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Haunted 'pirate ship' in making for Halloween night

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Public Security's haunted house this year is being decked out as a haunted pirate ship under the theme of "The Curse of the Skeleton Captain," organizers said last week. The attraction will be open to the public Saturday, October 31 from 5 pm to 8 pm.

Taking place at the Westmount Lawn Bowling Clubhouse beside city hall, the building's transformation went into high gear this week as Parking Inspector Pierre Thibault and Public Safety Officer Troy Graggs assembled costumes, props and other theme-related materials.

With the attraction in its 9th year, com-

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ing up with a different theme "took a lot of talking and thinking," said Thibault, who had come up with the idea of a haunted house as a safe way for trick-or-treaters to celebrate Halloween.

"This year with Halloween falling on a Saturday, we're not too sure what to expect in terms of the numbers," he said. People could be away for the weekend or at Halloween parties, he explained. "It will be kind of fun to see how many turn up."

Last year some 2,000 visitors were counted going through the house or visiting the "tamer" Halloween displays on the north verandah, he said.

Tamer displays for little kids

These are designed for younger kids "who might decide it's too scary to go through the *continued on p. 16*



Jane Goodall, left, stands with Kathy Lewis, book buyer for Oink Oink, where an author event was being held. See story, p. 10. Photo: Veronica Redgrave

2016 capital works budget to be presented early – Nov. 2

By Laureen Sweeney

For the first time in memory, Westmount's three-year capital works budget is to be presented before the city's operating budget. The proposed spending on infrastructure renewal and other capital assets is to be revealed at a special meeting Monday, November 2 at 7:30 pm.

While details are still being finalized, the budget is expected to include about \$14 million of upgrades to roads, parks, utilities and buildings, Mayor Peter Trent

said October 21.

"Next year, we hope to adopt the budget even earlier and be in a better position to have a bigger number of bidders with better bids," he said. "This would give us a better chance of getting all our projects completed. Our big problem has been that we don't get out there [in the market] early enough."

This year "it's been tight," preparing the budget early, Trent explained.

The city's aim in catching up on infrastructure *continued on p. 8*



Bike route trial postponed







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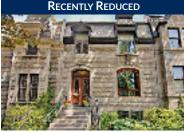
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Special zone for red 'G' permit holders City calls meeting Oct. 26 for Redfern residents on parking plan

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city's parking recommendations for Redfern south of de Maisonneuve were to be explained to residents at a public meeting at city hall October 26, after the Independent's press time. Mayor Peter Trent as well as city traffic personnel were expected to attend.

Councillor Cynthia Lulham said October 21 the plan is to create a special reserved zone in the block for people without private parking who have purchased red "G" parking permits (stickers). These allow for 24-hour on-street parking but not in any dedicated zone.

While these permits may be purchased by residents of other streets who do not have access to off-street parking, the special zone would mean that it could not be used by anyone who does not have a red "G" permit.

This was the same system, Lulham said, that had been in force before 2012 when construction of the condos at 215 Redfern began. During the construction period, a special zone was set up for the exclusive use by residents of Redfern who held temporary blue "R" stickers.

Once the construction period ended in the spring, however, the blue "R" permits were rescinded, and Redfern holders of the red "G" permits complained they could not find parking on the street. This, they said, was because of other cars and trucks using the spots despite a two-hour parking limit (see story May 5, p. 1).

Open to others

"Before we 'jump in the air for joy' over this latest offering from the city," resident Richard Dumont said in a widely-circulated email October 21, it should be noted that red "G" stickers would allow residents of other streets to park on Redfern as well thereby taking away spaces from residents of Redfern who hold the red "G" permits. He was expected to raise the issue at an October 22 meeting of the Westmount Municipal Association.

Since March, Public Security has been enforcing a 2-hour parking limit, monitoring the situation and issuing 200 tickets between March and October, according to director Greg McBain.

"We're ticketing twice a day and probably spending more time on Redfern than on any other [similar residential] street," he said.

There are some days, he added, when no parking infractions were noted. Complaints about contractor trucks taking up space on the street, allegedly while working at the new condos, are often found instead to be doing work at private houses on the street.

Delivering invitations

Lulham said she would be hand delivering about 100 invitations to the city meeting to all residents of the block so that all might be able to make input and express various points of view. She said there were currently 18 holders of the red "G" permits living on Redfern.

While the proposed parking zone could be for 12 cars, the Redfern holders of red "G" permits would still be able to park anywhere else on Redfern or neighbouring streets, as currently allowed.

The invitations were to include the new residents of 215 Redfern but not those in the large apartment block at 4300 de Maisonneuve at the southeast corner with

Redfern.

The city's Traffic Advisory Committee is preparing a parking policy, but the city decided to go ahead with the parking plan for Redfern so the new zone could be adopted by council at its meeting November 2. Lulham said.







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NDG-Westmount chooses Garneau

By Laureen Sweeney

Official federal election results from October 19 in the NDG-Westmount riding show a voter turnout of 65.2 percent with Liberal candidate Marc Garneau winning 57.7 percent of the accepted votes cast.

"We opened on time, had the necessary staff and all went well," said riding returning officer Brigitte Stock.

While the local results reflected the "red" Liberal wave that swept the party into a



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The scene of the polling station just before it opened at Victoria Hall on election day, October 19. A short line-up of some 25 people formed at about 9:25 am. Photo: Ralph Thompson

majority position, NDG-Westmount voters returned NDP candidate James Hughes in runner-up position followed by Richard Sagala of the Conservatives. This was contrary to the national results in which Sagala's party has formed the official opposition.

Four other candidates were on the ballot (see table).

Because the local riding was one of those that had been reconfigurated for this election, a comparison of voter participation with previous elections was not applicable.

Participation in the riding's advance poll was estimated at 11,495, Stock said. This would be 14.4 percent.

Westmounter Marc Miller, running for the Liberals, won his seat in the new adjacent Ville-Marie riding.

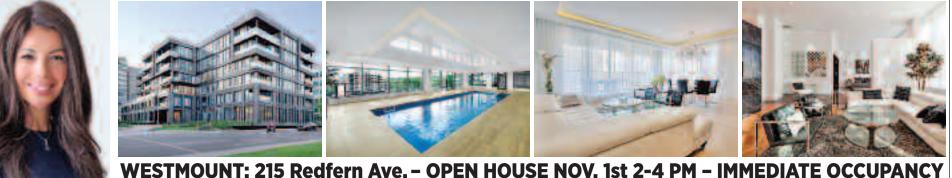
Validated results from Elections Canada (NDG-Westmount riding)

| Political party | Candidate | Votes | % |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------|-------|
| Liberal | Marc Garneau | 29,755 | 57.7% |
| NDP | James Hughes | 11,229 | 21.8% |
| Conservative | Richard Sagala | 7,414 | 14.4% |
| Green Party | Melissa Kate Wheeler | 1,581 | 3.1% |
| Bloc | Simon Quesnel | 1,282 | 2.5% |
| Québécois | | | |
| Marxist- | Rachel Hoffman | 181 | 0.4% |
| Leninist | | | |
| Independent | Lisa Julie Cahn | 151 | 0.3% |
| Eligible electors | | 79,597 | |
| Valid votes cast | | 51,593 | |
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Mail service, governance, infrastructure highlighted Election win 'fantastic news' for Westmount, Montreal area: Trent

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The big federal election win October 19 is being hailed by Mayor Peter Trent as "fantastic news" for Westmount and the entire Montreal metropolitan region.

Among the benefits from the majority Liberal victory, he said October 21, are a moratorium on the installation of community mailboxes, involvement in federal governance, and infrastructure renewal.

For the last 10 years under a Conservative government in Ottawa, the many Liberals elected in Montreal have not been part of the governing party, he pointed out.

"We've been in Siberia with no one in the cabinet or the caucus," he said. "It does make a difference. Now we'll be on the radar screen."

In fact, Westmount resident Marc Garneau, elected in the NDG-Westmount riding, has been among those suggested as likely candidates for the cabinet to be announced by prime-minister elect Justin

Trudeau.

Another longtime Westmounter, Marc Miller of Aberdeen Ave., was also elected on his first campaign to represent the adjacent Ville Marie riding (see story March 4, 2014, p. 1).

Fighting Canada Post

But especially personal to Trent is his proposal a year ago that the Canada Post fight be taken into the campaign arena, which he recalls initially proposing to the Liberals as a platform plank in early November 2014.

On November 14, 2014, he received written word from Garneau that if elected, "a Liberal government would stop the implementation of the current plan and order Canada Post to go back to the drawing board."

With this commitment, Trent approached Montreal mayor Denis Coderre, who in turn raised it in a meeting with Trudeau (see story December 9, p. 1). It

was also adopted in the opposition NDP platform. "I'm very pleased I came up with the idea," he said.

While Trent expects little action on ways to preserve home delivery until "a shakeup" takes place at Canada Post, in the meantime, he said, "they wouldn't dare install one new box" in an area where the end of home delivery has been proposed.

Confused woman taken home

A woman approached a city parking inspector October 15 at St. Catherine and Metcalfe to say she lived in Westmount but couldn't remember where, Public Security officials said. Patrollers drove her to local police station 12 where her address was identified. Police were then reported to have driven her home to a seniors' residence near where she had sought help from the parking inspector.





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WALK THE WALK' ON ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

Numerous comments have been made about the trial of painted seasonal bike routes on Côte St. Antoine Rd. and Westmount Ave. I certainly appreciate the special attention and civic engagement on the issue.

In order for progress to be made, experiments must be conducted.

Cycling routes are about safety. Of course, there are also a whole plethora of other benefits that come with them – most notably encouraging healthy and active transportation. Leading communities recognize that in order to truly "walk the walk" they must include active transportation in their plans. This was made clear in our Traffic Master Plan.

Are there risks associated with any change? Yes, of course. Should those risks prevent the city from committing to a trial? Absolutely not. To simply dismiss an idea for reasons that are not only anecdotal but go against the research and concrete evidence that exists does a profound disservice to all those in our community.

If there is one thing I have made clear time and time again is that when council

asks for public consultation and input, we take it seriously. That input along with data collected allows the administration to make the best decisions possible.

The implementation of bike routes on Côte St. Antoine Rd. and Westmount Ave. should not be decided based on the interests of any individual or group of individuals but rather the community of Westmount. Ultimately we, as a community, need to decide whether active transportation is a priority. I, for one, believe that it should be. But it isn't about what I believe, it is about what *we* believe – our true priorities. Simply saying that active transportation is a priority is not good enough – our actions must align.

Our world is changing and evolving quicker than ever before. It has become simply unacceptable to ignore progress. When we don't evolve, we don't improve. When we don't iterate, we are simply kicking the can down the road, leaving the problem for someone else.

In order for Westmount to remain the best place to live, residents must view decisions from a global perspective – on occasion setting aside their own agendas – and understand how everything pieces together to create a community we can all be

proud of!

Perhaps the suggested bike routes are not the solution but the only way to find out is to try. I look forward to hearing the thoughtful comments from all Westmounters after the new bike route trial has concluded (and any time for that matter). Feel free to email me directly at pcutler@westmount.org.

Philip Cutler, commissioner of Public Security and

CITY COUNCILLOR, DISTRICT 2

Editor's note: For late-breaking news about the bike route trial, see p. 15.– KM

OWNERS SHOULD CARE HOW THEIR DOGS ARE TREATED

Regarding "Dog walker was abusive," (October 13, p. 6), I am hoping someone knows the man or the dogs with which he was entrusted.

Six dogs, tangled leashes, a swift kick to the belly of one dog? Totally unacceptable!

This is abuse and should have been reported immediately. I find it hard to believe any loving, responsible owner would condone this behaviour.

I suggest the five other owners investigate how their dogs are being treated, as I can guarantee this is [probably] not the first occurrence.

Also, walking this number of dogs – six - at one time can hardly be construed as enjoyable for the animal, but a monetary maker for the walker.

Leah Socran, NDG

HAPPY WITH NEW DOG RUN

It's a beautiful site. The location, design and atmosphere are in keeping with our Westmount Park's tranquil setting. I'm sure the New York architect/landscaper would applaud the arrival of the many dogs at its gates. Once they're in their new playground, the dogs appear pleased with themselves in this idyllic space. I have followed this long, long process with so many considerations and non- considerations. The result of this hard work is here.

Thank you to the dog owners, and in particular, Councillor Cynthia Lulham for this precious oasis. I wish also to acknowledge Mayor Peter Trent's imagination in spontaneously choosing this location. I walk by every day to enjoy the scene. FRANCES BELLAND,

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SAD TO SEE CAVALLARO GO

On a recent morning, a few of us regular Cavallaro customers were lamenting its closing. We will miss the food, great coffee, World Cup hoopla, a place to chat with friends and strangers alike.

What we mostly felt sad about was not having had the chance to say goodbye and thank in person the friendly staff who served us for so many years. I would like to say thank you to them and all the best!

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EARLY INPUT ON SPECIAL PROJECTS

In that this draft by-law (1489) is intended to deal with projects requiring special review and involves variances to current and existing by-laws, it seems that the public should know of such a request at the earliest stage.

Doing this at the conceptual stage will save the city and developer time and money and will give citizens the earliest point to present their comments, prior to the presentation of a final project. Modifications at this stage are usually easy to accommodate, and is generally limited to the description of the project that the city is considering.

There should be a request to be considered for the city's Specific Construction, Alteration or Occupancy Proposals for an Immovable (SCAOPI) review, which should outline the nature and location of the project, the general nature of the variances being sought, notably with respect to occupancy of different parts of the project: Height, density, density or height transfers, demolition or reconstruction or replacement of heritage portions of the project, proposed alignments and set-backs, and a statement on acceptable materials, etc.

It should also include a statement as to the entrances and exits for parking, trucks, and refuse. It may also include a statement by the city as to the economic and other benefits to the city.

After review by the Westmount Planning Advisory Committee, the city should publish its recommendation to receive the request SCAOPI as presented or modified and follow the proposed by-law, and such request for review should be published: a sign *continued on p. 14*

Corrections

In "Artisans to have fewer participants this year," (October 20, p. 5), the correct number of years Flora Lee Wagner has done the Westmount Artisans' Festival on her own is the past five. Also, due to misinformation, the festival's café was misnamed. It should have been MAD catering.

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PUBLISHER'S NOTE Staying in print, staying Independent

The weekly *Examiner* newspaper published its last issue last week.

Firstly, I would like to express best wishes to anyone dislocated by the its closure. It is a fact of business that we were fishing in the same waters and competition was sometimes fierce, but I have always had cordial, professional relations with its business team, including former *Examiner* staffers Harvey Aisenthal (advertising sales), Lindsay Robb (assistant publisher) and Denis Therrien (publisher).

Make no mistake about it: many people would have bet against *our* survival in this David-and-Goliath contest. (The paper was owned by a major Canadian public company, TC Transcontinental, and had been in business for 86 years, many of them without any competitor.)

For this reason, I would like to thank our advertisers. Without them, we would have no business. The real estate agents and the city of Westmount have been especially important. They have provided large, consistent ad volume around which we could build a newspaper for our readers, who have often shown their appreciation for our efforts. Thank you!

We will continue to work hard for advertisers and readers alike.

Proud of our team

I would also like to express enormous pride in our team. From day one, Laureen Sweeney has been our excellent chief reporter and she has never missed an issue. The same is true of Ted Sancton of Studio Melrose on the layout side. I would also like to thank our editor, Kristin McNeill; our sales rep, Arleen Candiotti; and our bookkeeper, Beth Hudson; and the Free Press sales rep Leonard Rauch; as well as all of our many "out-of-office" contributors and columnists (in rough chronological order): Heather Black, Aurel Guillory, Robert J. Galbraith, the Underdog Club, Lysanne Fowler, Isaac Olson, Veronica Redgrave, Ralph Thompson, Ingrid Kovitch-Dannenbaum, Martin C. Barry, Andy Dodge, Matt Faigan, Bruce Roberts and Joanne Penhale, as well as former team members Sandy Cobrin, Annika Melanson and - last but not least - the late, great Don Wedge.

There may be people who say this closure is a sign of print's demise. Print may be under stress (more on that later), but, locally, it is strong. We have no viability issues at our current page counts, which are

set by the number of ads that we sell.

On the other hand, it is definitely true that print is in flux, but I would both broaden and narrow that observation.

Firstly, all of media is in flux and has been for decades. Remember when Netflix was a DVD mail order business? Remember web portals? Remember when there were no video games, which as an industry now outpaces films in annual sales? Remember eight tracks, audio tapes, records, CDs, Betamax, VHS, video stores and the three-network TV world? Some people reading this article will remember the world before TV, when radio was king and Hollywood put out many more films per year than now. Regardless, even as old media came under threat, old media businesses (or parts of them, or transformed versions of them) continued to thrive: radio, film, network TV and recorded music are still with us.

The internet is old

And even with the mass-market internet well past legal drinking age (the IPO of Netscape was in 1995!), print continues to exist in many, many forms.

Narrowing the focus and looking at print carefully, it is necessary to distinguish between subscriber-based businesses and free ones. The first group has a host of issues, including the need to continually sign up subscribers (and/or justify fewer to advertisers) and, for most, legacy pension, union and plant costs.

The death-of-print crowd has never understood that free publications can be a great way to find readers who don't know they are looking for you or who won't take the time do so. In our case, we know exactly where to find Westmounters: between Claremont, Atwater, St. Antoine and St. Joseph's Oratory – and we hit their doors (house, duplex, condo, apartment and business) every week.

Like any business, we have our challenges, but after eight years of publishing the *Independent*, we know these things to be true:

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I encourage you to come and talk to me if you have more questions.

Trent, Martin disagree over lack of greenhouse action

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Mayor Peter Trent told the *Independent* October 23 he "wanted to set the record straight" over the closure and condition of the greenhouses.

"The upkeep of city buildings is the responsibility of Public Works. I do hope the commissioner of Public Works will explain to us how the greenhouses were allowed to get into this 'deplorable condition' and that he will sit down with the Public Works department and come up with a plan for their restoration and long-term preventative maintenance.

"As for his claim that he had been 'complaining about the lack of maintenance at the greenhouses for over two years': as commissioner, he was in a position to do something about it. Aside from some minor repairs that were in the budget (and not always spent), he would have had council's backing had something substantial been proposed.

"In fact, in November 2013, I deplored the lack of public building maintenance in general and the maintenance of the green-



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Martin explains

Councillor Patrick Martin, commissioner of Public Works, said October 23 he stood by his remarks made in an *Independent* story on the greenhouse closures published October 20.

"I can't do more than bring the condition of the greenhouses to the attention of the Public Works department and members of council. The same thing applies to the condition of our roads and sidewalks and other infrastructure."

Martin said he had told council colleagues how he had found the foundations of one greenhouse wing to be crumbling and held up by temporary jacks. "Council members know I have been bringing up the condition of the greenhouses repeatedly. It's so discouraging how there's always an excuse for postponing it.

"It's my mantra, but council has not been allocating finances and human resources to deal with these issues."

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work, he said, is to spend the entire budgetted amount rather than leaving some of the projects undone and building up surpluses as has been occurring.

In 2014, he said, "we actually spent \$7.4 million on the budget of \$10.6 million." For 2015, on a budget of \$11.1 million, the city is forecasting to spend \$10.5 million.

Greenhouses characterize issue

A lack of spending on infrastructure and in maintaining buildings is exemplified in the deterioration of the city's greenhouses, he said. These have now been closed in the wake of safety concerns (see story October 20, p. 1).

"In 2013, he said, "our capital works budget called for the removal of greenhouse number 6 and glass repairs, but it wasn't done. The same thing occurred in 2014 and again in 2015."

Garbage put out early

Public safety officers received a complaint at 3:51 pm October 14 about garbage put out before the 8 pm permitted time the day before pick-up, Public Security officials said. When residents of the house on Côte St. Antoine Rd. near Claremont could not be reached at the time, they were later informed about the regulations.

Flower show opens to public Oct. 29 at The Gallery

Council directs city to prioritize building maintenance

By Laureen Sweeney

In the wake of the recent deterioration of the city's greenhouses, now closed to the public, the city council decided October 5 in general committee to focus on building maintenance as a priority, Mayor Peter Trent told the *Independent* October 22.

"It was agreed that the city will focus on investing in the maintenance of its buildings and infrastructure through the development of a diligent long-term maintenance plan," he said in delaying the decision. "We have given this priority to Public Works.

So far, the city has been unable to find a contractor who would undertake the greenhouse restoration given its age and materials used dating back to 1927 (see story October 22, p. 1).

In the meantime, the city would be attempting to carry out repairs that would provide as much access to the public as possible until a full restoration project is undertaken.

Given the closure of the greenhouses, the annual fall chrysanthemum show will be moved to the Gallery at Victoria Hall for public viewing Thursday, October 29. "That was my recommendation to council that we find a way to hold it and continue our fine tradition," said Councillor Cynthia Lulham.

Minutes of the general committee meeting state that "the mayor emphasized that the city must focus much more on the

maintenance of its buildings and infrastructure. As an example, for the past 15 years, operating spending on "administration buildings," primarily City Hall, has been frozen at less than \$300,000."

Lacking preventive maintenance

Explaining that there seemed to be little preventive maintenance, the mayor said that Public Works seemed to wait until there was a failure, such as a flood or falling greenhouse glass, to do something about maintenance. This, he emphasized however, was not a reflection on the newly hired department head Patrick Raggo or assistant director Elisa Gaetano.

The issue of building maintenance is not new. It has been repeated by Public Works commissioner Patrick Martin and was reflected in excerpts from a document Trent prepared for members of council dated November 10, 2013:

"There are many examples of a complete disregard for public building maintenance in the city of Westmount," it states. "Some wooden columns in the Murray Park pavilion have been missing for over a decade. At the main entrance to the library, the limestone masonry of the retaining wall is falling down. The Victoria Hall ceiling took years of neglect before we acted. And the less said about greenhouse maintenance, the better. Some of our parks are in a disgraceful state."

50 trees confirmed cut from Selby Park: Transport Quebec

By Laureen Sweeney

Transport Quebec confirmed October 20 that a total of 50 trees had been cut down so far in Selby Park in connection to the Turcot project. Another possible 25 may also be removed, ministry spokesperson Sarah Bensadoun said.

"We have conserved 20 trees along the [sidewalk of the lane,]" she explained. These formed the row of trees shown with the previous week's story about the work (see October 20, p. 10).

This row will provide a canopy just north of the proposed construction noise wall,

Councillor Theodora Samiotis said last week. It was previously understood that the trees would remain to the south of the wall to screen it from residents, but Samiotis said this is what the city had been hoping for. Information regarding the Turcot project through Westmount is changeable, she said.

The 50 trees were removed starting October 13 to allow heavy equipment to build a deviation route for the Ville Marie expressway during the project and for the construction of a retaining wall and the temporary sound wall.



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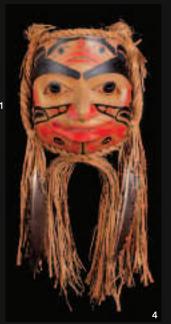


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Goodall appears at Oink

By Veronica Redgrave

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Oink to sign books

Oink Oink on Greene Ave. October 21 to sign books.

Among them, *Untamed: The Wild Life of Jane Goodall*, by Anita Silvey with a forward by Goodall and published in June, was almost sold out within minutes. Several other books, which she co-authored, were also on sale.

Her appearance was scheduled for 3:30 pm, but by 2:30 pm the store was full. The line-up stretched out of the store and down the street.

Stuffed animals in the form of monkeys and gorillas sat in the window display of the children's store, catching the eye of more than one small child, who wanted "one for Christmas, please."

Besides the many children waiting in line, adults also seemed to be impressed. "She's pretty awesome," commented one fan as she proudly displayed a book, signed by Goodall.

Police Report Police issue tickets in safety op and report break-ins

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

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

On October 27, police officers from Station 12 took part in an operation at the corner of Sherbrooke St. and Atwater Ave. to advise drivers and pedestrians about safety factors to be taken into account with regard to left and right hand turns by motorists.

A study conducted island-wide by the police department over a period of two months recently found that 75 pedestrians were struck by cars that were making left-hand turns.

In addition, according to the police, a study of accident reports over the past two years showed that 40 percent of collisions between cars and pedestrians happened during left- and right-hand turns.

According to Station 12 community relations officer Stéphan Laperrière, on October 21 from 7 to 9 am and then from 11 am to 1 pm, four officers from the station took part in the Sherbrooke/Atwater operation. He said six individuals were issued tickets, seven were given verbal warnings and 130 pamphlets were handed out.

Atwater and Sherbrooke is one of 57 Montreal-area intersections that have been singled out by the police department as especially risky to pedestrians when cars are making left- or right-hand turns. They say that at least three pedestrian/vehicle accidents have taken place at each of the intersections.

Car, home broken into

The past week was relatively quiet for the community relations staff at Station 12 who reported just two incidents, both of which were relatively minor.

Sometime between October 16 at 10 pm and October 17 at 7 am, a Subaru Outback Sport parked behind a building on Sherbrooke St. near the corner of Lansdowne was broken into and robbed of its contents. The owner, a Lansdowne Ave. resident, reported losing around \$3,000 worth of property from the vehicle, which he said was used in his work.

A break-in took place at a home on Victoria Ave. near the corner of The Boulevard around 7 pm on October 18. Although it is believed three suspects were involved, "we can't confirm if they were all male or not" because there were no witnesses and "we don't have enough information," Laperrière said.

"They broke into the house and searched different rooms. We know only for now that they left with two portable computers and some jewellery." According to the report filed by police, the thieves broke in through a side door. "There will be an investigation to further our knowledge of the event," he added.

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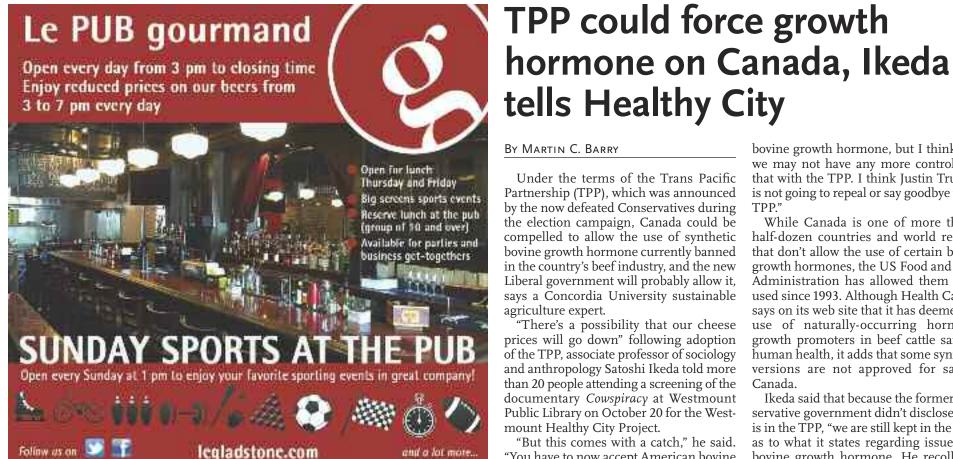
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bovine growth hormone, but I think now we may not have any more control over that with the TPP. I think Justin Trudeau is not going to repeal or say goodbye to the TPP."

While Canada is one of more than a half-dozen countries and world regions that don't allow the use of certain bovine growth hormones, the US Food and Drug Administration has allowed them to be used since 1993. Although Health Canada says on its web site that it has deemed the use of naturally-occurring hormonal growth promoters in beef cattle safe for human health, it adds that some synthetic versions are not approved for sale in Canada.

Ikeda said that because the former Conservative government didn't disclose what is in the TPP, "we are still kept in the dark" as to what it states regarding issues like bovine growth hormone. He recollected that following the 1993 Canadian election when continued on p. 16



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posted on the site and posted on the city's website, and an information session calling for public opinion.

Following this session, the city should publish a revised request, if necessary, and a timeframe established for objections and/or a request for a referendum.

Assuming a favourable response, council would then go on to permit the project to proceed to more detailed studies, plans, etc. per the proposed by-law 1489.

> Ken London, architect, Prince Albert Ave.

CITY COUNCILLOR CAN STILL PARTICIPATE IN FED POLITICS

This is in response to the letter to the editor of October 20 "Council members should be mum about candidates," (p. 6), and the article published October 13 ("Trent weighs in on federal vote by endorsing individuals," p. 1) on the subject of some council members and the mayor supporting Marc Garneau.

I would like to clarify some key points. We live in a democracy, a fact that means I and my colleagues are entitled to support any political candidate whom we so choose. The picture that was taken of Marc Garneau with a few members of council and the mayor was at Garneau's campaign launch.* It was not in Westmount, it was not organized by Westmount, and I didn't even know which council members would show up.

The municipality of Westmount does not have political parties; we are all independent, and we have a policy that no partisan events are allowed to be held in our city buildings. I was there because I felt Marc Garneau was the best candidate to represent our needs in Ottawa. Clearly a majority of the riding of NDG-Westmount did as well.

What this election clearly told us was that people were tired of the nastiness that has plagued politics in this country in the recent past. What people want is a new vision and not one of attacking other people's characters. They want leaders they respect, and they want to be inspired to make this a country of great possibility.

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Bike routes postponed to spring

A pilot project to install one-way directional bike routes on Côte St. Antoine Rd. and Westmount Ave. has been postponed until spring, Councillor Philip Cutler said October 25. A formal council resolution to that effect is expected November 2.

"It made sense to do it in September for three months as originally planned," he said. "But delays caused by unfinished water main work on Westmount Ave. delayed

it until the end of October, which meant we were trying to rush it through before winter."

The plan is to collect data from the trial routes and obtain feedback from citizens (see story October 13, p. 1). The decision was made at a general committee meeting of council October 19 in light of work reported under way at Westmount Ave. and Victoria. -LS

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ing extremely well. This is good for NDG-Westmount and for the island of Montreal.

I was so inspired by the volunteers I met throughout this campaign - young, old, First Nations and especially the new Canadians who were voting for the first time who came from far to live in a country where democratic freedoms exist.

Some may not have agreed with my choice of candidate but you certainly cannot tell me that because I am a municipal councillor I can't exercise my democratic

right to participate in this election CHRISTINA SMITH, CITY COUNCILLOR, DISTRICT 5

* Editor's note: For clarity, the Independent didn't run this photo, nor did we cover that event. - KM

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Concordia associate professor of sociology and anthropology, Satoshi Ikeda, seen here at Westmount Public Library on October 20, is concerned that the Trans Pacific Partnership will force Canada to lift its ban on bovine synthetic growth hormones.

Healthy City cont'd. from p. 12

the Progressive Conservative government was defeated after it had implemented the Canada-US Free Trade Agreement, the new Liberal government endorsed the pact after running on a pledge to repeal it.



"I see a similar pattern," Ikeda continued. "Trudeau may say something kind of critical of TPP, but I bet they're going to embrace [it.] Yet all of that trade deal could erode our food base in Canada and Quebec at the expense of consumers because we will be more exposed to dangerous foods."

The topic in question came up during a discussion after the film's screening. Released last year, *Cowspiracy* takes an indepth look at the impact that raising animals for the meat and dairy industries is having on the environment.

The film's main thesis is that animal agriculture does more damage to the world's atmosphere through carbon dioxide emissions than the burning of carbon-based fuels. Controversially, it also suggests that some of the world's leading environmental organizations, such as Greenpeace, the Sierra Club and Rainforest Action Network, are complicit because they refuse to fully acknowledge how animal agriculture affects the globe's atmosphere, negatively, the film suggests.



Outfitted as a pirate in keeping with the theme of Public Security's Halloween haunted house, Public Safety Officer Troy Graggs helps get a head start on the project. The theme is "The Curse of the Skeleton Captain."

Halloween cont'd. from p. 1

house," he said. Even these decorations, however, will carry out the pirate theme. Public Security's "Bee Smart" mascot will also entertain as will the library's owl mascot.

"Inside, we're changing around the labyrinth and creating a different design to provide something new," Thibault said. Candy treats and reflective safety tape for costumes also will be offered, as they will be by on-street patrollers during the trickor-treating period.

While two Public Security personnel and one family member have volunteered as

pirate actors, Thibault expects other city employees or community volunteers will also participate.

While the event is free to the public, donations are requested for Leucan, a foundation that provides support to children and their families affected by children's cancers including leukemia. Last year some \$600 was collected.

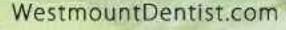
Extra on-street patrolling will be provided during the trick-or-treating period, said assistant director Steve Payne.

The traditional Halloween safety lectures in schools, however, will not be provided by the department this year owing to short-staffing.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

Opening to the public of fall chrysanthemum show at The Gallery at Victoria Hall for as long as the blooms last (see story p. 8).

Jane Rooney, a financial literacy expert, gives a presentation on the national strategy for financial literacy, 12:30 pm at the Atwater Library.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

Halloween haunted house, 5 to 8 pm at

the Westmount Lawn Bowling Clubhouse 514. (see story p. 1).

Monday, November 2

Special city council session at city hall at 7:30 pm to present the 2016 capital works budget (see p. 1), followed by the regular monthly meeting at 8 pm.

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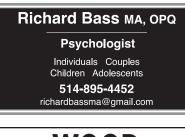
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Late-night work stopped at school

After-hours work was stopped at Roslyn School October 13 where an electrical company was found working inside at 10:36 pm, Public Security officials said. City regulations do not allow for work later than 9 pm unless by special permit. Contractors told officers they had been working there the day before and had not left until 2 am.

Water clean-up at 12:07 am 'suspicious'

A call to Public Security for suspicious activity on Rosemount Ave. near Sherbrooke at 12:07 am on October 18 was found to involve cleaning up a water leak at a house nearby, department officials said. A truck was parked across the street while the sound of a vacuum from the backyard could be heard. The operation was completed in the next five minutes.

Curfew tickets issued to marijuana smokers

Two Laval residents were issued curfew tickets for \$76 October 16 when they were found sitting on Summit lookout steps while smoking what smelled like marijuana, Public Security officials said. Aged 29 and 25, the man and woman were found by patrollers at 1:05 am.



Car break-ins foiled, teens disappear into building

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Two youths aroused the suspicions of a public safety officer as they stood at Sherbrooke and Strathcona at 9:19 pm on October 17, Public Security officials said. Watching as they split up, the patroller reported one entered the library parking lot while the other appeared to be acting as a look-out.

As the one attempted to break into parked cars in the lot, he suddenly fled across the street, believed to have noticed officers nearby.

The youths went into the Ambassador apartment building at 4557 Sherbrooke on the corner of Strathcona. One was seen entering an elevator, the other fled into the east section of the building and disappeared.

"It was unfortunate they eluded officers," said Public Security director Greg McBain. "But it was likely that the officers foiled an attempt to break into cars."

Observation of the area was continued, but the two were not seen again. They were described as two white boys aged about 15.

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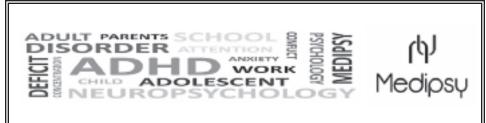
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Siblin sings, reads from latest creations



As one of a series of events organized by the Westmount Public Library for its author lecture series, Westmount-based writer and musician Eric Siblin read passages from his latest book, Studio Grace: The Making of a Record, at Victoria Hall on October 21, while performing selections from a companion CD, Songs from Studio Grace, with guest, female vocalist Jo Simonetti. Siblin's book provides a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to produce a recording. Simonetti and others contributed to making the CD. This is the 16th year for the library's fall series and after three events in September and October, two more are scheduled for November 4 and 25. Photo: Martin C. Barry



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Indie's fall/winter social calendar, Part 2

November

Saturday, November 21

Viennese Ball of Montreal celebrates "Die Fledermaus" and the 190th birthday of Johann Strauss ll in the presence of, the Austrian Ambassador to Canada Arno Riedel. Guest of honour is Julie Payette, Canadian astronaut and engineer. Debutantes will be presented. 7 pm. Hotel Marriott Château Champlain. Tickets \$250. \$150 for age 30 and under. 514.369.2339. ahold@tonalco.ca. Tickets can also be purchased on the website.www.Balviennoisdemontreal.org.

December

Monday, December 2

Cystic Fibrosis Quebec's Benefit Gala. Cocktails 6:30 pm. Windsor Station, 1100 Ave. des Canadiens-de-Montreal. Tickets \$500. Tables of eight \$4,000, \$7,000 and \$10,000. 514.877.6161. evenement@fibrosekystiquequebec.ca.

Annual Toy Tea. A holiday event collecting new, non-violent toys for children living in women's shelters and other community organizations. Donation requested: two new, unwrapped, non-violent toys. Chairs: Claire Kruyt, Sylvie Chagnon. 10 am to 4 pm. Ogilvy, Tudor Hall, 5th floor, 1307 St. Catherine St. W. Toyteamontreal.org.

Thursday, December 5 & 6

Rufus and Martha Wainwright's 2015 Holiday Concerts. Proceeds benefit MUHC Foundation's Kate McGarrigle Fund. 7 pm. Maison symphonique, Place des Arts. VIP ticket packages: \$150/\$250. Kristina Anastasopoulos, 514.934.1934, local 71231. Muhcfoundation.com. Kristina.anastasopoulos@muhc.mcgill.ca.

Friday, December 6

Annual ORT Gala. Benefit for ORT Montreal and partners: Akiva School, Chabad NDG, Hebrew Academy, Hebrew Foundation School, JPPS/Bialik, Solomon Schechter, Temple Emanu-el, UTT/Herzliah and Yaldei Development Centre. Entertainment by Sugar Sammy. Chairs: Debra Margles, president, Michael Kors Canada; and Dr. Lorne Wiseman. Honourees: Alice and Joel Raby. 6 pm. Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier, Place des Arts. Tickets \$225, \$325 and up. Carolyn Joffe, 514.481.2787. ortmontreal.org.

Friday, December 20

Team RockStar presents Carol for a Cure. Noon to 3 pm outside National Foods, 4903 Sherbrooke St. W. Supporting MUHC Cedars Breast Clinic. Anna Burgos, 514.934.1934, local 74241. Cedars.ca.

January

Thursday, January 28

MMFA Young Philanthropists' Circle – Unplugged Event. 1920s Modernism in Montreal: The Beaver Hall Group. Unplugged Events are festive soirées for young professionals providing networking opportunities, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and artistic performances. Montreal cabaret mood. 6:30 pm exhibition. Visit 7:30 pm Hornstein Pavilion, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, 1379 Sherbrooke St. W. Trendy business attire. Tickets \$55. Véronique Thibault, 514.285.2000, local 4. foundation@mbmtl.org.

FEBRUARY

Tuesday, February 2

Just for Kids Foundation's 10th anniversary Dancing With the Stars Event – Memorable Moments. Featuring individual and group dancers, fundraiser for medical equipment at the Montreal Children's Hospital. Chairs: Norma D'Alesio, Arabella Decker. Valet parking, pre-show cocktail, live auction. 6:30 pm. Le Salon, 550 Richmond St. Tickets \$195. 514.989.7673. reception@jfkfoundation.ca.

Thursday, February 18

Montreal Science Centre Foundation – Celebration of Science. Cocktails, silent auction, dinner. Cocktail attire. Complimentary parking. 6 pm. Montreal Science Centre, King Edward Pier in Old Port. Tickets \$500; VIP \$1,000. Tables of 10 \$5,000 to \$10,000 (VIP). 514.496.1960. mscfoundation@oldportofmontreal.com.

Woman falls, driven home

A 67-year-old Westmount resident who fell on the sidewalk leading past the fountain between Sherbrooke St. and the Westmount Library October 19 was assisted to her feet and treated for scratches and scrapes, Public Security officials said. The officer then drove her home to St. Catherine St. She fell at about 11:14 am.

Hair today, gone tomorrow



On the Lighter Side

Ingrid Kovitch-Dannenbaum

"Oops." It just slipped out. "WHAT DO YOU MEAN 'OOPS'?!?" Josh fairly screamed.

"Nothing. Forget it. It'll be okay."

"What will be okay?? What did you do???"

I was cutting his hair. And simultaneously kicking myself for my lapse.

If there was one thing I had learned after 15 years of shearing, it was that there were certain phrases that one should never utter while clutching scissors. Chief among them – not surprisingly – was "Oops." But on rare occasions I had also let slip such gaffes as: "Close enough." Or "Phooey." Or even the jauntily reassuringly "Whatever."

"Please tell me no harm has befallen my luscious locks!" Josh bemoaned.

I shared his dismay. Primarily because he is an adept cook in an apartment with laundry services, and free haircuts were one of the few remaining gimmicks I had to lure him home.

Oddly, my kids and husband actually preferred my handiwork over the professionals. And it wasn't just for the short commute and bargain-basement price.

Eli, inspired by Josh's self-described "luscious locks," was not to be outdone. "My hair," he announced years ago, "is an enchanted forest." And let's face it, you can't entrust an enchanted forest to just anyone.

Jamie appreciated my willingness to hack through 15 pounds of intransigent knots, without audible sighs or excessive tooth-grinding. Gabby maintained minimal standards. And, of course, there was that bargainbasement price thing.

My husband's loyalty may have been borne of necessity – the degree of difficulty of styling paradoxically and inversely proportionate to the number of remaining strands (i.e. darn near impossible at the moment).

Like many men of a certain vintage, he had fallen prey to the well known and much vilified axiom of the natural world: the Law of Conservation of Functioning Follicles. As tufts dwindled above, they began to sprout below.

I drew the line at tackling anything germinating beyond the dunce cap coverage zone. (Note that dunce caps *do not* overlie the ears).

But I conceded that something had to be done. So for his most recent birthday, I bought him an electric trimmer. (No worse than the camping oven that he had bought me for mine, so that I could continue to bake bread while huddled under a tarp during a typhoon, when I would really have preferred to be shivering in a damp sleeping bag while contorting myself between tree roots and wet dog.)

Donning my "readers" recently, I was somewhat dismayed by what I saw.

"David..." I ventured gingerly, "Have you ever used those clippers I got you?" (Six months ago.)

"Not yet," he answered.

"Why is that?" I tried – not particularly hard – to prevent the irritation from creeping into my shriek.

^{*}I haven't had time to read the instructions." Well!

This was a guy who would fire up a table saw, in the dark, before it was out of the crate. A guy who would hop onto the space shuttle with nary a moment of study. A guy who, if instructed to perform brain surgery, would attempt to "wing it." And for the record, he's no MacGyver.

Gabby, in the meantime, had already fetched the handy device, plugged it in, and turned it on. (All without reading the instructions!)

He regarded the buzzing, vibrating, gyrating tool warily. "Actually," he mused, "I'm not so sure I would be sticking that *anywhere*."

Looking at it in a new light, I thought it might hold promise.

But in the meantime, I am anxiously awaiting Halloween. Eli has been growing out his hair and declining to have it cut until after the festivities. Given that it is bright orange, splendidly orb-like, and – at this level of proliferation – downright scary, this is not an entirely unreasonable plan.

So while he terrorizes the neighbourhood kids with our chainsaw, I will be lying in wait for him back home, ghoulishly brandishing clippers.



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Westmounters stand up for KANPE



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond Veronica Redgrave

A lovely Indian summer eve was imbued with the spirit of Haiti as **Dominique Anglade** welcomed guests to her Westmount home on September 23. Co-hosting with **Régine Chassagne**, Anglade held the event to introduce KANPE, which means "stand up" in Creole. The foundation provides training and support for Haiti's most vulnerable families, so – with financial autonomy – they can "stand up."

CEO and president of Montreal International, Anglade co-founded KANPE with Chassagne, founding member of the band Arcade Fire. Both were born in Montreal to Haitian parents.

The feeling of Haiti was carried out by **Leah Gordon**'s black-and-white photographs taken during Haitian Carnavale. Of the selling price of \$5,500, one half would be donated to KANPE.

Brightly-coloured papier mâché horse

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heads happily hee-hawed on the outdoor front balcony. Creole-tasting canapés, *mille feuille* pastries with little bits of chicken, beef or cheese as well as chick pea *hors d'oeuvres* were served by Casserole Kréole, with co-owners **Hans Chavannes** and **Kenny Pelissier** standing proudly by.

Barbancourt, a delicious (!) Haitian rum, was served in shots and as a punch. Breeze-blown burgundy ribbons brightened the night, coincidentally matching the still-blooming impatients. The flat pack was out in full low heel, the better to wander in the garden, where the photos were displayed.

High heels were also worn, with look of the night going to **Joanne Maislin**, whose over-the-knee black leather boots had a soul of red. Maislin, a management consultant, helps firms do business in Haiti.

Arrivals included media personalities Herby Moreau, bearing a beautiful bouquet, with Martine Saint-Victor, and Mitsou Gélinas, pretty in pink, with hubby Iohann Martin.

Westmounters noted included Dominique's husband Helge Seetzen, Duncan MacDougall and parents Reford and Natalie *continued on p. 23*

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From left: Dominique Anglade, Kyle Matthews and Régine Chassagne.



Dominique Saint Martin, left, and Herby Moreau.

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Michael Vineberg, left, and Julie Barlow.



Mitsou Gélinas

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(lovely in lavender), Deirdre McIlwraith, Linda Renaud and Michael Vineberg, who noted how lucky he was to fly out of Haiti 20 minutes before the massive 2010 earthquake struck.

Noted listening to the presentations were author Julie Barlow and Kyle Matthews, past president Quebec branch, Canadian International Council, the independent foreign relations council created in 2007 by Jim Balsillie founder and former co-CEO of Blackberry.



From left: Duncan, Nathalie and Reford MacDougall.

Animal 'broomed' out of houses

A call for a possible raccoon between two houses at 361 and 363 Grosvenor turned out to be a squirrel, Public Security officials said. A loud crash at the entrance could be heard on the arrival of officers at

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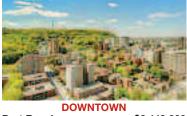


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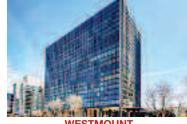
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