of horses, privies, pig-sties, Sunday prohibitions and the wearing of "immodest apparel" or bathing suits in a public place.

Also gone from the new by-law called "Nuisances and Public Order" are the references to gaming and bawdy houses, houses of "ill-fame," cock-fighting and the playing of dice as well as the penalty of imprisonment when fines remain unpaid.

On the other hand, the streamlined version appears to open the door to the feeding of wild animals (such as squirrels and rats) on private property. Previously it was prohibited "in the city." Now it is restricted to "on public property."

In another section of the new by-law,

"anyone who disturbs, traps, catches, injures, or kills an animal in any manner whatsoever" commits an infraction of the by-law. No exemption seems to be provided for authorized wildlife trapping or extermination by professionals dealing with infestations of rats, for example, as was carried out last summer (see story September 9, p. 3).

When asked about such trapping, city clerk Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza replied that exterminators obviously would have the right in the event of an infestation.

One interesting addition – especially in light of the current infestation of ash trees by the emerald ash borer - is the new requirement for property owners to take down "dead trees."

#### Sunday no-no's

Among the Sunday restrictions that no longer apply are banning real estate agents and others from doing business that day. This change includes stores and peddlers as well as those participating in games or athletic exercises, theatres, amusements, billiards or horse races.

The streamlined by-law also removes provisions dealt with under other by-laws such as noise, parks and waste management. Also removed are some clauses now superseded by the laws of other levels of

Among some of the archaic nuisances omitted from the updated version are those caused by "mechanically powered traction engines that cause serious damage to the streets" or cause a disturbance between the hours of 8:30 pm and 6:30 "in the forenoon."

Also gone is the obligation of owners of cattle sheds, pig-sties, outhouses and privies to keep them clean.

Interestingly, some of the basic prohibited nuisances listed in 1912 also apply today, such as placing snow or dirt in the public street, keeping stagnant water on a property, or bushes and trees that cause a hazard to the public or that carry disease.

# **WRC** parking spaces widened

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Parking spaces at the Westmount recreation centre (WRC), deemed by some as too tight, have been widened, Councillor Philip Cutler told the council meeting December 1. The layout remains unchanged.

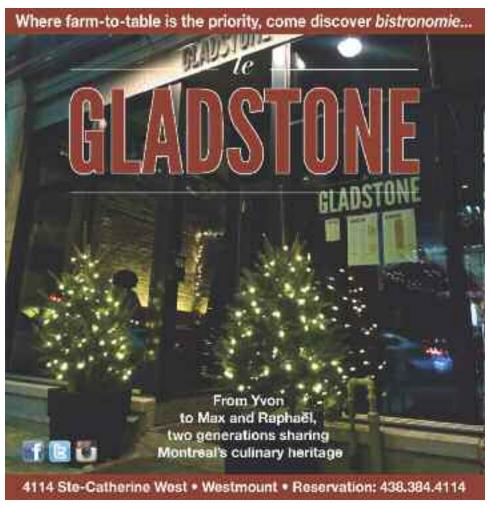
The measure reduces the number of spaces by four, to a total of 51 including handicap spots, he calculates.

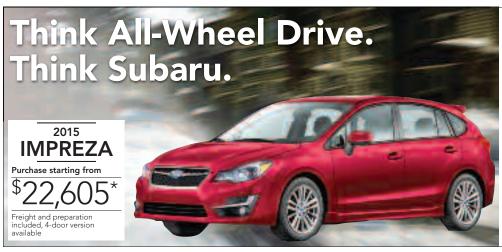
The city had received complaints from users of the WRC who found there was

not enough space when getting children in and out or handling hockey bags.

The loss of four spaces shouldn't make much difference, according to Councillor Patrick Martin, who noted the number of parking spaces on the east side of Lansdowne provide easy accessibility to the door on that side of the building.

With the old arena, they were on "the wrong side of the building," he pointed out. It had no entrance off Lansdowne.





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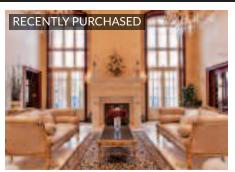
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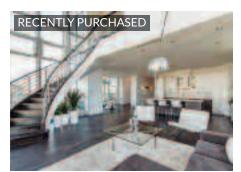
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# Prince Albert square opens officially with tree lighting

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

It's been a long time in the planning process and delayed by a year, but Prince Albert square was finally opened officially December 5 with carols and hot chocolate and the lighting of a large Christmas tree.

The tree lights had mistakenly been turned on the night of December 1 but turned off for the rest of the week before the event.

"The whole point of the square is to create a meeting place as we did on Greene Ave.," explained Councillor Cynthia Lulham, commissioner of Parks and Sustainability, who spearheaded the project starting some three years ago. "My goal was to create a little oasis."

The opening of the square on its completion at this time of year is to help "launch the shopping season for the merchants who are very important to the area and the city."

The square, whose funding first appeared in the city's three-year capital works budget in 2011 tied in with the reconstruction of Prince Albert Ave., she said, and was an important feature in the updating of the city's master plan for the southwest district (Victoria village).

It went through three public consultation and information meetings this year and last, with final "tweakings" resulting from the final one held June 26 (see story July 8, p. 1).

These included additional trees to provide a requested "canopy," and relocation of bicycle racks, Lulham said. A plan to "stamp" oak leaves into the cement was replaced by another technique. The leaves symbolize the oak forests that once abounded on the Westmount territory.

"We may hold another opening event in the spring once the plantings and bollards are in," she said. "Along with the Greene Ave. square, we now have two public squares. These are evolving as a very popular way for cities to bring people together," she said.

The construction of the Prince Albert one took place this year as part of the second phase in the rebuilding of the street and was held over from the year before due to construction of the Greene Ave. project.

The street south of Sherbrooke had been closed off many years ago at the main artery but had received little attention other than benches and planters.

#### First time in decades?

# Southern end of Prince Albert connects to Sherbrooke

A car drove north on Prince Albert It cruised through the plaza, across the through the nearly finished square at Sherbrooke December 1 at about 9:30 am. It cruised through the plaza, across the sidewalk on the south side of Sherbrooke and turned left (west). "There were no bol-



It cruised through the plaza, across the sidewalk on the south side of Sherbrooke and turned left (west). "There were no bollards, and no stop sign for the driver or working traffic lights at the intersection, so he waited his turn and went on his way," said one witness. A Christmas tree in the middle of the square was only put up later in the day.

Unrelatedly, the next day at noon a car was seen proceeding east on de Maisonneuve from Prince Albert against the oneway sign, which was visible. A pedestrian tried to flag down the driver but he continued in the wrong direction. "It happens fairly often," said a witness.

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# Party at the square



Councillor Cynthia Lulham turned on the switch to light up the Prince Albert square Christmas tree December 5 around 5 pm. Over 100 people, including Westmount-Ville Marie MP Marc Garneau and members of city council, crowded around to drink hot chocolate and sing carols.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

# White collars strike over pensions



A sign about a December 2 strike was found on a main door to city hall. The door was locked and inaccessible to the public though it was known that management personnel were at work inside. While blue collar workers had gone on strike the previous week, the white collar notification to the city missed the required deadline which postponed their strike a week. Both unions were protesting against pension reform Bill 3 which subsequently was adopted before the Quebec legislature closed for the holidays. The one-day white collar strike also closed the library, Victoria Hall and Public Security operations and some programs at the Westmount recreation centre.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

# Hunter retires after 30 years



Mike Hunter outside his office at Public Works December 5.

#### By Laureen Sweeney

Knowing Westmount's quirks and foibles is a prerequisite for the job of superintendent of Roads and Parks, says Mike Hunter, who retires at year's end after eight years in the position and 30 years overall "on the road for Public Works."

"In some jobs you can have people who come and go. But in this position, the value a person can bring lies in knowing all the peculiarities of Westmount as if it were your own backyard," he said last week.

And that's why Hunter is so pleased the city has decided to promote two long-standing employees to replace him as well as his counterpart John Monteiro, who retires in April.

Westmount's configuration on the side

of a mountain, its climate zones and even the needs of the population make it perhaps unique among municipalities in some aspects, he explained. These can be best served in areas such as decisions related to snow removal, roads and drainage by rising through the various positions, he explained.

"It's like looking after your own home, with the temperamental light switch or the tap that needs an extra turn. You get to know that one drain that's always the first to clog up or exactly where the rain running down the mountain is going to pool up."

In Public Works, he explained, "we deal with everything that directly affects the residents: streets, snow removal, parks, garbage and properties that require special maintenance."

In the winter, "when continued on p. 25





# New Roads and Parks superintendents named



The city's two new Roads and Parks superintendents, Todd Séguin, left, and Réjean Binette, right, await their appointments at the December 1 city council meeting, along with Public Works director Marianne Zalzal. Formerly drivers, both have 17 years of experience with Public Works. They will replace Mike Hunter, retiring at the end of this year, and John Monteiro in April.

Photo: Laureen Sweeney

# One Stop. Two Stores. Something for Everyone in the Heart of Westmount

Formerly known as Wilfrid & Adrienne, newly re-opened **W&A** proves that it can be a good thing to move back home with your big brother. Especially when, big brother is gift and home accessory store superstar Ben & Tournesol and the welcome is warm and happy. After a decade at the same location, the elegant kitchen and culinary giftware store has also been rebranded at its new street level location, 4917 Sherbrooke St. West.

"The big change is that the two stores are now under one roof," explains owner of both businesses, John Benoit, "there are two shop windows, two entrances, two separate concepts but the stores are open to each other inside so customers can flow between them when they are shopping."

"We love the new location and so do our customers," smiles **W&A** manager Mandy Simpson, "it's a huge relief because you never know how people will respond to change but so far, so good."

The relief is welcome by staff and management at both stores following a period of transition that began when Mr. Benoit was advised that the rent at the kitchen store named for his beloved grandparents was being raised substantially.

"Having observed recent moves on the street I knew immediately it would be better to go with the flow than attempt to sustain the business under the changed terms," says Benoit, "so the idea of bringing the two stores under one roof just makes sense."

"The concept is the same. We're still a destination store for the serious home cook with a real emphasis on customer service and," Simpson adds, "we still wear white aprons."

Both stores excel at helping shoppers find unique items at every price point and offer complimentary gift-wrapping, a real plus during the holidays.

For more information please call W&A at 514-481-5850 or Ben & Tournesol at 514-481-5050.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### HEED THE WORDS OF RESIDENTS, MERCHANTS RE: VIC VILLAGE BEFORE HOSPITAL OPENS

The December 2 article on the superhospital's opening event ("MUHC's parade to close Sherbrooke through Westmount," p. 3) reminds us that we have not yet heard from the city on its plans to mitigate the hospital's adverse impact on traffic and parking within Victoria village.

Following on the effective public consultations with respect to medical office zoning within the village and the rezoning of the southeast sector, it is imperative that again there be consultation with local residents and merchants before the implementation of any mitigation measures.

I would emphasize the word "before." The village must not be given a *fait accompli* without any prior input. Residents and merchants live each day with the current parking and traffic problems and can readily provide suggestions to improve the final plan before implementation.

Our property values and business success depend on a viable parking and traffic

environment. We respectfully ask for that opportunity and soon, as we are just months away from the opening.

DENIS BIRO, BURTON AVE.

# TAXES COULD BE LOWER IF PEOPLE STOPPED ASKING FOR STUFF

Regarding the article "City's tax hike could stay under 3% including agglo share" (December 2, p. 1), boy are we lucky! At least that's the way another consecutive year of property tax hikes is pitched by the mayor and our city council.

I don't feel lucky. I feel broke. Bet a lot of you reading this letter do too.

Well, I have a better pitch. No tax increase! And to achieve it? Step 1: Our elected officials change their mindset and refuse to allow their over-burdened tax paying citizens to pay more. Step 2: Cut 3 percent from the budget. Voilà: no property tax increase.

There are lines on that budget that can easily be nuked; stuff like hiring so-called "professional consultants" at every turn comes to mind – remember that dog run fiasco?

And Westmount TV. Really? I tried to

watch it to see what the heck it is and it didn't work. The new, "improved" website was down. What was wrong with the old website anyway? That's more money council didn't need to spend.

But it's not just city council that needs to change the way it thinks. Citizens need to stop lining up at council meetings demanding more and more and more.

THOMAS LAPIERRE, CHESTERFIELD AVE.

#### Guest column

# Westmount memories of Jean Béliveau

BY MAGGIE SHADDICK

Hockey legend Jean Béliveau died on December 2. He will be remembered in Montreal, Quebec and Canada for his many accomplishments. What is less well known is that he made a special impact here in Westmount at the Scouting skatea-thons held in the 1970s and 1980s.

The skate-a-thons were to raise money for Scouting; for the Inter Services Club Council, which in turn was raising money for research into children's diseases at the St. Justine and Montreal Children's hospitals; and for the Jean Béliveau Fund for young boys who couldn't afford it but wanted to play hockey.

The sponsors who supported scouting in Westmount were Dominion Douglas United Church (which hosted 2nd Westmount Scouting), the Church of the Redeemer (3rd Westmount Scouting), the Royal Montreal Regiment (1st Westmount Scouting), St. Andrew's Presbyterian, St. Leo's, St. Matthias, Westmount Park Church and the Shaar Hashomayim synagogue.

The host institutions welcomed boys of every religion in their Scouting programs.

The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts skated. The Venturers and the leaders skated. The parents skated. The mayor attended. Members of city council and aldermen skated. The police chief and the fire chief skated. Sponsorship forms for so much per lap were circulated all over Westmount and beyond. The first year \$8,000 was raised and each year for ten years the amount increased until \$18,000 was reached.

And every year, without fail, Mr. Jean Béliveau arrived to skate with us. Everyone was so excited when he arrived. We were all so impressed with this very tall, quiet and special visitor, our hockey legend number 4, who was so friendly and interested and kind.

From the small Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to the adults, he spoke to everyone that he could and after skating he always left to a very, very loud round of cheering and waving.

I am sure that those of us who skated in all of our skate-a-thons will have special memories of the visits of Mr. Jean Béliveau who every year for a short time became part of us. Our wonderful "Montreal Canadien" will always be remembered.

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## Woman found on sidewalk, taken to hospital

A Public Security patroller came across a woman lying on the sidewalk on de Maisonneuve near Atwater at 1:14 am November 26, department officials said. She was found in the fetal position against the wall of the Atwater Metro entrance. She was covered with a blanket until Urgences Santé arrived and took her to the Montreal General Hospital. The woman was wearing a hospital bracelet.

#### Erratic driver followed

A public safety officer noticed a car being driven "erratically" at 2:20 am on Sherbrooke November 30, Public Security officials said. When it stopped at the red light at Metcalfe, the driver seemed momentarily asleep but then woke up and continued to drive in a zigzagging manner. The patroller called police, recorded the licence plate and followed the car to the NDG border. At 3:45 am the officer was asked to provide a declaration to police on what he had observed. It was not known if the car had been stopped.

#### Microchip scan identifies husky's owner

A loose dog was found running around the edge of Summit Woods near the eastside parking area November 28 at about 8:15 pm, according to Public Security officials. Wearing a black collar without identification, the Alaskan husky was taken to the SPCA, where it was scanned for a microchip and its owner identified.

#### Firefighters called for sparking wires

Sparking electrical wires brought firefighters out twice to different areas of the city November 28, according to Public Security reports. Loud popping sounds were heard and wires to a transformer were seen sparking at 8:22 am at the rear of a house on Murray Hill. A minor fire had extinguished itself when firefighters arrived. Hydro Westmount was called to fix the problem. At 1:42 pm, a call was received for sparking wires behind a house on Hallowell. None could be seen and no damage was reported.

#### Husband picks up intoxicated woman

A Westmount woman was found with her head slumped over the steering wheel of a car at the east parking area for Summit Woods November 28 at 8:13 pm, Public Security officials said. The engine was idling and the woman seemed startled and confused when approached initially by patrollers. She was however coherent and turned over keys to the car after admitting to having had two glasses of wine. She stated she had come up to Summit Woods to "clear her head" of personal problems and was suffering from a lack of sleep. Officers advised that she not drive and her husband was called to pick her up.

## Sidewalk plow damages mirror, grass

Two calls were received by Public Security November 28 for damage caused by a city sidewalk plough on Arlington near Côte St. Antoine, department officials said. The first, at 8:12 am, involved a Dodge Ram whose side mirror had been hooked. The second, at 8:50 am concerned damage to the nearby property. It was believed the plow had had to swerve onto the property in attempts to avoid hitting the truck.

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#### Westmount delegation presents case in Quebec

# Private member's bill widens PAC pool of pros

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A private member's bill on behalf of the city of Westmount moved a step forward December 3 when a city delegation presented its case before a Quebec legislative assembly committee in Quebec City.

It was passed quickly before the fall sitting of the legislature wrapped up for the Christmas break December 5.

The bill exempts the city from a provincial government requirement that restricts membership in municipal design review committees such as the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) to local residents.

As a result, one of the three members appointed to Westmount's PAC may now be a non-resident. Also, members may now be appointed for up to a four-year renewable term rather than for a two-year renewable term.

Since Westmount's by-law stipulates that members be architects or urban planners, the exemption provides the city with a larger pool of professionals from which to draw, especially those having expertise in heritage conservation.

The city's case was heard for 45 minutes in a clause-by-clause review before the legislature's all-party committee on Planning in the Public Domain, said Councillor Theodora Samiotis, who led the city's delegation. About 10 committee members attended.

"They were trying to understand why we wanted to go outside Westmount," she said. "In the end they were essentially in agreement and suggested some wording modifications."

Private Bill 201 was introduced November 12 by Liberal member for D'Arcy-McGee riding David Birnbaum. He sponsored it in lieu of Westmount's representative Jacques Chagnon whose capacity as speaker of the legislature carries with it the expectation of neutrality.

A private member's bill, by definition, affects only a small portion of a population – in this case a municipality – by granting it exclusive privilege.

Also explaining the city's position before the committee were Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier and city clerk Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza.



Councillor Theodora Samiotis at the provincial legislature in Quebec City December 3, is flanked by Jacques Chagnon, right, and David Birnbaum.

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Priest-in-Charge: The Most Reverend Bruce Stavert, Archbishop of Quebec (retired) Music Director: John Wiens One suggested change related to a clause in the bill stating that residents would comprise "a majority" of the three-member PAC. "The committee said it would be simpler to say that only one member could be a non-resident," Samiotis explained.

"It was a very interesting day," she added. "It included lunch at the National Assembly and a tour by Chagnon of the speaker's offices."

Westmount, which has the oldest PAC in Quebec, dating back to 1916, originally was home to many architectural professionals though that is not so anymore, Samiotis explained. Some architects have offices in Westmount but don't live here. Others have already served on the PAC.

The city is believed to be one of the few in Quebec requiring professional members for its PAC. The reason, according to Samiotis, is that the quality of Westmount's architecture requires the professional component (see story February 18, p. 8)

"We told the committee it was important for us to have expertise in heritage conservation since we were designated in 2011 by Parks Canada as a National Historic Site," Samiotis said. This will also be important moving forward when the city sets up a Heritage committee to protect interiors, she added. Now that the bill has passed, the city will have to adjust its own by-law accordingly.





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# Youth wrap for their zone

Members of the Westmount YMCA Youth Zone are planning to offer a gift-wrapping service until Tuesday, December 23. For a cost starting at \$5, the teens are set up to wrap gifts at the "Youth Zone" at the Westmount recreation centre between 5 and 7 pm. Proceeds are to go to the Westmount YMCA Strong Kids Campaign in support of the Youth Zone. From left: Sierra Tsubota, Jason Selman, Jake Lee, coordinator Rachael Ampofo and Fiona Wilton get down to the business of wrapping December 4.

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Photo: Martin C. Barry

# Public Security stops man trying to open car doors on Mt. Stephen

A heavily intoxicated man was found pulling at door handles on parked cars "so violently" November 24 on Mount Stephen that public safety officers intervened while waiting for police, Public Security officials said.

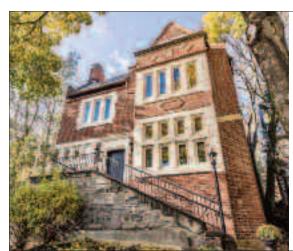
Based on a complaint from a resident at 10:45 pm about a "suspicious individual" trying to open car doors, a public safety officer in an unmarked car began watching the man to determine whether

he was attempting to steal anything.

But when it was decided to stop him to prevent damage to a car, officers told the man to sit on the sidewalk, which he did. Police took him into custody, handcuffing and placing him in a cruiser while the owner of the car was contacted.

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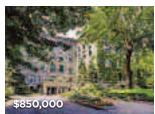
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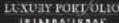
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# Westmount Retail Watch

By Martin C. Barry

A re-opening, an anniversary and a new business partnership are among some of the retail activity occurring in Victoria vilage.

#### Courval re-opens

Known to generations of Westmounters for its women's lingerie, Lingerie Courval was shut since early July following the collapse of the ceiling inside the shop.

On November 28, co-owners Vanessa Brott and Victoria Connolly were open for business again for the first time in nearly five months.

"We have new stock, we've remodeled, we've rebuilt the whole store, and we're having a fresh start," Brott told the *Independent*.

She and Connolly, who were sales associates for eight years at Courval, purchased the shop five years ago from then-owner Louise Dufresne, grand-daughter of the founder Anne Courval. The shop is located on Sherbrooke, west of Victoria.



Lingerie Courval co-owners Victoria Connolly, left, and Vanessa Brott on November 28, the day they re-opened their store, following an almost five-month hiatus.

#### Joolz turns one

Joolz Bar à Bijoux (4916 Sherbrooke St.) marked its first anniversary recently.

"The past year has been a truly phenomenal experience," owner Lydia Mamane told the *Independent*. "I feel very much at home in Westmount's Victoria

village. The response for Joolz has been quite positive.

"Most important of all has been the reaction from clients who don't necessarily live in Westmount," she added. "We have clients from the West Island and other areas of Montreal. They seem to be quite surprised when they come into the store and say they don't have anything quite like



Joolz Bar à Bijoux owner Lydia Mamane is seen here November 28 with the shop's resident canine Simba.

this where they're from."

#### Pearson pharmacy partners up

Pharmacist Donald Pearson (5025 Sherbrooke St.) recently welcomed Bertrand Cohen-Tenoudji as a business partner in Pearson's longstanding compounding pharmacy business. Pearson and Cohen-Tenoudji Pharmacy says it is one of a small number of compounding pharmacies in Quebec.

Compounding pharmacists prepare prescription medicines according to the specific requirements of clients. The pharmacy recently opened a new laboratory for its compounding operations.

The Pearson and Cohen-Tenoudji Pharmacy has been affiliated with the Uniprix chain for years and recently obtained a permit from the city of Westmount to post Uniprix signs outside.

# Environnement Electronique wins Lutron award



#### Retail watch, cont'd. from p. 14

of Coopersburg, Pennsylvania, inducted the company into its Hall of Fame. The honour, according to Lutron, recognizes exdedication in cellence and marketplace.

Environnement Electronique uses many Lutron components in its customdesigned systems that control light and other technical aspects. "This is especially meaningful as we are the only company in Quebec that has been honoured," said François Bérubé, Environnement Electronique's co-owner. The store is located on Sherbrooke St. near Prince Albert.



Environnement Electronique co-owner François Bérubé is seen here on November 28 in front of an advertisement for Lutron, the company from which Environnement Electronique received the

## Group huddled together, dispersed after complaint

Public safety officers found a group of five people "huddled together in a ball," possibly to keep warm, behind 4050 St. Catherine November 19, Public Security officials said. Broken alcohol bottles were found scattered around. Described as homeless, the group was followed as two of them entered Alexis Nihon Plaza and three walked east out of Westmount. A complaint about the group had been received from a merchant at 5:13 pm.

## Owner of injured dog calls Public Security

A dog having a "huge" gash over the left eye and one on the left leg was found running loose at 11:18 am November 28 on Mount Stephen, Public Security officials said. It appeared to have been struck by a vehicle. Believed to be a golden doodle, the dog lacked identification and could not be matched with any other in the city's database. At 3:28 pm, however, the owner called Public Security looking for the dog and was told to call the SPCA where officers had taken it.

#### **Noisy Sunday work** stopped at 3 locations

A ticket for \$269 was issued November 30 to a carpet cleaning contractor for using heavy equipment on a Sunday at 4880 Sherbrooke, Public Security officials said. The contractor, whose truck was using a pump and generator at 7:56 am, had received a previous warning. Two other workers were given first-time warnings. One was preparing scaffolding equipment at 9:27 am outside 4945 Sherbrooke. The other was polishing floors at 10:11 am in the apartment building at 288 Grosvenor.

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# Priory takes 1st, Selwyn 2nd in annual elementary school b-ball tourney



The Priory boys' Panthers basketball team was the victor in the Selwyn House elementary school tournament November 21 and 22, with Selwyn House in second place. Other schools participating in the annual tournament were LCC, Kuper Academy and Royal St. George's College from Toronto. From left: phys ed. teacher and coach Mark Gentile, Yan Ved, Kayvan Barin, Nicolas Desjardins, Michael Nudo, Matthew Seepersad, Liam Monk, Wyatt Price-Gallagher, Luca Pascali, Panagiotis Torabi, Adam Stix and parent and coach Mike Gutfeld.

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#### Message du conseil municipal



Le maire Peter F. Trent, les conseillers municipaux de Westmount, ainsi que tout le personnel de la Ville, souhaitent à tous et chacun une joyeuse période

des fêtes en toute sécurité, en famille et entre amis, et une bonne et heureuse année en santé.

#### Projet Turcot: séance d'information publique prévue le 14 janvier

Le mercredi 14 ianvier à 19 h, Victoria Hall. Un représentant du Ministère des transports du Québec expliquera les travaux à venir et les impacts sur Westmount. Bienvenue à tous.

#### TRAVAUX PUBLICS

#### Collecte d'ordures : horaire des fêtes

Veuillez noter que la collecte normalement prévue le jeudi est déplacée au mercredi pendant les deux semaines des fêtes, soit le 24 décembre et le 31 décembre. Info: 989-5390.

#### Collecte de sapins à compter du 5 janvier

Du 5 au 31 ianvier. Placez votre sapin de Noël en arrière du trottoir à tout moment pour la cueillette. SVP, faites preuve de patience pendant les périodes d'opérations de déneigement. Info : 514 989-5390.

#### **ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES**

#### Exposition: oeuvres de Léo Rosshandler Jusqu'au 13 décembre, Galerie du Victoria Hall.

Info: 514 989-5521.

Prochaine séance du conseil le lundi 12 janvier

Collecte de sang du conseil de Westmount Le mercredi 10 décembre, 14 h à 19 h 30, Victoria Hall. Donnez du sang. donnez la vie. Info: 514 989-5226.

#### **Concert: People's Gospel Choir**

Le samedi 13 décembre, 19 h 30, Victoria Hall. Adultes 20 \$, enfants (moins de12 ans) 10 \$. Billets au Victoria Hall, 4626, rue Sherbrooke O. et à la banque Scotia, 1326, av. Greene. Info: 514 771-2250 ou 514 935-3344.

#### Fête communautaire de la Hannoukah

Le mercredi 17 décembre, 17 h, Hôtel de Ville. La Ville, la Congrégation Shaar Hashomayim et le Temple Emmanu-El-Beth Sholom invitent la communauté à une célébration du festival des lumières. Info: 514 989-5226.

#### Chants de Noël du quartier de Westmount

Le jeudi 18 décembre à compter de 18 h, Victoria Hall. Vin épicé et liqueurs douces servis. Apportez des bouchées sucrées ou salées. Dons recueillis au profit d'organismes communautaires. Info: 514 989-5226.

#### SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE

#### Collecte d'aliments à Westmount

Jusqu'au 15 décembre. Apportez vos dons d'aliments non-périssables dans les bacs situés dans les édifices municipaux, ou appelez au 514 989-5222.

#### Vous partez en vacances?

Contactez le Service de la sécurité publique de Westmount; des agents vérifieront la maison pendant votre absence. Info: 514 989-5222.

#### CITY HALL

#### Message from municipal council

Mayor Peter F. Trent and Westmount City Councillors, along will all City personnel, wish everyone a festive and safe holiday season in the company of family and friends, and a healthy and happy New Year.

#### **Turcot project: public information** session scheduled for January 14

Wednesday, January 14, 7 p.m., Victoria Hall. A representative from the Ministère des transports du Québec will present information about the upcoming work and its impact on Westmount. Open to all.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

#### Garbage collection: holiday schedule

Please note that during the two holiday weeks, the garbage collection normally scheduled for Thursday will take place on Wednesday, on December 24th and 31st. Info: 514 989-5390.

#### Christmas tree collection begins Jan 5

January 5 to 31. Place your Christmas tree behind the sidewalk anytime. Please be patient during snow removal operations. Info: 514 989-5390.

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Exhibition: Works by Léo Rosshandler** Until December 13, The Gallery at Victoria Hall. Info: 514 989-5521.

#### **Westmount Council Blood Donor Clinic**

Wednesday, December 10, 2 to 7:30 p.m., Victoria Hall. Give Blood. Give Life. Info: 514 989-5226.

#### **Next Council Meeting** Monday, January 12

#### Concert: People's Gospel Choir

Saturday, December 13, 7:30 p.m., Victoria Hall. Adults: \$20, Children under 12, \$10. Tickets available



at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St. W., or at Scotia Bank, 1326 Greene Ave. Reservations and information: 514 771-2250 or 514 935-3344.

#### **Community Chanukah Celebration**

Wednesday, December 17, 5 p.m., City Hall. The City, Congregation Shaar Hashomayim and Temple Emmanu-El-Beth Sholom invite the community to a celebration of the festival of lights. Info: 514 989-5226.

#### **Westmount Neighbourhood Carolling**

Thursday, December 18 from 6 p.m., Victoria Hall. Spiced wine and soft drinks served. Bring a sweet or savoury dish to share. Donations accepted for local community groups. Info: 514 989-5226.

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# Deegan receives sportmanship award



Assistant director general Mike Deegan, second from left, was awarded the 2014 Ken Sinclair Sportsmanship Award by SWAT for his leadership spanning 25 years related to the city of Westmount's Recreation department and "principally due to his support of SWAT's activities," said Howard Hoppenheim. From left: city councillor Philip Cutler, Deegan, his wife Diane Labbé Deegan and Mayor Photo: Ralph Thompson

Batshaw Children Needing Homes

# Artistic Isaac needs structure

Ten-year-old Isaac is articulate, engaging and sometimes patient. His fear of rejection motivates him to be helpful, and to seek attention from adults with whom he feels comfortable. He is artistic, loves art and in school is able to stay motivated and focus for the entire class.

Challenged by attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and a history of emotional mixed messages, Isaac can be stubborn, defiant of rules and at times throws tantrums as a way of receiving attention when he is not allowed to have his own way. However, he can be easily redirected to demonstrate positive behaviour with consistency, structure and individual at-

Isaac is presently living in a group home. He has made positive gains and is ready to be integrated into a family, where he will have the opportunity to form a stable, caring and trusting relationship.

Isaac is in need of a long-term foster family. Ideally, he would benefit from a two-parent, traditional Jewish family that will be able to meet his overall needs. The family must be able to provide him with the structure, supervision and attention that he requires. The family should also be open to structured visits from his parents and siblings.

For more information about Isaac, please call Batshaw Youth and Family Centres at 514.932.7161, local 1139.

## SWAT tournament raises money for kids

The 24th annual Old Timers Tournament took place from December 4 to 7 at the Westmount recreation centre. Eight teams of players over 50 from around Montreal took part, including Westmount's SWAT who made it to the semi finals. They were knocked out by Brébeuf, the tournament victor.

The play was fast and competitive.

Montreal companies and volunteers provided support for the tournament including items for the silent auction. Funds raised are to be donated to the Montreal Children's Hospital and the St. Justine children's hospital to purchase medical equipment.



Anne-Marie Larue







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# CFMB AM to leave after 36 years in Westmount

BY MICHAEL MOORE

Westmount-based multilingual radio station CFMB 1280 AM has been sold to Toronto-based Evanov Radio after more than a half-century on the air.

The family of founder Casimir Stanczykowski agreed to the sell the York St.-based station to Evanov in November for \$1.125 million. The sale still requires approval from the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC).

Stanczykowski immigrated to Canada in 1947 after fighting in the Polish resistance in World War II. Fifteen years after arriving in the country, he founded CFMB in Montreal as Canada's first multilingual station using \$5,000 in personal savings and a \$200,000 bank loan.

Stanczykowski died in a car accident in 1981, three years after he moved the station to Westmount, leaving the company

to his widow Anne-Marie, son Stefan and business partner Andrew Mielewczyk.

After 52 years of broadcasting, Anne-Marie and Melewczyk have decided to take themselves off the airwaves and head into retirement. With the pair stepping away, the family reconsidered its long-term involvement in the independent station, said Stefan Stanczykowski, CFMB's manager.

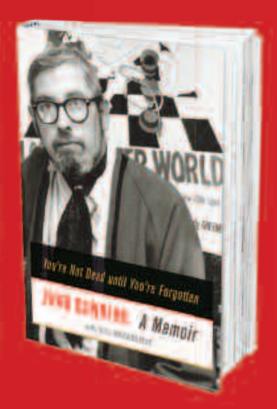
"It's pretty hard for a stand-alone station to compete in today's reality, in today's market. When we were approached by the Evanov group in September, it was clearly the right fix because they had a lot of experience in multi-lingual, multi-ethnic broadcasting," he said.

Evanov currently owns 17 stations, predominantly in Ontario. If approved, CFMB will mark Evanov's third foray into the Quebec market, alongside the English CHSV 106.7 in Hudson and Radio Fierté, a French language LGBT-oriented station in Montreal that is due to launch on 980



CFMB co-owner Stefan Stanczykowski sits at the studio's mic on December 8.

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The proposed purchase would also give the company its third multilingual community station in Canada, with CFMB joining CIAO 530 AM in the Greater Toronto area and CKJS 810 AM in Winnipeg, the latter of which was founded by Casimir Stanczykowski in 1974.

"It's quite an honour to continue the Stanczykowski

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# TRENDSETTERS

#### BARBARA FREIHEIT

By Veronica Redgrave

I ran into this Westmount trendsetter because I was attracted to her adorable mastiff puppy, whose paws are almost as big as his head. He was a magnet for me to rush over and ask permission to pat him. In chatting with his owner, Barbara Freiheit, I discovered that she had just published a book, using her 20 years of experience as a volunteer in palliative care units. In admiration of her role, I said "how sad that must have been." On the contrary, she said, explaining that her time was also about "love and laughter" and finding joy in the moment. Indeed, that is the name of her book: Life Before Death: Stories of Love, Laughter & Loss in Palliative Care.

Your life has many roles: Walking your new mastiff puppy; working as a volunteer in palliative care; having grandchildren; and being elegant at night. How would you describe your personal style?

Eclectic. Casual. I like doing a variety of things, mostly taking care of people and animals and providing comfort. I would say comfort is most important to me, for myself and those I love. I have a strong need to protect and nourish and invest much emotional energy into those areas. I also work out every day, read a lot and do needlepoint. All these activities provide relaxation and recharging of my batteries.

One of your book chapters talks about the pleasure patients get from a manicure. To what do you attribute this and why do you think it is important?

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their spirits to have nails, hair and makeup done. As with healthy people, those who are ill still want to be as attractive and presentable as possible. They feel better when they look better.

What is your favourite way of dressing?

I am a very casual dresser, partly due to a lifetime of raising five children and dogs. It's hard to dress beautifully only to have a dog slobber on your new slacks, not to mention kids and grandchildren dropping food on you! Also, I really enjoy comfortable shoes over fashionable ones, at least during the day. But at night when I go out, I take it up a notch. But I always wear pants. I just don't feel happy in skirts or dresses.

On weekends, what do you like to wear?

Pretty much the same casual clothes, but higher end. Of course I dress up more for dinners and parties.

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

I have to say I really love Montreal and can't imagine a better overall place in terms of quality of life. Montreal is a beautiful city with great restaurants, a great downtown area, fun-loving people - and a great hockey team! I do love New York, but to visit, not to live in.

Who would you invite to a dinner party if you could have anyone in the world and from any era?

I can think of several people: Jesus Christ to hear what he had to say – from him directly rather than his disciples; Adolf Hitler to try to understand the nature of his evil; Humphrey Bogart just be-



Barbara Freiheit at home December 3 with her dog Bogie.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

cause he was so handsome and mysterious; Clint Eastwood just because he's handsome; Albert Einstein to see what he would talk about in a regular conversation

Do you have favourite designers?

I hate to say it, but I wear a lot of Ralph Lauren. The clothes are easy, comfortable and fit me well. I also like the little zippers and buttons he puts on his tops. I also wear Michael Kors. For purses, definitely Coach.

What do you think of clothes for dogs?

If a dog is small and sensitive to the cold, coats and jackets are fine. Boots can help protect the paws from ice and salt. But to dress dogs up in fashionable outfits

is a bit silly. I don't think the dogs appreciate it much.

One of your stories mentions the passion for Gucci that a friend and patient had. Did this fondness for fashionable objects bring her pleasure?

Yes, definitely, these fashionable objects brought a lot of pleasure to Carole. She also had a number of very beautiful wigs, which made her feel good as well. She took a lot of pride in her appearance and wanted people to perceive her as healthy, not as a sick person. She was always very much into fashion and buying and wearing fashionable clothes, and purses meant a lot to her.

# Not-so-shy hawk



This bird was seen in a Westmount garden December 1. It was suspected to be a Cooper's hawk, which may have been sick or disoriented as it allowed the photographer to appraoch it. The dark blue/grey plumage on the top of its wings and back indicated it could have been an adult. One member of the Westmount Independent staff was dive-bombed by a bird with a similar description on November 28 around the Victoria/de Maisonneuve intersection.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

# Another mama cat needing a home



9 Lives

Lysanne Fowler

Abandoned with her newborn kittens, Mama Kitty has come in from the cold. She has been fostered at the Hôpital Vétérinaire Général MB, and her kittens were recently adopted. Now it is her turn to be welcomed into a family who will help calm her nervousness, see through her shyness and offer her a home environment where she can come out of her shell.

This lovely tortoiseshell has never had a good life outdoors and needs a chance to become more confident in a home environment.

She is a very healthy one-year-old, is up to date with her inoculations and was spayed on December 4.

If you would like to find out more about Mama Kitty, please contact the vet at 514.935.1888 or drop by for a visit at the clinic, open seven days a week and located nearby at 3400 St. Antoine St. at the foot of Greene Ave.

Vet employee Lindsay Rae's poem says it all:

They say I wouldn't have survived the cold So the Vet gave me a place to stay But this cage is just my temporary home At least, that's what I pray...
I had five kittens of my own They've already found new places to live I miss them and I'm lonely now I, too, have love to give Though I'm just over one year old I'm still kittenish too
I need someone to take me in And care for me through and through I don't need a fancy food dish Or to be given all sorts of treats I only need someone who'll love me



And keep me off of the streets Though I may seem scared at the moment I'll surely warm up to you Being in this cage makes me nervous It doesn't let my personality shine through Please give me a chance at a happy life I want to find my permanent place I've dreamed of this for so long now A warm and inviting space I want to stretch out on a sofa And curl up in the lap of someone I'll trust Other cats have told me this exists... I've got to see this for myself, I must! Please spread the word that I'm waiting For someone to adopt me I count the days as they pass by Hoping that soon enough, I'll be free.

#### Mama Bear adopted

Another mother cat, Mama Bear (October 14, p. 21) fostered by the Hôpital vétérinaire général MB was recently adopted and has "settled in beautifully," according to the clinic.



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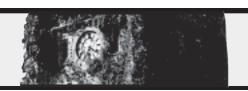
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## AVIS PUBLIC RÈGLEMENT DE CONCORDANCE 1474

POSSIBILITÉ DE RECOURS À LA COMMISSION MUNICIPALE DU QUÉBEC AFIN D'EXAMINER LA CONFORMITÉ DU RÈGLEMENT 1474 AU PLAN D'URBANISME MODIFIÉ (RÈGLEMENT 1466)

À toute personne habile à voter du territoire de la Ville de Westmount.

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

#### 1. Adoption du règlement 1474

Dans le cadre de la modification du plan d'urbanisme de la Ville de Westmount, suite à l'adoption du règlement 1466, le conseil municipal a adopté, lors de la séance ordinaire du 1<sup>er</sup> décembre 2014, le règlement 1474 intitulé « *Règlement visant à modifier de nouveau le règlement 1303 concernant le zonage – Règlement de concordance* » ayant pour objet de modifier les grilles d'usages et de types de bâtiments permis dans les 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 et R9-24-03, ainsi que les grilles de spécifications physico-spatiales visant les zones C7-24-09, C1-24-01, C1-24-02, C5-21-07 et R9-24-03 afin de renforcer l'usage commercial prédominant dans le secteur sud-est. Par suite de ces modifications, la zone résidentielle R9-24-03 deviendra la zone commerciale C1-24-03.

#### 2. Demande d'avis de conformité à la Commission municipale du Québec

- 2.1 Toute personne habile à voter du territoire de la Ville de Westmount peut demander <u>par écrit</u>, à la Commission municipale du Québec la (« Commission »), son avis sur la conformité du règlement 1474 au plan d'urbanisme modifié.
- 2.2 La demande doit être transmise à la Commission dans les 30 jours qui suivent la publication du présent avis à l'adresse suivante:

Commission municipale du Québec 10, rue Pierre-Olivier-Chauveau Mezzanine, aile Chauveau Québec, QC G1R 4J3

- 2.3 Si la Commission ne reçoit pas de demande d'au moins 5 personnes habiles à voter du territoire de la Ville de Westmount, le règlement 1474 sera réputé conforme au plan d'urbanisme modifié à compter de l'expiration dudit délai de 30 jours, soit le 9 janvier 2015. Si la Commission reçoit une telle demande d'au moins 5 personnes habiles à voter du territoire de la Ville de Westmount, elle devra donner son avis sur la conformité dans les 60 jours suivant l'expiration du présent délai de 30 jours.
- Conditions pour être une personne habile à voter ayant le droit de faire une demande d'examen de la conformité à la Commission municipale du Québec
  - 3.1 Est une personne habile à voter :
    - a) toute personne qui, le 1<sup>er</sup> décembre 2014, n'est frappée d'aucune incapacité de voter prévue à l'article 524 de la *Loi sur les élections et les référendums dans les municipalités* (RLRQ, chapitre E-2.2) et qui remplit les conditions suivantes : est domiciliée sur le territoire de la municipalité et, depuis au moins six mois, au Québec;
    - b) tout propriétaire d'un immeuble ou occupant d'un établissement d'entreprise situé sur le territoire de la municipalité depuis au moins 12 mois.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE CONCORDANCE BY-LAW 1474

POSSIBILITY OF RECOURSE BEFORE THE COMMISSION MUNICIPALE DU QUÉBEC TO EXAMINE THE CONFORMITY OF BY-LAW 1474 WITH THE MODIFIED PLANNING PROGRAMME (BY-LAW 1466)

To all qualified voters of the territory of the City of Westmount.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Westmount, of the following:

#### 1. Adoption of By-law 1474

As part of the Planning Programme of the City of Westmount following the adoption of By-law 1466, the Municipal Council adopted By-law 1474 entitled "By-law to further amend Zoning By-law 1303 – Concordance By-Law" at its regular sitting held on December 1st, 2014, the object of which is to modify the Tables of permitted building types and uses in 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 as well as the Tables of physical and spatial provisions for the zones C7-24-09, C1-24-01, C1-24-02, C5-21-07 and R9-24-03 so as to reinforce the prevailing commercial use in the South East Sector. Through these modifications, the residential zone R9-24-03 will become the commercial zone C1-24-03.

## 2. Application for a notice of conformity to the Commission municipale du Québec

- 2.1 Any qualified voter in the territory of the City of Westmount may apply in writing to the Commission municipale du Québec (the "Commission") to examine the conformity of By-law 1474 with the modified Planning Programme.
- 2.2 The application must be transmitted to the Commission within 30 days after publication of this notice at the following address:

Commission municipale du Québec 10, rue Pierre-Olivier-Chauveau Mezzanine, aile Chauveau Québec, QC G1R 4J3

- 2.3 If the Commission does not receive applications from at least five qualified voters from the territory of the City of Westmount, By-law 1474 will be deemed in conformity with the modified Planning Programme upon the expiry of the delay of 30 days, on January 9, 2015. If the Commission receives applications from at least five qualified voters from the territory of the City of Westmount, it shall give its assessment of the conformity within 60 days of the expiry of the delay of 30 days.
- 3. Conditions to be a qualified voter having the right to make an application to the Commission municipale du Québec for an assessment of the conformity
  - 3.1 Is a qualified voter:
    - a) any person who, on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, is not disqualified from voting pursuant to Section 524 of *An Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities* (CQLR, chapter E-2.2) and who meets the following conditions: is domiciled in the territory of the municipality and, for at least 6 months, in Quebec;
    - b) the owner of an immoveable or the occupant of a business situated in the territory of the municipality for at least 12 months.

#### **Hunter**, cont'd. from p. 7

our snow operations kick in we have to be ready. We have two zones to consider because everything north of Westmount Ave. is a degree colder." As soon as the temperature hovers around zero, snow removal may be needed on the upper levels. At the same time, freezing rain just below may call for salting.

And the weather may switch back and forth. "We always have to be ready to make decisions on the safest side."

Hunter, who started out in Prince Albert Park in 1984, worked his way up through many jobs including labourer, a driver of various pieces of equipment including the Zamboni and foreman for both parks and roads.

In 2006, he was appointed to superintendent of both areas, a role he has shared with Monteiro.

In retirement, Hunter is looking forward to being able to take a winter vacation. This was never possible given that vacations at that time of year are not permitted in his area of work.

His one regret, however, is that he'll be leaving before assistant director general Mike Deegan takes over as the city's general manager at the start of the new year,

They worked closely together before the Parks section of what was then Parks and Recreation was merged with Public Works about two decades ago.

## Homeless man sleeps in apartment vestibule

A homeless man sleeping in the vestibule of the apartment at 5 Park Place December 1 at 6:47 am was told to leave, Public Security officials said. Known to officers, he complied with the request.

#### **Knoppers named 'Great** Montrealer' by Montreal chocolate sellers board of trade

Westmounter Bartha Maria Knoppers was named a Great Montrealer on November 20 by the Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal. She was recognized in the scientific sector for her research into the ethical aspects of genetics, genomics and biotechnology.

Also named were Réjean Thomas and former Westmounter Alvin Cramer Segal, who helped establish the Segal Cancer Centre in 2006 at the Jewish General Hos-

# Tool sharpener, warned

The owner of a tool sharpening service was warned November 21 that going door to door was against the law in Westmount, Public Security officials said. At 10:25 am officers had received a complaint from a resident about two people ringing doorbells on Westmount Ave. near Sydenham.

A young man and his supervisor were likewise warned November 23 after a complaint was received at 12:05 pm about the selling of chocolate bars from a resident of Victoria just south of Westmount Ave.

## Off-leash offences date back through 2010

A dog walking off leash November 21 in Weredale Park belonged to a nearby resident who was walking about 20 feet behind, Public Security officials said. When the man was asked to leash the rottweiler,

he was reported to have shouted at the patroller. He was told he would be receiving the \$76 ticket by mail. He was described as having received numerous warnings and tickets dating back through 2010.



#### Ville de Westmount

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- 3.2 Une personne physique doit être majeure, de citoyenneté canadienne, et ne pas être en curatelle.
- 3.3 Conditions additionnelles à respecter pour certaines personnes habiles à
  - a) dans le cas de copropriétaires indivis d'un immeuble et de cooccupants d'un établissement d'entreprise :
    - ▶ être désignée, au moyen d'une procuration signée par la majorité des copropriétaires ou coocupants qui, le 1er décembre 2014, sont des personnes intéressées, à titre de personne ayant le droit de signer la demande en leur nom.

La personne désignée doit être une personne qui n'a pas le droit d'être inscrite sur la liste référendaire à un autre titre prioritaire.

- b) Dans le cas d'une personne morale :
  - ▶ avoir désigné, pour la représenter, parmi ses membres, administrateurs ou employés, par résolution, une personne qui, le 1<sup>er</sup> décembre 2014, est majeure, de citoyenneté canadienne, n'est pas en curatelle et n'est frappée d'aucune incapacité de voter.

Sauf dans le cas d'une personne désignée à titre de représentant d'une personne morale, nul ne peut être considéré comme personne intéressée ni être inscrit sur une liste référendaire à plus d'un titre.

#### 4. Consultation

Toute personne peut consulter cet avis et ces règlements 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 ou sur la page Web de la Ville, sous la section « Avis publics ».

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 9 décembre 2014.

Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza Greffière de la Ville



- 3.2 A natural person must be of full age and a Canadian citizen and not under curatorship.
- 3.3 Additional conditions applicable for certain qualified voters:
  - a) for undivided co-owners of an immoveable or co-occupants of a business establishment:
    - ▶ be designated, by means of a power of attorney signed by the majority of the persons who, on December 1st, 2014, are interested persons, as being the person having the right to sign the request in their names.

The designated person must be a person who is not entitled to be entered on the referendum list of the municipality under another priority title.

- b) for a moral person:
  - have designated to represent, among its members, administrators or employees, by resolution, a person who, on December 1st, 2014, is of full age, a Canadian citizen, not under curatorship nor disqualified from voting.

Except in the case of a person designated as the representative of a moral person, no one may be considered as an interested person nor be entered on the referendum list more than once.

#### 4. Consultation

Any person may consult this notice and by-laws and obtain copies at the Office of the City Clerk located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, in Westmount, from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on the City's Website, under "Public Notices".

Given at Westmount, this 9th day of December 2014.

Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza City Clerk

#### Southeast, cont'd. from p. 1

apply, the changes generally designate Sherbrooke St. from Greene to Elm for commercial/office use, Greene Ave. for retail at street level, and St. Catherine from Clarke to Atwater for multi-commercial activity with retail at ground level.

"It's a beginning and now the goal is to spur development," said Councillor Theodora Samiotis, who moved adoption of the by-law after steering the program through many stages.

"We also hope to come forward with

suggestions for the Tupper-Dorchester area to present to public consultation in the spring."

As a "concordance" by-law, the new zoning legislation is not subject to a referendum since its purpose is to conform to a recent updating of the city's vision and master plan for the area.

The requirement for "table service" at a restaurant in C5-21-07 was a solution suggested by the city's project consultant that is being used elsewhere to block the opening of fast-food outlets, explained Councillor Cynthia Lulham.

Twelve increased uses for the Temple and others in the newly designated commercial zone C1-21-03 on Sherbrooke between and Elm and Wood provide the potential for "administration and commercial or personal services businesses." Among these are advertising, travel and real estate agencies as well as laboratory services

"Since the Temple is also developing a revitalizing program for 2015, we decided to open up more opportunities for them that will be consistent with the commercial vision for the area," explained Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier.

The third change involves zone C7-24-09 for a possible 10-storey development across from Alexis Nihon Plaza. This would require a setback on the Tupper Lane side to match the setback on St. Catherine. It also extends the size of setbacks from 1.5 meters to 3 meters. This would decrease the structure's "massing."

All other uses and spatial provisions previously announced remain intact including the status quo for Westmount Square, which under current zoning, would not allow for the conversion of the commercial tower to residential.

Anyone opposing the rezoning on grounds it does not conform to the city's master plan has 30 days to write to the Quebec Municipal Commission.



#### AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1475

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que le règlement n° 1475 intitulé « RÈGLEMENT SUR LES NUISANCES ET L'ORDRE PUBLIC » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance ordinaire tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 1er décembre 2014.

Ce règlement a pour objet de moderniser les instruments réglementaires de la Ville à l'égard des nuisances et de l'ordre public, en abrogeant le *Règlement 169 on Decency and Good Morals* ainsi que le *Règlement 257 concernant les nuisances*, en gardant les dispositions qui sont toujours pertinentes, tout en mettant à jour leur libellé afin de se conformer à la législation en vigueur, et en ajoutant de nouvelles dispositions reflétant la réalité d'aujourd'hui. Le nouveau règlement prévoit également des amendes révisées, faisant la distinction entre les infractions commises par des personnes physiques et celles commises par des personnes morales.

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.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 9 décembre 2014.

#### NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1475

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that By-law No. 1475 entitled "BY-LAW ON NUISANCES AND PUBLIC ORDER" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount during its regular sitting held at City Hall on December 1st, 2014.

The object of this by-law is to modernize the City's regulatory instruments relating to nuisances and public order, by repealing *By-law 169 on Decency and Good Morals* as well as *By-law 257 on Nuisances*, by keeping the provisions which are still pertinent while updating their content to conform with current legislation, and by adding new provisions to reflect today's reality. The new by-law also introduces revised penalties, distinguishing between offences committed by persons and companies.

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

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

GIVEN at Westmount, this December 9th, 2014.

M° Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza Greffière de la Ville / City Clerk



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## AVIS PUBLIC CALENDRIER DES SÉANCES ORDINAIRES 2015

AVIS PUBLIC est par la présente donné que, lors de sa séance ordinaire du 1<sup>er</sup> décembre 2014, le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount a établi le calendrier de ses séances ordinaires pour l'année 2015 comme suit :

le 12 janvier à 20 h; le 2 février à 20 h; le 2 mars à 20 h; le 7 avril à 20 h; le 4 mai à 20 h; le 1er juin à 20 h; le 6 juillet à 20 h;

le 3 août à 20 h; le 8 septembre à 20 h;

le 5 octobre à 20 h; le 2 novembre à 20 h;

le 7 décembre à 20 h.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE 2015 REGULAR SITTING SCHEDULE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that, at its regular sitting held on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount determined the 2015 schedule of its regular sittings as follows:

January 12, at 8:00 p.m.; February 2, at 8:00 p.m.; March 2, at 8:00 p.m.; April 7, at 8:00 p.m.; May 4, at 8:00 p.m.; June 1, at 8:00 p.m.; July 6, at 8:00 p.m.; August 3, at 8:00 p.m.; September 8, at 8:00 p.m.; October 5, at 8:00 p.m.; November 2, at 8:00 p.m.; December 7, at 8:00 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, this December 9, 2014

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#### Westmount Art Scene

# Luo, Walker and Ruel: Almost real

BY HEATHER BLACK

This month Tong Luo's paintings conjure up the cool Tibetan Steppe at Han Art Gallery. At Galerie de Bellefeuille, painter Jason Walker's photo-like donuts or Nicolas Ruel's blended exposures record or create a new, psychological reality.

#### Luo at Han Art Gallery

In "Snow Land," New York artist Tong Luo captures the northern environment of Tibetan herdsmen. Painted in oils on canvas, the style is realistic yet painterly. While evoking the work of John Singer Sargent, Luo's modern palette of cool blues sets a contemporary tone.

Recreating the blinding brightness on sun on snow, in "Little Brother," a child poses in traditional dress. In "Unexpected Storm," a young woman with a calm and direct gaze stands within a harsh and inhospitable landscape. There is an ethereal



Tong Luo "Unexpected Storm"

quality in these works, in contrast to the dark, indoor environment of "Morning Light."

In this series, Luo also captures a state of harmony between man and beast. For "Snow Land," a young woman eloquently posed with her horse, captures the nobility of life on the steppes. This exhibition, and proud depiction of a people, continues until Saturday, December 13 at Han Art Gallery, 4209 St. Catherine St.

#### Walker, Ruel at Galerie de Bellefeuille

Toronto painter Jason Walker is also a masterful portraitist. His hyper-realistic portrait "Dorothy" depicts a young Judy Garland as the Wizard of Oz star. Painted

in black and white on a smooth board, the photo-like portrait recreates an iconic 1950's image. In contrast the rich cyan and green in the portrait "Frank 3" illustrates Walker's skill as a colourist.

In his paintings of figurines "Elephant and Clown" or "Dancing Girl and Horse," the relationship between the subjects creates a narrative. Painted in detail sugary pinks, yellows and greens against a black background, these images create a visual link to Walker's mouth-watering compositions of frosted donuts. In "Red Donut Box," the drizzle of decorative icing creates an almost abstract composition.



Jason Walker "Red Donut Box"

Montreal photographer Nicolas Ruel's stainless steel prints also highlight the beauty of found patterns within stacked shipping containers. In "Clearance," intricate numbering, blue and yellow decals create interest within grid-like doors. In comparison, for "Au temps d'Orsay," a constructed image of human silhouettes positioned along a large clock face reminds us of the stress of modern life.

In "Maison Gaultier 15," multiple exposures of a high-fashion model posed on a stair against windows and mirrors reflect the role of women. Wearing an evening gown, the central model is surrounded by images of herself dressed in elegant business attire. In this image Ruel, like Walker, sets the scene for viewer interpretation. The two exhibitions continue until Tuesdav. December 16 at Galerie de Bellefeuille, 366 and 367 Greene Ave.

In these works, detail recreates reality. The descriptive quality of each painting or photograph conveys an emotional or narrative truth. As author and filmmaker Jean Cocteau once wrote: "True realism consists in revealing the surprising things which habit keeps covered and prevents us from seeing."

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# Fashion in spotlight at \$5-million home



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

Veronica Redgrave

Westmounter Liza Kaufman had a fashionable way to show real estate: with fashion. She and her team, Lindsay Hart and Jackie Boulay of Sothebys International Realty Québec LK, welcomed guests to an invitation-only evening at a special Westmount address, where an immense house stood empty of furniture, the better to show racks of flare.

There, couture emporium Catherine Malandrino and former fashion designer-turned-pop-up-trunk-show producer **Lino Catalino** presented clothes ranging from all-out glamour jumpsuits and dresses to

zippy blazers and fun tops. Stella & Co. displayed jewelry to match.

One almost forgot the building. But the massive home was hard to ignore. From the large work-out room to the mirrored-wall-and-ceiling bathroom, it was a Miamistyle mansion: glamorous from large room to large room, with its floor-to-wall plush carpeting. Oh, and did we mention the wrap-around balcony? It was topped with a glass roof. With such a magnificent vista who wouldn't want to enjoy it all year round?

Westmounter **Heidi Hollinger** previewed her newest profession: wine. Not enough to be a peripatetic photographer, whose portfolio boasts Russian politicians in their underwear – almost a *Ripley's Believe It or Not*, but true! – the talented lady now manages the Quebec market for the Kolonaki Group, which imports Greek



Lindsay Hart, left, Jackie Boulay.



Liza Kaufman



wines. The red and white vintages were enjoyed by all.

Noted loving the fashions – and the large winding staircase perfect for a glam entrance – was local res **Avi Markovitch**, stylish in leggings, fur boa and large Prada tote.

From Catherine Malandrino, **Darina** Groucha, Zoe Trudeau and Sara Cerasela Popa presented merchandise in brandbright chartreuse-yellow bags. Leaving the

opulence of the storied Disney delight – a \$5-million home – one noticed little chaps clad in Canadiens' sweaters playing street hockey. Two dreams overlapping on a Westmount avenue.

Addendum: Liza Kaufman's daughter Alfee recently married Westmounter Goeff Garbarino under a beautiful bouquet-bowered chuppah at a sumptuous wedding in Miami. For more photos, see p. 29



#### Social Notes, cont'd. from p. 28



Zoe Trudeau, left, and Darina Groucha.



Lyna Toye and Lino Catalano.



Jahna Szabo





#### Canada Post, cont'd. from p. 1

could stop the program "in its tracks," Trent said. So far, "It's the only way in my view that will stop it."

He later told the *Independent* he had checked with Westmount's federal member Marc Garneau, a Liberal, before approaching Coderre and that Garneau was "in favour" of a moratorium on the Canada Post plan.

Although public consultations by Canada Post were to proceed Tuesday, December 9 to discuss sites for the community boxes in Montreal, Trent and Coderrre have previously said they would deny permits for their installation on both territories (see story October 28, p. 1).

Trent said the city would not be submitting a brief at consultations taking place in the new year because about six months ago when he had spoken to Canada Post officials they had told him they were not interested in discussing other options.

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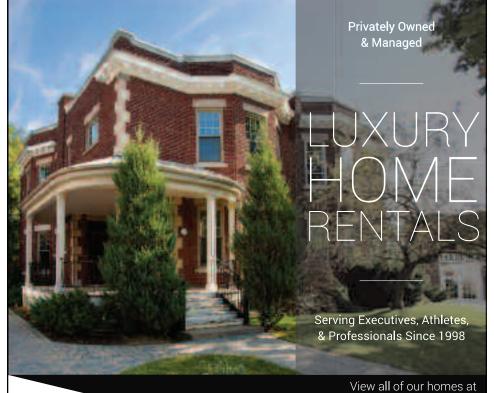
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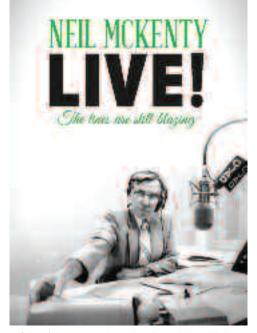
HERITAGE



# Tree lights turn on in front of city hall



The city's Christmas tree was lit the evening of December 1 outside city hall. Participants joined Mayor Peter Trent and city councillors in carolling. Cookies and hot chocolate were served in the lawn bowling club house. Photo: Ralph Thompson



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#### CFMB, cont'd. from p. 20

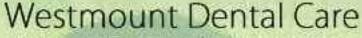
legacy," said Evanov vice-president Carmela Laurignano.

As part of its current licence with the CRTC, which runs until 2021, CFMB is required to serve 16 communities and languages and currently offers programming in Berber Tamazight, Creole, Urdu and Romanian, among others.

As Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg have varying cultural and linguistic needs, Evanov isn't planning to share programming among the three stations, but will bring administrative help and other resources, such as an expansive music library, to help lead CFMB forward, said Laurignano.

Evanov has no plans to let go any of CFMB's approximately 50 employees in the "short- or medium-term," an important reassurance for the Stanczykowski

However, the York St. studio CFMB currently broadcasts out of will likely need a new tenant. Evanov plans to move the studio into a Papineau Ave. building alongside Radio Fierté, allowing the stations to share support staff, according to Laurignano.



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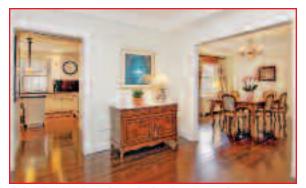
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