

Wind breaks window
at Westmount Square



Police from Station 12, right, took over from Public Security to block access to St. Catherine St. between Wood and Greene after a pane of glass was blown out of the 17th-floor, south-facing window of Westmount Square January 6. There were no injuries reported, the opening was quickly covered (left, from January 7) and traffic allowed to circulate. For more, see p. 8. Photos: Robert J. Galbraith.



See paper archive.

WESTMOUNT INDEPENDENT

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City budget held up by agglo, deferred till January 27

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Taxpayers will have to wait a little longer than expected to learn what the new tax rates will be for this year. The city's planned budget presentation date has been moved to January 27 at 8 pm, according to city officials.

The change from January 13 results in large measure from the later than expected presentation of the agglomeration budget as well as legal notice requirements, Mayor Peter Trent explained.

While the Montreal and agglo budgets are not scheduled to be tabled until Janu-

ary 29 and 30, he said, the city had received a letter December 17, just before the holidays, confirming agglo spending increases in the range of 0.9 to 1.2 percent.

As a result, the city is expecting its share of island wide expenses to be \$50.3 million, Trent said. This is 1.1 percent more than the city's contribution in 2013. The Westmount budget is now being completed using this figure, he said.

A number of other on-island suburbs have also deferred their budgets. Beaconsfield, for example, is holding back until February 17. Pointe Claire, on the other hand, *continued on p. 21*

Stormy December:
record salt use, \$900k spent, see p. 4

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Hydro network spared by holidayers: Hurtubise ‘Significant’ blackout reported but no new usage records

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Only one “significant” power outage from the overloading of circuits was recorded by Hydro Westmount during the extreme cold over the Christmas and New Year’s holiday period. The weather caused widespread blackouts in the province.

The Westmount network held up “relatively well,” according to Hydro Westmount director Benoit Hurtubise. “A lot of people were on holiday, which helped.”

While consumption peaked at 78 megaWatts on January 2, about 78 to 80 percent of capacity, it was far from the utility’s record peak set last January at 92 percent of capacity, he said.

The one main outage this time oc-

curred on January 2 when a main circuit overloaded over the dinner hour causing residents to lose power in the lower west end of the city from the city limits east to Kitchener and Melville.

The load had to be transferred to another circuit and be re-established, he said. Although this took some 20 to 30 minutes to restore, the outage was reported by Public Security as affecting “a large portion of the city” from 6:50 to 7:45 pm.

This followed a more localized and “minor” outage December 29 at Westmount Ave. and The Boulevard when a cable was reported to have short circuited. Its cause was still under investigation last week, but it was not believed to be overloading.

Graffiti painter caught in action

Frosty weather New Year’s Eve failed to deter the efforts of a graffiti painter – or of public safety officers who caught him in the act.

Public Security officials said it was at 3:21 am, December 31, that patrollers spotted the teenager on top of a 25-foot scaffold in the process of spraying a tag on a side wall of the YMCA residence at 4039 Tupper. Police were called to identify the individual, reported to be a 17-year-old resident of NDG. He was issued a ticket for \$119 under the municipal by-law and his parents informed. A paint can was retained as evidence and Public Security said it was possible he would be invoiced for clean-up costs. Several other incidents of graffiti were also reported over the holidays, but it was not known whether they were new or former ones that had not yet been documented.

Read your ticket, keep your ticket

Westmounter Rosalie Fagen has a warning for fellow motorists: read your tickets. On October 29, she found a parking ticket on her car, which was on Cedar just outside Westmount. She acknowledges that

she was in the wrong and paid it right away at the Bank of Montreal on Grosvenor. A little while later, she received a ticket in the mail for an offence on the same day. She had kept the original ticket and went back

to it. The licence plate, time of day and location of the offence were not for her car. She suspects someone received a ticket, saw her car with a ticket on it and came up with a ruse to get her to pay their ticket.

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Police, Public Security hockey game generates \$240 for charity

At the end of the game, winners were presented with a makeshift Charity Cup, “an inflatable Stanley Cup that belongs to my kids,” McBain added.



Teams from police Station 12 in orange jerseys and Public Security in navy Westmount Florist sweaters gather around an inflatable Stanley Cup at the end of their game at the new Westmount arena December 19.

Photo courtesy of Westmount Public Security.

Public Security and police station 12 hockey teams faced off in a charity hockey game December 19 at the Westmount recreation centre that generated \$240 for a yet-to-be determined Westmount organization. One of the previous recipients was Centre Greene, which acquired sporting equipment as a result.

While the game was won 5-3 by the

Public Security team, it was described by assistant director Greg McBain as a “friendly team-building exercise” that brought together personnel from both forces in a non-work related occasion.

In fact, to better balance team numbers, McBain switched over to the police team at half time.

The Public Security team numbers

were swelled by other city representatives including the commissioner, Councillor Philip Cutler, along with participants from Sports and Recreation as well as Hydro Westmount.

Among those playing for police were the station commander, Daniel Gervais, and several sergeants. Both teams included one female player.

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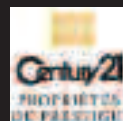
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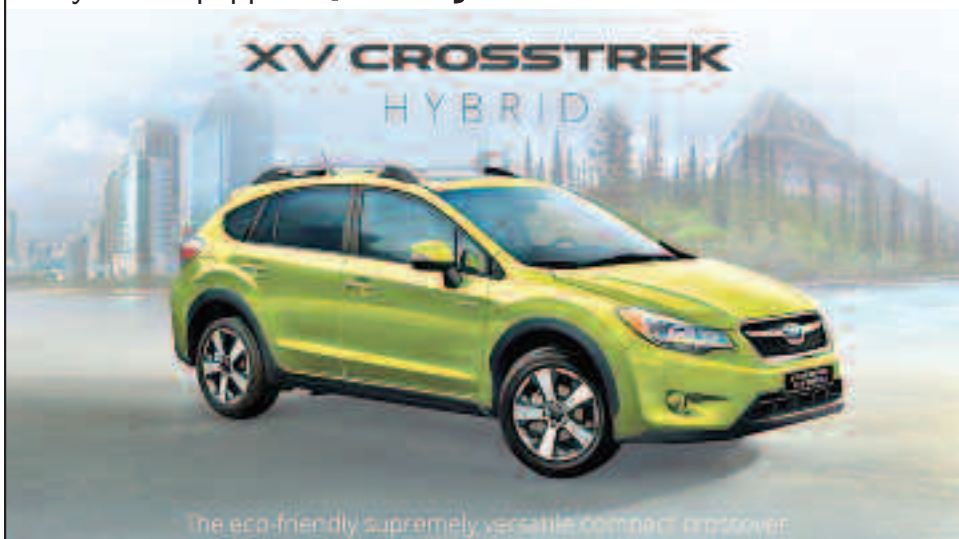
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30-year record for salt use

City's December snow clean-up exceeds \$900,000

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Near record-cold temperatures, back-to-back snowfalls, freezing rain and mixed precipitation from December 15 through to the end of the month cost Westmount more than \$900,000 in snow removal and disposal, Public Works officials said last week.

It also resulted in the use of 3,300 tonnes of road salt, a 30-year record.

"When I look back at our records, I have to go back to December 1983 and '84 before I find more," said Public Works director Marianne Zalzal.

Except for Christmas Day, December 25, personnel worked on snow removal

straight through from December 15, the day of the first big snow storm, she said.

Over the two-week period, a total of 88,500 cubic meters of snow was picked up and trucked away to two disposal sites used by the city, Zalzal said.

The \$900,000 in costs covers only the outside costs: hired trucks, loaders and blowers, the cost of the disposal and clearing of lanes as well as salt used. The cost of labour and city overtime is in addition.

"Last winter on December 27 (2012), there was an enormous amount of snow that fell all at one time, which gave us problems opening up the sidewalks," Zalzal recalled. "This time, it was quite different, and rougher in a way, because it

happened over an extended period. My personal opinion is that the snow was more compacted."

As well, there were a number of frozen pipes and water leaks in outside pipes as well as inside people's homes, she said. Not even city hall escaped when a kitchen pipe burst.

Otherwise quiet

Otherwise, it was a quiet holiday period, according to Public Security officials. There were reports of a few noisy parties, but nothing considered unusual. Personnel were involved in the snow clean-up, ensuring that as many parked cars as possible were moved from streets designated for snow loading operations.

Whenever possible, Public Security called the owners of parked cars once the street schedule was known.

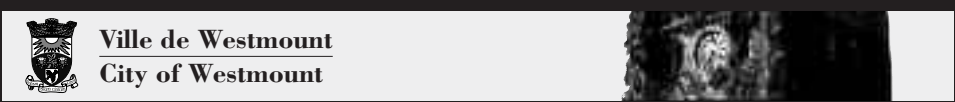
Audet, Penny named to Order of Canada

Westmounters Louis Audet and Louise Penny were named as members of the Order of Canada by Governor General David Johnston, himself a former Westmounter, on December 30.

Businessman Audet was recognized for "transforming the family business [Cogeco Inc.] into one of the top Quebec telecommunications companies and for supporting a wide range of community organizations."

Novelist Penny, who also lives in Sutton, was recognized for "her contributions to Canadian culture as an author shining a spotlight on the Eastern Townships of Quebec."

No Westmounters were named to the two higher levels of the order, companion and officer.



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- 2° lors de cette séance, les délibérations du conseil et la période de questions porteront exclusivement sur le budget annuel et le programme triennal d'immobilisations.

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ISSUED in Westmount, on January 14, 2014.

Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza
Greffière de la Ville/City Clerk

Public Security collects \$3,300, food to help 30 families

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Through the generosity of Westmounters and a six-week long food drive by Public Security personnel, some 30 families in need are reported to have received holiday hampers and grocery gift cards December 19, 20 and 21.

The number of families recommended by the CLSC was a third more than has been recorded previously. The increase was made possible by what is believed to be a record donation of non-perishable food and \$3,308 in cash, assistant director Greg McBain said last week. The cash also provided for the purchase of turkeys and ham for the hampers.

"Something new this year," he said, "was that each child in a family also received a small wrapped gift." The initiative was introduced by PSO Sabrina Tremblay, who coordinated the food drive.

While \$2,240 had been collected initially as admission to the annual Artisans' Festival November 9 and 10, a special donation of \$500 was received from the Church of the Ascension of Our Lord. An-

other \$370 was generated by a Public Security spaghetti dinner for personnel at the protective services building on Stanton St., which houses Public Security, police station 12 and Montreal firefighters.

In addition, non-perishable food was collected at municipal buildings and a variety of city employee and other holiday parties.

Azrieli awarded honorary degree from Weizmann

Westmounter David Azrieli received an honorary doctorate from the Weizmann Institute of Science, located in Rehovot, Israel, on November 4.

The doctorate was awarded to him "in recognition of his outstanding career as a world-renowned architect, designer and entrepreneur who has left an indelible mark on Israel's urban landscape" and "for his deep devotion and concern for the state of Israel and its people, and for his enduring commitment and contributions to public well-being, including scientific and biomedical research and education."

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Cabot Square closure another goal

Policing to focus on traffic in 2014

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

In an on-street, random survey of Westmounters by local station 12 police in December, traffic was identified as the main goal for the 2014 action plan, commander Daniel Gervais said last week.

“Ninety percent of the people we spoke to told us that circulation – bicycle, car and pedestrian traffic – was their main concern,” he said.

As a result, “we will focus on the bike path and Sherbrooke St. with particular at-

tention to safety, including the use of cell phones by drivers.”

He said he was pleased to find out people were also concerned about traffic on their own street. “It’s a good sign that they care.” But as an overall goal, police would be focusing on the bike path and Sherbrooke because of the universal concern expressed about those areas.

Another station goal – involving the Ville Marie district of the precinct – also has an impact on Westmount. This is the planned closure in June of Cabot Square for refurbishment that is expected to take a whole year, Gervais said.

With it will come the displacement of itinerants and other park habitués who in recent summers had been inclined to move west into Westmount. “We don’t know exactly where they will go now,” Gervais said, “but monitoring the situation will be a big part of our action plan.”

He said officers would be taking a firm stand against anti-social behaviours such as the use of alcohol and drugs, and would work with Westmount Public Security to ensure that the closure of Cabot Square does not impact parks in Westmount.

Schacter meets the ‘dog whisperer’



Photo courtesy of J. Schacter.

Westmounter Jordan Schacter, right, chatted with famed “dog whisperer” Cesar Millan in Kentucky recently. Schacter is a certified dog trainer, certified in pet first aid through St. John Ambulance and has studied at the Companion Animal Sciences Institute for his title as behaviour an-

alyst. His speciality is off-leash pack runs.

“I love to work with dogs that are a challenge. Usually through positive reinforcement, their character changes,” he told the *Independent*. Millan saw a photo of him with a pack of dogs on one of his Instagram posts and contacted him. – VR



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

KUDOS TO WESTMOUNT HIGH STUDENTS

I would like to share a moment that brought a smile to my face. I was standing with a few others at Metcalfe and St. Catherine on January 10, ready to board the bus going west. The bus arrived, but it was packed to the brim with Westmount High School students. The four teenagers nearest the front door kindly hopped off and walked the last block to school, enabling those of us going the 12 blocks or so to Atwater to ride.

Thanks, guys!
NANCY NELSON, ABBOTT AVE.

A KEY ISSUE IN WESTMOUNT

If it weren't so sad, it might really be funny!

At considerable expense (my guess is well over \$50,000), some while ago Westmount installed a small elevator to take disabled people from the greenhouse to the library.

Good thinking! But to use it you need a key; to get the key you need to go to the library desk; then you need a librarian who knows what you are talking about and can find the key. But – and here is where Monty Python comes in – if you can get to the library desk, you don't need the elevator!

Or, maybe an able-bodied person is with you who can make the trip to the

desk. But that person may find it easier just to push your wheelchair through the front door! Unless, of course, the paths are covered in snow, in which case the evasive elevator seems a great alternative. As it stands, this remains a white elephant because of the key puzzle.

I suggested leaving a key in the lock. No, I was told, that would not work because it would be stolen. (I actually think Westmount thieves are not so dumb as to steal a key that is of no use anywhere else, but I understand the concern.)

I then suggested we give a key to keep to everyone who requests it. Seems far cheaper in the end than allowing this white elephant to get whiter.

Better still, I suggested, what about converting the lock to a push button? True, this might mean having to tolerate the occasional teenager who misuses the device, but in the end it would enable the elevator to be used as originally intended.

A few weeks ago I offered all this wisdom to the councillor responsible, but she has not yet responded.

PS. I was also told that the problem may be compounded by a territorial dispute between those responsible for the greenhouse and the library. I offered to mediate.

PPS. The instructions for using the elevator are only in French. Whew! At least we don't have to solve THAT problem!!

BARRY PLESS, LANSDOWNE AVE.

GOING POSTAL

There is no possible sane reason for Canada Post to eliminate door-to-door mail delivery.

But then, maybe Hydro Westmount would finally go to electronic billing.

FLORA-LEE WAGNER, CLAREMONT AVE.

GOING TO THE DOG OWNERS?

To a question regarding the status of a promised survey on a dog run at the meeting of the city council that took place on December 2 (December 10, "Dog Items on hold, waiting for start-up of owners' group"), the mayor responded that the city was waiting to hear from the currently defunct Westmount Dog Owners Association (WDOA), of which there was no evidence of resurrection.

This raises two concerns. Firstly, it appears from the response that the city considers the question of a dog-run in Westmount Park to be one principally decided by a group of dog owners. Surely such a controversial and costly change should involve input from all of the many users and lovers of the park.

Secondly, if indeed the WDOA is, as the mayor believes, in need of resuscitation, who are those claiming to represent the WDOA who questioned candidates at the meeting prior to the recent municipal election and afterwards via email, in order to elicit their views regarding dog issues?

Have reports of the demise of the WDOA been greatly exaggerated?

MAVIS YOUNG, MELVILLE AVE.

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yes to stepping out and tasting
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Did she forget her
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but wait...
the wind is becalmed
the snow falls wet and gentle
the temperature soars
from a frigid minus twenty-four
to a balmy minus sixteen
who would have thunk!

MAYA KHANKHOJE, KENSINGTON AVE.

UNHEALTHY CENTRE?

On various days while cycling locally, I have noticed clouds of smoke coming out of a railed, elevated area in front of the Westmount Park United Church. In the summer during the construction of the Westmount recreation centre, I thought it was part of its building process. And, the smoke would cease when
the work was completed. *continued on p. 7*

Correction

In "It takes a choir" (December 10, p. 8), we transmitted incorrect information about the Interlink Choir.

In fact, the choir is a joint initiative of Westmount Park School and the Contactivity Centre. Place Kensington contributes its lounge and piano for practices.

In addition, the senior members of the choir are generally not from Place Kensington. The majority are members of Contactivity, but that is not a requirement.

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These Côte Rd. houses should have heritage status

COMMUNITY CORNER

BY DOREEN LINDSAY

Thursday evening, December 19, the Westmount Historical Association met in the Westmount Room of the library to listen to Caroline Breslaw, WHA vice-president, who presented her new research on three 19th-century houses situated on the Côte Rd.

Letters, cont'd. from p. 6

But now, months after the opening of the WRC, it is clearly going to be its most prominent and permanent feature. Its pollution is being wafted into the United Church (through its opening and closing doors), the Westmount Park elementary school and playground (with its infant division), the inhabited buildings on Academy Rd., St. Catherine St., Lansdowne Ave. And, last but certainly not least, into the lungs of cyclists and of residents out for a breath of fresh air in Westmount Park.

Is the Westmount recreation centre Westmount's newest contribution to its much publicised Healthy City Project?

STEPHEN CHIN, SHERBROOKE ST.

Acting ed.'s note: I am pretty sure what you see is steam and not smoke. – DP

178 Cote St. Antoine

178 Côte St. Antoine is one of four identical houses named "Metcalf Terrace" built in the 1840s by Moses Judah Hays on land he acquired from the Sulpicians, who once owned the entire island of Montreal. Two houses remain. One has been carefully preserved and sold. This one retains most of its original features: the neoclassical wooden corner pilasters, the decorative window lintels and portico. The original "crepi" or stucco was removed from the stone walls around 1967.

This charming cottage has been the home of the Goode family for 130 years. Larry Goode still resides here, surrounded by gardens of indigenous flowers, among them trilliums. He carefully maintains the painted green wooden fence in front of the house that is the last remaining section of



many that used to line the Côte Rd. The fence itself merits heritage designation.

333 Côte St. Antoine

This large imposing red brick and stone residence was built in 1894-5 by Richard Griffin Starke to replace the original Braeside Cottage that was demolished. Since 2004, Mayor Peter Trent and his wife Kathryn Stephenson have lived in this house that was built when the town of Côte St. Antoine changed its name to Westmount. Based on a photo taken in 1929, today's owners wish to restore the original facade of their home by adding a porch on the front southern exposure and installing double front doors with a roof over the front porch. They respect the heritage value of their 119-year old house.



334 Côte St. Antoine

This house has been dated to around 1880. It was built on sloping land so there are 2 floors in front and three at the back. The east side is original. Mr. Frederick Gnaedinger, a furrier, bought the house in 1906. He had his friend, the local architect Robert Findlay, do an extensive renovation. Findlay added a western wing, a new front entrance, and a covered veranda on the eastern side. The interior was gutted, doors and windows replaced and hardwood floors were laid. The present owners, Nora Setton and Arie Dahan, bought the house in 1991 because they liked the open plan.

The WHA wishes to thank Caroline Breslaw for her presentation and careful research into these three houses.

Doreen Lindsay is the president of the WHA.



Water work



Contractors work to expose and fix a water pipe problem at the corners of Lansdowne and St. Catherine St., January 7. The tie-up caused minimal traffic problems and was repaired by the following afternoon.

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‘Values’ brief submitted to Quebec hearings
City prefers court action on charter over civil disobedience

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city of Westmount’s position to fight the proposed Charter of Quebec Values in court if ever adopted into law was underlined in a brief submitted to government hearings December 20 by the Association of Suburban Municipalities (ASM). The brief from 13 ASM members is scheduled to be heard at a date not yet known, during the public consultation process starting this week on Bill 60, which embodies the charter.

The charter aims to secularize the public sector by prohibiting conspicuous religious symbols.

“Court action is the best way to fight it,” Mayor Peter Trent said last week in continued opposition to the charter and referring to the principles on which the ASM brief is based (see separate story).

In the wake of an online petition launched last week asking Westmount to declare its intent to defy the charter, he said he had made it “abundantly clear” he and the council would oppose it, but through the legal system.

“Westmount threatening to break the

law would be a godsend to the PQ in the French media,” he explained. “The PQ is counting on Bill 60 dividing Quebec right down linguistic lines. We who oppose it have to understand that a slim majority of francophones are actually in favour of Bill 60. They are the ones we have to work on.”

On the other hand, should Bill 60 and the charter ever become law, “I would have no trouble not applying it once we took court action and were awaiting to be heard.”

Petition seeks ‘firmer stand’

The online petition launched last week by Kensington Ave. resident Marina Sharpe called on the city to join the list of other bodies such as Hampstead and the Jewish General Hospital that have declared their intent to defy the law. “Westmount must take a firmer stand,” the petition states.

“I would like to stress that I am not in favour of civil disobedience over court action,” Sharpe told the *Independent*. “Right now, I think the threat of civil disobedience is our best option for preventing Bill 60 from becoming law.” Sharpe, a doctoral

candidate in law, said she is no longer practising as a lawyer.

Trent, who is against internet petitions, said he would prefer to have a discussion on the issue. “Mouse clicks replace informed debate.”

While the ASM brief has yet to be made

public, Trent explained that it was based on 10 guiding principles accepted by 13 members of the 15 members of the ASM adopted in a resolution by Westmount city council December 2. St. Anne de Bellevue and Montreal East are not signatories to the brief (see story December 10, p. 10).

Charter opposition based on 10 principles

The brief of the Association of Suburban Municipalities (ASM), including Westmount, is based on the following 10 guiding principles. It concludes that “In the event the proposed law is adopted, our municipalities will immediately group together with other public bodies and challenge this in court.”

As such, the guidelines maintain the charter is considered a violation of the Canadian and Quebec charters of rights and freedoms as well as international treaties to which Canada is a party.

They state the proposed charter solves no existing issue “and is clearly attempting to concoct an issue for electoral purposes.”

They claim the charter sends a message that religious minorities are unwelcome and will discourage immigrants coming to Quebec while giving the province a poor reputation across much of the Western world.

The proposed law is also completely opposite to the values of the cities in the ASM, according to the guidelines, and that it goes “way beyond” the public sector by imposing the same restrictions on any organizations contracting with a public body or receiving subsidies, and even singles out meals that can be served at a daycare.

A full list of the guidelines may be viewed on the city website.

Heavy winds blow out glass, toss trees around
Window pane plummets 17 storeys from Westmount Square

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Tragedy was averted January 6 when no one was injured as part of a window blew out on the 17th floor of 1 Westmount Square, hurtling it down to the sidewalk on St. Catherine St., Public Security officials said.

The mishap occurred just before 1:30 pm, blocking traffic on the busy street from Atwater to Greene as well as on

Wood and Gladstone.

“It was very, very fortunate that no one was hit,” said assistant Public Security director Greg McBain adding the injury would likely have been fatal. “There was heavy wind at the time.” He could not recall a similar incident in Westmount involving a high-rise building, though he had heard of wind blowing out windows in houses.

Public Security personnel were sum-

moned to the scene at 1:31 pm by parking inspector Peter Jay who was passing by just after the glass fell. Officers were reported on site two minutes later, blocking traffic while Public Works crews set up barricades and bagged parking meters.

Public Security, fire, police

McBain said the fire department arrived at 2:04 pm, followed at 2:17 by police, who replaced Public Security

personnel. Window specialists were called in by Westmount Square.

Despite gusts reported at 85 km/h, few other wind-related incidents were reported by Public Security, though McBain said he knew of a few Christmas trees that had blown around. “I picked up one myself from the middle of Côte St. Antoine and Stanton at lunch.”

See photos on p. 1.

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up before 7 am**

A ticket for \$269 was issued January 7 to a contractor at 215 Redfern for starting up three pieces of heavy equipment before the allowable 7 am time, Public Security officials said. Attending the scene at 6:42 am on a complaint at 6:35 am, officers found the engines of a forklift and two elevated lifts idling. They were described as making “a significant amount of noise” and disturbing the peace.

Electrical work



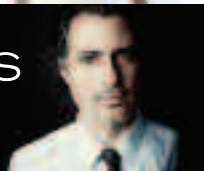
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Retail Round-up

Alexis Nihon undergoing major renovations

BY STEPHANIE O’HANLEY

Alexis Nihon Renovations

If you visit Place Alexis Nihon, chances are you’ll see workers in hard hats. Along with the construction currently under way, you’ll notice the shopping centre is experiencing big changes.

Guy Charron, executive vice president, operations (retail) for Cominar, said once it’s finished, the company’s overhaul of Place Alexis Nihon will include new floors, new ceilings, new branding, a new entrance at the Metro level and new washrooms. Charron said he expects work to install new doors on St. Catherine and Atwater and to redo the building’s facade will be finished by the end of March. A new panoramic elevator should also be ready then, Charron said.

“It’s very exciting for tenants, for clientele,” said Charron, noting that a number of the mall’s tenants have “refreshed their concepts.” The IGA grocery store is expanding and has been renovating for the past six months, he said.

The renovations, which began at the end of the summer of 2012, should be

complete by summer 2015, Charron said. It’s a step-by-step process, Charron added, since the mall is open 20 hours per day and only closes between 1 and 5 am.

Many changes are related to the arrival of Target. Alexis Nihon signed an agreement with Target in May 2011 but Target made a request in June 2012, Charron said. “They came to see us and said ‘We’re looking for more space.’” Adding 700 metres of floor space involved preparing a section of the mall that once housed a movie theatre and redesigning the Metro level of Alexis Nihon. A fountain was removed. “We were forced to move Tim Horton’s and a flower shop (Jardin Alex) inside,” Charron said. Other tenants moved or their leases were recaptured or bought back, Charron said.

“This is our job,” Charron said. “We have to think how can we improve the experience.” Charron said Alexis Nihon now has 100 more seats available at the Metro level and a new food court with four new kiosques. Yeh! Yogourt is already open, but Croque & Cie, Imagination Pasta & Salad and Jus Jugo Juice are coming soon.

Other new arrivals at Alexis Nihon in-

clude the jewellery store Bizou and Olivia, a women’s fashion retailer, Charron said.

Alexis Nihon is now more accessible for people with disabilities, Charron said. There’s a new ramp for the handicapped at the Metro level that was installed at the request of Dawson students and “If you come on St. Catherine, there used to be four steps between the street and the mall,” he said. “Now there are no steps.”

Charron said Alexis Nihon was under no pressure to renovate the entire shopping centre, but Target’s arrival prompted Cominar to revamp the mall, as it’s also doing with Centre Laval and Place Longueuil. “Place Alexis Nihon was due for a major renovation,” he said. “It’s a long process. We are probably 70 percent done.”

Gladstone temporarily closed

Le Gladstone, 4114 St. Catherine St. W.

Though it only opened in late November, Le Gladstone, a French bistro that restaurateur Yves Creton set up with his sons Maxime et Raphaël in the space that once occupied Calories, has run into some bad luck.

In the early hours of Jan. 6 the building’s sprinklers went off, flooding the restaurant and its neighbour Alain Simard Fleurs, causing extensive damage to the interior and sending its ceiling to the floor.

Firefighters and staff from Westmount’s Public Works department pumped water out of the restaurant.

Though Le Gladstone is starting from scratch, work is under way to repair the damage and staffer Marie told the *Independent* it will reopen later this month.

Flore moving by spring

Flore, 5008 Sherbrooke St.

Permit and construction delays have slowed Flore’s plans to relocate to new digs next to Want Boutique at 4962 Sherbrooke St. W. But the flower experts say they expect to be in their new location by spring 2014.

Moved

KASpace

After years on Greene Ave. KaSpace, the private loft that’s home to KA Magazine (KA stands for KA’s founder, fashion designer Kevin Allwood), may now be found at 4035 St. Ambroise St., Studio 209. While spa services are no longer available, you can still make an appointment at KA Studio for some retail therapy. Brands include clothing, luxury organics and a black crystal collection by designer Kevin Allwood, the Ksenia Boeva jewellery collection, Kloe Baby Organics, Aqua Ovo water filtration and revitalization systems and Brethren luxury scarves.

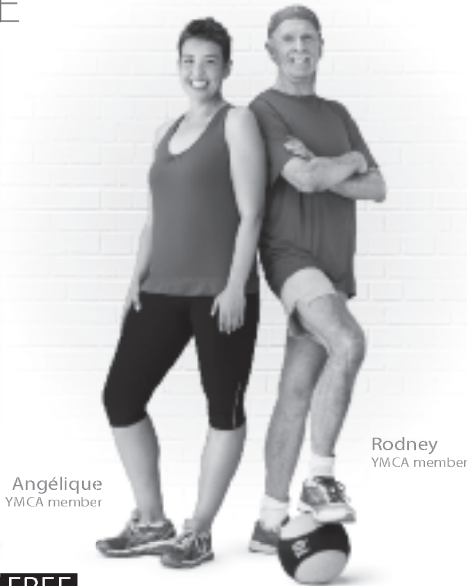
Barracudas raise money for blocks, Strong Kids



The Westmount YMCA’s Barracudas swim team, pictured here on December 6, held a swim-a-thon September 21 that raised money for starting blocks at its pool as well as for the Y’s Strong Kids Campaign, which supports companions for special-needs children and children who need financial assistance to attend the Y. They raised \$6,000.

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On the
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INGRID KOVITCH-
DANNENBAUM

A few weeks ago, I attended a ceremony to recognize volunteers and donors to our new Westmount recreation centre. Following tributes – both touching and triumphant – a celebratory hockey game was held. I was honoured to have been invited to play.

Perhaps “honoured” is not quite the appropriate word.

The organizers, ever keen to demonstrate that the facility was designed for *all* Westmounters, were in search of a token “Woman.” In similar vein, they were also scrambling to find a symbolic “Lousy Player.” Coincidentally (?), in me, they had both.

Even more importantly, they had found someone who clearly felt that personal dignity was highly overrated. (See “Golf,” June 18, p. 12.)

To balance me out, our team was allotted a host of compensatory, sensational players. These included, but were hardly limited to, two Sports and Recreation em-

Hockey equality, two solitudes

ployees – B and M.

In the interest of fairness, the other team was saddled with two “Old Men.” These were similarly offset by two “Young Stars.”

I was not at all insulted that my husband asked – to no avail – to be placed on the opposing team (heretofore referred to as the “winning team”). On the contrary, I was inspired by his plucky, hyper-competitive (albeit misguided) spirit. I was equally impressed that he was willing to forsake any hope of ever eating again, not to mention marital harmony (with attendant perks).

I instructed the referees (my sons, rather conveniently), to award me plenty of penalty shots. Both goalies coincidentally (?) requested precisely the same thing. I also advised the refs to report my number to the scorekeeper whenever a goal was scored. (This directive was to be followed irrespective of which team scored. Hardly unreasonable, as I was in fact more likely to assist on goals scored by the opposition.)

But never content to leave things to chance, I instructed the scorekeeper (my daughter, rather conveniently), to mark

down my number no matter what the referees actually reported.

And so the game began. To everyone’s great surprise, our team – inexplicably, *miraculously* – vaulted to a 4-0 lead. And that’s when B and M realized that something had to be done.

M was subtle, and maintained the illusory charade of pretending to try. B, on the other hand, abandoned all pretense and coincidentally (?) began passing the puck to me. He did suggest that I consider “keeping my eyes open.” I tried to explain that the only way to flinch effectively was with closed eyes. I also revealed that I was a mole, and was obviously playing for the other team. This further suited his nefarious plot.

Changing sides

Our goalie meanwhile, in rather uncooperative fashion, was playing the game of his life. So B began setting picks on his own defensive partner, clearing out entire alleys for the opposing forwards. Occasionally he became carried away, and all but swept his arm in a wide arc – a gesture that fairly screamed “Please! After you!!!”

Thus did our opponents claw their way

back. And with two minutes remaining, they tied the game.

Overtime! And still, they let me play!

Ironically, the very first time I touched the puck, I nearly scored. With mere seconds remaining, our defenseman got the puck at the point. I stood in the crease and screened the goalie (to the extent that one is able, at 5’2”).

“Shoot!!!” I hollered. Delusionally.

He did, and the puck glanced ever so slightly off the shaft of my stick. (I was experimenting with the “eyes open” strategy.) With that I redirected his shot, perfectly bound for the open top corner, directly into the goalie’s pads.

In so doing I managed to preserve the ultimate, honourable result of a friendly yet hard-fought game: a 4-4 tie. Forget that I finished with eight points for the night; I was thrilled with the equitable outcome, knowing that both teams would be similarly pleased.

In fact, EVERY SINGLE other player, to a man, was disappointed. Our team for blowing our lead; and their team, for falling short in their epic come-back.

Yet another example of the two solitudes engendered by gender!

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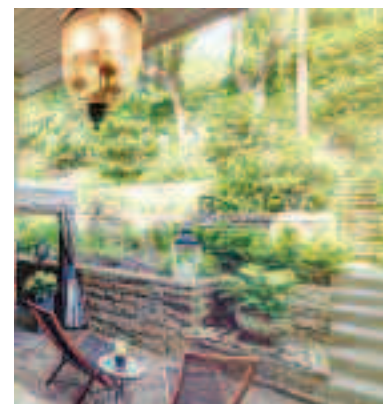
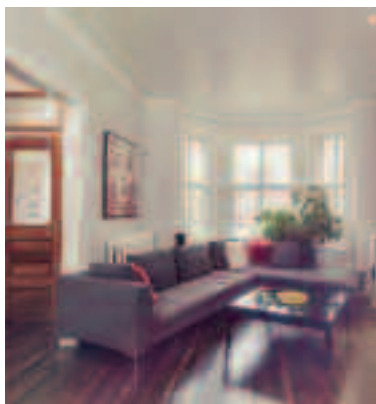
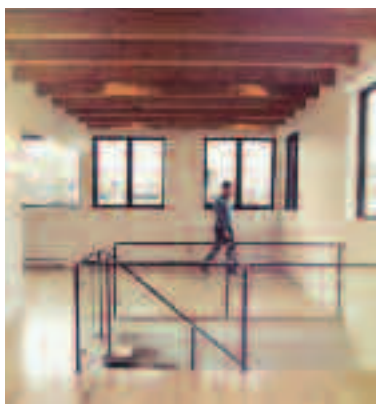
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Le Pays d'Oz closes amid claims of unpaid debts

BY MICHAEL MOORE

Victoria Ave. consignment store Le Pays d'Oz has closed its doors, leaving a group of Westmounters claiming they were never paid for items they had sold through the store.

"There are a lot of honest merchants on Victoria. It's a close-knit community, so it's disappointing for something like this to happen," said Caroline Speirs.

Specializing in children's toys and clothing, the lower Victoria shop offered

people a 40-percent cut of the proceeds to sell items through the store.

Speirs says that last month she gave owner Sophie Godé an Alfie learning toy, a Vtech laptop and a children's rain coat to sell, items she expected to fetch a total of \$50. On her last two visits, Speirs says the items were no longer in the store and she believed they had been sold.

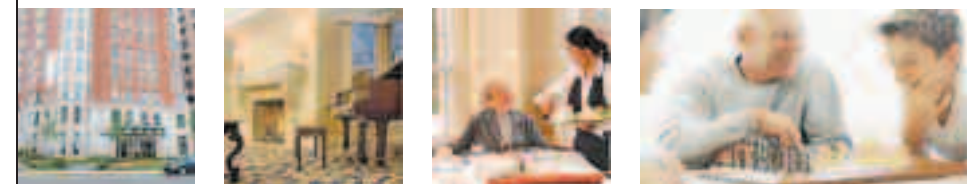
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The storefront on January 10.

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told Speirs they had seen Godé packing up and moving out during the night, leaving behind a bare storefront.

"There was no information on the window about how to contact her. There was nothing," said Speirs, who was never paid her share of the sale.

Another woman, who asked to remain unnamed because she is considering legal action, says she brought in an estimated \$1,000 worth of clothing in November but was never paid.

Speirs says she and other individuals who had also not been paid teamed up and tracked down Godé's home address and phone number through the Registraire

des Entreprises.

They have since tried unsuccessfully to contact Godé to settle the debt, according to Speirs. She says phone messages have not been returned and only one member of the group managed to temporary establish an email conversation with her last week before messages began going without reply.

Attempts by the *Independent* to reach Godé for comment were also unsuccessful. Le Pays d'Oz's phone number has been disconnected and its email address is no longer active, and messages left at Godé's listed number were not returned.

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5 Anwoth Rd.: Part of 'Grove Park Estate'

History by the house

ANDY DODGE, CRA

One of the early land speculators in what is now Westmount was one Andrew Robertson, who put together strips of land belonging to Francis Sisson – who had executed several land deals with William Hallowell back in the 1830s – and Dame Elizabeth Clarke, wife of George McGregor, and John Wilks, in the 1850s and 1860s, before the village of Notre Dame de Grâce was even established in 1873.

Most of the land was “on the flats,” in the eastern part of today’s Westmount, surrounding the part of Côte St. Antoine Rd. that later became Sherbrooke St., Metcalfe Ave. and Sisson’s Lane, which eventually became St. Catherine St.

Robertson was a Scot, whose father, Rev. James Robertson, was a Congregational minister who moved to Canada in 1830, settled at Derby Line and sent three of his four sons to the University of Vermont, where they became lawyers.

Andrew established the firm of Robertson, Fleet and Falconer, presided as president of the Montreal Harbour Board, the Montreal General Hospital, as a governor of McGill College and president from time to time of the Montreal Board of Trade. He died in 1880, unmarried, and left the land to his two surviving sisters and the Fleet family, descendants of his sister Isabella Robertson Fleet.

Village of Côte St. Antoine

By this time, of course, the village of Côte St. Antoine has been established (1876) and pressure was growing to develop the growing community.

In 1890, the Robertson family divided the land into lots and apportioned it among members of the family.

Some of the lots were sold off, but very little happened in Lot 314, just north of Côte St. Antoine (as it was still called) between Mountain and Clarke avenues, until the whole area was reassembled and sold to Frederick W. Thompson, vice-president and part-owner of Ogilvie Flour Mills, in 1910.

The land, stretching back some 500 feet from what was by then renamed Sherbrooke St., cost Thompson some \$59,000. He died in May 1912, but still it took nine years until the land, measuring 124,872 square feet, was sold to the Grove Park Real Estate Company, which paid

\$150,000 and immediately redivided all of the lots, including Grove Park and Anwoth Rd., the latter of which stretched across Clarke Ave. to allow for further development up the hill.

The developer, represented by Edson L. Peace, a banker who was one of the executors of the Thompson estate, apparently hired architects Percy Nobbs and George Hyde to design the Grove Park Estate.

It is not clear how many of the buildings they actually designed. While the construction was starting and the streets were being built, the estate of Maximilian Beauvais, looking for investments, purchased a lot on the northeast corner of Clarke and Anwoth, at the time fronting on Clarke and measuring 5,730 square feet, for which the estate paid \$1 per square foot.

The estate took over the lot on January 7, 1924; one month later it was sold to Howard Robert Little, an engineer, and two months later it was transferred to Charles J. Brown Ltd., a local developer who also purchased the lot to the north on Clarke (from the wife of John Hyde) and reorganized the lots to allow for construction of three houses, including 5 and 7 Anwoth and 415 Clarke Ave. The latter two were semi-detached; No. 5 is a detached home which shares a driveway with No. 7.

House finally built

Finally, by December 1924, 5 Anwoth Rd. was built and sold for \$25,000 to Gordon William Shewan, president of John Gordon & Son, Ltd., dry good merchants on St. James (now St. Jacques) St. in downtown Montreal. Shewan lived there until his death in December 1942, and his wife continued to live there until her death in November 1953.

Dr. Louis Fortier paid \$30,000 to purchase it – only \$5,000 more than it cost some 30 years earlier – and lived there, again until his death, in December 1968. The estate sold the property to John Leslie Wallace, an insurance broker, for \$37,000 in July 1970, as the market was suffering from the exodus of doctors with the establishment of Medicare in Quebec.

This was followed by an explosion of real estate prices as baby boomers first entered the market, and eight years later, Wallace was able to sell the house to Susan Lowe, wife Donald C. Lowe, at the time president and chief executive officer of Pratt & Whitney Canada., for two and a half times his initial investment, at \$91,000.

In a relatively brief period between 1978 and 1992 the house sold four times, each time at a significant multiple of the



previous price, starting with the doubling of the \$91,000 price in 1980, then moving in increments of 26 percent to 1984, 75 percent to 1987, and 53 percent to 1992, when Delores Corenblum, the wife of Harry Rosen, purchased the house.

It had, of course, undergone upgrades and renovations throughout this period, notably in 1981. The Rosens held on to the house during the real estate slide in the mid-1990s and finally the house was sold again in 2005, this time for \$1,350,000, more than double the price they had paid for it.

David McConnell was the buyer at that time; he held on to it for five years and finally sold to Jonathan Goldbloom, who grew up nearby at 5 Grove Park, and Alice Switocz. By April of 2010, when they purchased it, the house had been completely renovated and drew a price of \$1,995,000.

History of 5 Anwoth (since construction)

Date	Buyer	Price
10 Dec 1924	Gordon William Shewan	\$25,000
30 Jul 1954	Dr. Louis Fortier	\$30,000
28 Jul 1970	John Leslie Wallace	\$37,000
14 Jul 1978	Susan Margaret Lowe, wife of Donald Cameron Lowe	\$91,000
18 Aug 1980	Lorraine Brisson, wife of Albert Edouard Desjardins	\$190,000
24 Feb 1984	Richard Samuelson	\$240,000
15 Sep 1987	Laurence Comeau, wife of John D. Miller	\$420,000
7 Feb 1992	Delores Corenblum, wife of Harry Rosen	\$643,620
15 Jul 2005	David McConnell	\$1,350,000
9 Apr 2010	Alice Switocz & Jonathan Goldbloom	\$1,995,000

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HÔTEL DE VILLE

Adoption du budget 2014

Le Conseil de la Ville de Westmount présentera le budget municipal 2014 à la population lors d'une séance extraordinaire qui aura lieu **le lundi 27 janvier à 20 heures**, à l'hôtel de ville de Westmount.

SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE

Piste cyclable : conditions hivernales

Les cyclistes sont invités à suivre les conditions de la piste cyclable De Maisonneuve en consultant le www.westmount.org ou en s'abonnant à Twitter (@westmount_cycle).



BIBLIOTHÈQUE

Paws to Read®

Les mardis de 17 h à 18h30 à compter du 14 janvier. Votre enfant a-t-il/elle besoin d'encouragement pour lire? *Paws To Read®* le jumèlera avec un gentil chien thérapeutique agréé et son maître pour l'aider à surmonter ses difficultés en lecture. Ozzie le Retriever doré visitera la bibliothèque tous les mardis pour écouter votre enfant lire à haute voix. Inscription requise. Info : 514 989-5229.

Conférences de 14 heures : Howard Richler
Le mercredi 15 janvier à 14 h. Venez rencontrer Howard Richler, auteur du livre *How Happy Became Homosexual, And Other Mysterious Semantic Shifts*. Info : 514 989-5299.

Atelier de poésie

Le mercredi 22 janvier à 10 h 15. Cet atelier vous permettra de vous exprimer en vers et de libérer votre créativité dans une ambiance décontractée. Info : 514 989-5299.

Cercle de lecture

Le mardi 28 janvier à 10 h 15. Aucune liste de lecture imposée et aucune date limite, seulement des discussions au sujet des livres que vous avez lus ! Info : 514 989-5299.

Club de lecture en anglais : *Out Stealing Horses*

Le mardi 28 janvier à 19 h. Joignez-vous au club de lecture en anglais pour discuter du livre *Out Stealing Horses* de Per Patterson. Info : 514 989-5299.

EnviroArtWorx : sain pour toi, sain pour l'environnement

Le samedi 8 février de 14 h à 15 h. Tu aimerais fabriquer une bombe pour le bain ou du shampooing moussant? Les enfants pourront réaliser des produits pour le bain sains et écologiques à partir d'ingrédients de base ... juste à temps pour la fête de la Saint-Valentin! Pour les jeunes de 8 ans et plus. Info : 514 989-5229.

Présentation de théâtre : *Bawdy/Body*

Le samedi 15 février de 14 h à 15 h au Victoria Hall. La troupe *Teen Tour Theatre Group* présente une pièce de théâtre pour les filles et leurs mères. Pour

Prochaine séance du conseil : le lundi 3 février

les jeunes de 11 ans et plus. Présentation en anglais. Info : 514 989-5229.

ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

La galerie du Victoria Hall : exposition

Du 16 janvier au 8 février. La galerie est fière de présenter les œuvres de Barbara Asgary, Nathalie Guez et Laura Santini. Info : 514 989-5521 ou victoriahall@westmount.org.

Carnaval d'hiver de Westmount

Les jeudi, vendredi et samedi 6, 7 et 8 février. Fêtez l'hiver lors du 31^e Carnaval annuel de Westmount avec des activités pour tous : patinage, promenades en traîneau, soirée familiale et plus. Plus de détails sous peu. Info : 514 989-5353.



Lysistrata d'Aristophane – une production théâtrale de McGill

Le samedi 8 février à 14 h au Victoria Hall. Comment arrêter une guerre? Organiser une grève du sexe! Ne manquez pas cette comédie classique d'Aristophane dans une toute nouvelle traduction en anglais, avec des chœurs jazz et une introduction humoristique au spectacle. Mise en scène : Negar Banakar; musique : Liam Tucker. Entrée gratuite. Info : 514 989-5226 ou www.mcgill.ca/classics/classicsplay.

TRAVAUX PUBLICS

Collecte de sapins de Noël

Du 3 au 31 janvier. Placez l'arbre, dépouillé de toute décoration et emballage, sur votre terrain à l'arrière du trottoir en tout temps. Veuillez noter que le déneigement et autres opérations pourraient retarder la cueillette. Info : 514 989-5311.

Rappel : déneigement

La neige provenant des entrées privées ne doit jamais être poussée ou pelletée dans les rues, ruelles ou trottoirs de la ville. La neige peut être ajoutée aux bancs de neige existants avant l'enlèvement, mais il faut s'assurer que les trottoirs et la voie publique ne soient jamais obstrués. Autant les propriétaires que les entrepreneurs sont passibles d'amendes pour toute infraction. Lors de la collecte sélective, veuillez déposer votre bac bleu à la limite de votre propriété, derrière les trottoirs, de façon à ne pas entraver le déneigement des rues et des trottoirs.

Patinoires extérieures



Consultez le www.westmount.org pour connaître l'état des patinoires extérieures publiques. Leur fermeture temporaire est parfois nécessaire en raison des conditions météorologiques. Info : 514 989-5311.

CITY HALL

Adoption of the 2014 budget

Westmount City Council will unveil the 2014 municipal budget to the public during a special meeting on **Monday, January 27 at 8 p.m.** at Westmount City Hall.

PUBLIC SECURITY

Bicycle path: winter conditions

Cyclists using the De Maisonneuve bicycle path are invited to check www.westmount.org or subscribe to Twitter (@westmount_cycle) for updates on the path conditions.

LIBRARY

Paws to Read®

Tuesdays from 5 to 6:30 p.m. beginning January 14. Does your child need some encouragement to read? Paws to Read matches child-certified therapy dogs and their handlers with children struggling with reading. Ozzie the Golden Retriever will be at the Library every Tuesday to provide her undivided attention to a child as he or she reads aloud. Registration is required. Info: 514 989-5229.



2 O'Clock Series: Howard Richler

Wednesday, January 15 at 2 p.m. Come meet Howard Richler, author of *How Happy Became Homosexual, And Other Mysterious Semantic Shifts*. Info: 514 989-5299.

Poetry Workshop

Wednesday, January 22 at 10:15 a.m. Get creative in these monthly, light-hearted workshops that get you to express yourself in verse. Info: 514 989-5299.

Readers to Readers Book Club

Tuesday, January 28 at 10:15 a.m. Join our morning book club to talk about great books recently read. Info: 514 989-5299.

English Book Club: *Out Stealing Horses*

Tuesday, January 28 at 7 p.m. Join the English Book Club to discuss *Out Stealing Horses* by Per Patterson. Info: 514 989-5299.

EnviroArtWorx: Healthy for the Environment and for You Too

Saturday, February 8 from 2 to 3 p.m. Would you like to make a bath bomb or a bubbly shampoo? Children will learn how to make environmentally-safe and natural products from ingredients found at home – just in time for Valentine's Day! For ages 8 and up. Info: 514 989-5229.

Theatre presentation: *Bawdy/Body*

Saturday, February 15 from 2 to 3 p.m. at Victoria Hall. The Teen Tour Theatre Group presents a play for girls and their moms. For ages 11 and up. Presented in English. Info: 514 989-5229.

Next Council Meeting:

Monday, February 3

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Gallery at Victoria Hall: Exhibition

From January 16th to February 8th. The Gallery is pleased to feature the works of artists Barbara Asgary, Nathalie Guez and Laura Santini. Info: 514 989-5521 or victoriahall@westmount.org.

Westmount Winter Carnival

Saturday, February 6, 7 and 8. Celebrate the winter season at Westmount's 31st annual Carnival, with activities for everyone, including skating, sleigh rides, family night and more. Watch for the details. Info: 514 989-5353

Aristophanes' Lysistrata – a McGill Classics Play production

Saturday, February 8 at 2 p.m. at Victoria Hall.

How do you stop a war? Stage a sex strike! Don't miss Aristophanes' classic comedy, in an all-new English translation featuring live jazz choruses and a comedy warm-up act. Directed by Negar Banakar; music by Liam Tucker. Free admission. Info: 514 989-5226 or www.mcgill.ca/classics/classicsplay.



PUBLIC WORKS

Christmas Tree Collection

January 3 to 31. Remove all decorations and wrapping and place the tree on your property behind the sidewalk anytime. Please note that snow removal and other operations may delay pick up. Info: 514 989-5311.

Reminder - snow removal

Snow from private driveways and walkways should never be placed on public sidewalks, lanes or streets. Snow may be added to the existing snowbanks prior to removal, but this snow must never obstruct the public roadways or sidewalks. Fines may be levied on homeowners and/or contractors who violate these regulations. We also ask that on recycling day, you keep your blue box off the sidewalk and out of the path of Westmount's sidewalk plows. With your cooperation, we can all look forward to a safe winter season.

Outdoor Skating Rinks

Check www.westmount.org to find out about the condition of the City's outdoor skating rinks, as weather conditions may require their closure from time to time. Info: 514 989-5311.



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Fraternité Sacerdotale to move in coming years

500 Claremont Ave. boasts long list of philanthropic tenants

By MICHAEL MOORE

Once humorously described as a “little red schoolhouse,” the sprawling five-floor, 2,300-square meter building at the corner of Claremont and Windsor has housed a host of philanthropic tenants for over a century.

Over that span, the building’s distinctive red brick exterior has served at times as a home for orphans, struggling families and physically or socially struggling children.

For almost four decades, the historic 500 Claremont Ave. building has served as a residence for priests of the Fraternité Sacerdotale, an all-male congregation founded towards the turn of the 20th century by Canadian Father Eugène Prévost.

However, like many religious institutions, the massive building is currently underused by its current tenant, with only a dozen Fraternité Sacerdotale priests currently studying there.

Members of the fraternité have already conceded that the order will be forced to move into less spacious accommodations in the coming years, although no date or plans have been finalized and no subsequent tenant has been named.

When the order eventually moves out, it will join a long list of religious and charitable former tenants dating back to the start of the 20th century.

Hervey Institute

In 1908, the Hervey Institute, named after philanthropic reformist Eliza Hervey, upgraded into the Claremont building from its smaller facility on Mountain Ave. Originally called the Home and School of Industry, the charity proposed a more self-reliant approach to charity, training girls for domestic service and then accepting boys as well after the move to Claremont.

The institute would soon fall on diffi-

cult financial times. It opened its doors to care for children and families of soldiers overseas during and after the World War I, leaving it financially crippled and forcing it to sell off its assets in 1921.

That year, with the number of Jewish orphans on the rise, the Montreal Hebrew Orphans’ Home moved from Evans St. to the Claremont facility, more than doubling its capacity. Now able to house over a 100 children, the orphanage provided traditional Jewish teachings to understand the community’s culture, including lessons on prayer, food and language.

The orphanage would remain on Claremont until a lack of funding forced it to close in 1942 and ownership of the building was transferred to the government. With war raging in Europe and the Pacific, the building was used to house the Young Soldiers’ Wing of the No. 4 Vocational Training School, providing instruction to underage soldiers before they were old enough to be deployed overseas.

After the end of the war, the building was again converted, this time to accept those soldiers returning home. A total of 180 young men were housed and took college-level preparatory courses provided by Sir George Williams University, which would later merge with Loyola College to create Concordia University.

Diocese buys

The building was briefly home to the Children’s Aid Society, which opened in 1950, before being sold to the diocese of Montreal in 1952. A year later, a group of six nuns from St. Viateur opened a school for blind boys over the age of 13. The school would remain there for only a half dozen years before it outgrew the facility and moved to a new building on the South Shore.

In 1959, the diocese then handed the



500 Claremont, January 13, from the southeast corner with Windsor, looking southwest. Photo: Independent.

building to group of French Dominican sisters, who added a fifth floor and opened a school for troubled boys. The school would remain open for the next 11 years before the Claremont site was provided as a residence for members of the Clairs Séjour order.

In 1976, the building took in its eighth tenant in 55 years when the diocese established it as a residence for the Fraternité Sacerdotale, which has finally provided a degree of stability to the site for the last 38 years.

However, when the order eventually moves into new, smaller accommodations sometime over the next years, the diocese

of Montreal will again be searching to fill the historic space with new faces.

Bombardier slips over on one side

The driver of a city sidewalk plow was a “little shaken” but not hurt when the Bombardier vehicle slipped off the sidewalk and flipped over on its side, Public Security officials said.

The accident occurred December 23 at 12:38 pm outside 266 Olivier. A loader managed to right the smaller machine. It was not damaged and the operator was able to drive it away.

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L’APPROBATION PAR VOIE DE RÉFÉRENDUM
SECOND PROJET DE REGLEMENT 1456

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

- 1° Le conseil municipal a adopté, lors de sa séance ordinaire du 2 décembre 2013, et à la suite de l’assemblée publique de consultation tenue le 28 novembre 2013 sur le premier projet de règlement 1456, le second projet de règlement 1456, intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1303 CONCERNANT LE ZONAGE – CABINETS DE MÉDECIN ET CLINIQUES MÉDICALES** ».
- 2° Ce second projet de règlement 1456 contient quatre articles. Les deux premiers articles définissent, respectivement, les expressions « cabinet de médecin » et « clinique médicale ». Le troisième article modifie les grilles des usages et types de bâtiments permis pour les zones C5-20-01, C5-20-02, C5-20-03, C5-20-04, C5-20-05 et C17-20-06 afin de régir la constitution de nouveaux cabinets de médecin et cliniques médicales à l’égard de la superficie maximale ainsi que le nombre total de cabinets de médecin et cliniques médicales dans les zones mentionnées ci-dessus. Le quatrième article remplace l’annexe « A » du règlement 1303 avec l’annexe 1 soit les grilles ainsi modifiées sous l’article 3.

Chaque article du projet de règlement est susceptible d’approbation référendaire.

Outre cette brève description, une copie du second projet de règlement 1456 peut être obtenue, sur demande et sans frais, au bureau du greffe situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest.

- 3° Toute personne intéressée, d’une des zones concernées ou d’une des zones contiguës, peut signer une demande d’ouverture du registre référendaire visant à ce qu’une disposition du second projet de règlement 1456, susceptible d’approbation référendaire, soit soumise à l’approbation de certaines personnes habiles à voter.

Une demande visant à ce qu’une disposition du règlement 1456 soit soumise à l’approbation des personnes habiles à voter peut provenir des zones concernées et des zones contiguës suivantes :

Zones concerées	Zones contiguës	
C5-20-01	R3-16-01	R9-27-04
C5-20-02	R9-21-01	R3-27-01
C5-20-03	R9-30-01	R3-28-01
C5-20-04	R3-29-01	R9-27-02
C5-20-05	R3-20-08	
C17-20-06	R9-20-07	

Une illustration des zones concernées et des zones contiguës est jointe au présent avis. Un exemplaire à plus grande échelle est également disponible pour consultation au bureau du greffe.

De plus, en communiquant avec le bureau du greffe au 514-989-5251, ou en se rendant en personne à l’hôtel de ville durant les heures d’ouverture, vous pouvez obtenir les renseignements suivants :

- a) les personnes intéressées qui ont le droit de signer la demande d’ouverture du registre;
- b) l’objectif de la demande d’ouverture du registre;
- c) les conditions de validité de la demande d’ouverture du registre;
- d) le nombre de signatures valides requis pour votre zone; et

PUBLIC NOTICE
APPLICATION TO OPEN A REGISTRY IN VIEW OF APPROVAL
BY WAY OF REFERENDUM
SECOND DRAFT BY-LAW 1456

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

1. At its regular meeting held on December 2, 2013 and following the public consultation meeting held on November 28, 2013 on the first draft by-law 1456, the City Council adopted the second draft of By-law 1456 entitled: “**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 1303 – DOCTOR’S OFFICES AND MEDICAL CLINICS**”;
2. This second draft by-law 1456 contains four sections. The first and second sections define the terms “doctor’s office” and “medical clinic”, respectively. The third section modifies the Tables of permitted building types and uses for the zones C5-20-01, C5-20-02, C5-20-03, C5-20-04, C5-20-05 and C17-20-06 in order to regulate the establishment of new doctors’ offices and medical clinics with regards to the maximum floor area as well as the total number of doctors’ offices and medical clinics in the above-mentioned zones. Finally, the fourth section modifies Schedule “A” of By-law 1303 by replacing it with Schedule 1, the Tables that have been modified under section 3.

Each section of this draft by-law is subject to approval by way of referendum.

In addition to this brief description, a copy of the second draft By-law 1456 may be obtained upon request, and free of charge, at the Office of the City Clerk, located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West.

3. Any interested person from one of the concerned zones or contiguous zones, may sign an application to open a registry in view of submitting a provision of the second draft by-law 1456, subject to approval by way referendum, to the approval of certain qualified voters;

An application requiring that a provision of By-law 1456 be submitted to the approval of qualified voters may originate from the following concerned and contiguous zones:

Concerned zones	Contiguous zone	
C5-20-01	R3-16-01	R9-27-04
C5-20-02	R9-21-01	R3-27-01
C5-20-03	R9-30-01	R3-28-01
C5-20-04	R3-29-01	R9-27-02
C5-20-05	R3-20-08	
C17-20-06	R9-20-07	

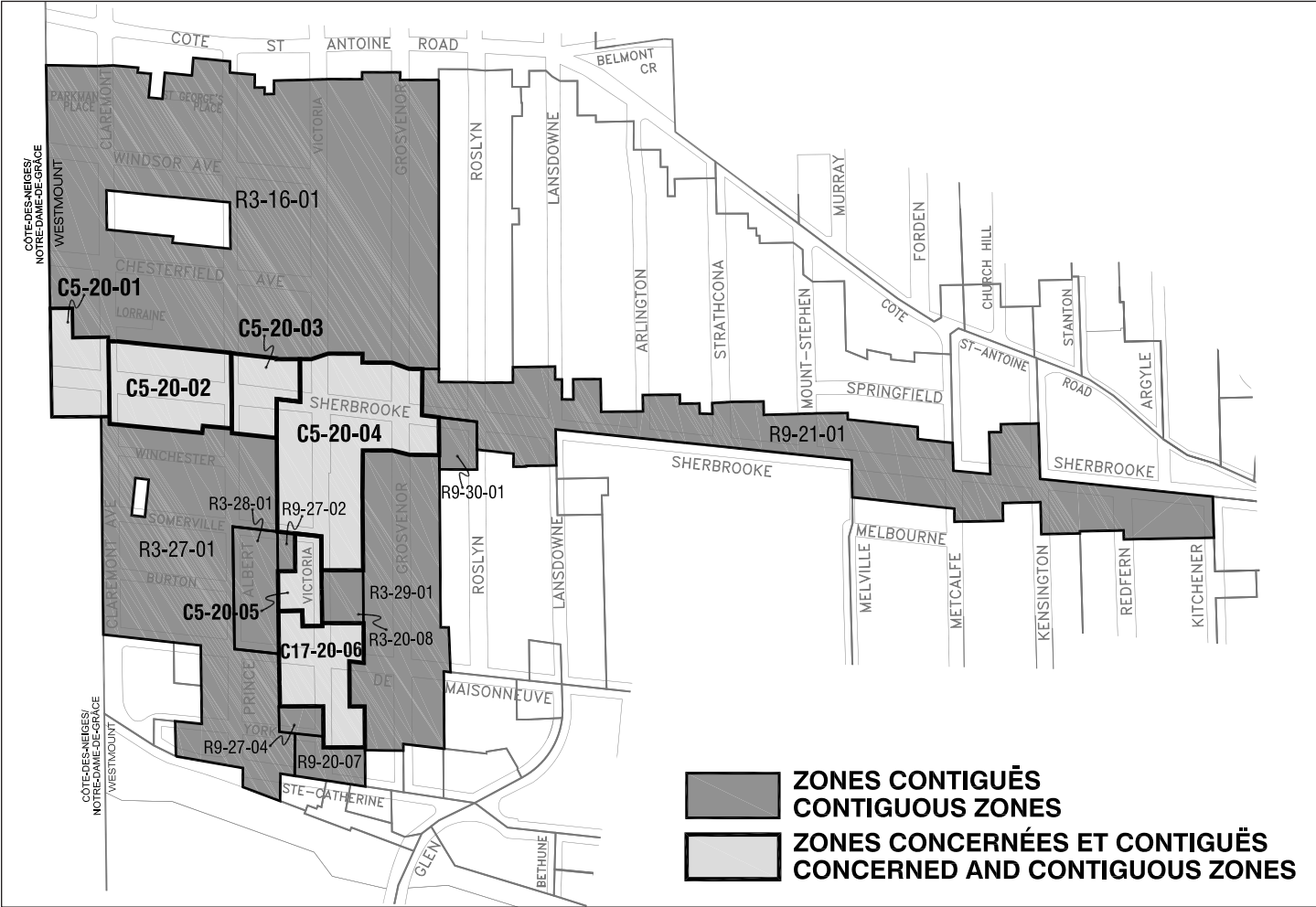
An illustration of the concerned and contiguous zones is attached to this notice. A large scale copy is also available for consultation at the Office of the City Clerk.

In addition, you may call the Office of the City Clerk at 514-989-5251 or come to City Hall during regular business hours to obtain the following information:

- a) the interested persons who are entitled to sign an application to open the registry;
- b) the tenor of the application to open a registry;
- c) the conditions of validity of an application to open the registry;
- d) the number of signatures required for your zone; and



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- e) toute information additionnelle.
- 4° Pour être valide, une demande d'ouverture du registre doit remplir les conditions suivantes :
- a) être signée par au moins 12 personnes intéressées de la zone d'où elle provient ou par au moins la majorité d'entre elles si le nombre de personnes intéressées dans la zone n'excède pas 21;
 - b) indiquer clairement la disposition qui en fait l'objet et la zone d'où elle provient;
 - c) être reçue au bureau du greffe au plus tard le **mercredi 22 janvier 2014 à 16 h 30**.
- 5° Est une personne intéressée :
- a) toute personne qui n'est frappée d'aucune incapacité de voter et qui remplit les conditions suivantes le **2 décembre 2013** :
 - être domiciliée dans une des zones concernées ou dans une des zones contiguës;
 - être domiciliée au Québec depuis au moins six mois;
 - b) tout propriétaire unique d'un immeuble ou occupant unique d'un établissement d'entreprise qui n'est frappé d'aucune incapacité de voter et qui remplit les conditions suivantes le **2 décembre 2013** :
 - être depuis au moins 12 mois propriétaire d'un immeuble ou occupant

- e) any other information.
4. In order to be deemed valid, an application to open the registry must :
- a) be signed by at least 12 interested persons of the zone from which it originates or by a majority of them if their number does not exceed 21;
 - b) state clearly the provision to which it refers and the zone from which it originates;
 - c) be received by the Office of the City Clerk, no later than **Wednesday, January 22, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.**
5. Is an interested person :
- a) Any person who is not disqualified from voting and who fulfils the following conditions as of **December 2, 2013**:
 - is domiciled in the one of the concerned zone or in one of the contiguous zones;
 - has been domiciled in Québec for at least six months.
 - b) Any sole owner of an immovable or sole occupant of a business establishment who is not disqualified from voting and who fulfils the following conditions as of **December 2, 2013**:
 - has been, for at least 12 months, owner of an immovable or occupant

Comin’ Up

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

Demolition hearings for 3122 Daulac and 4 Surrey Gardens starting at 5:30 am.

Family life coach Earlyn Sharpe gives a presentation on how to keep New Year’s resolutions to improve finances, health and life. Free. Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. 12:30 pm.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

Alzheimer Café. including talk by Dr. F. Massoud on “Losing Memory with Aging: Is It Inevitable?” For more information, contact Beth Symansky at 514.935.7344 ext 206 or beth@atwaterlibrary.ca. Free. Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. 1 to 3 pm.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

Author Elaine Kalman Naves gives an illustrated talk about her book *Portrait of a Scandal: The Abortion Trial of Robert Notman*. Free. Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. 12:30 pm.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

City budget meeting, city hall. 8 pm.

ONGOING:

Tumbling Tots. Centre Greene. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 am to 11 am. Indoor/park playground for parents and children under 5 years. \$3.50/morning drop-in. Coffee and cookies provided.



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d’un établissement d’entreprise situé dans une des zones concernées ou dans une des zones contiguës;

- avoir produit ou produire en même temps que la demande, un écrit signé par le propriétaire ou l’occupant demandant l’inscription sur la liste référendaire, le cas échéant;
- c) tout copropriétaire indivis d’un immeuble ou cooccupant d’un établissement d’entreprise qui n’est frappé d’aucune incapacité de voter et qui remplit les conditions suivantes le **2 décembre 2013** :
- être depuis au moins 12 mois copropriétaire indivis d’un immeuble ou cooccupant d’un établissement d’entreprise situé dans une des zones concernées ou dans une des zones contiguës;
 - être désigné, au moyen d’une procuration signée par la majorité des personnes qui sont copropriétaires ou cooccupants depuis au moins 12 mois comme celui qui a le droit de signer la demande en leur nom et d’être inscrit sur la liste référendaire, le cas échéant. La procuration doit avoir été produite ou être produite avec la demande.

Dans le cas d’une personne physique, elle doit être majeure, de citoyenneté canadienne et ne pas être en curatelle.

Dans le cas d’une personne morale, il faut :

- avoir désigné parmi ses membres, administrateurs ou employés, par résolution, une personne qui, **le 2 décembre 2013**, est majeure, de citoyenneté canadienne, qui n’est pas en curatelle et qui n’est frappée d’aucune incapacité de voter prévue par la loi;
- avoir produit, ou produire en même temps que la demande, une résolution désignant la personne autorisée à signer la demande et être inscrite sur la liste référendaire, le cas échéant.

Sauf dans le cas d’une personne désignée à titre de représentant d’une personne morale, nul ne peut être considéré comme personne intéressée à plus d’un titre et ce, conformément à l’article 531 de la *Loi sur les élections et les référendums dans les municipalités*.

- 6° La disposition qui n’aura fait l’objet d’aucune demande valide pourra être incluse dans un règlement qui n’aura pas à être soumis à l’approbation des personnes habiles à voter.
- 7° Toute personne peut consulter le second projet de règlement 1456 au bureau du greffe situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, à Westmount, durant les heures d’ouverture, soit du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ A WESTMOUNT, ce 14^e jour de janvier 2014.

of a business establishment situated in one of the concerned zone or in one of the contiguous zones;

- has filed or files at the same time as the application, a document signed by the owner or the occupant requesting to be entered on the referendum list, as the case may be.
- c) Any undivided co-owner of an immovable or co-occupant of a business establishment who has not been disqualified from voting and who fulfils the following conditions as of **December 2, 2013**:
- has been, for at least 12 months, undivided co-owner of an immovable or co-occupant of a business establishment situated in one of the concerned zones or in one of the contiguous zones;
 - is designated, by way of a power of attorney signed by the majority of persons who have been co-owners or co-occupants for at least 12 months, as the person having the right to sign the application in their name and to be entered on the referendum list, as the case may be. The power of attorney must have been filed or be filed with the application.

In the case of a natural person, he or she must be of full age, a Canadian citizen and not be under curatorship.

In the case of a legal person, one must:

- have designated by resolution, from amongst its members, directors or employees, a person who, as of **December 2, 2013**, is of full age, a Canadian citizen, who is not under curatorship and who has not been disqualified from voting;
- have filed or file at the same time as the application, the resolution designating the person authorized to sign the application and to be entered on the referendum list, as the case may be.

Except in the case of a person designated as the representative of a legal person, no one may be considered an interested person in more than one capacity, in accordance with section 531 of *An Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities*.

6. The provision in respect to which no valid application is received, may be included in a by-law that is not required to be approved by referendum.
7. Any interested person may consult the second draft by-law 1456 at the Office of the City Clerk located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, in Westmount, during regular business hours, from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GIVEN AT WESTMOUNT, this 14th day of January 2014.

Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza
Greffière de la ville/City Clerk

Kittens ready for families



9 Lives

LYSANNE FOWLER

They have been saved from the pound and from the forest in the winter: can you believe that we are talking about wee kittens? No use thinking about the past, just looking forward to a great future for these little ones in Westmount families.

Let me tell you about the kittens from the first photograph: On the left, our beautiful little long-haired grey fellow was abandoned at the age of three weeks at the pound, now happy and growing beautifully. The gorgeous long-haired black girlie in the middle was found in the woods all

alone at the age of two weeks and now is a portrait of stunning beauty, such incredible grey eyes! The adorable little grey male on the right was with the first little grey sweetie, abandoned at the age of three weeks at the pound but never looking back, he is now playful and affectionate as can be.

On the far right, here is a stunning tortoiseshell kitten in the second photograph: she was also with the two little grey male kittens that were saved at the age of three weeks from the pound. I hope that you will agree that she is exquisite!

No names yet

These kittens do not have names yet, best to let their new families look forward to choosing. They are all very healthy, affectionate and playful. They enjoy being with other cats and are not afraid of dogs



(are actually quite oblivious of them). If you would like to find out more and receive photograph albums for each, please contact Anouk Lecompte on her email at anouklemcomptereamax@sympatico.ca, or call her on her cellular at 514.234.2668. You can also go to their animal rescue site at www.aurepitdelamontagne.com.

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Budget, cont'd. from p. 1

adopted its budget December 17 using estimates for the aggro portion.

Trent indicated that sewers and water pipes would comprise a large amount of the 2014 capital works budget, although he did not divulge details.

“We’re going underground again – but in a different way this time!” he said, alluding to the Westmount recreation centre. “Of course, the roadways have to be done first,” he added. “You can’t do the first two without road construction.”

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CHW's art auction honours Nulman, raises \$160k



Social Notes
from Westmount
and Beyond
VERONICA REDGRAVE

On a dark and stormy night, Canadian Hadassah-WIZO's art auction was an outstanding success. Tickets were \$118. This



*Lynne and Andy Nulman
beside a Damien Hirst piece.*

year's honouree was former Westmount res **Andy Nulman**, president of Montreal's Just For Laughs International Comedy Festival.

An avid art collector, the ever-amusing Andy attended with his artist son **Hayes** – who had a piece in the auction – and his wife **Lynne**, in black dress and boots. Andy wore an art-full jacket covered with Damien Hirst-style polka dots.

He was introduced by past honourees



Joy and Jeff Bultz.

Photos: Ryan Blau



Sarah Hutman and Lianne Routtenberg



Jacques and Helen Bellefeuille.

and collaborators of the event, Westmounters **Jacques Bellefeuille** and **Helen Bellefeuille**, Grace Kelly-classic in pearls.

Artists present were **Yehouda Chaki**, **Peter Krausz**, **Jordana Fleischer**, **Jono Doiron**, **Laurence Vallieres**, **Marc-Andre Castagner**, **Andrew Pink**, **Lorne Miller**, **Nicolas Ruel** and **John Barkley**.

The event was co-chaired by **Sarah Hutman** and **Lianne Routtenberg**. The auction was led by professional auctioneer **Neil Horowitz** of R cup ration NH Inc, who led dynamic bidding for 39 pieces of art.


Noted admiring the art work were **Maxine Sanders**, **Alice Anidjar**, **Marcy Segall**, **Lauren Small**, **Cara Itzkovitz**, **Andrea Wasserman**, **Alana Shiveck**, CHW's **Marla Goodwin Zipper**, Montreal president, and **Alanna Elias**, Montreal centre coordinator, as well as **Joy and Jeff Bultz**, and **Alan** and


Cheryl Goffman, beautifully bee-bright in yellow and black stripes – including her matching shoes.

Corporate sponsors included Bench, OmniTrans, Stokes, Beyond the Rack, Richter, Delmar International Inc, The Morris and Rosalind Goodman Foundation, and RDH Property Group.

The evening raised over \$160,000 for children, healthcare and women in Israel and Canada. Canadian Hadassah-WIZO's art auction has been a presence on the Montreal art scene since 1956, with the goals of promoting Canadian artists while raising funds for children.

Past projects the organization has funded include LOVE Quebec, the Montreal Children's Hospital, the Missing Children's Network, and women's shelters.

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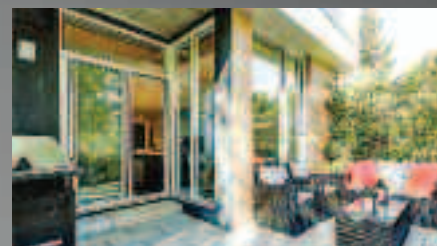
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