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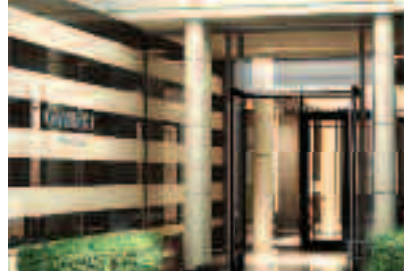


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'Traffic chaos' expected ahead: Kiely

City, MTQ to bear costs of bus priority on Sherbrooke

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Priority for busses on Sherbrooke St. took a step forward March 3 when city council approved the replacement of its traffic light standards and light heads with updated models that would allow for the installation of new controllers by the Société de transport de Montréal (STM).

The controllers would enable STM busses to get a jump on other traffic at red lights as part of an effort to improve transit times during the Turcot project, city director general Duncan Campbell explained.

Sherbrooke west of Decarie, however, will have a reserved bus lane, which had been proposed for the Westmount portion a few years ago but was rejected.

While the city will bear the cost of upgrading its system, Campbell said he understood the ministry of Transport (MTQ) would be paying for the controllers at a cost of about \$20,000 per intersection. There are 13 in Westmount along Sherbrooke.

To prepare for this change, Councillor Patrick Martin, as commissioner of Public

Works, moved two resolutions for the purchase of vehicular and pedestrian light heads in the amount of some \$29,000 and the purchase of transformer bases and stems for the lights at a cost of \$32,000.

Maureen Kiely, of the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA), asked what action, if any, the city would be taking as part of the Master Traffic Plan given the temporary "traffic chaos" expected over the next few years on Sherbrooke St.

She referred to Turcot project closures, the super-hospital and potential development of the land at Claremont and St. Catherine just outside of Westmount.

Mayor Peter Trent said the city was not going to do "anything permanent" until it knew what Montreal was going to do.

Kiely later said she was reassured that the city would proceed slowly and carefully because it was impossible to predict traffic flows in the short term. "My point was that the city shouldn't be pressured into wasting money over temporary solutions."

Campbell added that the city had taken traffic counts "last week" to provide a baseline for monitoring impact.

Pomerleau payments now \$38.7M, feds pay share in full

In February, a city payment of \$1 million to contractor Pomerleau Inc. for work on the Westmount recreation centre brought the total paid to \$38.7 million including taxes. The payments were reported by Councillor Patrick Martin at the March 3 city council meeting.

The total to date also includes some \$3.5 million in decontamination payments. The ultimate responsibility for this portion is not yet determined.

The city has been holding back 10 percent of all billings pending the city's satisfaction with the work. "Some things have yet to be tested," Martin explained.

Of the \$38.7 million already paid, the city has received back the full amount of \$1.7 million in GST rebates. The federal government has also paid its share of just under \$10 million of the infrastructure grant. Quebec's equal amount is subject to long-term financing and repayment.



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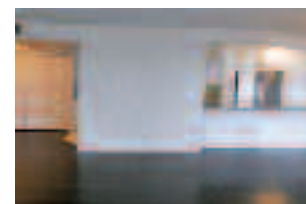
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Vagrants occupy BMO and TD

Two homeless men were found in the ATM areas of local banks February 25, Public Security officials said. One was a 44-year-old who was awakened in the entry of the Bank of Montreal at Greene and de Maisonneuve at 7:50 am.

He claimed a crack pipe on the floor beside him was not his. It was disposed of and the man was "sent on his way."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

‘SUPERBOXES’ BAD FOR PEDESTRIANS, UNWELL TOO

Mayor Peter Trent is absolutely right when he states (March 4, p. 7) that if people are forced to use their cars to pick up parcels from retail stores or a piece of mail in case Canada Post stops home delivery, they would be “polluting their way to their community mailbox, possibly daily.”

However, he seems to have forgotten the hardship to be endured by people who do not own a car (minority? majority?), refuse to drive one for ecological reasons or simply cannot do so due to poor health.

And what about Canada’s rapidly ageing population?

MAYA KHANKHOJE, KENSINGTON AVE.

KUDOS TO SEDGWICK

The end of a long journey. What a man. He grew up here and knew this city like no other. I had the pleasure of meeting David Sedgwick, director of the Public Security division, during the last couple of years in projects to improve signage on our streets and other community and social initiatives like helping some of the homeless people who walk around in Westmount from time to time.

His deep knowledge of the city as well as of the citizens’ needs made him a great resource for all of us.

After almost 30 years of working for the city of Westmount, he leaves his place to

his successor who has been certainly well prepared and has learned from a man with great values.

I wanted as a citizen to write this small note to share what many of us feel: experience and true commitment makes a huge difference, especially in a city like Westmount where decisions should be taken with a view of ensuring great living, efficient urban development and smart decision-making for all ages of its population.

Thank you David and best wishes in your future endeavors.

J. F. EMMANUEL, WINDSOR AVE.

KUDOS TO PUBLIC SECURITY, PSO TREMBLAY

On February 24, coming home after a drama rehearsal in Victoria Hall, I slipped on an icy path behind the taxi rank and broke my wrist. I didn’t want to disturb family or friends late at night so I called Westmount Public Security. Two wonderfully kind PSOs came to my house and one of them took me to the emergency at the General.

The following evening one of them came round to check on me.

I am writing to give a public acknowledgement of the efficiency, kindness and professionalism of our Public Security team. They are one of the reasons why Westmount is so special. If you haven’t

seen the leaflet put out by the city titled “Security and Aging: You’re Not Alone,” it’s worth getting hold of a copy. I certainly didn’t feel alone that horrible night.

Thank you Public Security and an especial thank you to PSO Sabrina Tremblay.

ANN ELBOURNE, SOMERVILLE AVE.

A BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE

A Champlain bridge replacement built with virtually the same capacity as when the reserved bus lane was added to the bridge in 1982 will constrict the growth of Montreal for 100 years.

Congestion has a cost. A 2003 study allows us to establish a reasonable congestion cost for the present Champlain bridge in excess of \$200 million per year, which is also the approximate cost of adding an extra lane in each direction.

The bridge’s pre-feasibility study indicates that rush-hour traffic will increase 16 percent by 2026. Transport Canada ruled out a tunnel because it would be less flexible in the future, but the proposed bridge

will be no more flexible. The light rail and approaches to the bridge are the only improvements to the major direction of flow. It is not good enough.

We should at least have the foresight to build the extra capacity, even if it is not used by traffic for decades. The extra width could be used as a park for now: 3.4 km of green space on the bridge would make it a truly signature structure.

The sister bridge of the Champlain, the Tappan Zee, just north of New York City, is being replaced. For US\$3.1 billion, the new bridge has four lanes of traffic, breakdown lanes and a dedicated transit way in each direction. It includes bicycle lanes and a pedestrian walkway. Its daily traffic is 135,000 and the Champlain’s is 159,000.

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EDWIN VICKERY,
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New dog run targetted for this summer: Lulham

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city aims to have a new dog run in place for the southwest area “this summer,” Councillor Cynthia Lulham told the city council meeting March 3. Dog owners lost the run at Lansdowne and St. Catherine last summer when part of the land was required for the Westmount recreation centre.

Lulham, who had been absent from the February 3 meeting when a petition for the run was submitted, said a landscape architect would be mandated by the city to

look at possible locations. Once this was completed, various locations with their pros and cons would be made public. A poll by a professional polling firm would then be conducted in the selection of the site.

As commissioner of Sustainability and Parks, Lulham is responsible for dog issues and is a dog owner herself.

Several sites within Westmount Park have been suggested though the favoured location emerging from the petition was a return to the former Lansdowne dog park even though a new one would have to be closer to the street (see story February 11, p. 4).

Correction:

In our Spring Social Calendar (March 4, p. 16), we had the wrong month for Oxfam Québec’s Around the World for Women cocktail vernissage. The correct entry is as follows:

May 7 – Around the World for Women cocktail vernissage fundraiser for Oxfam Québec. Featuring work by artist Leila Labelle. Inspired by Desert Flower and Half the Sky, empowering women around the world for better human rights and education, one woman at a time. 6 to 9 pm. Mod’s Hair Westmount, 4201 St. Catherine St. (corner Greene). Information and RSVP 514.935.5608.

Woman kicks Public Security car, arrested

An inebriated woman kicked a Public Security patrol vehicle on St. Catherine at Wood February 26 after asking the officer for a lift to NDG at 2:20 am, officials said. The officer had suggested she take a taxi. A security agent at a bank nearby also reported the woman had been causing trouble there and police were called.

She resisted arrest, but was apprehended for disturbing the peace and being drunk in a public place.

The woman was identified as a 56-year-old NDG resident.

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Traffic crackdown, new schedule, foot patrols

Crime remains low as police launch 2014 action plan

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

While the latest crime samplings for Westmount released by local police station 12 show an increase in break-and-enter incidents during January – 10 compared to 6 for the same month last year – the number for February will show a drop, according to commander Daniel Gervais.

“It was very quiet in February,” he said. Even the 10 break-ins (five each in residential and commercial sectors) seem low when compared with the historic monthly average that fluctuated between 20 and 30 over the years. See table “Westmount monthly averages”, at right).

And within the environment of low criminality, the station has launched its action plan for the year stressing its top priority of traffic.

Operation CHOC, to crack down on distracted drivers, took place February 20 on Sherbrooke St. in collaboration with the Montreal police traffic squad. A total of 135 tickets were issued in just one day (see March 4, p. 9).

“I honestly think it’s a big problem,” Gervais said of cell phone use, texting and other driving distractions. The operation

will be repeated at other times.

Another priority will focus on foot patrols and officers “walking the street and knocking on doors to reassure neighbours after a break-in or robbery has taken place,” Gervais said.

Walking the streets and down under

As part of that goal, Gervais accompanied Cst. Adalbert Pimentel on a foot patrol February 13 in the Victoria village and on Greene Ave., including Westmount Square. “I want to keep in touch with ‘the street,’” he explained.

The commander said he also intends to accompany other officers on foot patrol to ensure they know “what I expect of them.”

Being winter, however, he said he found it very quiet on the street but busy in the shopping level of Westmount Square. “It made me realize the need to increase patrols inside these areas.” This includes Alexis Nihon and the Atwater Metro station.

In the summer, he said, he also plans to go on patrol in Westmount’s parks.

New schedule

A new police schedule starting March 9

finds police from Station 15 in St. Henri patrolling Westmount between 1 am and 6 am, he said. “Westmount residents will not notice any change,” Gervais said. Patrollers at Station 12 will work from 6 am to 1 am.

Previously, although Station 12 is not open overnight, its officers on the so-called graveyard shift patrolled Westmount but reported to another station.

When the new schedule was offered to Station 12 personnel, only three chose to go to Station 15 to work at night, he said. “I considered that a good thing because it meant they like our station. But working nights is a pretty individual thing.”

The new schedule is “a way to accom-

Westmount crime samplings

Type of crime	2013			2014	
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Jan
Break and enter	7	4	3	10	6
Robbery	1	4	0	3	2
Theft from vehicles	23	10	7	7	17
Theft of vehicles	1	3	2	0	8
Graffiti	7	6	12	16	14

Westmount monthly averages

Type of crime	1997	1998	1999
Break and enter	28.3	28.7	21.4
Robbery	4.1	4.4	4.1
Theft from vehicles	11.8	16.9	17.0
Theft of vehicles	12.5	12.1	8.8
Graffiti (no statistics)			

modate families and work,” he explained. It is to be evaluated after six months.

Vagrants lock out hockey players at Stayner comfort station

Two vagrants were found sleeping on the benches of the comfort station at Stayner Park February 25 at 8:48 pm, Public Security officials report.

Hockey players who had been locked out were forced to change skates outside. The two were asked to leave by patrollers who came across them at 8:48 pm.

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By the way, on March 20 we’re having a big blow-out **St Patrick’s Day** celebration with Irish beef stew and with Celtic music, song, drums and chanting by Andiu MacGabhann (better known as “Belfast Andi”) and friends. Andi is a regular performer at both Hurley’s and McKibbin’s Irish Pubs.

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PROVINCIAL ELECTION 2014

Gohel set for another election as Westmount-St. Louis returning officer

BY MICHAEL MOORE

With Quebecers heading back the polls, thousands of staffers around the province are set to leap into action to ensure the province's electorate is able to exercise its voting rights on April 7. Over the next few weeks, voting lists will be updated, candidates confirmed and voting stations manned to ensure the province's next leaders are elected without a hitch.

Christian Gohel is back as the Westmount-St. Louis riding's returning officer, a general behind the scenes marshalling the troops and handling everything from answering voter questions to declaring the riding's winner.

Gohel has an extensive election history, both domestically and internationally, where he has helped oversee voting in Guinea Bissau, Haiti and Ivory Coast. When he's not promoting democracy abroad, Gohel, has been helping to ensure that local elections run smoothly as an electoral officer with the Directeur général des élections du Québec (DGEQ) since 1989.

In 2007, Gohel was given a 10-year term as returning officer for Westmount-St. Louis after completing the DGEQ's three-stage application process that tests candidates on their knowledge of the Elec-

tion Act and the physical, geographical and political make-up of the riding.

Interested individuals must first apply for the position, with candidates deemed to have relevant experience invited to take a written exam. The top three finishers are then interviewed by a three-member committee, which decide the victor.

The winner's prize: one of the most labour-intensive yet unheralded jobs of the election cycle.

When an election is called, the returning officer sets up a main office and hires a staff to prepare for the lead-up to voting day. What follows is a whirlwind of electoral responsibilities for the returning officer, including preparing the information materials that will be distributed to the electorate and the candidates; confirming nomination papers; authorizing fundraising for independent candidates; and organizing advance and mobile polling.

To ensure a smooth voting process, Gohel will also have to oversee recruitment and the hiring of an estimated 500 temporary employees for the set-up and manning of Westmount-St. Louis' various voting stations, including ballot scrutineers, poll clerks and voter identification panels.

Once the polls close for the riding's nearly 40,000 eligible voters, the returning

officer's job isn't done. Gohel will still have to organize the counting of the vote and officially declare a winner, as well as file a report on voting process.

Does he have a casting vote? No. A tied vote triggers an automatic by-election between the leading candidates, per the Elec-

tions Act. However, based on recent history, Westmount-St. Louis voters are unlikely to be face a second election – incumbent Liberal Jacques Chagnon has won over two thirds of the vote in all six elections since the district's creation in 1992.

Pretty quiet on the Westmount front



ASM brief opposing values charter dies with Quebec election call

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount's opportunity to fight the proposed Quebec values charter, Bill 60, died with the election call March 5 by the provincial government. The city was part of a brief from the Association of Suburban Municipalities (ASM).

Since the ASM had not yet been called to present the brief at government hearings, it was released by the association, as announced at the March 3 city council meeting by Mayor Peter Trent, ASM president.

"The cities and towns we are representing today have concluded that Bill 60 is a deeply-flawed law that will breed division within Quebec society accompanied by major social and economic damage," the brief concludes. No amendments or changes were proposed.

"We are not prepared to compromise on individual freedoms, whether religious

or linguistic, that are attacked by this bill," the brief states.

While it notes the ASM would not oppose certain provisions, such as one requiring public servants to provide public services with faces uncovered, it says, the bill solves no real problem, only creates problems and would do much damage.

"We ask the National Assembly to not adopt Bill 60 as we firmly believe a number of its provisions are unconstitutional and totally unacceptable for the majority of our citizens."

The brief is based on 10 guiding principles that the ASM members state run counter to those espoused by their municipalities and citizens. It maintains the charter is a violation of Canadian and Quebec charters of rights and freedoms as well as international treaties to which Canada is a party (see story January 14, p. 8).

The brief may be read using a link at www.westmount.org.



4-3-2-1-0. The provincial election campaign has started in Westmount without much fanfare. On March 9, the Independent did not find many parties' election posters: only four Chagnon posters on Sherbrooke between Greene and Victoria and three on Greene (above), two Green Party posters (top right) and one Philippe Couillard (top left) poster on Sherbrooke between Greene and Victoria, and no posters at all on Victoria south of Sherbrooke. Westmount-St. Louis is hardly a swing riding: in 2012, Liberal incumbent Jacques Chagnon won with 15,774 votes versus his nearest opponent's 3,056. And he did not actively campaign due to his interpretation of his role as speaker of the provincial legislature.

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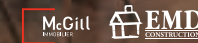
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WRC selected as a finalist in UMQ competition

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The newly completed Westmount recreation centre (WRC) has been chosen as a finalist in the annual Mérite Ovation Municipale contest held by the Union of Quebec Municipalities (UMQ) as part of its annual conference. Now in its 10th year, the contest recognizes innovation.

Entered by Sports and Recreation director Mike Deegan in the category for culture, heritage, sports and leisure, the WRC is up against four other finalists, including the new St. Laurent library. The other finalists in the category are the cities of Princeville, St. Adèle and Vaudreuil-Dorion.

"I hope we'll be an inspiration to others," Deegan said. "Our goal was to have something ahead of our time."

Certainly, he said, going underground can be a model for other built-up communities. As well, he said he found it fascinating how much of the old arena that was taken down, 93.6 percent, will be reused in other building projects through recycling facilities.

A lengthy submission prepared by various

members of the WRC team and steering committee details the recreation centre's origins, innovative qualities, overall description, value to the community and financing. It also includes a section on how the project could be used as a model for other communities.

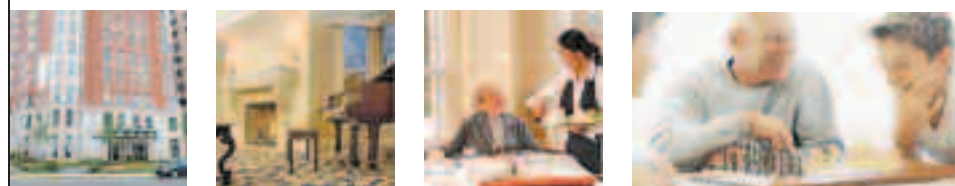
Westmount will be required to mount and staff an exhibit to present the project over the three-day annual UMQ conference in Gatineau immediately prior to the awards ceremony May 24.

Heat pump noise starts up again

A noisy heat pump at a house on Mount Pleasant has become the subject of complaints from a neighbour and is to be repaired – again, Public Security officials said. Following up February 28 on complaints in December, officers reported the unit had been repaired but was in need of further servicing.

Public Security director David Sedgwick said the department expects a rash of noise complaints once the air conditioning "season" starts up.

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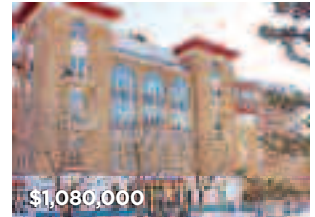
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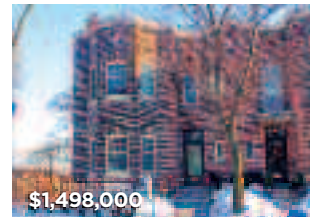
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Tenders rejected, postponed, cancelled

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Three separate tenders underwent rare rejection, postponement or cancellation at the March 3 council meeting.

Removed from the agenda was acceptance of a tender for the disposal of 470 metric tons of sweeper debris for an amount \$29,721. This was actually a postponement due to an error in calculation of the bids, according to Councillor Patrick Martin, commissioner of Public Works.

The debris charges include a cost to collect the debris and another based on the delivery distance to the disposal area.

Cancelled

The cancelled contract was for sewer work that had been underestimated, he explained. It had been awarded October 1, 2013 at the last meeting of the outgoing council to TGA Montreal for labour, material and equipment involved in the construction of a sewer interconnection at Lansdowne and St. Catherine. The cost was \$85,978.

Discrepancies were subsequently noted in the base plan elevations that would

require more excavation than called for. This would boost the estimated cost to \$109,000, taxes included. This puts the project into a new tendering category over \$100,000 which requires wider advertising such as through SEAO, the province's electronic bidding system or another "newspaper."

Both parties are reported to have agreed to the cancellation and the city will be re-submitting the project for bids, Martin told the *Independent*.

For smaller contracts under \$100,000, he explained, "if you advertise too widely, no one bids because the cost of preparing a bid is not worthwhile when there are 10 or so bidders" and can, in cases, "cost more than the actual value of the work sought."

Rejection

In the third item, council approved the rejection of all tender bids submitted from almost a year ago for a new 2013 boom truck based on all being considered "excessive."

The bids had never been formally rejected, he said.



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Members of the “SoDo” (which refers to “south of Dorchester”) community gather for a photo March 7 in front of their SoDo Ice Castle at the south end of Bruce Ave. Built by 24 children and adult residents, the 500 coloured ice blocks, totalling a ton of ice, were formed in donated milk cartons that were frozen outside. The cartons were scrounged from recycling boxes and some were donated by the Dawson College cafeteria, explained event organizer and resident Rob Stephens, a philosophy professor at Dawson. The idea for the castle came from a person in Edmonton who built an ice igloo and posted it on Facebook. Stephens thought that an igloo might collapse on the children and the adult participants decided a castle would be a safer structure for them to participate in building.

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SPORTS ET LOISIRS

Inscriptions - activités printemps et été
À compter du lundi 24 mars à 8 h 30 au Centre des loisirs de Westmount. L'édition printemps-été du *Guide des activités communautaires et culturelles, sportives et de loisirs* vous parviendra sous peu. Vous n'avez pas encore votre **carte d'accès-installations sportives 2014**? Procurez-vous la au bureau des Sports et loisirs du CLW (individus 25 \$; familles 50 \$); deux preuves de résidence sont nécessaires. Info : 989-5353.

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Conférences de 14 heures - *Staying Safe: tips to help you and your family Navigate the Web* avec Lora Baiocco et Ed Bilodeau
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The Balancing Act in Investing and in Life avec Brenda Shanahan
Le mercredi 19 mars à 19 h. Info : 514 989-5299.

Club de lecture en anglais

Le mardi 25 mars à 19 h. Joignez-vous au club de lecture pour discuter du livre *February* de Lisa Moore. Info : 514 989-5299.

Prochaine séance du conseil : le mardi 8 avril

ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

La galerie du Victoria Hall : exposition
Du 20 février au 15 mars. La galerie est fière de présenter les œuvres de Helen Tarshis Shapiro. Info : 514 989-5521 ou victoriahall@westmount.org.

Galerie : appel de dossiers

La galerie du Victoria Hall lance un appel de dossiers pour sa programmation 2014-2015 (septembre 2014 à août 2015), concours qui s'adresse aux artistes émergents ou professionnels qui habitent Westmount. La proposition doit inclure 10 photographies ou images électroniques d'œuvres récentes pour la programmation générale (CD, DVD ou clé USB), ou 5 images pour le volet exposition de groupe estivale, une liste des œuvres présentées (titre, médium, dimensions, etc.), un bref curriculum vitae et un résumé de la démarche artistique.

Période d'inscription annuelle : du 15 février au 15 avril. Un dossier complet peut être posté ou déposé au *Comité de sélection, Victoria Hall, 4626, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, Westmount, H3Z 1G1.* Aucune soumission par courriel ne sera acceptée. Info : 514 989-5521 ou victoriahall@westmount.org.

Défilé de la Saint-Patrick

Le dimanche 16 mars à midi ; centre-ville de Montréal. Participez au 190^e défilé de la Saint-Patrick en compagnie d'officiers de la Sécurité publique et du groupe de Westmount. Le lieu de rencontre est au coin du boul. René-Lévesque et l'av. Crescent vers midi. Portez du vert et assurez-vous d'être habillé chaudement. Info : 514 989-5226.

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Projection : *Forks Over Knives*

Le lundi 31 mars à 19 h. Ce documentaire (« La santé dans l'assiette ») examine l'hypothèse selon laquelle le renoncement aux aliments d'origine animale et transformés permettrait de soigner, voire guérir, la quasi-totalité des « maladies de société » qui frappent les pays occidentaux. Film en anglais, suivi d'une discussion bilingue avec la D^{re} Kristine Koski de la *School of Dietetics and Nutrition* de l'Université McGill. Présenté par la Bibliothèque publique de Westmount et le Projet ville en santé. Info : 514 989-5284.

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Healthy City Project: invitation to volunteer

Since 1991, Westmount's Healthy City project has made many contributions to addressing physical, social and environmental concerns in the community. The City welcomes residents interested in joining the HCP Environment Committee and/or Steering Committee. Please send a letter of intention outlining your experience to Councillor Cynthia Lulham, Commissioner of Sustainability and Parks, 514 931-9132 or clulham@westmount.org.



SPORTS & RECREATION

Registration - spring & summer activities
Beginning Monday, March 24 at 8:30 a.m. at the Westmount Recreation Centre. Watch your mailbox for the spring and summer edition of the *Community and Cultural Events, Sports and Recreation Activities Guide*. Need a **2014 Facility Membership Card**? You can obtain it at the Sports & Recreation Office at the WRC (individual \$25, family \$50); two proofs of residence required. Info: 514 989-5353.

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Readers to Readers Book Club

Tuesday, March 11 at 10:15 a.m. Join our morning book club to talk about great books recently read. Info: 514 989-5299.

2 O'clock Series - *Staying Safe: tips to help you and your family navigate the Web* with Lora Baiocco and Ed Bilodeau
Wednesday, March 19 at 2 p.m. Presentation in English, followed by a question period in French and English. Info: 514 989-5299.

The Balancing Act in Investing and in Life with Brenda Shanahan
Wednesday, March 19 at 7 p.m. Info: 514 989-5299.

English Book Club

Tuesday, March 25 at 7 p.m. Join our English Book Club to discuss *February* by Lisa Moore. Info: 514 989-5299.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, April 8

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Gallery at Victoria Hall: Exhibition
February 20 to March 15. The Gallery is pleased to feature the works of Helen Tarshis Shapiro. Info: 514 989-5521 or victoriahall@westmount.org.

Gallery: Call for projects

The Gallery at Victoria Hall announces its Call for projects for its 2014-2015 exhibition season (September 2014 to August 2015). Emerging or professional artists who are residents of Westmount are invited to apply. Submissions should include 10 photographs or electronic images of recent works for a season exhibition (CD, DVD or USB key), or 5 images for the summer group exhibition category, a list of the images submitted (title, medium, size, year completed, etc.), a short résumé, and an artist's statement.

Annual application period: February 15 to April 15. Mail or deliver your complete dossier to *Gallery Selection Committee, Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, H3Z 1G1.* Info: 514 989-5521 or victoriahall@westmount.org. Submissions made by email will not be accepted.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Sunday, March 16 at noon, downtown Montreal.

Join Westmount's Public Security with the city's contingent in the 190th St Patrick's Day Parade. Meet on René-Lévesque Blvd. and Crescent St. by noon. Be sure to wear something green and dress warmly. Info: 514 989-5226.

Earth Hour 2014 : Turn off your Lights!

Saturday, March 29, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Eco-Fair event at Victoria Hall from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Information tables, presentations, stargazing with members of the Royal Canadian Astronomical Society, music with the Burton Street Singers and snacks on sale at the Café Clair de lune. Organized by the Westmount Healthy City Project. Info: 514 989-5226.

Film Screening: *Forks Over Knives*

Monday, March 31 at 7 p.m., Westmount Public Library. This documentary examines the profound claim that most, if not all, degenerative diseases that afflict us can be controlled or even reversed by rejecting animal-based and processed foods. Discussion to follow with Dr Kristine Koski of McGill University's *School of Dietetics and Nutrition*. Presented by the Westmount Public Library and the Healthy City Project. Info: 514 989-5284.



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Metcalfe, cont'd. from p. 1

meeting was a related item to reduce Metcalfe to one northbound traffic lane south of St. Catherine and create one parking lane on the west side “for permit holders only.” This would enable the contractor to use the east sidewalk and traffic lane for construction vehicles in the congested area.

The last-minute agenda changes caught many with interest in the condo issue by surprise. Among them were questioners Gerald Glass and Geoffrey Dougherty, who live on Metcalfe, as well as physician Dr. Gerald Ahronheim of the Hillside Pediatric Clinic, which is situated along with the Hillside Medical Centre across the street at the corner with Hillside.

Parking and access has been a major concern for both clinics.

Many changes made

The project has undergone a number of design changes requested by the city and nearby residents who protested that the former design of a six-storey building with a full seventh-floor recreational facility was too massive for the area.

While the council's Demolition committee decided in favour of tearing down the existing building, one of its main conditions was that it be reduced in size (see story July 9, p. 7).

Building lowered 15 feet

As a result, and just before an appeal hearing August 21, the recreational storey was eliminated, lowering the building by 15 feet. The project was also scaled back from the original 56 units (see August 27,

Faded sticker replaced

A resident of Church Hill complained about the delivery of unsolicited circulars March 3, Public Security officials said.

She was given a new no-circular sticker to replace the existing one described as faded and difficult to see.



Dr. Gerald Ahronheim of the Hillside Pediatric Clinic questions council March 3 on traffic impact expected from the condo project.

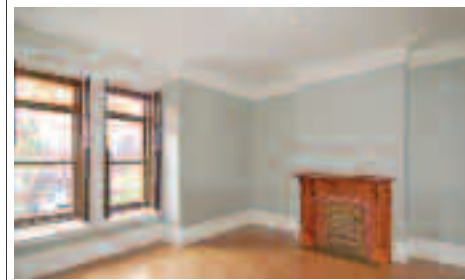
2013, p. 1). The latest number proposed is 47, Poirier said. There are also 55 parking spaces proposed. The appeal was rejected, allowing the conditions of the Demolition committee to stand.

Among them was the deposit of a monetary guarantee of \$750,000 to be paid at the time the demolition and building permits are issued.

This is “exceptionally high,” Poirier explained, because it is based on the valuation of the building to be demolished. This is to ensure that a replacement building is in fact built.

Approval of the permit application that had been recommended to council March 3 by the city's Planning Advisory Council also mentioned the financial guarantee that would be required in the event the project is not completed within 18 months on expiry of the first permit.

This was written into the city's Planning by-laws a few years ago following complaints of “ever-lasting” construction projects.



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Local florists go Dutch, see flowers everywhere

BY STEPHANIE O'HANLEY

They went to buy giftware, but the flower culture of the Netherlands also left a big impression on Christine and Lauren Pickrell of Westmount Florist.

The two florists recently posted an account on Westmount Florist's blog of the flowers they saw during their January trip.

Lauren said the five-day business trip came about after her uncle happened to meet a giftware wholesaler during a visit.

"When he came back he said, 'Oh my God Christine, you and Lauren should go over there and buy some stuff from this wholesaler,'" explained Christine, who is Lauren's aunt.

"We brought in two containers, shipped over 20-foot containers just packed with giftware," said Christine. More shipments of the giftware, which includes outdoor planters, pots, vases and decorative items

will arrive in coming months. "We're the only people they sell to in Canada."

"We're redoing the entire store right now," said Lauren. "It's beautiful stuff. I am very excited about one piece. It's like a stag head, a beautiful silver stag head."

First trip to the Netherlands

While flowers are the Pickrells' family business, the trip marked the first time either Christine or Lauren had ever been to the Netherlands. While they stayed in Amsterdam, they also visited Aalsmeer to see the world's largest flower auction.

"It actually is the same size as 25 football fields," said Christine. "Lauren found out that up until last year it was the largest building in the world." Pointing to a photo of a room with rows of traders sitting at computers, Christine said, "This is the auction, so you see people have their computers and you bid on flowers. It's very fast. They come on these carts and it's really something to see."

"In Aalsmeer, one of the guys that we were dealing with was saying every single

person is affected by the flower industry somehow, whether it's someone that's working at the auction or someone who grows [them] or someone who works at a soil place, everywhere everyone's affected by it," said Lauren.

Christine, who has been a florist for 30 years, said the two enjoyed meeting an orchid grower who supplies orchids for the Grammys. "He does all the big shows like the Academy Awards, they have a thousand of (orchids) from this guy. He supplied a big Christian Dior fashion show a few years ago," she said.

Flowers 'everywhere'

Christine said they saw flowers "everywhere" in the Netherlands. "Because it was the wintertime, there weren't obviously a lot of flowers outside, but we were surprised at how many there were." She pointed to a photo of a container of flowers they saw "in the middle of the street, in front of a restaurant" and to another photo of flowers on a table at the Van Gogh Museum's restaurant. "You don't go to our museum here and see that," she said.

Pointing to another photo of a shop carrying all sorts of colourful flowers," Christine said, "This is just a little cash-and-carry place and it's huge. You walk along the street here and most florists don't even have that variety."

"Here, as sad as it is, if you put a really nice plant outside your building, outside your restaurant or whatever, chances are it's going to get destroyed," said Lauren. "Some person is going to push it over, rip out the flowers. In Holland ... you could just leave a plant outside, no one will touch it. It's amazing."

While Christine said from what she saw in Amsterdam, "everyone has flowers in some kind of vase somewhere," she said Montreal also has a flower culture. "Montreal is a very European city. We have lots of customers who have flowers every



Christine Pickrell at a cash-and-carry shop.

week or they go to someone's house for dinner. It's a big industry here, more so than a lot of places in the States."


In 50 years of business, Westmount Florist has established relationships with companies in the Netherlands and receives flowers from the Netherlands three times a week, Christine said.

Lauren, who has been a florist for 10 years, said Dutch flower growers told her about what flowers go through before they arrive in North America.

"I asked one of the guys: 'How long does it take when the flower is cut and then in our store?' and he said it's about 36 hours," she said. "So literally it's cut, it's packaged, it's boxed, it's flown over and it's in our store right away. We're able to do that."

Workers ticketed

A contractor at 345 Victoria was issued a ticket for \$1,250 February 27 for occupying the street and sidewalk without a valid permit, Public Security officials said. The Public Works permit that had been obtained allowed workers to occupy only the space of two parking meters. Instead the workers were found at 8:17 am to have blocked one lane on the street as well as the sidewalk.


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Mary needs a temporary foster family while she heals

Six-year-old Mary was born with a respiratory problem needing specialized medical management and treatment to allow her to live a normal life. Mary came into care on an emergency basis with medical needs. However, the treatment she needs is not available in her community so she had to leave her family and friends for treatment in Montreal and was placed in an emergency foster home. And it is within this context that Batshaw Youth and Family Centres are seeking a family to take on the responsibility to foster Mary for as long as she needs.

In order for Mary to breathe normally, surgery was performed, leaving her with a tracheotomy tube for breathing that needs

to be cleaned every two hours through a special machine. In the future Mary will require further surgery that will render her independent of the tracheotomy tube. Mary is followed closely by the Montreal Children's Hospital. And whoever is interested in providing care for her will be given special training from the MCH. Also, the current foster parents are committed to providing training and respite care.

In spite of her medical situation, Mary is described as an easy going, sociable and engaging six-year-old who loves meeting and interacting with people. She eats and sleeps well.

Developmentally, Mary is reaching all her milestones age appropriately. She is in

elementary school; academically she is well integrated into her program, is performing well and making friends at school. She is receiving the support she needs to study alongside her peers. The school board has arranged for a special staff to provide her with the assistance she needs to be comfortable and productive in the school environment.

Mary needs a two-parent family to care for her that would be open to visits from her parents. The ideal family for Mary would be an Inuit or an aboriginal family.

For more information about Mary, please call Batshaw Youth and Family Centres at 514.932.7161, local 1139. Information sessions are held every two months.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 6

Middletown by Will Eno, directed by Jude Beny. Pay what you can. Dawson Theatre, 2000 Atwater Ave. 8 pm. Also March 7 & 8, and matinée Sat., March 8 at 2 pm.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

Westmount Antiquarian Book Fair. Conrod's Hall, Dawson College, 4001 de

Maisonnette Blvd. Booksellers will be selling used and antiquarian books, maps and prints. Admission \$3. 10 am to 5 pm.

MONDAY, MARCH 17

Women's Canadian Club presents Linda Rutenberg, fine art photographer and teacher. \$10 for non-members. The Unitarian Church: 5035 de Maisonneuve Blvd. West. 12:30 pm. A \$5 lunch from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Westmount Historical Association presents Duncan Campbell, director general of Westmount, on 101 years of Westmount DGs and the 100th anniversary of city managers in Canada. Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke St. 7 pm.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

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Valentine and Blue Boy, sweet friends

Tia needs a quiet home



9 Lives

LYSANNE FOWLER

Many a book has been written about the friendship between a child and a dog. Now, I am exploring a short story in this column about the friendship between a kitten and a dog.

This photograph says it all: Blue Boy has discovered his newly arrived friend Valentine. A five-month-old kitten and a ten-year old Neopolitan mastiff, brought together by abandonment at a foster family's home.

Blue Boy was saved on a Friday night from the pound when he was one-month old, just left there in a carrier in the dark. Valentine was saved recently from a difficult home environment, where the owner wasn't well enough to take care of him anymore.

He is a gentle senior Neopolitan mastiff who loves everyone and everything, especially car rides!

Valentine basks in his quiet days and regular walks, while Blue Boy discovers



the world as only a cheeky kitten can around the house. They enjoy each other's company and look forward to their own families in permanent homes.

They are in foster now for the rescue Au Répit de la Montagne, and you can find out more about them by contacting Anouk Lecompte on her cellular at 514.234.2668 or on her email anouklecompteremax@sympatico.ca.

You can also find out more about the rescue by going to their website www.au-repitdelamontagne.com.

Your neighbour, LYSANNE



The Underdog Club

JAYME WILMANN

Are you are patient, kind, and love a true underdog? If so, then Tia needs you. A stunning one-year-old Staffordshire terrier, Tia is a victim of extreme neglect and has suffered a lot in her short time on this earth. Despite her unfortunate history, Tia is a sweet and gentle girl, and just needs someone who can take the time to show her how to be a dog and what it means to be loved.

Tia was brought to the shelter by someone who saved her from being "taken into the woods" by her negligent owner. She had spent the first six months of her life in a crate and when she arrived at the shelter her back legs were so weak that she could barely stand. Once she was able to use her back legs and to walk, rescue workers still had to carry Tia outside to the grass to do her business because her paw pads were so sensitive they would bleed when she walked on pavement.

Given her past, it is remarkable that Tia is such a lovely, well-behaved dog. Even though she was treated horrendously by human beings and unsocialized with other dogs, she is still trusting and affectionate with everyone. Her biggest issues are with the big, bad outside world. Tia is terrified of all the stimulation caused by things like traffic, alarms and snow ploughs, and often freezes on leash and just wants to go back inside and hide away from it all. This is where the time and patience of her new foster or owner will come into play.

The perfect home for Tia would be a quiet one with someone who has a bit of time and a lot of love to spare! She is good with other dogs, but will likely need a



home with no young children so she doesn't get spooked while she is adjusting to life outside of a cage. She is housebroken and crate-trained, but is also well-behaved when left to roam in the house.

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On arrival, officers found only the truck on the street but allowing enough room even for the passage of a garbage truck.

It was allowed to complete a delivery.

Dog feces dispute

A dispute between the co-owners of a duplex on Grosvenor Ave. over the failure of one to pick up dog feces in their shared yard ended with the culprit being told to do so, Public Security officials said.

The woman was also to be given 14 days to obtain a dog licence.

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AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1456

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que le règlement n° 1456 intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1303 CONCERNANT LE ZONAGE – CABINETS DE MÉDECIN ET CLINIQUES MÉDICALES** » 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 mars 2014.

Ce règlement a pour objet de régir l'établissement de nouveaux cabinets de médecins et de cliniques médicales quant à leur superficie maximale et au nombre total de cabinets de médecins et de cliniques médicales situées dans les zones C5-20-01, C5-20-02, C5-20-03, C5-20-04, C5-20-05 et C17-20-06 du plan de zonage et définir les expressions « cabinet de médecin » et de « clinique médicale ».

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

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

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 11 mars 2014.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1456

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that By-law No. 1456 entitled “**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 1303 – DOCTOR’S OFFICES AND MEDICAL CLINICS**” was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount during the regular sitting held at City Hall on March 3, 2014.

The object of this By-law is to regulate the establishment of new doctors' offices and medical clinics with regards to the maximum floor area and the total number of doctors' offices and medical clinics in zones C5-20-01, C5-20-02, C5-20-03, C5-20-04, C5-20-05 and C17-20-06 of the zoning plan, and define the expressions for “doctor's office” and “medical clinic”.

This by-law comes into force today.

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, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

M^e Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza
Greffière de la Ville/City Clerk



Ville de Westmount
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AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1461

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que le règlement n° 1461 intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT SUR LE CODE D'ÉTHIQUE ET DE DÉONTOLOGIE DES ÉLUS DE LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT** » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance ordinaire tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 3 mars 2014.

Ce règlement a pour objet :

- d'accorder la priorité aux valeurs sur lesquelles les membres du conseil fondent les décisions et de contribuer à une meilleure compréhension des valeurs de la Ville;
- d'instaurer des normes de comportement qui favorisent l'intégration de ces valeurs dans le processus de prise de décision des élus et, de façon générale, dans leur conduite à ce titre;
- de prévenir les conflits éthiques et, s'il en survient, d'aider à les résoudre de manière efficace et avec discernement;
- d'assurer l'application des mesures de contrôle de ce Code en cas de manquements déontologiques.

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

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

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Greffière de la Ville

NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1461

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that By-law No. 1461 entitled “**BY-LAW RESPECTING THE CODE OF ETHICS AND GOOD CONDUCT OF ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT**” was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a regular sitting held at City Hall on March 3, 2014.

The object of this By-law is:

- to give priority to those values on which individual members of the Council base their decisions, and to contribute towards a better understanding of the values of the City;
- to establish standards of behavior which promote these values as being integral to the process of decision making by elected officers, and in their general conduct as well;
- to prevent ethical conflicts and, if they arise, help in resolving them effectively and judiciously;
- to ensure measures to enforce this Code are applied in case of any breach of conduct.

This By-law comes into force today.

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, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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RAPPEL

**APPEL DE PROPOSITIONS : WRC-2014-001
CAFÉ / CENTRE DES LOISIRS DE WESTMOUNT**

La Ville de Westmount sollicite des propositions concernant l'exploitation d'un café dans le nouveau Centre des loisirs de Westmount (CLW) au 4675, rue Sainte-Catherine Ouest, et ce, pour une période initiale de cinq (5) années.

Les documents relatifs à l'appel de propositions seront disponibles au bureau du greffe de la Ville de Westmount, situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, à partir du 25 février 2014 et jusqu'à la date d'ouverture des propositions, pendant les heures d'ouverture, soit du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

Les documents d'appel de propositions mentionnent toutes les exigences et tous les critères qui seront utilisés pour évaluer les propositions, notamment le pointage intérimaire minimal de 70, ainsi que les méthodes de pondération et d'évaluation des propositions fondées sur ces critères.

Une proposition doit être transmise dans une enveloppe contenant une première enveloppe avec tous les documents de la proposition et une deuxième enveloppe, scellée, contenant le loyer proposé.

Seules les propositions déposées au bureau du greffe au plus tard, **le 20 mars 2014 à 12 h 00** seront acceptées.

Les propositions seront ouvertes publiquement dans la salle du conseil de la Ville de Westmount, le même jour, à 12 h 05. Subséquemment, un comité de sélection étudiera les propositions.

La Ville de Westmount ne s'engage à accepter ni la meilleure ni aucune des propositions reçues, et n'encourra aucune obligation ni aucun frais d'aucune sorte envers les soumissionnaires.

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS: WRC-2014-001
CAFÉ / WESTMOUNT RECREATION CENTRE**

The City of Westmount solicits proposals for the operation of a café in the new Westmount Recreation Centre (WRC) at 4675, Sainte-Catherine Street West for an initial term of five (5) years.

The documents regarding the call for proposals may be obtained at the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Westmount located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West in Westmount, as of February 25, 2014 and up until the date of the opening of proposals, during regular business hours from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The specifications mention all the requirements and all the criteria that will be used to evaluate the proposals, in particular the minimum interim score of 70, and the bid weighting and evaluating methods based on those criteria.

The proposal is to be submitted in an envelope containing a first envelope with all the documents of the proposal and a second, sealed envelope, containing the proposed rent.

Only the proposals received at the Office of the City Clerk **by 12:00 p.m. on March 20, 2014**, at the latest, will be accepted.

The proposals will be opened publicly in the Council Chamber of the City of Westmount on the same day at 12:05 p.m. Subsequently, a selection committee will study the proposals.

The best or any proposal will not necessarily be accepted, nor shall the City of Westmount incur any obligations or costs whatsoever with respect to the person making the proposal.

M^e Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza
Greffière de la Ville/City Clerk



Westmount Park Church and its dead-end, March 9. Photo: Independent.

Church, cont'd. from p. 1

These include negotiations with Montreal "to see if they can provide some of the costs" of the work since bike paths come under the agglomeration council.

The cost of implementing an initial plan "came close to \$1 million," Campbell said. This included raising the roadway to meet the church door eliminating the ramp along with associated drainage problems, bike path improvements, new side-walks and a stairway up to the WRC.

Hagerman told the meeting she had circulated to city officials a condensed version of a traffic video shot outside the de Maisonneuve door during the Christmas party of the Contactivity seniors' centre the evening of December 5.

Video called 'eye-opening'

She called the video of the existing situation "eye-opening."

A copy obtained by the *Independent* shows taxis and other cars backing up in front of the church door in the narrowed area or backing around and using the bike path to do so. Meanwhile, joggers, children, mothers with strollers and others go by in the dark.

An incident of apparent road rage is also captured.

At one point a school bus pulls onto the bike path across from the church to pick up hockey players shown scrambling down the snowy embankment from the arena. A passenger car also stops on the bike path appearing to let off more hockey players heading toward the Lansdowne arena door.

The Christmas party is one of the biggest and most problematic events taking place at the church under winter conditions. Hagerman said the video had been shared with Public Works officials January 8.

"We were all on the same page," she said of the meeting with Public Works. "It was very helpful to have that exchange of words. But nothing has come of it."

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L'assemblée générale de l'Association de soccer de NDG aura lieu jeudi le 3 avril 2014 à 19h au Manoir – salle Caisse, situé au 5319 Avenue NDG.

The NDG Soccer Association will be holding their Annual General Assembly on Thursday, April 3rd, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Caisse Room at Le Manoir, 5319 NDG Avenue.

Social Notes

from Westmount
and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Once again St. Mary's 76th annual ball was sold out. The cavernous Windsor Station was transformed into an Oscar-style night, complete with paparazzi photographing the red carpet and a 14-foot rotating gold statue of an Oscar.

Guests were greeted by Westmounters, St. Mary's Hospital Foundation Ball co-presidents **Sara Pedersen**, wearing a beautiful teal satin gown with black lace, and her husband **Patrick Shea**, member of the St. Mary's Hospital Foundation board.

Other Westmounters included **Mirko** and **Colleen Wicha**, Foundation board member; **Mary** and **Siim Vanaselja**, chief financial officer, Bell Canada; **Vanessa** and **Guy Laframboise**, president Subway Quebec and member of the St. Mary's Fundraising Committee; St. Mary's Hospital Centre board member **Claire Mullins-Kruyt**, member of the Hospital's Center board, and her husband **Peter Kruyt**, vice president, Power Corporation and chair, CEO, Victoria Square Ventures; **Carol** and **Filip Papich**, managing director, Institutional Relationship Management Group, Bank of Montreal; as well as **Carolyn** and **Richard Renaud**, chair and CEO of TNG Corporation and member of the fundraising committee; **Jane Craighead** and **James Cherry**, president Aéroports de Montréal and chair of the Hospital Center board; **Barbara** and **Neil Hindle**, chair of the Hospital Foundation board of directors; **Jean-Marie Shipley** and **Luc Bertrand**, vice-chair of the National Bank of Canada; **Jenny** and **Terry Didus**, member of the Foundation board; **Paolo Bassi** and **Bridget Fetterly**, member of the Foundation board, and creator of the décor; **Jim Hare** and **Rachel Renaud**, executive director Roasters

St. Mary's ball at Windsor raises \$1+ million



Patrick Shea and Sara Pedersen.



Rick Hart and Cynda Heward.



Guy and Vanessa Laframboise.

Foundation, and member of the fundraising committee; **Nicole Fauré** and **Georges Paulez**, managing director, secretary at Mirabaud Canada Inc., and Foundation board member; **Yves Séguin** and **Marie-**



Colin Brown and Alexandra Schwarz.

Photos courtesy of Warren Zelman.

José Nadeau, executive vice-president, corporate affairs and secretary general Hydro Québec; **Elena** and **Joseph Adamo**, general manager of Transat Distribution Canada, and Foundation board member, **Cynda Heward**, president St. Mary's Foundation; **Alexandra Schwarz** and **Colin Brown**, **Julie Couture** and **Victor Salvaggio**, **Cecilia** and **Dr. Jorge Schwarz**; **Rick Hart**, and **Joanne**

and **John Leopold**.

Over \$1 million was raised at this elegantly fun gala. A bevy of beautiful volunteers wore red dresses donated by Jacob.

In our Spring Social Calendar (March 4, p. 16), we had the wrong month for Oxfam Québec's Around the World for Women cocktail vernissage. It is on May 7. See p. 6 ("Correction") for all the details.

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Colleen and Mirko Wicha.



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Le Gladstone on verge of reopening at former Calories

By STEPHANIE O'HANLEY

After nearly three months of rebuilding her flooded restaurant, Marie Leconte says Le Gladstone is "on the verge of reopening."

The restaurant suffered major damage on January 6 when cold temperatures caused pipes in the building's sprinkler system at 4114 St. Catherine St. to burst and there was extensive flooding. Its ceiling was on the floor, and the basement kitchen and everything else was submerged in water, a dangerous situation, Leconte recalled. The bistro, whose cui-

sine is anchored in traditional French cooking, had only opened on November 21.

"It had nothing to do with us," said Leconte. "It's not like we left a tap on."

Located in the space once occupied by Calories, Le Gladstone is a family business run by chef-owner Yvon Creton, with his sons Maxime and Raphaël, and Leconte, who is Yvon Creton's wife. Creton has run the À L'aventure restaurant in Place Jacques Cartier in Old Montreal for 30 years.

Insurance okay

There was no problem with insurance, Leconte said. "Everybody was well insured. There was no issue with that."

While the upstairs is ready for the most part, because of some construction delays, "we got everything that was not technically ready before done now."

For instance, one architectural detail that's now finished is a window in the floor of the restaurant that allows the peo-

ple working in the basement kitchen to see what's happening above. "You get to see the sky from the basement," Leconte said.

As for the kitchen, "there was major damage to the kitchen equipment," Leconte said. "Literally everything in the kitchen was under four feet of water," she said, adding that everything in the kitchen had to be taken out and reconditioned, and some equipment had to be completely replaced.

One piece of equipment that suffered damage is a "huge Combi stove, a very nice kind of stove," Leconte said. Getting replacement parts for the stove has taken a while.

Still, the family has taken the stress and delays in stride. "It has to be something with humour in it. Without humour, you can't survive this sort of thing."

Leconte said Le Gladstone is looking forward to reopening after a long period of rebuilding. "By the end of March it's nearly three months. For us it's a long time."



Yvon Creton looks up through the hole made for the new kitchen "window." Photo courtesy of Le Gladstone

Bridge results

Westmount tally bridge winners with top accumulative scores for the three best sessions in February were:

- (1) Nida Koudsi with 15,780 points.
- (2) Lise Beauchemin with 11,412 points.
- (3) Jim Richards with 11,110 points.
- (4) Dael Perry with 10,770 points
- (5) Margaret Glassford with 9,370 points

Police Report

Screaming pre-teens help thwart attempted break-in

By MICHAEL MOORE

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

Two pre-teen children alone at home scared off a suspect attempting to break into their Hillside Ave. house late on February 28, according to police.

A 47-year-old neighbour had been watching the two children, ages 9 and 11, that evening, said Station 12 constable Adalbert Pimentel. Around 10:30 pm, the babysitter reportedly had to briefly return to her own house down the street.

While she was gone, the children heard somebody trying to break in through the side entrance and began screaming. The

loud noise scared off the suspect, who may have been expecting the house to be vacant, said Pimentel.

"When you hear somebody trying to break in, it's always good to be heard and let them know somebody's in the house. The usual profile [of break-in suspects] is they want to do it when nobody is home. When somebody's in there, they won't do it – they'll go somewhere else," he explained.

With the break-in thwarted, the two children called the babysitter, who immediately returned to the house and called 9-1-1. Officers discovered that the house's side door had sustained damage to its frame and footprints were left in the snow around the entrance, said Pimentel.

The case has been forwarded to an in-

vestigation unit to further build the case.

According to Pimentel, neither the Quebec civil code nor the Canada criminal code contain any provisions that establish a minimum age at which children may be left alone at home. The decision to do so is left to the children's parents or legal guardians, though criminal charges could be brought upon those deemed negligent.

Each situation needs to be looked at on a case-by-case basis and not judged solely by age, said Pimentel.

"You can have a 17-year-old kid who shouldn't be left on their own and then a 12-year-old who is really mature and there's no problem leaving them at home. I can't say the babysitter did anything wrong in this case because it really varies."



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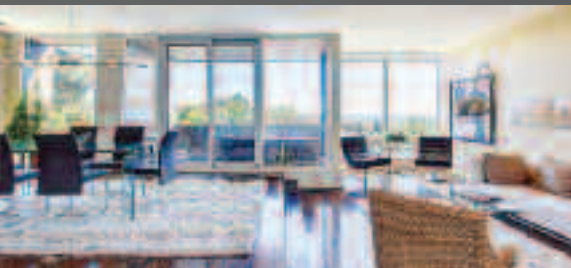
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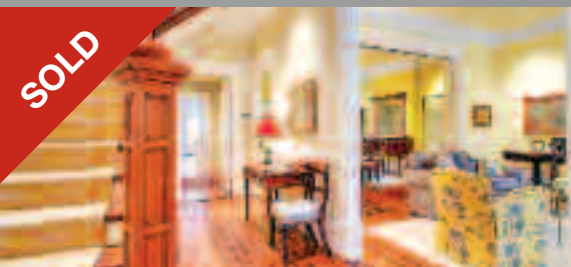
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