

City files complaints against rezoning opponent

By-law to limit medical offices in Vic village 'deemed approved'

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount's rezoning by-law to limit the size and number of medical offices in the Victoria village area was deemed approved February 4 after the close of a referendum register at city hall. Complaints received from some tenants of one building have led to the city filing its own complaint of alleged irregularities to the Quebec director general of elections.

Forty signatures opposing the restriction were received after the daylong event, said city clerk Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza. A total of 172 had been required to force a possible referendum (see January 28, p. 1).

The signatures of two additional persons could not be received, she said, when they were deemed ineligible to vote based

on legal requirements.

As well, complaints were received from tenants of one building alleging they had been offered taxi rides and a \$50 gift certificate to sign the register opposing the rezoning measure.

As a result, the city has filed its own complaint under the act respecting elections and referenda in municipalities, Iturriaga Espinoza said.

In addition, six residents of the same building were not allowed to sign the register when it was discovered they were not Canadian citizens.

"It's disturbing that it appears possible that someone or a group might be trying to subvert the democratic process," said Mayor Peter Trent.

The zoning change in *continued on p. 3*

Provigo hopes to build at Claremont



This vacant lot on de Maisonneuve and St. Catherine near Claremont in NDG, just west of the border with Westmount, is owned by Loblaw, the parent of Provigo. The company announced its hope February 3 to build a grocery store and seven- to ten-storey tower there. See story p. 6. Photo: Independent.

Partnership combines resources with track record

It's official: Y to run city's new 'Teen Zone' at rec centre

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A partnership that will see the Westmount YMCA run the city's teen centre in the new Westmount recreation centre (WRC) was affirmed last week following its approval by the city council at its regular private meeting February 3. Likely to be named "Teen Zone", the centre is expected to open March 1.

While the partnership contract remains to be signed, Councillor Rosalind Davis, announced the agreement February 7 as

commissioner of Sports and Recreation. The arrangement had been under study for some time, as first reported in the *Independent* October 15.

"Council is looking forward to the opening of our new teen centre, which will serve our Westmount youth and local students," she said. "We feel this partnership with the Y will enhance the quality of these services."

YMCA director Gary White said it was also exciting for the Y "because the city has the re- *continued on p. 8*

Dog owners petition for a replacement for the Lansdowne run. See p. 4.



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Akiva students schooled on street safety

Some 350 students at Akiva school were addressed January 28 by police and Public Security on safety around the school zone, according to Public Security officials. The school, which has three drop-off zones – on Kensington, Metcalfe and Côte St. Antoine – and is located on a fire route, can become highly congested at certain times.

“It’s our hope that the students will take the message home to their parents and tell them not to park at corners, or wait with idling engines or let the kids out on the street side of the car,” said assistant Public Security director Greg McBain. Some of the recurring traffic issues not only create hazardous situations for the children, but also block the way for emergency vehicles.

The students were also cautioned not to cross the street mid-block but to use the specified crossings. These include a new pedestrian-activated signal at Sherbrooke and Metcalfe, he said. The safety talk, which included a safety film shown to kindergarten through grade 6, received special mention at the city council meeting February 3 from Councillor Philip Cutler, Public Security commissioner.



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Door left open by rushing resident

A house on Lexington was checked out visually by patrollers February 2 after a neighbor called at 2:13 pm to report the front door wide open, Public Security officials said.

The inner vestibule door was closed and three dogs inside were barking.


Once all appeared in order, officers locked the door and left a message for the resident, who called back to say she had gone out in a rush and forgotten to close the door.

Missing man takes a leisurely walk


A man reported missing February 2 from the Westmount One seniors’ residence on Côte St. Luc Rd. just west of the Westmount border was located walking along the Boulevard at Edgemoor, Public Security officials said. Heading west, presumably on his way back, the man stated he had gone out for a leisurely walk. A concerned employee of the residence had called Public Security at 2:48 pm as well as 911 saying the man had been missing for half an hour.

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Community works together to find Lola

Béatrice Pillet was walking her dog Lola at the Murray Park dog run on January 31 when the spinone Italiano escaped from the fenced-in site.

Pillet pursued, but soon lost sight of her dog. She did run into a jogger on Côte St. Antoine, who said he had seen Lola at Clarke and Westmount Ave. She was also soon in touch with Public Security, which itself was getting calls from residents who had seen Lola on the loose. Pillet went from location to location, running into the jogger again at Argyle and Westmount Ave., who again had news. Her one-and-a-half-hour search took her down to Sherbrooke St. and up to The Boulevard, as well as many places in between.

Eventually a tip came in that Lola was in a yard on Cedar, where Pillet caught up with her.

"I would like to thank Public Security and the Westmount community," said Pillet, especially Marc Franceschini, Marc Godber, Martine Aubry and her dog Daisy, and her own daughter Arielle.



By-law, cont'd. from p. 1

the commercial sector along Sherbrooke and south on Victoria had been sought by the city to attempt to mitigate an influx of parking that could be generated by increased traffic to doctors' offices resulting from the proximity to the super-hospital.

The owners of several larger commercial buildings opposed the limitations.

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Budget too 'heavy' for city website City to look into budget consultation if citizens interested

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Mayor Peter Trent told the council meeting February 3 that he was "quite open" in the future to consider changing the budget presentation process to make it available before adoption. That is, if enough citizens were more interested than past experience had proven.

In reply to requests from residents Jack

Locke and John Fretz, Trent pointed out that previous efforts to hold advance presentations or consultations on the budget had failed to generate much interest. In fact, no residents turned up to one in 2007.

"All I want to avoid is going to all that trouble and no one listens."

In fact, even the actual, statutory budget meetings over more than 30 years have typically recorded audiences in the single-digit numbers. Even this year's budget meeting January 27 attracted an audience of only five.

"One of the things we could do is table the budget first and adopt it a week later," Trent suggested. "Or distribute the documents." One problem was that often the city's agglomeration share is not known until the last minute.

Trent expressed surprise when Locke asked why the budget papers after its adoption this year had not been posted on the city's website right after the January 27 meeting, and again when city director general Duncan Campbell replied that the website was overloaded. Something else had to be removed first.

40% don't care which site is chosen Dog run petitioners just want replacement for Lansdowne one



Joanne Gibbs of St. Catherine St. presents the dog run petition to city clerk Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza at the council meeting February 3. Seated are city director general Duncan Campbell and assistant city clerk Nicole Dobbie.

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A petition of close to 300 names was presented to city council at its meeting February 3 requesting a replacement to the now-closed Lansdowne dog run in the southwest. While five sites were proposed to the signatories, 40 percent stated no particular preference.

Of those who did choose at least one of five options, however, most wanted a return to the area at Lansdowne and St. Catherine, according to presenter Joanne Gibbs.

The former area was favoured even though the run would be closer to the street and traffic now that the completed Westmount recreation centre has used some of the space. "People just want the run back again," Gibbs told the *Independent*.

The runner-up was the site in Westmount Park once used for shuffleboard, which was named by more than 60 people, she said. The others, also in Westmount Park and in descending order, were the "Shakespeare" oval north of the bike path, the "V" site next to the tennis courts and the so-called island in the lagoon.

Gibbs, a resident of St. Catherine, collected the signatures last summer as she

walked her dog in Westmount Park. She said most came from other displaced members of the "Lansdowne dog pack" and all lived in Westmount.

She said she was surprised how many other park users she had spoken to actually lived elsewhere such as St. Henri, NDG and east of Atwater.

The shuffleboard and Shakespeare sites were two that had been suggested initially by Councillor Cynthia Lulham though both generated opposition. A promised city poll on the issue was postponed on the approach of the election.

Lulham, whose commissionership once again includes responsibility for dogs, was not at the February council meeting when the petition was presented, though Mayor Peter Trent explained they had both met on January 21 with Brian Baxter, of the Westmount Dog Owners Association to discuss the issue. The result was that Lulham would be consulting a dog run specialist on potential sites before the city's poll.

Creation of a dog run in Westmount Park was listed among capital works projects anticipated for this year (see February 4, p. 11).

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Trent's tax letter highlights recreation centre portion

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount's property tax bills are expected to arrive at homes and businesses starting this week, including the usual tax letter from the mayor, which this year highlights the current financial status of the Westmount recreation centre.

"We are pretty much on budget but are now in the throes of negotiating the final extras and credits with the contractor," he writes, adding "things might swing either way. Since we have been setting money aside for the last two years to cover extra costs, all that's left to pay is the \$12-million debt – as originally predicted." This is to be paid off over 10 years.

Money set aside to cover the extra costs now stands at \$3 million for decontamination and another \$400,000 for extras, he told the *Independent*.

Tax bill

This year's tax bill, Trent's letter explains, includes repayment on the \$12-million debt, an average of \$226 on the average single family dwelling. "Once we finalize our revenue policy for the WRC, we are confident we can honour our original commitment of \$200."

The city's "revenue policy," as outlined originally to citizens in a letter of April 2010, consists of "more numerous rental fees" along with energy savings and reduced running costs, which would, in turn, "find their way into the tax bill."

The project's original budget in 2010 of \$37 million now stands at \$39.2 million after inflation, he writes in this year's tax letter. The addition of \$1.5 million to build to the gold level of LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) brings the total budget to \$40.7 million.

This amount (see June 4, 2013, p. 3), is

offset by the \$20-million provincial and federal grant and \$5 million in fundraising. An additional \$1 million was raised to extend the second rink. The remainder is offset by the \$3.4 million set aside by the city.

The tax letter also includes an explanation of the 2014 budget of \$95 million, "lumbered" with an increase of \$1.8 million in employee pension costs as well as salaries and pensions of agglomeration workers. "Quebec has to give us the tools to deal with this intractable problem," Trent states. "After all," he tells taxpayers, "one half of your taxes are paying for employee remuneration."

Pension goals

In November, Trent said that the most important pension goals are for Quebec to provide enabling legislation requiring that municipal employees bear a greater share of pension-plan costs and to increase retirement age from the current 55 in most cases.

While the letter with tax bill goes to property owners only, he said it was also important for tenants to have the information since property taxes are included in their rent. All are potential users of the new WRC.

Man in snowbank, driven home

A 66-year-old inebriated man was spotted at 3:42 am on February 3 staggering up Lansdowne from St Catherine where he fell in a snow bank, Public Security officials said.

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Ce projet de règlement vise à adopter, suite à l'élection municipale générale du 3 novembre 2013, un code d'éthique et de déontologie des membres du conseil qui soit conforme aux exigences de la *Loi sur l'éthique et la déontologie en matière municipale* (chapitre E-15.1.0.1).

Ce code énonce les principales valeurs de la Ville en matière d'éthique, ainsi que les règles de déontologie qui doivent guider les membres du conseil. Les règles énoncées dans ce code concernent, notamment, l'indépendance de jugement des élus eu égard à leurs intérêts personnels, le favoritisme, la malversation, les abus de confiance ou autres inconduites, les dons et autres avantages, l'utilisation des ressources de la Ville ainsi que l'après-mandat. Ce code prévoit également les sanctions que peut entraîner tout manquement à l'une ou l'autre de ces règles.

Ce projet de règlement sera présenté pour adoption au cours de la séance ordinaire du conseil devant se tenir à la salle du conseil de l'hôtel de ville de Westmount **le lundi 3 mars 2014 à 20 h.**

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter ce règlement et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffe situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

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Me Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza
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PUBLIC NOTICE CODE OF ETHICS AND GOOD CONDUCT OF ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a draft by-law entitled "**BY-LAW RESPECTING THE CODE OF ETHICS AND GOOD CONDUCT OF ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT**" was tabled by Councillor Christina Smith at the regular sitting of Council held on February 3, 2014.

The object of this draft by-law is to adopt, following the general municipal election held on November 3, 2013, a code of ethics and conduct applicable to Council members that meets the requirements of the *Municipal Ethics and Good Conduct Act* (Chapter E-15.1.0.1).

This Code sets out the main ethical values of the City and the rules of conduct that must be observed by Council members. The rules framed in this Code address such issues as the independence of judgment of elected officers versus private interests, favouritism, embezzlement, breach of trust and other misconduct, gifts and other benefits, the use of municipal resources as well as post-term issues. This Code also provides for the sanctions that a violation of any of these rules would entail.

This draft By-law will be submitted for adoption at the regular sitting of Council which will be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on **Monday, March 3, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.**

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

GIVEN at Westmount, this February 11, 2014.

Me Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza
City Clerk

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By referring to my home as “the bungalow next door” and as “one of the original three bungalows” on the block, the article implies that my home on Surrey Gardens was also poorly and inexpensively built as part of a “post-war government-sponsored plan to promote inexpensive construction.”

In fact, my home is a one-of-a-kind, custom-built split level. My husband and I built the home in the mid-1950s using

some of the highest quality materials available at the time. My home’s interior is an example of mid-20th century modern design. It was influenced by the architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright who, in fact, trained one of the three members of the architectural design team. Moreover, some interior designs of my home were considered worthy enough to be stored in the library archives of McGill University.

LIONELLA ULLMAN, SURREY GARDENS

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Needs zoning change for new ‘concept’ Provigo

Loblaw looks to build near MUHC

By ISAAC OLSON

Loblaw Companies Limited has told the *Independent* it wants to construct a unique, full-service Provigo supermarket, called Le Marché, at the southwestern corner of the St. Catherine/Claremont and de Maisonneuve intersection – a supermarket with underground parking and a seven-to-10 storey tower above it. The site is in NDG, but borders Westmount, where large portions of St. Catherine St. and Claremont Ave. are located. (See photo on p. 1.)

Loblaw invited more than 30 people from a neighbouring condo to discuss the potential projects on February 3 at the Unitarian Universalist Church, which is across the street from what is currently a fenced-in, vacant lot owned by the supermarket giant. Only three residents showed up to the meeting, said Loblaw communications specialist Geneviève Poirier, but the company still presented three options for the land.

The first option is to build within the zoning allowances, which could be a specialized school, offices or medical clinics in a seven-to-10 storey building with a maximum height of 30 metres (98 feet).

The second option would be to have a supermarket on the ground floor and offices, such as medical or personal care clinics, on the upper floors.

The last option would be a residential building with a supermarket on the ground floor. There could be other small businesses on the ground floor along with the supermarket, she noted, such as a coffee shop or small pharmacy.

The timeline, she said, depends upon how long it takes to have the zoning changed, which can be done by borough councillors if they support the project. However, she said before concrete plans are drawn up, the company wants neighbours to weigh in with their thoughts.

“We thought the most reasonable way to begin was to talk to the neighbours first so that everybody could participate in the development of the project,” said Poirier.

“If you’re a grocery store, you have to work with the community.”

The traffic, she said, would be directed to St. Catherine St. and de Maisonneuve Blvd., but it would probably be easier to route cars through St. Catherine where the curb is already lowered.

She said the three people who attended the meeting said they suspect there would mostly be pedestrian traffic as most people in the area tend to walk to nearby stores rather than drive.

The concept store, she said, would be similar to the Provigo Le Marché found in

Kirkland, but smaller, and offer up 300 to 400 different cheeses, most of which would be made in Quebec, and more fresh produce and specialty products like beef that’s aged in the store. Along with a large organic section and an extensive fresh fish market, she said there would be shrimp and oyster bars as well as the regular grocery section.

“Le Marché stores are stores with a much greater assortment in what they offer,” she said.

“But can I talk about the fun part? The cupcakes. When you walk into the store – it’s really amazing – there’s a very tempting counter. It’s quite a large counter of cupcakes and chocolate and all sorts of desserts. There’s a great bakery section with fresh bread and, especially, fresh bagels made every morning.”

NDG district councillor Peter McQueen said the zoning doesn’t allow for a store to be built on that location, but if there is an overwhelming popular demand, it could be considered.

However, he added, both he and the Urban Planning director would be opposed to a de Maisonneuve Blvd. entrance, especially for delivery trucks.

As far as the entrance on St. Catherine St. is concerned, he said that is between Westmount and Loblaw.

Registers for \$5M in loan by-laws to open Feb. 19 at city hall

The city laid the groundwork for some of its planned capital works program this year by adopting two loan by-laws February 3. One for \$440,000 is to carry out work on Hydro Westmount’s aerial and underground network. The other, for \$4.4 million, is for road reconstruction, the refurbishing of water mains and the rehabilitation of sewers.

Both by-laws are subject to registers in opposition to be opened at city hall February 19 from 9 am to 7 pm.

While the capital works program was adopted at the budget meeting January 27 for some \$11 million of anticipated work this year, each project will require separate approval with explanation by council as it comes up at a later date, Mayor Peter Trent explained.

He was replying to a question from John Fretz, who asked how the money was going to be spent. (For a detailed list of the work, see February 4, p. 11.)

The loan by-laws were initially tabled at the budget meeting.

Episodes from Westmount's history of fire regulation

Sprinklers, smoke detectors confirmed in all seniors' residences

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

All five seniors' residences and nursing homes in Westmount are equipped with sprinklers and equipped with smoke detectors, Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier confirmed last week in the wake of a fatal fire in a seniors' home in L'Isle Verte January 23.

The fire killed 32 residents, giving rise to calls for regulations requiring all such institutions to be equipped with sprinklers, even those housing autonomous and semi-autonomous seniors.

In Westmount, however, even Manoir Westmount, the city's first seniors' residence, which opened in 1979, is fully equipped with sprinklers in all rooms, Poirier said. The remaining homes and residences housing seniors are St. Margaret's residence, Place Kensington, 80 Hillside and Château Westmount at de Maisonneuve and Victoria.

Sprinklers first mandated in 1985

In 1985, the city adopted a by-law requiring sprinklers and other fire safety standards for nursing homes as part of a

spot zoning that allowed Goodwin House, now closed, to become the city's first legally recognized nursing home, a service that the Manoir has never offered. It was located at 336 Metcalfe.

Two years later, the city is believed to have become the first in Canada to adopt legislation requiring the installation of sprinklers in all new construction, and retroactively when major renovations are undertaken. It was adopted as part of a new building code on October 5, 1987.

"I was very proud of that," recalls Mayor Peter Trent, a councillor at the time, who introduced the legislation in his capacity as commissioner of Planning and Development.

Files on Goodwin House dating back to the 1980s note how the installation of a sprinkler system and other fire safety



80 Hillside on February 10.

Photo: Independent.

latory residents were removed outside as a precaution and others were moved from bedrooms to a room beside the front door while firefighters extinguished the fire in the basement..."

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The early warning provided by a smoke detector "permitted the fire to be extinguished even before it had generated sufficient heat to activate the newly installed sprinkler system."

The city's smoke detector by-law was enacted December 1982.

It was also reported that in 1983, an 83-year-old resident of the home sustained fatal burns after her nightgown was ignited by smoking.

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Teen centre, cont'd. from p. 1

sources and the commitment while the Y has the expertise and track record of operating teen zones across Canada.”

Under the partnership, the Y will run the entire budget of \$66,734 of which \$49,984 will come from the city as a contracted amount with \$16,750 to be made up through joint fundraising with the city, explained city Sports and Recreation director Mike Deegan.

For this year, however, the Y has already applied to the Y Foundation for bridge financing available for innovative start-up programs.

“What is very important,” White said, “is that both partners have made a commitment to taking their investment in teens to a new level.”

The city has increased its teen centre annual budget from the previous \$43,000 to \$49,984, Deegan confirmed.

Moving forward, two ideas for joint fundraising are a hockey tournament and the Y’s existing annual Strong Kids fundraiser for children who cannot afford Y programs. This event, held jointly last year with the city at Victoria Hall, raised \$7,000, of which \$3,500 was donated to the community section of the WRC campaign and earmarked to be put into the building of the teen centre, White said.

‘Got it right’

Discussing the separate study and kitchen areas that were incorporated into the design of the new teen centre quarters, along with its separate entrance, White said the “the city got it right because they consulted the users of the former teen centre. We’re trying to make it a space where the teens feel engaged and have ownership.”

Rachael Ampofo, the former teen centre coordinator rehired by the city, will be going to other Y teen zones including those downtown, in NDG and on the West Island.

“We wouldn’t be at this point,” said Deegan, if it hadn’t been for the efforts of former mayor Karin Marks who, while a





Announcing the city/YMCA partnership February 7 at the new teen centre are: (foreground) Councillor Rosalind Davis with Y director Gary White, flanked by sports coordinator Bruce Stacey, left, and Sports and Recreation director Mike Deegan, with (behind) children’s librarian Wendy Wayling and assistant Sports and Recreation director Dave Lapointe.

city councillor, initiated and supported the teen centre through its starting years, along with Barbara Drury. “She was the driving force,” he pointed out. “Now we’re taking on a new far-reaching program.”

Deegan foresees the potential for doubling of the number of teen users to 200.

The centre is now equipped with a pool table donated by former Westmounters Susan Gray and Dan Levert, now living in Newfoundland. It also has a 60-inch flat screen TV donated by former city director general Bruce St. Louis.

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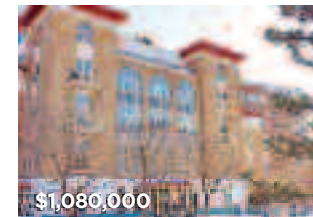
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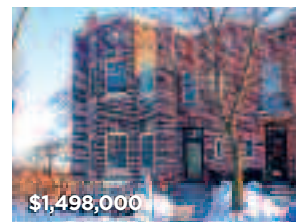
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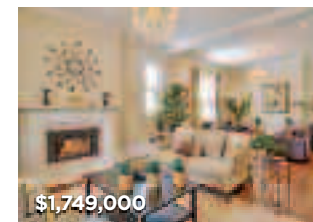
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Police Report

Details emerge in Artgold heist, link to LaSalle theft?

BY MICHAEL MOORE

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

A group of thieves pulled off an elaborate Sherbrooke St. heist on Jan. 30, breaking through the walls and doors of three adjoining stores before robbing the Artgold antique shop, according to Station 12

constable Caroline Gauthier.

"It's clear that they were planning this for a long time and they worked hard to steal these items," said Gauthier.

Investigators are unsure of how many thieves were involved in the robbery, but are confident that it was a multi-person operation due to the complex and labour-intensive nature of the break-in.

For photos, see last week's *Independent*, p. 8.

According to Gauthier, the perpetrators managed to enter the block of shops through a rear stairwell entrance between 1 and 8 am on January 30. They reportedly then broke into the former site of Pelle Skin Care (4935A) before smashing their way through a brick wall and into Harmony Health Centre (4937A).

From there, the thieves bashed through a door connecting to the vacant 4937C property, said Gauthier, before breaking down the rear plastered wall of Artgold (4937).

Once inside, the thieves ransacked the shop before making off with a wide array of antiques. According to Gauthier, the items' unique natures make it difficult to

ascertain the total monetary impact of the heist.

"Let's just say that it was a lot, a lot of money. There were a lot small things that were taken, but they were items that were worth a lot," said Gauthier.

After being called to the scene, police noticed the thieves had cut the wires of the store's alarm system and taken the security camera footage with them.

CSI Montreal

Montreal's Crime Scene Investigation unit was called to the store to dust for fingerprints and other forensic evidence to help build a *modus operandi*.

According to Gauthier, investigators are pursuing a possible link between the Artgold heist and a similar January crime in a LaSalle shopping centre that also involved breaking through the walls of neighbouring shops.

Station 12 officers are currently speaking to other shop owners along Sherbrooke in search of potential witnesses but have thus far not found anybody who noticed anything amiss on the night of the theft, said Gauthier.

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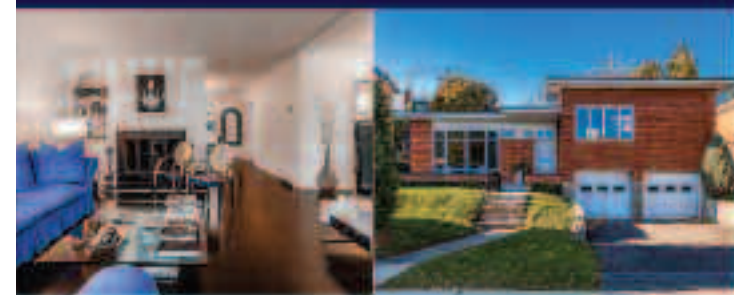
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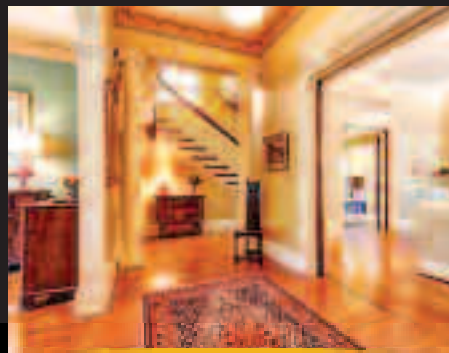
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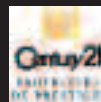


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Winter carnival 2014 comes to Westmount



The Contactivity Centre winter carnival and Valentine's Day luncheon was held February 6 at 12:30 at the Westmount Park United Church. "Approximately 90 seniors from Westmount and surrounding districts have come together for our annual carnival luncheon" said executive director Mary Stark. The city of Westmount offers the support of its staff and supplied a number of door prizes. The activities of the non-profit community centre are supported by volunteers, donations, a number of charities and by the city.

On February 7, Westmounters turned up at Victoria Hall for an Olympic/Sochi-themed soiree.

At Contactivity, friends, colleagues and strangers paid \$9 admission then tucked in to the carnival lunch of chicken and fries (above). The lunch was followed by dancing to live music.

Swiss-born Westmounter Hans Eich (right) has been a volunteer at the Contactivity Centre for 20 years.

Left, at the Olympics soiree, Bella Boland (left) and Angelika Moore dressed up as two of the three mogul-bashing Dufour-Lapointe sisters.

Below, Superior Sound dancers led the audience at Victoria Hall through dance steps. The best dancers won prizes.

Photos by Ralph Thompson.





A horse-drawn sleigh makes its way around the snow-covered soccer grounds in Westmount Park.

The Westmount Sports and Recreation staff tried something novel for this year’s (31st) winter carnival – they held it in West-

mount Park. Festivities on the carnival’s main day, February 8, included general skating, tobogganing, a scavenger hunt, a bonfire,

sleigh rides, an old-fashioned sugar shack, puck-shooting contests, a tug-of-war and free hot dogs.



From left, Isabella and Amélie-Pierre Stafford enjoy a typically Canadian mid-winter delight, maple taffy. A horse-drawn sleigh makes its way around the snow-covered soccer grounds in Westmount Park.

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Le jeudi 20 février à 19 h à la Bibliothèque publique de Westmount. Benoit Hurtubise, le nouveau directeur d'Hydro Westmount, présentera des informations historiques datant des origines de la centrale électrique Glen en 1906. Il offrira également un aperçu des opérations actuelles et de l'infrastructure électrique, dont le réseau de distribution, l'éclairage de rue et les feux de circulation. M. Hurtubise partagera des renseignements fort intéressants à partager à propos de ce petit joyau caché de Westmount, qui date de plus d'un siècle. Info : 514 932-6688.

Atelier Jeunesses musicales : Brico musique - percussions (3 à 6 ans)

Le dimanche 2 mars à 14 h au Victoria Hall. Munis d'une boîte de céréale, de vieux crayons et d'autres éléments de la maison, les enfants créeront eux-mêmes un instrument rythmique à plusieurs sonorités. Entrez dans le monde des percussions et des cinq façons de produire un son! Atelier bilingue. Inscriptions 10 \$; billets en vente au Victoria Hall). Places limitées. Info : 514 989-5226.

Concert Jeunesses musicales : L'expédition de la Rhythmobile (6 à 12 ans)

Le dimanche 2 mars à 14 h au Victoria Hall. La Rhythmobile est un bolide hybride tout-terrain surpuissant qui s'alimente de carburant à très haut indice rythmique. Quand la Rhythmobile tombe en panne, notre aventurier embarque dans une aventure musicale à la recherche de ce précieux carburant, le rythme. Entrée : 5 \$. Billets disponibles au Victoria Hall. Les places sont limitées. Info : 514 989-5521.



CITY HALL

Property Valuation Roll

To consult the 2014-2015-2016 Westmount Valuation Roll, use the Immonet service on the municipal website at www.westmount.org, or the computers at the Customer Service desk in City Hall or at the Reference desk in the Westmount Public Library.

PUBLIC WORKS

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.

Snow clearing - reminders

Snow from private driveways and walkways may be added to the existing snowbanks prior to removal, but must never obstruct the public roadways or sidewalks. Fines may be levied on homeowners and/or contractors who violate these regulations. Please also ensure that blue boxes remain out of the path of the City's sidewalk plows. Info: 514 989-5311.

LIBRARY



2014 M^cEntyre Writing Competition

This year, we would like you to write about **"A New Beginning"** For more information, please consult the M^cEntyre brochure available at the Children's Desk or at www.westlib.org.

Volunteer Judges Needed

With more than 1400 entries last year, the M^cEntyre Writing Competition needs many judges to evaluate entries. Judges are split into groups, each evaluating one grade level to determine three winners. If you are interested in being part of a judging team, please contact Wendy Wayling, Children's Librarian, at 514 989-5357 or wwayling@westmount.org.

Bread and salt: A Russian tradition with Svetlana Migdissova

Wednesday, February 12 at 7 p.m. Discover Sochi, host city for the 2014 Winter Olympic Games and learn about Russia's history, culture and traditions in this stunning visual presentation with Svetlana Migdissova, PhD. Info: 514 989-5299.

Chess and Scrabble Club

Fridays, February 14 and 21 at 2 p.m. Join us for a friendly game; we look forward to meeting new players. Info: 514 989-5299.

Theatre presentation: *Bawdy/Body*

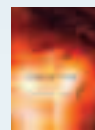
Saturday, February 15 from 2 to 3 p.m. at Victoria Hall. The Teen Tour Theatre Group presents a play for girls and their moms. For ages 11 and up. Presented in English. Info: 514 989-5229.

Next Council Meeting:

Monday, March 3

Readers to Readers Book Club

Tuesday, February 25 at 10:15 a.m. Join our morning book club to talk about great books recently read. Info: 514 989-5299.



English Book Club: *Ghostwritten*

Tuesday, February 25 at 7 p.m. Join the English Book Club to discuss the novel *Ghostwritten* by David Mitchell. Info: 514 989-5299.

March break activities: Film afternoons

Monday, March 3 at 2 p.m.: Mary Poppins; (ages 5 +)
Thursday, March 6 at 2 p.m.: Frozen (ages 6 +)
Info: 514 989-5229.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

WHA Lecture Series: Glen Power Station, first to produce electricity by burning garbage

Thursday, February 20 at 7 p.m. at Westmount Public Library. After sharing some archival information dating from the origins of Hydro Westmount with the Glen Power Station in 1906, the new director of Hydro Westmount, Benoit Hurtubise, will give an overview of Hydro Westmount's operations today and its infrastructure: the electrical network, the street lighting, and traffic lights. Hydro Westmount is more than 100 years old, and Mr Hurtubise will provide some interesting information about this hidden jewel of Westmount. Info: 514 932-6688.

Jeunesses Musicales Workshop: Do-It-Yourself Percussion (ages 3 to 6)

Sunday, March 2 at 2 p.m. at Victoria Hall. Using recyclable materials and other household items, children create their very own rhythm instrument that can produce multiple sounds. Enter the world of percussion and learn the five ways of producing a sound. The workshop is bilingual. Registration \$10; passes available at Victoria Hall. Places are limited. Info: 514 989-5226.



Jeunesses Musicales Concert: The Great Rhythmobile Adventure (ages 6-12)

Sunday, March 2 at 2 p.m. at Victoria Hall. The Rhythmobile is a super powerful all-terrain vehicle that runs on a very special type of fuel : rhythm. When the clumsy driver runs out of fuel he sets out to replenish the tank which becomes a musical adventure searching for 'rhythm'. Admission \$5; spaces are limited. Info: 514 989-5226.



Batshaw Report

Mark and Simon need a foster home

A long-term foster home is needed for siblings Mark, age 5, and his three-year-old brother, Simon. The brothers are very close and need to stay together. They are presently in an emergency foster home where they are learning to follow routine and structure on a daily basis.

The siblings struggle with developmental, emotional, psychological and learning delays. They are adjusting to intervention and supports that have been

adapted to meet their needs. They are monitored closely by Batshaw Health Services and are supported in the foster home by an educator around behavioural issues.

Mark is an endearing 5-year-old, who is learning to identify his feelings such as his likes and dislikes. He is in kindergarten, he loves school and is well liked by his peers.

At the same time, he requires clear structure and supervision as he struggles with simple play and appropriate social relationships. Mark requires socialization with his peers and access to social activities where he can learn appropriate social skills.

Simon is an adorable active three-year-old with lots of energy. He is able to show and receive affection. He eats and sleeps well. Simon's history of under-stimulation has resulted in speech delays and a referral has been sent for speech therapy.

The siblings' family is not able to take care of them. The ideal family would be that of a two-parent Caucasian family who can make the commitment to them for as long as they need.

Smoker expelled from rink trailer

A 17-year-old Town of Mount Royal resident was told January 28 to leave the rink trailer in Queen Elizabeth Gardens at Sherbrooke and Wood for smoking – possibly marijuana, Public Security officials said. He was subsequently found smoking in the bus shelter nearby at 9:30 pm and warned not to smoke in either place. Officers report keeping a close watch of the park around 9 pm following complaints that youths were smoking marijuana in the trailer.

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AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1460

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que le règlement n° 1460 intitulé « *RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 685 CONCERNANT LES PARCOMÈTRES* » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance ordinaire tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 3 février 2014.

L'objet de ce règlement vise à modifier le Règlement 685 sur les parcomètres en augmentant la tarification de 2\$ à 3\$, pour les périodes de 60 minutes, aux endroits suivants :

- Lots n°s Pts. 362, 363 (les lots Greene), contigus au côté ouest de l'avenue Greene;
- les deux côtés de l'avenue Greene, entre les rues Sherbrooke et Ste-Catherine;
- le côté nord de la rue Sherbrooke, entre les avenues Greene et Wood;
- le côté sud de la rue Sherbrooke entre les avenues Olivier et Elm;
- le côté sud de la rue Ste-Catherine, entre les avenues Clarke et Wood;
- le côté nord de la rue Ste-Catherine, entre les avenues Clarke et Wood;
- le côté nord du boulevard Dorchester, entre les avenues Hollowell et Greene;
- le côté nord du boulevard De Maisonneuve, entre les avenues Wood et Olivier;
- le côté sud du boulevard De Maisonneuve, entre les avenues Wood et Greene.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur le 1^{er} mai 2014.

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

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 11 février 2014.

**Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza, avocate
Greffière de la Ville**

NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1460

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that By-law No. 1460 entitled "*BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 685 CONCERNING PARKING METERS*" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount during the regular sitting held at City Hall on February 3, 2014.

The object of this by-law is to modify By-law 685 concerning parking meters by increasing the tariffs for the parking meters located in the following areas from \$2 to \$3 for 60 minutes:

- Lots No. Pts. 362, 363 (Greene Lots), adjoining the West side of Greene Ave.;
- both sides of Greene Ave. from Sherbrooke St. to Ste-Catherine St.;
- on the North side of Sherbrooke St., between Greene and Wood Ave.;
- on the South side of Sherbrooke St., between Olivier and Elm Ave.;
- on the South side of Ste-Catherine St., between Clarke and Wood Ave.;
- on the North side of Ste-Catherine St., between Clarke and Wood Ave.;
- on the North side of Dorchester Blvd., between Hollowell and Greene Ave.;
- on the North side of de Maisonneuve Blvd., between Wood and Olivier Ave.;
- on the South side of de Maisonneuve Blvd., between Wood and Greene Ave.

This by-law comes into force on May 1st, 2014.

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

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

**Me Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza
City Clerk**



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AVIS PUBLIC

À TOUTES LES PERSONNES HABLES À VOTER AYANT LE DROIT D'ÊTRE INSCRITES SUR LA LISTE RÉFÉRENDAIRE DE LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT

**PROCÉDURE D'ENREGISTREMENT –
RÈGLEMENTS D'EMPRUNT No 1458 ET No 1459**

LE MERCREDI 19 FÉVRIER 2014

AVIS PUBLIC EST PAR LES PRÉSENTES DONNÉ PAR LA SOUSSIGNÉE, GREFFIÈRE DE LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT, DE CE QUI SUIT :

Lors de sa séance ordinaire tenue le 3 février 2014, le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount a adopté :

- 1 Le **Règlement d'emprunt n° 1458** intitulé « RÈGLEMENT AUTORISANT UN EMPRUNT DE 440 000 \$ POUR LES TRAVAUX DE RÉALISATION DU PROGRAMME DE RESTAURATION DES RÉSEAUX AÉRIEN ET SOUTERRAIN DE DISTRIBUTION ÉLECTRIQUE D'HYDRO WESTMOUNT », dont l'objet vise à autoriser un emprunt de 440 000 \$ pour les travaux de réalisation du programme de restauration des réseaux aérien et souterrain de distribution électrique d'Hydro Westmount; et
- 2 le **Règlement d'emprunt n° 1459** intitulé « RÈGLEMENT AUTORISANT UN EMPRUNT DE 4 441 400 \$ POUR L'EXÉCUTION DE TRAVAUX DE RÉFECTION ROUTIÈRE, DE RESTAURATION DE CONDUITES D'AQUEDUC ET DE RÉHABILITATION DES CONDUITES D'ÉGOUTS », dont l'objet vise à autoriser un emprunt de 4 441 400 \$ pour l'exécution de travaux de réfection routière, de restauration de conduites d'aqueduc et de réhabilitation de conduites d'égouts de la Ville.

REGISTRE

Les personnes habiles à voter ayant le droit d'être inscrites sur la liste référendaire de la Ville de Westmount peuvent demander que les règlements d'emprunt **n° 1458** et **n° 1459** fassent l'objet d'un scrutin référendaire en inscrivant leur nom, adresse et qualité et en apposant leur signature dans le registre ouvert à cette fin.

Pour signer le registre, les personnes habiles à voter devront établir leur identité en présentant une des pièces suivantes :

- Carte d'assurance maladie délivrée par la Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec (RAMQ);
- permis de conduire ou permis de conduire probatoire délivré sur support plastique par la Société de l'assurance-automobile du Québec (SAAQ);
- passeport canadien;
- certificat de statut d'Indien délivré aux personnes inscrites au Registre des Indiens en vertu de la *Loi sur les indiens*; ou
- carte d'identité des Forces canadiennes délivrée par le ministère de la Défense nationale.

Le registre sera accessible de **9 h à 19 h le mercredi 19 février 2014** dans la salle du conseil de l'hôtel de ville de Westmount, située au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount.

Le nombre requis de demandes pour que les règlements d'emprunt **n° 1458** et **n° 1459** fassent l'objet d'un scrutin référendaire est de **500**. Si ce nombre n'est pas atteint, les règlements d'emprunt **n° 1458** et **n° 1459** seront réputés approuvés par les personnes habiles à voter.

Les résultats de la procédure d'enregistrement seront annoncés à 19 h 15 le 19 février 2014, dans la salle du conseil de l'hôtel de ville de Westmount.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter les règlements **n° 1458** et **n° 1459** et en

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO ALL QUALIFIED VOTERS ENTITLED TO HAVE THEIR NAMES ENTERED ON THE REFERENDUM LIST OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT

**REGISTRATION PROCEDURE –
LOAN BY-LAW 1458 AND LOAN BY-LAW 1459**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2014

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT, OF THE FOLLOWING:

At its regular sitting held on February 3, 2014, the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount adopted:

Loan By-law 1458, entitled "BY-LAW TO PROVIDE FOR A LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$440,000 FOR THE HYDRO WESTMOUNT AERIAL AND UNDERGROUND NETWORK RESTORATION PROGRAMS FOR THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY" the object of which is to authorize a loan in the amount of \$440,000 to carry out work for the Hydro Westmount aerial and underground network restoration programs for the supply of electricity.

Loan By-law 1459, entitled "BY-LAW TO PROVIDE FOR A LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,441,400 FOR THE ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME, THE REFURBISHING OF WATER MAINS AND THE REHABILITATION OF SEWERS" the object of which is to authorize a loan in the amount of \$4,441,400 to carry out work for the roadway reconstruction programme, the refurbishing of water mains and the rehabilitation of sewers in the City.

REGISTER

All qualified voters entitled to have their names entered on the referendum list of the City of Westmount may demand that **Loan By-law 1458** and **Loan By-law 1459** be submitted to a referendum poll by entering their name, address and capacity and by apposing their signature in the register open for that purpose.

To sign the register, the qualified voters will be required to produce one of the following pieces of identification:

- Health insurance card (Medicare) issued by the *Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec (RAMQ)*;
- Driver's licence or probationary licence issued in plastic form by the *Société de l'assurance-automobile du Québec (SAAQ)*;
- Canadian passport;
- Certificate of Indian Status issued to persons registered in the Indian Register under the *Indian Act*; or
- Canadian Armed Forces identification card by the Department of National Defence.

The register will be open from **9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, 2014**, in the Council Chamber of Westmount City Hall located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West in Westmount.

The number of applications needed to require that **By-law 1458** and **By-law 1459** be submitted to a poll is **500**. Failing such number, **Loan By-law 1458** and **Loan By-law 1459** shall be deemed to have been approved by the qualified voters.

The results of the registration procedure will be announced at 7:15 p.m. on February 19, 2014, in the Council Chamber of Westmount City Hall.

Any interested person may consult **Loan By-law 1458** and **Loan By-law 1459** and



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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 et pendant les heures d'enregistrement.

CONDITIONS POUR ÊTRE UNE PERSONNE HABILE À VOTER AYANT LE DROIT D'ÊTRE INSCRITE SUR LA LISTE RÉFÉRENDARE DE LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT

Est une personne habile à voter selon l'ordre de priorité suivant :

1° Toute personne qui n'est frappée d'aucune incapacité de voter et qui remplit les conditions suivantes le **3 février 2014** :

- être domiciliée sur le territoire de la Ville de Westmount; et
- être domiciliée depuis au moins six mois au Québec.

2° 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 **3 février 2014** :

- être propriétaire d'un immeuble ou occupant d'un établissement d'entreprise situé sur le territoire de la Ville de Westmount depuis au moins 12 mois;
- avoir produit ou produire au moment de la signature des registres un écrit signé par le propriétaire ou l'occupant demandant l'inscription sur la liste référendaire, le cas échéant.

3° 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 **3 février 2014** :

- être copropriétaire indivis d'un immeuble ou cooccupant d'un établissement d'entreprise situé sur le territoire la Ville de Westmount depuis au moins 12 mois;
- 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 les registres en leur nom et d'être inscrit sur la liste référendaire, le cas échéant. La procuration doit avoir été produite ou être produite pour être admis à s'enregistrer.

Dans le cas d'une personne physique, il faut qu'elle soit 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 **3 février 2014** 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 au moment de la signature des registres une résolution désignant la personne autorisée à signer les registres et à 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 conformément à l'article 531 de la *Loi sur les élections et les référendums dans les municipalités*.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 11 février 2014.

Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza, avocate
Greffière de la Ville

obtain a copy at the Office of the City Clerk, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, from Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and during the registration hours.

CONDITIONS TO BE A QUALIFIED VOTER ENTITLED TO HAVE ONE'S NAME ENTERED ON THE REFERENDUM LIST OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT

Is a qualified voter according to the following order of preference:

1. Any person not disqualified from voting who meets the following requirements on **February 3, 2014**:

- is domiciled in the territory of the City of Westmount;
- has been domiciled for at least six (6) months in Quebec.

2. Any sole owner of an immovable or sole occupant of a business establishment not disqualified from voting who meets the following requirements on **February 3, 2014**:

- has been, for at least 12 months, the owner of an immovable or the occupant of a business establishment situated in the territory of the City of Westmount;
- has filed, or file when signing the registers, a writing signed by the owner or the occupant requesting that his or her name be entered on the referendum list, as the case may be.

3. Any undivided co-owner of an immovable or co-occupant of a business establishment not disqualified from voting who meets the following conditions on **February 3, 2014**:

- has been for at least 12 months, undivided co-owner of an immovable or co-occupant of a business establishment situated in the territory of the City of Westmount;
- be designated, by means of a power of attorney signed by the majority of the persons who have been co-owners or co-occupants for at least 12 months, as being the one having the right to sign the registers in their name and to have the right to be entered on the referendum list, as the case may be. The power of attorney must have been filed, or must be filed to be entitled to register.

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

In the case of a legal person, one must:

- have designated by resolution one of its members, directors or employees who, on **February 3, 2014**, is of full age, a Canadian citizen, not under curatorship, nor disqualified from voting;
- have filed, or file the resolution when signing the registers, designating the person authorized to sign the registers and to be entered on the referendum list, as the case may be.

Except in the case of a person designated to represent a legal person, a person shall have his or her name entered on the list in only one capacity, as per section 531 of *An Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities*.

GIVEN at Westmount, this February 11th, 2014.

Me Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza
City Clerk



Real estate

ANDY DODGE, CRA

Almost all of Westmount's ratepayers can expect a tax increase this year, for homeowners anywhere from 1 to 6 percent, based mainly on the increase in valuations, which went up on the new roll between 14 and 28 percent.

Councillor Victor Drury explained January 27 that the average homeowner would have a tax increase of 3.3 percent this year; with the "phasing-in" of the new valuation roll over the coming two years,

Independent survey: Everyone gets a tax increase!

they can expect a similar tax increase in each of 2015 and 2016 unless the tax rate goes down by more than it did this year.

The tax rate is set at \$0.9416 per \$100 of valuation this year, with the valuation established as one third of the increase between the 2011 and 2014 city assessments. The rate represents a 3.4-percent drop on one third of a 21-percent average increase and can expect to drop further in the next two years as the full increase kicks in. But no matter how you look at it, at least this year, a survey of homes in all parts of the city shows that even those in mid-level Westmount with a 14-percent increase in their valuations will see a tax increase of

1.15 percent. Those in lower Westmount whose valuation jumped 28 percent can expect to pay 5.66 percent more.

For duplex and triplex owners, the valuation increase of about 17 percent translates into a tax increase of only 2.12 percent, something of a relief compared to their average 36.8 percent increases between 2007 and 2011. Most condominiums went up 18 or 19 percent in their new valuations, which translates into tax increases this year around 2.5 percent.

Apartment buildings of more than six units actually had a bigger drop in the overall tax rate than smaller dwellings, and for several buildings with 15-percent valu-

ation increases, the actual tax bill will be slightly lower than it was last year. In fact, for 4560 St. Catherine St., opposite Park Place, the new tax bill will be more than three percent lower than last year.

The commercial rate is established at \$3.7151 per \$100 valuation, but applies only to the portions of a building that are used commercially, so it becomes difficult to calculate the exact amounts. Suffice to say that for fully-commercial properties, the taxes increase from year to year at about the same rate as for smaller residential properties, but of course the actual amounts are almost four times as much as for the residential homes.

Address	2011 Val	2014 Val	Increase	2013 Tax	2014 Tax	Increase
758 Upper Belmont	1,119,900	1,355,100	21.00%	10,911.19	11,283.19	3.41%
90 Sunnyside	952,900	1,153,000	21.00%	9,284.10	9,600.55	3.41%
110 Upper Bellevue	1,459,200	1,780,200	22.00%	14,216.99	14,747.34	3.73%
59 Belvedere	3,306,000	4,033,300	22.00%	32,210.36	33,412.05	3.73%
3202 The Boulevard	911,400	1,148,400	26.00%	8,879.77	9,325.61	5.02%
3781 The Boulevard	1,725,500	2,174,100	26.00%	16,811.55	17,655.31	5.02%
31 Barat	817,800	997,000	21.91%	7,967.83	8,262.85	3.70%
50 Holton	1,014,800	1,227,900	21.00%	9,887.20	10,224.21	3.41%
4306 Montrose	1,346,500	1,656,200	23.00%	13,118.95	13,650.69	4.05%
26 de Ramezay	1,515,900	1,864,600	23.00%	14,769.41	15,368.17	4.05%
37 Rosemount	1,034,600	1,272,600	23.00%	10,080.11	10,488.80	4.05%
24 Anwoth	1,067,100	1,237,800	16.00%	10,396.76	10,583.58	1.80%
30 Thornhill	1,055,000	1,307,000	23.89%	10,278.86	10,724.82	4.34%
18 Forden	1,639,500	1,869,000	14.00%	15,973.65	16,157.86	1.15%
623 Sydenham	2,293,700	2,614,800	14.00%	22,347.52	22,605.31	1.15%
18 Grenville	1,228,500	1,400,500	14.00%	11,969.28	12,107.41	1.15%
22 Renfrew	1,189,800	1,356,400	14.00%	11,592.22	11,726.06	1.15%
645 Grosvenor	1,275,000	1,670,300	31.00%	12,422.33	13,246.11	6.63%
636 Lansdowne	941,400	1,157,900	23.00%	9,172.06	9,543.74	4.05%
202 Côte St. Antoine	1,186,900	1,400,500	18.00%	11,563.97	11,846.27	2.44%
490 Côte St. Antoine	1,306,000	1,593,300	22.00%	12,724.36	13,199.03	3.73%
482 Lansdowne	881,200	1,083,900	23.00%	8,585.53	8,933.59	4.05%
464 Roslyn	1,548,500	1,904,700	23.00%	15,087.04	15,698.67	4.05%
9 Lorraine	746,700	873,600	16.99%	7,275.10	7,429.22	2.12%

Address	2011 Val	2014 Val	Increase	2013 Tax	2014 Tax	Increase
481 Prince Albert	725,000	848,300	17.01%	7,063.68	7,213.60	2.12%
11 St. George's Place	772,000	903,200	16.99%	7,521.60	7,680.95	2.12%
71 Arlington	893,200	1,119,300	25.31%	8,702.45	9,120.02	4.80%
479 Strathcona	1,116,100	1,372,800	23.00%	10,874.16	11,314.89	4.05%
371 Claremont	397,900	509,300	28.00%	3,876.74	4,096.27	5.66%
226 Prince Albert	777,200	994,800	28.00%	7,572.26	8,001.09	5.66%
307 Grosvenor	662,400	847,900	28.00%	6,453.76	6,819.38	5.67%
355 Lansdowne	794,600	1,017,100	28.00%	7,741.79	8,180.31	5.66%
344 Metcalfe	2,245,000	2,908,500	29.55%	21,873.03	23,221.43	6.16%
242 Redfern	645,200	806,500	25.00%	6,286.18	6,581.47	4.70%
351 Olivier	947,200	1,184,000	25.00%	9,228.57	9,662.07	4.70%
340 Wood	1,404,800	1,798,100	28.00%	13,686.97	14,462.03	5.66%
111 Blenheim	462,800	592,400	28.00%	4,509.06	4,764.50	5.66%
164 Hillside	390,100	501,400	28.53%	3,800.74	4,022.52	5.83%
70 Bruce	663,500	849,300	28.00%	6,464.48	6,830.68	5.66%
124 Clandeboye	697,900	893,300	28.00%	6,799.64	7,184.72	5.66%
DUPLEXES:						
107-11 Cote St. Antoine	910,500	1,065,300	17.00%	8,871.00	9,059.13	2.12%
430-32 Mount Stephen	944,600	1,105,200	17.00%	9,203.24	9,398.42	2.12%
15-15A Winchester	563,900	659,800	17.01%	5,494.08	5,610.68	2.12%
4266 Dorchester	761,600	944,400	24.00%	7,420.27	7,744.97	4.38%
119-21 Irvine	443,000	518,100	16.95%	4,316.15	4,407.00	2.10%
3101-03 St. Antoine	499,500	584,400	17.00%	4,866.63	4,969.76	2.12%

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Gentle, aging Ernest seized from puppy mill



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Meet Ernest, a tiny nine-year-old Yorkie, one of many puppy-mill dogs rescued annually by the SPCA. These unfortunate dogs have never been socialized, have never set foot outdoors and are terrified of new situations. Ernest has had a rough time adjusting to his new life outside of the puppy mill: he is nervous, he does not see very well, and needs to be surrounded by a gentle touch and extreme patience.

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Address	2011 Val	2014 Val	Increase	2013 Tax	2014 Tax	Increase
TRIPLEXES:						
4274-78 de Maisonneuve	862,900	1,190,300	37.94%	8,407.23	9,152.67	8.87%
3453-57 St. Antoine	341,100	399,100	17.00%	3,323.34	3,393.84	2.12%
458-62 Victoria	681,200	797,000	17.00%	6,636.93	6,777.64	2.12%
DUPLEX-TYPE CONDOS:						
459 Grosvenor	448,100	528,800	18.01%	4,365.84	4,472.60	2.45%
69 Hallowell	525,400	620,700	18.14%	5,118.97	5,246.28	2.49%
4827A St. Catherine	284,800	353,200	24.02%	2,774.81	2,896.36	4.38%
474 Wood	474,700	560,100	17.99%	4,625.00	4,737.82	2.44%
25 York	261,700	308,800	18.00%	2,549.74	2,612.00	2.44%
APARTMENT CONDOS:						
46 Academy #16	504,000	625,000	24.01%	4,910.47	5,125.44	4.38%
399 Clarke #204	480,400	571,700	19.00%	4,680.54	4,810.01	2.77%
4855 de Maisonneuve #504	454,200	540,500	19.00%	4,425.27	4,547.61	2.76%
200 Lansdowne #502	509,100	605,800	18.99%	4,960.16	5,097.19	2.76%
267 Olivier #403	517,800	616,200	19.00%	5,044.93	5,184.45	2.77%
4700 St. Catherine #405	455,800	537,800	17.99%	4,440.86	4,549.18	2.44%
4175 St. Catherine #804	1,063,000	1,201,200	13.00%	10,356.81	10,442.97	0.83%
1 Wood #605	1,286,400	1,466,500	14.00%	12,533.40	12,678.02	1.15%
APARTMENT BUILDINGS (MORE THAN 6 UNITS):						
331 Clarke	4,932,900	6,166,100	25.00%	53,778.48	55,085.61	2.37%
17-19 Chesterfield	1,313,100	1,680,000	27.94%	14,315.42	14,796.10	3.25%
100-110 Hillside	1,686,100	2,004,000	18.85%	18,381.86	18,472.62	0.49%
239 Kensington	7,231,800	8,800,000	21.68%	78,841.08	79,933.73	1.37%
3055 Sherbrooke	3,875,000	4,456,300	15.00%	42,245.25	41,940.85	-0.73%
4435 Sherbrooke	1,515,100	1,742,400	15.00%	16,517.62	16,398.66	-0.73%
4560 St. Catherine	3,506,900	3,748,800	6.90%	38,232.22	36,980.29	-3.39%

bilitation and social skills. Because of his highly nervous nature, the Annexe of the SPCA does not recommend a household with children unless they are dog-savvy and calm.

With time, love and patience, the challenge of adopting and rehabilitating a puppy-mill dog always comes with great rewards. Once you become the first person that they can finally learn to trust, you will also be the first person to receive all their pent-up love.

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An Arsenal assembles against juvenile diabetes



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VERONICA REDGRAVE

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund (JDRF) held its annual gala at Montreal's go-to rental space for events: the Arsenal.

Called *Dia-Beat-It*, the fun evening was under the honorary presidency of Westmounter **Joey Saputo**, president of the Montreal Impact and Stade Saputo. Joey attended with his wife **Carmie**, coolly chic in black and white.

"The past 20 years in the world of soccer have taught me that teamwork, determination, passion and caring can accomplish anything. Let's invest together in a cure," said Saputo.

Other Saputos noted in the chic crowd were Westmounters **Amelia** and **Lino Saputo Jr.**, and **Nadia** and **Patricia Saputo**. Co-chairs were **Errold Jean**, **Lori Pesner** and **Cathy Monticciolo-Cianci**, who attended with her husband **Frank**.

Guests entering the cavernous space, made intimate with strategically placed lighting, had the opportunity to admire the art exhibited at the Arsenal's gallery space.

Noted in the crowd were Westmounters **Barbara** and **Phil Silverberg**, **Ruth** and **David Steinberg**, **Rhoda** and **Robert Vineberg** and their son **Justin** with his wife **Samantha**.

Last year, **Samantha** and **Justin**'s daughter **Joelle**, who has Type 1 diabetes, was the darling of the night with her endearing enthusiasm as she jumped up and down in excitement. However, this particular night she was "doing her homework" and could not attend.

Other Westmounters were **Alta** and **Harvey Levenson**, **Jillian** and **Jordan Aberman**, **Diana** and **Tony Micelli**, **Barb** and **Bernard Fersten**, **Shirley Goldfarb**, **Krayna Golfman**, **Dany Lavy**, **Lori Pesner** and her daughters **Jade** and **Montana** and son **Harrison Stone**, as well as their father **David Black**.

The Monticciolo-Cianci family made a donation of \$100,000 in memory of the late **Maria Saputo-Monticciolo**, whose husband **Giuseppe** attended with their chil-



Samantha and Justin Vineberg.



Joey and Carmie Saputo.

dren **Cathy Monicciolo-Cianci**, **Enzo** and **Giuseppe Jr. Monticciolo**.

Also seen in the sold-out crowd were **Jodi** and **Cookie Lazarus**, brothers **John** and **Joseph Broccolini**; **Lysa** and **Mark**

Hornstein, **Suzie** and **Laurie Litwin**, and **Amalia** and **Peter Metrakos**.

The eve was ably animated by emcee **Rodger Brulotte**, *Le Journal de Montreal's* social chronicler.



Errold Jean, Lori Pesner, Joey Saputo and Cathy Monticciolo-Cianci.



Rhoda and Robert Vineberg, Alta Levenson.

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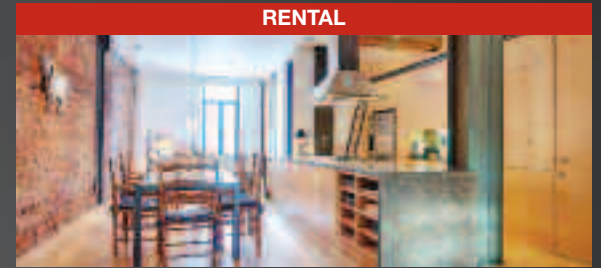


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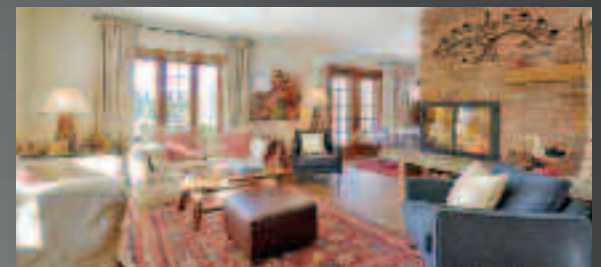
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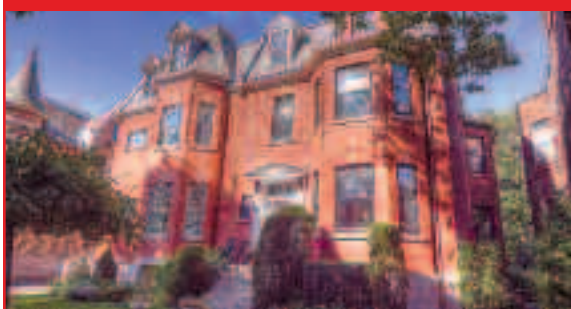
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