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Pay-by-plate parking awarded for \$1M

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The pay-by-plate parking system proposed for Westmount took another step closer to realization November 2 when city council awarded a contract for its supply and implementation at a cost of \$1 million. It will replace the traditional coin-operated parking meter.

Five bidders were evaluated for quality as well as *continued on p. 20*

Remembering bravery



Photo: Ralph Thompson

Col. David Hart, whose display of medals includes the Military Medal for bravery, and his wife Miriam stand among a large crowd, which gathered at the Westmount cenotaph November 8 to attend the Westmount Remembrance Day ceremony. Under blue skies and unseasonably warm temperatures, a large contingent of the military marched along Sherbrooke in formation and formed long lines during the ceremony. A significant police presence was also present at all road junctions in the area. The service was led by Padre J. G. Zoellner, retired lieutenant-colonel from the Canadian Armed Forces.

City hikes capital works spending to \$14M, debt-free

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A \$14.5-million budget for capital works projects in 2016 was adopted by the city council at a special meeting November 2. The work is to be undertaken without incurring debt and at an increase of \$2 million over this year's budget.

The program covers road reconstruction, renewal of water, sewer and electrical networks as well as buildings, parks, vehicles and other special projects. These include the *continued on p. 11*

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State of the Union address pegs tax hike at inflation+

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city council has limited 2016 tax increases for local services to the rate of inflation, Mayor Peter Trent said November 2 in his annual State of the Union address. He calculates this at some 2 percent.

While this excludes the impact of capital works spending, “Council has also approved the appropriation of accumulated surplus to balance the budget, if required,” he stated.

Meanwhile, the amount of the portion for shared region-wide services set by the agglomeration council is not yet known. It accounts for approximately 50 percent of Westmounters’ tax bills.

The State of the Union address, which provides an overview of year-end results for 2014, a forecast for 2015 and a direction for the 2016 operating budget, is preliminary to the presentation of the budget to be brought down at a special meeting December 7.

With the year 2014 ending with a surplus of \$12.3 million, Trent said, \$5.1 million has already been appropriated for capital

works and debt payment on the Westmount recreation centre (WRC).

A decision has yet to be made concerning how the remaining \$7.2 million from that year will be allocated, he later told the *Independent*.

Explanation coming

This would be more fully explained during or after the upcoming budget presentation, he said. The city had an accumulated surplus of \$40.2 million at the end of 2014, according to the audited financial statement.

“It must be borne in mind,” Trent explained, “that the amount of accumulated surplus will be far greater than the total municipal debt,” listed as \$36.2 million net of Quebec’s outstanding portion of the WRC grant.

The forecast for 2015 shows additional revenues of some \$3.3 million which “allow an additional investment of \$3 million in capital expenditures financed by pay-as-you-go municipal projects,” he stated.

“Results could change

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SWAT donates to children’s hospitals



Cheques were presented October 29 by members of the Senior Westmount All Star Teams to representatives of two children’s hospital. Standing in the front row was Dr. Anne-Sophie Carret, pediatric hematologist–oncology and associate professor from St. Justine hospital and Dr. Jean-Pierre Farmer, Dorothy Williams chair of pediatric surgery, faculty of medicine at McGill University and director of neurosurgery with the Montreal Children’s Hospital.

By RALPH THOMPSON

The Senior Westmount All Star Teams (SWAT) donated cheques of \$20,000 each to the Montreal Children’s Hospital Foundation and the CHU St. Justine Foundation October 29 at the Westmount Recreation Centre.

“The Westmount old-timers hockey teams SWAT have been raising money for

25 years, and we have raised over \$250,000 to date through fees, silent auctions and donations,” said event organiser Claude Bismuth. “We’re only a few players, but we started raising money for the children’s hospitals after one of our members lost his son.”

The cheques were presented by SWAT members Adam Cutler and Jim West.

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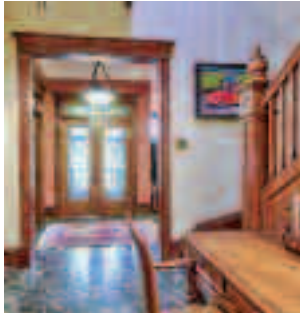
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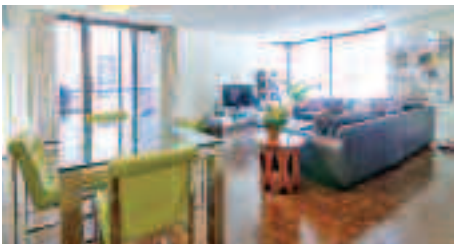


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Is the snow chute really needed?

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The time has come to re-assess the need for a snow chute, at least for snow from residential streets, Mayor Peter Trent said last week.

Times have changed in 20 years, he maintains, since the Quebec government banned the dumping of all snow into the St. Lawrence river without going first to the wastewater treatment plant via the snow chute and interceptor sewer.

Trent's call for a new look at the procedure came as Montreal awaited authorization from the federal government to temporarily dump 8 billion litres of raw sewage into the river in order to relocate the snow chute.

He claims the melted snow eventually ends up in the St. Lawrence anyway – “with a lot of its original pollutants coming along for the ride.” This is because the treatment plant was designed primarily to remove phosphorous and human waste.

As well, the dumping of so-called “clean” snow from residential streets, at least, into

the river may not be as harmful now as it might have been in 1998 when the chute was built based on a 1985 study, he said. This found that snow contained airborne lead from gasoline before the exclusive use of unleaded fuel.

Westmount is among municipal users of the chute where trucks await their turn to dump into the chute and melting pond, idling and polluting the air.

“It's costing a fortune,” Trent added.

Raising the issue October 5 in a report at the council meeting, Trent reiterated his concerns last week saying he would be proposing the need for re-evaluation of the snow chute to Montreal mayor Denis Coderre on the latter's return from a trade mission to China (October 30 to November 6).

Trent first questioned the ban in August 1996 when he wrote that the treatment process would only remove “around 25 percent of the calcium and zinc, although to be fair it does remove about 50 percent of the chrome, lead and copper. And that assumes these chemicals are not found in Westmount's snow to begin with, something we don't even know.”

Another factor to consider, he said, is the resulting temperature drop from even some of the snow, which could reduce the overall efficiency of the treatment plant in “getting rid of the stuff it was designed to remove: phosphorus and human waste.”

The Quebec policy, in fact, encourages the creation of snow dumps, he said. “Why is it all right to dump snow on land but not in the water, especially since salt is harmless in the river but phytotoxic on land?”

He said that Westmount stopped dumping on the north side of Summit Circle in the early 1990s when the salt had been found to be killing the vegetation except in the event of excess snow.

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between now and year-end, especially if we experience significant unforeseen events such as a high-than average snow-fall, major water-main breaks or flooding.”

Reporting on the remuneration of council members, Trent said “the mayor receives in 2015, \$43,934 from the city plus an expense account of \$15,976 as well as \$10,000 from the aggro, \$10,000 from the Montreal Metropolitan Council and \$550 per attendance at meetings of the agglomeration Finance and Administration Committee up to maximum of \$10,999.”

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Calendar kicks off PAC’s 100th anniversary in 2016

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The centennial year of the city’s Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) was launched at the city council meeting November 2 with the unveiling of a 2016 calendar to showcase Westmount’s architectural heritage.

“We tried to include as many dates as possible of city-organized events to make the calendar as useful as possible,” said Councillor Theodora Samiotis, who dis-

played the calendar at the meeting. These include such events as the household hazardous waste collections, compost distribution and Sports and Recreation registrations.

The calendar was designed in-house by Sebastien Samuel using photos taken by Derek Drummond, a former PAC chair and emeritus professor of architecture at McGill, and Ron Harris, Victoria Hall attendant, as well as Samiotis and Samuel.

Among the photos are those of Westmount Square, the King George (Murray) Park dog run and architectural elements such as gables and chimneys.

The cover photo of a double rainbow above the conservatory was taken by Harris, who happened to be there at just the right moment. The heritage value of the conservatory and city greenhouses is especially relevant given the need at this time for their restoration, Samiotis said.

The calendar may be obtained for \$5 at city hall, the library and the Westmount recreation centre.



Councillor Theodora Samiotis, commissioner of Urban Planning, introduces the PAC’s 2016 calendar at the council meeting November 2, showing its cover photo by Victoria Hall attendant Ron Harris.



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Selwyn House parents' bike route petition submitted to council

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A "Save Côte St. Antoine" petition from Selwyn House parents against a bike route on Côte St. Antoine was presented to city council November 2 by Bruce Anderson, who has been spearheading opposition to the pilot project now proposed for next spring.

"There will be more petitions to follow," he told the council, naming Marianopolis, Roslyn and the Shaar.

The Selwyn petition contained 41 names that had been collected from parents during one hour, he told the *Independent*. Opponents claim the street is not appropriate for a bike route based on safety, its historic character and configuration.

While the trial bike routes for the Côte Rd. and Westmount Ave. had been proposed initially for September, then for the end of October, it has since been decided to further delay their start until April (see story October 27, p. 15). To this effect, council officially adopted a resolution last

week rescinding one from October 5 that would have relocated parking on Côte St. Antoine to the south side of the street in preparation for the trial. The changes in timing resulted from delays in completing water main work on Westmount Ave.

Speaking to the trial's plan to relocate parking to the south side of Côte St. Antoine, one questioner asked the council to look at the area where Arlington Lane, in particular, intersects with the Côte Rd. as being a potentially dangerous angle for drivers versus cyclists.

Condo contractor gets ticket for \$1,279

A ticket for \$1,279 was issued to the condo site contractor at 175 Metcalfe October 27 for pallets of bricks left at the southwest corner of Metcalfe and St. Catherine, Public Security officials said. Previous warnings had been issued to EMD Construction to renew expired permits to occupy public property.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LEAVING WESTMOUNT

Public meetings at city hall in Westmount are held regularly to present proposed modifications to by-laws concerning parking. Members of city council, the Public Works department and Public Security are all very much aware of the scarcity of parking spots in Westmount – even for those who have on-street permits.

Yet when there is major work announced, an emergency or other on the infrastructure on and around Sherbrooke and Greene for many blocks – east and west, north and south – parking tickets are still given to those who have violated parking restrictions.

Does the city not understand that during the times that dozens of parking spots are lost to construction activity, it would be important to give special consideration for those who spend time trying to park and are unable to find available spaces? Dawson College students occupy many of the spots during the day and evening so there is little available space to those who shop in Westmount.

Recently I received a parking ticket that is the straw that broke the camel's back. I will be moving my office out of West-

mount after more than 20 years here. After hustling for spots to park, it is just not worth it anymore to have a Westmount business address, and judging by Greene Ave.'s abandoned storefronts, the price we pay is not worth the benefit. Greene Ave. has become the "in" place for rowdy after-school high school kids at Nick's. So, we, the business lunchers and cocktail drinkers are abandoning Westmount restaurants.

Old-school residents have disappeared, no longer willing to pay the premium for being a Westmount resident. There is a difference between exclusive, expensive and extortion. Parking tickets just make it ridiculous to park and do anything in Westmount.

MICHELLE DAINES, VERDUN

KEEP THE SPACE NATURAL

A beautiful natural piece of nature at the corner of de Maisonneuve Blvd. and Claremont is being planned to be destroyed to build on. Instead it should be preserved/left alone to the birds, bees and other small creatures who make it their home. [Don't] clear or cut mature trees but leave the land undisturbed for generations

to come to enjoy the open sky, the sun and the view of Glen hospital.

Provigo can build somewhere else. There is a big vacant property on the north side of de Maisonneuve further west and closer to the Vendôme Metro and tunnel, which should have been extended all the way to the [hospital].

The community can thank Provigo by erecting a plaque in recognition of their service and generosity to the community.

The property should be kept fenced in to keep people and garbage out.

CAROLA GURBAND, VILLE MARIE

PROVIGO PROJECT GOOD FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

Since the summer, many of my customers have been talking about a project that has been making waves in Vendôme village, a neighbourhood in the southern-most part of the Côte des Neiges-NDG borough and the location of the new MUHC. The project in question is a seniors' residence that includes a neighbourhood grocery store on the ground floor, which will be built in a vacant lot at the corner of Claremont and de Maisonneuve.

The developers, Provigo and Groupe Maurice, have also reached a partnership agreement with the Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation to provide office space – at no charge – to the foundation's employees, as well as accommodation for the parents of children from outside Montreal who are receiving treatment at the hospital.

It turns out that a group of residents is determined to have this project scuttled with no consideration for the needs of seniors who wish to stay in their neighbourhood. The opponents assert that their peace and quiet would be disrupted by the increased traffic generated by having this grocery store nearby.

Oddly enough, all the opponents acknowledged at public consultations that there is a real need to have a residential project for seniors in this neighbourhood.

Perhaps there is an explanation for this paradox. Many of the opponents I have met live in Westmount, close to the site of the proposed project. As a merchant and a neighbour, I cannot fathom why some people would oppose having a more diversified food shopping experience close to home. Many believe that Vendôme village needs these new residents and workers, who will stimulate the neighbourhood's economic, community and cultural life. They will bring benefits for all, including storeowners like myself, who struggle with ever-increasing operating costs.

We must not lose sight of the fact that Projet NDG is aimed first and foremost at meeting the needs of older people in the neighbourhood who want to the freedom to choose how they live.

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WHAT TIME IS IT (REALLY)?

This should be of interest (though probably not a surprise) to your readers: the clock above the Laurentian Bank entrance at the southeast corner of Sherbrooke and Victoria has been stuck at 2:01 for as long as anyone under 50 can seem to remember!

Given the prominent position this clock occupies at Westmount's main commercial intersection, I find it appalling that its owner has not deemed it worthwhile to maintain it in working order. Calls to the bank have been met with an audible shrug from employees, who point out that they are not the owners of the building.

What message does this send to the thousands who pass before it each week? How many people has this clock led astray? Is the building owner aware?

Surely the *Independent* can help bring some long-overdue attention to this pathetic and very public display of neglect.

CARL BRABANDER, DE RAMEZAY AVE.



A photo of the clock taken at 2:30 pm October 17. Photo courtesy of C. Brabander

FOUR LONG YEARS

Husbands take a few pointers from the way Justin Trudeau greeted Kathleen Wynne as to how to greet your wife. He was saying "thank you" for making me a winner, and she was saying "now what do you have for me?"

He gives new meaning to touchy feely – and new meaning to soap operas, and I hate soaps. I didn't even watch *The Sopranos*.

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Profusion Realty wins award for marketing



Profusion Realty president and founder Louise Rémillard is seen here on November 4 holding an award for “Best Overall Marketing Package.” The company was recognized last month at a luxury real estate conference in Seattle.

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Louise Rémillard, president and founder of Profusion Realty on Greene Ave., received the award for “Best Overall Marketing Package” at the Luxury Real Estate International Conference held in Seattle on October 17.

The conference was sponsored by Who’s Who in Luxury Real Estate, an international network of real estate professionals

with members in more than 70 countries.

In order to qualify for the award, members had to maintain at least a 10-percent market share of listing and selling high-end properties in their area. According to Rémillard, Profusion Realty maintained a standing of 27 percent in Westmount.

Profusion Realty was also the only Canadian agency selected as finalist in three other categories: Best brand integration, best website and best print marketing.

“I am very proud because I was going up against many very prestigious agencies for this coveted prize,” Rémillard told the *Independent*. “We are proud of this international recognition. Profusion’s objective is to offer the best visibility for the properties we represent.”

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Supporters of Roslyn teachers form a ‘chain’ around school



Around 100 teachers, parents, grandparents and children gathered to quietly form a “human chain” stretching in front of Roslyn school and slightly up Roslyn Ave. November 2 just after 8:30 am. They gathered “to add their voices to [the teachers’] protest” of “budget cuts proposed by the Quebec government,” according to the Roslyn Home and School website.

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Road and water details take lion's share

Major projects singled out in the city's 2016 capital works budget of \$14.5 million include a \$2-million reconstruction of Westmount Ave. (Grosvenor to Belmont) and of Prince Albert, (Sherbrooke to Côte St. Antoine) for \$1.6 million. Both projects began this year. Another high-profile one is rehabilitation of the water main on Sherbrooke (Strathcona to Kensington) for \$720,000.

More water main and road work is also planned for Argyle (Sherbrooke to Montrose) and Wood (de Maisonneuve to Sherbrooke).

Parks

Among \$1 million in park projects listed were the replacement of playground equipment and furniture in King George (Murray) and Westmount parks.

"On track" for the included restoration of Summit Woods, Phase 2, will be the landscaping of the closed portion of Summit Circle and removal of invasive species in the nature reserve, Councillor Cynthia Lulham explained.

Buildings

Of \$1-million budgeted for work on city

buildings is \$400,000 to start on restoring the exterior of city hall listed as professional fees. Another \$250,000 is allocated to the complete replacement of the roof of the stores building at Public Works.

Vehicles

Of 11 vehicles to be purchased, three are for Public Security and one – a 10-wheeler costing \$350,000 – is for Hydro Westmount. The others are for Public Works including a mini-garbage truck at \$250,000 and a loader with blower attachment at \$375,000.

Hydro Westmount

Major Hydro Westmount projects include replacement of lead cables for \$1 million and upgrading the underground and above-ground network for \$600,000. A variety of other work is listed as load redistribution, replacement of 5- and 15 kV breakers and transformer upgrades.

Information Technology

Spending attributed to IT includes the new million-dollar parking system as well as some \$75,000 on surveillance cameras and emergency phones in parks. – LS

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implementation of a \$1-million pay-by-plate parking system to replace the coin-operated meters (see story September 15, p. 1).

Noticeably absent, however, was mention of major repairs anticipated for the temporarily closed greenhouses. Once an evaluation report is received, "whatever needs to be done will be done," Mayor Pe-

ter Trent stated.

The capital works budget was an estimate and "not poured in concrete," he told greenhouse questioner John Fretz of Sherbrooke St. Items could be replaced or added during the year.

"It's an ambitious budget," said Finance commissioner Victor Drury. "It shows our continued commitment to infrastructure renewal especially in light of the need to catch up in certain areas."

Of the \$14.5 million in spending, more than \$5 million is to come from pay-as-you-go (PAYG) allocations from the city's operating budget (to be brought down December 14). Another \$3.2 million is to be covered from the city's accumulated surplus, \$1.25 million in anticipated government grants and \$5 million from other financing sources. These include PAYG contributions related to Hydro Westmount.

All projects listed were rated as "priority 1 – urgent and important," according to Trent. Those rated as priority 2 and 3 on a "wish list" from the administration were postponed.

"For the record, I'm never satisfied with the amount we do," said commissioner of Public Works Patrick Martin. "What we have is a compromise solution." He said a long-term spending plan was needed to get infrastructure "up to the level we want,



Julie Mandeville, the city's new treasurer and Finance director, sits among the audience.

and sustain it."

Of the total \$14.5 million, the city plans to spend \$4.7 million on roads, \$3 million on Hydro Westmount renewal and \$2.4 million on the water and sewer network. IT projects will receive \$1.6 million, including the new \$1-million parking system.

There is another \$1 million for buildings, \$1 million for parks, and \$900,000 for vehicles.

Interestingly, a budget line for "sound barrier" contained no dollar figure since the status of this project in 2016 has yet to



Westmount resident John Fretz questions omission of greenhouse repairs.

be determined.

This was the first year the capital works budget for the following year was adopted ahead of the operating one to give the city a kick start on soliciting tender bids (see story October 27, p. 1). It was presented to an audience of more than 20.

Capital works estimates for 2017 and 2018 were also submitted in the amounts of \$15.4 million and \$13.7 million respectively, indicating slight spending increases for Hydro Westmount.

They were explained at this stage as projections only. *For more details, see p. 10.*



Councillor Victor Drury presents the 2016 capital works budget November 2.

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2nd Field Artillery receives ‘Freedom of the City’



Left photo: At a time-honoured “Freedom of the City” ceremony October 24, the 2nd Field Artillery Regiment was honoured with the privilege of parading through Westmount with “bayonets fixed, colours flying and bands playing” (see story October 6, p. 1). As per tradition, Lieut. Col. Sylvie Pelletier was stopped in front of city hall by Public Security director Greg McBain, who asked, using the words “Halt, who goes there,” the reason for the regiment’s presence. Right photo: Allowed to advance, Pelletier knocks on the doors of city hall to ask for the privilege of parading through the city, which is granted by Mayor Peter Trent who proceeds to inspect the troops, including members of the Black Watch Pipes & Drums who participated in the event. The soldiers then paraded along Sherbrooke to Victoria Hall to host a reception celebrating the honour just bestowed upon them. McBain is shown at far right holding open the door of city hall.

Photos: Martin C. Barry

Denis assumes command of RMR

In a change-of-command ceremony October 25, Lieut. Col. Jean-François Denis took over as commanding officer of Westmount’s Royal Montreal Regiment. He replaces Lieut. Col. Paul Langlais.

Col. Dan Chafaï, commander of the 34th Canadian Brigade Group, presided over the ceremony. Among those attending were Mayor Peter Trent, a former honorary colonel of the regiment, Colin Robin-

son, honorary lieutenant colonel, and representatives of Hampstead and Pointe Claire.

The event took place at the armoury on St. Catherine St. adjacent to the West-

mount recreation centre, where the RMR has been located for most of its 100 years, marked last year during centennial celebrations (see story September 23, 2014, p. 5).



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Two retire after more than 30 years in Westmount



It's certainly not everyone who gets an avenue named after them upon retirement – but that will be the case for Annie Snabl, the longtime receptionist at Selwyn House. October 16 was her last day on the job after 33 years. In that time, Selwyn House has had three headmasters. Since it's a tradition to name hallways at Selwyn House after some of the school's longest serving employees, a corridor on the ground floor near the reception will fittingly be named Annie Snabl Avenue.



Staff and residents are planning to mark a momentous event for Manoir Westmount on December 18: that's when assistant manager Duncan DeZoysa, who's been a member of the Manoir team since the seniors' residence opened in 1979, will be retiring. "Half of my life I've been here," said DeZoysa, 71. Among other things, he remembers cooking for the Manoir's first resident, Walter Murray (pictured). He began by cooking then he was appointed supervisor of food services as the number of residents grew. Eventually he became assistant manager.

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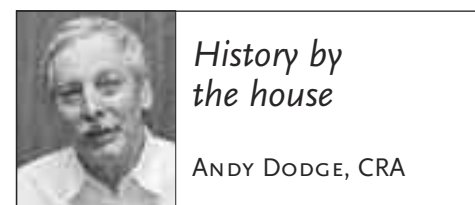
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54 Summit Circle: Part of Notman legacy



History by
the house

ANDY DODGE, CRA

William Notman, who is recognized around the world as one of the most productive and creative photographers of the late 19th century, was also one of the shrewdest land speculators at the time,

perhaps because he was becoming acquainted with the wealthy Scottish businessmen who were coming to him for family portraits and other commissions.

In the early 1870s, Notman joined up with other notable Montreal personalities – such as William Angus, a chemical wood pulp manufacturer, John MacFarlane of Canada Paper Co., who lived at “Hazelbrae” (85 Church Hill), Alexander Ramsay, a paint and varnish dealer, and Ovide Dufresne, a flour and produce merchant – to buy up most of the land in the summit area of Westmount mountain. Much of that land had been owned by Benjamin Decarie, a farmer who sold to his daughter Julie and her husband Jean Baptiste Monarque in 1860.

One other piece was owned by John C. McLaren, a saddler and harness maker, and another by Alexander Foster, George A. Drummond and Thomas M. Taylor, which they had picked up from Hon. Alexander Cross, a prominent judge.

Land far from any roads

All of this was assembled by Notman along with his partners in 1874 when the village of Notre Dame de Grâce was formed. The land was so far away from any semblance of a road – the only building at all north of Côte St. Antoine was the Murray estate of “West Mount,” which was at the top of what is now King George (Murray) Park – that it drew no interest at all for a decade until the St. George’s Snowshoe Club offered to buy 38,386 square feet of land along the proposed “Côte St. Antoine Boulevard,” west of the Argyle Ave. extension as a recreational area for their members in 1885.

Two years later, Notman, Angus and the others formed a corporation called Westmount Homestead Company with Notman as president, and began splitting up the land, including mainly Lot 282, which led to the top of the mountain. In 1892, the unsubdivided portion of that lot – which still contained an astounding 1,609,675 square feet of land, according to the deed – was sold to Joshua A. Bell, a dairy merchant, who was vice president of the Montreal Butter and Cheese Association, for \$20,000 or about 1.2 cents per square foot.

Bell began subdividing the rest of the lot and by March 1895, as Bellevue Ave. was being planned out, he was able to sell three subdivisions to Archibald McGoun, Jr., a prominent lawyer and professor of law at McGill University. The land contained 32,819 square feet stretching above what we know now as The Boulevard and into the mountain.



A view of the backside of 54 Summit Circle, photographed October 23. The house has a view of the city below.

McGill University sets up observatory

At about this time, McGill University discovered that the mountaintop provided an excellent opportunity to scan the heavens, and set up an observatory, which was located just above McGoun’s property. In fact, they had to purchase a small bit of land from McGoun – 3,690 square feet at 10 cents a square foot – but more importantly established a servitude that the rest of his property would never have a building more than five feet higher than the highest point on the summit.

This servitude, which McGill arranged with other owners in the top-of-the mountain area, has found its way through all the rest of the deeds and lasts even now, though McGill was forced (by city lights) to abandon the observatory in 1928 and eventually to sell the land to Westmount (1940) for the creation of an urban forest park.

McGoun was one of the first residents of Bellevue Ave., a street which started at Aberdeen Ave. and stretched northward, running a zig-zag pattern up the mountain, along what is now Summit Circle and on to what is now Oakland Ave.

Summit Ave. does not appear in Lovell’s directory until 1906 when there were five residences and no civic numbers. Even then, there was no Sunnyside Ave.

Besides his own house (7 Bellevue) at the top of the mountain, McGoun built two semi-detached houses at what are now 44 and 46 Summit Circle, and later two more

at 50 and 52 Summit Circle, with a driveway leading in from Bellevue (now Upper Bellevue). He died in June 1921 and two years later his wife Abigail Mackay sold off much of the land to the east of her house (which by then was numbered 37 Bellevue) to Duncan Stuart Forbes, who moved into 44 Summit Circle and took over the leases on the other properties.

Built 54 Summit

McGoun’s wife died in 1928, and her children sold off what was by then 37 Upper Bellevue to Erina Hamilton Doggart, wife of William Brodie, who very quickly sold off the extra land still attached to the house, at the corner of Upper Bellevue and Summit Avenue, to Helen Mackay, wife of Walter Court-Hyde, a contractor who lived at 522 Clarke Ave.

He set about building 54 Summit Ave. and moved in by 1932. His own history included distinguishing himself as an officer in World War I, obtaining the title of brigadier as well as a Distinguished Service Order (DSO).

The Hydes lived there for most of the next 13 years – though it seems it was rented to George B. Gordon, managing director of Dominion Textile Co., during the years of 1935-36 – but then sold the house to Dr. R. Vance Ward in 1945 for \$26,500. Ward was a long-time member of the McGill medical faculty and the Montreal General

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Hospital and, at various times, chief medical officer of the Montreal Life Insurance Company and president of both the Quebec College of Physicians and Surgeons and the Quebec Division of the Canadian Medical Association.

In 1957, Dr. Ward sold to Helene Peterson, wife of Harry Colby Kerman, vice president of Commercial Alcohols Ltd., described as “manufacturers of alcohol, bleached shellac, anti-freezes and magnesia insulation.”

Next in line was Cecile Marcoux, wife of Dr. Gerard Baillargeon, dentist, starting in

1964. Then in 1975, even after the Canadian capital gains tax came in for properties not owned by their residents, the house was transferred to Fher Corp. for the use of one of its directors, Victor Leysieffer, and four years later went to its parent company, Pharma Investment Ltd., then quickly turned over to 83824 Canada Ltd., which became Canfepi Canada Ltd. All of the corporate transfers had declared prices of “\$1 and other valuable considerations.”

By 1988 the occupant was René Bonfils, according to *Lovell's* directory. Canfepi sold to Peter Segal and his wife, Nancy Woo, and they stayed there until December 1995,

Dawson students stopped from door-to-door soliciting

A group of Dawson students were stopped from collecting donations to UNICEF door to door on Roslyn October 28, Public Security officials said. Acting on a complaint at 2:48 pm, officers told them they would need a permit for soliciting to comply with city by-laws. They were found at a house just north of de Maisonneuve. While some trick-or-treaters carry donation boxes on Halloween, other occasions raise “suspicions,” said Public Security director Greg McBain.

when the house changed hands to Harry G. Kalish, who had started a company manufacturing, processing and packaging machines. Kalish died in 2009, and the house was sold to Nathalie Ratier and Marc Escande, but then was returned in 2012 to Diane Robichaud, Harry Kalish's longtime companion (according to a published memorial).

History of 54 Summit Circle

(since construction)

Date	Buyer	Price
24 Apr, 1929	Helen Mackay, wife of Walter Court-Hyde, contractor	\$1
1 Feb, 1945	Richard Vance Ward	\$26,500
15 Mar, 1957	Helene Peterson, wife of Harry Colby Kerman	\$60,500
23 Jul, 1964	Cecile Marcoux, wife of Dr. Gerard Baillargeon, dentist	\$85,000
9 Dec, 1975	Fher Corp. Ltee. (Victor Leysieffer & R. de Wolfe Mackay, directors)	\$1
27 Dec, 1979	83824 Canada Ltd. (André L. Demers, president)	\$1
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Retiring after more than two decades

Patton, Thompson honoured as Healthy City stalwarts

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Two longtime volunteers who spearheaded the growth of the Health City Project (HCP) over the last 20 years were honoured by city council November 2 for their community leadership.

Tom Thompson, a former city councillor, retired in September as chair of the Community Life subcommittee after chairing the HCP's steering committee for 14 years previously.

Jenny Patton has also retired from the Environment subcommittee, which she had formerly chaired.

Both were instrumental in developing some of the environmental and health programs taken for granted today in Westmount, such as regulating pesticide use, composting and organic gardening.

Councillor Cynthia Lulham, commissioner of Parks and Sustainability, thanked the "two wonderful people" for their outstanding contributions and for "going beyond" what was expected of them in their positions.

Each was then presented with a framed document recognizing their efforts. Both

have previously been named volunteers of the year by the Westmount Municipal Association, explained Lulham, who now chairs the HCP steering committee.

Working at grassroots

Patton, a resident of Holton Ave., has been on the front lines of environmental advocacy in Westmount for two decades. She urged the city to embrace indigenous gardening. She worked tirelessly at grassroots to encourage its stand against pesticide use.

"Thank you, Jenny, for being the voice of common sense on environment and public health in the city," Lulham said. "Westmount's a better place because of it."

Patton joined the Environment subcommittee during its first year (1991-1992) and served 15 years as its chair. She used her own experiences with composting and organic gardening to promote the concepts in Westmount. She coordinated a team of compost ambassadors to help launch the city's green bin collection in its first years (see profile May 12, 2009, p. 15).

Tom Thompson of Sherbrooke St. joined HPC in 1991 and shortly after election to city council in 1995 chaired the steering committee until 2009. He stepped up to the plate to assume the chairmanship of the Community Life subcommittee in 2011 when a leader was needed.

He helped develop guidelines for pesticide use and steered the city's anti-pesticide legislation through council.

Thompson promoted healthy lifestyles and latterly led the HCP to develop radiofrequency guidelines that helped persuade the city to offer non-RF hydro meters to residents requesting them (May 1, 2012, p. 14). He also promoted safe cell phone use for children.

See other photo, p. 17.



Tom Thompson is applauded by council November 2.

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removed it. The second branch fell overnight from a city tree on Willow Ave. It was discovered at 9:20 am to have smashed the rear window of a car and damaging the hood and side. Residents asked for the tree to be inspected.

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When public safety officers found 10 to 15 people "screaming, drinking and smoking" on the back porch of a house on Elm Ave. October 31, the host was advised of a complaint at 12:46 am, Public Security officials said. When a second complaint was received at 1:11 am, he was told to shut down the party, his parents would be informed and a ticket for \$119 would be in the mail.

Roof work permitted

Emergency work on a roof at 4214 de Maisonneuve was allowed to continue October 24, a Saturday, despite the brief use of heavy equipment, Public Security officials said. Five workers were found at the rear working on brickwork related to the project at 8:43 am. They were permitted to continue on the partially opened roof until 12:30 pm given a forecast of rain for the next day.



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AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1488

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que le règlement n° 1488 intitulé « *RÈGLEMENT VISANT À ABROGER LE RÈGLEMENT 842 AUTORISANT LA CONCLUSION D'UNE ENTENTE INTERMUNICIPALE ENTRE LES VILLES DE HAMPSTEAD, DE MONT-ROYAL, D'OUTREMONT ET DE SAINT-LAURENT, AINSI QUE LES CITÉS DE CÔTE SAINT-LUC ET DE WESTMOUNT POUR L'ACQUISITION ET L'UTILISATION EN COMMUN D'UN SYSTÈME DE COMMUNICATIONS POUR LES SERVICES D'INCENDIES* » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance ordinaire tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 2 novembre 2015.

Ce règlement a pour objet d'abroger le « *Règlement 842 autorisant la conclusion d'une entente intermunicipale entre les Villes de Hampstead, de Mont-Royal, d'Outremont et de Saint-Laurent, ainsi que les Cités de Côte Saint-Luc et de Westmount pour l'acquisition et l'utilisation en commun d'un système de communications pour les services d'incendies* ».

Ce règlement entre en vigueur conformément à la loi.

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

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 10 novembre 2015.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1488

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that By-law No.1488 entitled "By-Law 842 AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNS OF HAMPSTEAD AND MOUNT-ROYAL AND THE CITIES OF OUTREMONT, SAINT-LAURENT, CÔTE SAINT-LUC AND WESTMOUNT FOR THE COMMON ACQUISITION AND USE OF A COMMUNICATION SYSTEM FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount during its regular sitting held at City Hall on November 2nd, 2015.

The object of this by-law is to repeal *By-Law 842 authorizing the signing of an intermunicipal agreement between the Towns of Hampstead and Mount-Royal and the Cities of Outremont, Saint-Laurent, Côte Saint-Luc and Westmount for the common acquisition and use of a communication system for the fire department*".

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

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

GIVEN at Westmount, this November 10th, 2015.

Martin St-Jean
Greffier / City Clerk

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COMMENTAIRES DU MAIRE SUR LA SITUATION FINANCIÈRE DE LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT
SÉANCE DU CONSEIL DU 2 NOVEMBRE 2015

Chers conseillers, mesdames et messieurs, bonsoir,

À cette première étape du processus de préparation et d’adoption du budget 2016, je dois présenter aux résidents un rapport sur la situation financière de notre Ville en général.

En juillet dernier, le conseil a établi les lignes directrices suivantes concernant le budget 2016 :

Limitier l’augmentation des taxes reliées aux services locaux au taux d’inflation. Cette limite exclut les augmentations relatives aux immobilisations ainsi que toute augmentation relative à la quote-part de l’agglomération de Montréal ou de la Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal (CMM).

Poursuivre les efforts en vue d’augmenter les revenus provenant d’autres sources que l’impôt foncier afin d’équilibrer le budget.

Les revenus et les dépenses projetés pour l’année 2015 sont de 101,8 millions de dollars, incluant des affectations de l’excédent accumulé.

Dans mon rapport qui est déposé ce soir, mes commentaires porteront notamment sur les questions financières suivantes :

- les résultats de fin d’exercice 2014;
- les prévisions préliminaires des revenus et dépenses de la Ville pour 2015;
- l’état de la dette de la ville et les mesures mises en place pour la gérer;
- l’orientation générale du budget 2016 et des dépenses d’immobilisations pour la période de 2016 à 2018.

Résultats de fin d’exercice 2014

Le budget total de fonctionnement de l’année 2014 était de 95,1 millions de dollars¹. L’an dernier, un revenu total de 104,3 millions de dollars fut atteint et les dépenses de fonctionnement se sont élevées à 92 millions de dollars. Du surplus de l’exercice de 12,3 millions de dollars, 5,1 millions de dollars ont été affectés aux travaux d’immobilisations et au paiement de la dette du Centre des loisirs de Westmount.

Le surplus en 2014, net des affectations, s’est élevé à 7,2 millions de dollars en raison de revenus plus élevés provenant de taxes prélevées sur des rénovations résidentielles, des droits de mutation et de la contribution nette d’Hydro Westmount.

Au cours de l’année 2014, les dépenses d’immobilisations se sont élevées à 7,9 millions de dollars, dont un montant de 4,8 millions de dollars a été couvert par notre mode de financement « pay-as-you-go » (méthode de financement par répartition), 900 000 \$ provenant de dons et 1,4 million de dollars provenant de subventions. Le reste des projets de 2014 a été financé au moyen de règlements d’emprunt au montant de 800 000 \$.

Les états financiers de la Ville de Westmount pour l’exercice financier 2014 ont été audités par la firme *Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton*.

Prévisions pour 2015

Le budget de fonctionnement de la Ville en 2015 était de 97,1 millions de dollars¹. À la lumière des résultats disponibles à ce jour et des revenus et dépenses anticipés pour le reste de l’année, nous prévoyons terminer l’exercice 2015 avec des revenus et des dépenses projetés de 101,8 millions de dollars, incluant les affectations proposées de l’excédent de fonctionnement.

Ci-après les variations importantes par rapport au budget :

- Les revenus des taxes foncières générales, les droits de mutation et la contribution nette d’Hydro Westmount ont générés ensemble 3,3 millions de dollars de revenus supplémentaires;
- Les revenus en provenance des autres services et ceux de sources locales ont générés quant à eux 1,4 millions de dollars de revenus supplémentaires;
- Ces revenus supplémentaires permettent donc un investissement additionnel de 3 millions de dollars pour des dépenses en immobilisations additionnelles financées « pay-as-you-go » pour des projets municipaux.

Veuillez noter que ces résultats pourraient changer d’ici la fin de l’année, notamment si des événements imprévisibles d’importance devaient survenir tels des chutes de neige abondantes, d’important bris d’aqueduc ou des inondations.

Dette

En date du 31 décembre 2015, la dette de Westmount s’élèvera approximativement à 46,7 millions de dollars. De ce montant, 36,2 millions de dollars devront être assumés par la Ville, et 10,5 millions de dollars par le gouvernement du Québec qui paie maintenant ses subventions sur une période de 10 à 20 ans. Des 36,2 millions devant être assumés par la Ville, la portion de la dette du Centre des loisirs de Westmount s’élève à 11,1 millions de dollars. Nous devons garder en tête que le montant du surplus accumulé sera de loin plus élevé que la dette municipale.

Budget 2016

Conformément aux objectifs financiers décrits précédemment dans ce rapport, le conseil souhaite limiter l’augmentation des taxes municipales reliées aux services locaux au taux projeté de l’inflation, excluant l’impact des travaux d’immobilisations, de la quote-part de l’agglomération et de la contribution à la Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal (CMM).

Cela constitue un défi si on tient compte de l’impact continu du déficit actuariel du régime de retraite de nos employés. Le conseil a également approuvé l’affectation d’excédent accumulé afin d’équilibrer le budget local, le cas échéant.

Puisqu’environ 85 % de nos revenus proviennent de l’impôt foncier, le conseil pourra décider d’augmenter les revenus provenant d’autres sources, tels les tarifs de stationnement, la tarification des activités et des loyers afin d’alléger le fardeau fiscal des résidents.

Dans ce contexte, le programme des immobilisations des 3 prochaines années a été soigneusement revu. Le conseil se réunira prochainement afin de finaliser sa stratégie générale et adopter le budget de fonctionnement.

Rémunération des élus municipaux

La *Loi sur le traitement des élus municipaux* (chapitre T-11.001) prévoit que le maire d’une municipalité, dont un règlement touchant la rémunération des membres du conseil est en vigueur, doit inclure dans son rapport annuel sur la situation financière de la municipalité, une mention sur les rémunérations et les allocations de dépenses que chaque membre du conseil reçoit de la municipalité, d’un organisme mandataire de celle-ci ou d’un organisme supramunicipal.

Ainsi, en 2015 le maire recevra les rémunérations suivantes :

- une rémunération annuelle de la Ville de 43 934 \$;
- une allocation de dépenses de la Ville de 15 976 \$;
- une rémunération annuelle du conseil d’agglomération de Montréal de 10 999 \$;
- une rémunération annuelle de la Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal de 10 000 \$;
- un jeton de présence de 550 \$ (par présence) à titre de vice-président de la *Commission sur les finances et l’administration* du conseil de l’agglomération urbaine de Montréal, et ce, jusqu’à concurrence de la somme annuelle de 10 999 \$.

Quant aux conseillers, ils recevront les rémunérations suivantes en 2015:

- une rémunération annuelle de la Ville de 14 645 \$;
- une allocation de dépenses de la Ville de 7 322,50 \$.

Transactions au-delà de 25 000 \$

Comme l’exige la loi, je dépose la liste des transactions dont le montant total cumulatif dépassait 25 000 \$ entre le 1^{er} octobre 2014 et le 30 septembre 2015.

¹Après déduction des dépenses d’Hydro Westmount financées selon la méthode « pay-as-you-go ».



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THE MAYOR'S COMMENTS ON THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 2nd, 2015

Councillors, Ladies and Gentlemen, good evening:

As the first formal step in the 2016 budget preparation and adoption process, I am required to report to residents on the general financial health of our City.

In July, Council established the following guidelines for the 2016 budget:

Limit the increase in taxation for local services to the effect of inflation. This limit excludes increases for Capital Works and also any increases stemming from our apportionment from the Agglomeration Council of Montreal or the Montreal Metropolitan Community (MMC); and,

Continue efforts to increase revenue from sources other than property taxes to balance the budget.

Revenues and expenses, including proposed appropriations of accumulated surplus, are projected to be \$101.8 million for 2015.

In my report that is being tabled tonight, I comment, along with other financial matters, on the following:

- The 2014 year-end results;
- The preliminary forecast of the City's 2015 revenues and expenditures;
- The state of the City's debt and the action taken to manage it;
- The overall direction of the 2016 budget, along with the capital expenditures planned for 2016 through 2018.

2014 Year-End Results

The City's 2014 total operating budget was \$95.1 million¹. Total revenues last year reached \$104.3 million, and operational expenditures amounted to \$92 million. From a surplus of \$12.3 million, \$5.1 million was appropriated for Capital Works and the Westmount Recreation Centre (WRC) debt payment.

In 2014, the \$7.2 million in operating surplus was owing to higher than budgeted revenues derived from residential renovations, transfer duties, and Hydro Westmount net contribution.

During 2014, capital expenditures including the Westmount Recreation Centre (WRC) amounted to \$7.9 million, of which \$4.8 million was covered by our 'pay-as-you-go' funding, \$900,000 by donations and \$1.4 million by grants. The remaining balance of the 2014 projects was funded by loan by-laws in the amount of \$800,000.

The City of Westmount's 2014 financial statements were audited by *Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton*.

2015 Forecast

The City's 2015 operating budget was \$97.1 million¹. Based on the results to date and the projected revenues and expenditures for the balance of the year, we expect to close 2015 with both revenues and expenses, including proposed surplus appropriations, projected at \$101.8 million.

Key variances from budget are highlighted below:

- Taxation revenue, transfer duties, and Hydro Westmount net contribution generated together a projected \$3.3 million of additional revenues;
- Other revenues from other services and revenues from local sources could result in \$1.4 million of additional revenues;
- Those additional revenues allow an additional investment of \$3 million in capital expenditures financed by 'pay-as-you-go' for Municipal projects.

Please note that the results could change between now and year-end, especially if we experience significant unforeseen events such as a higher-than-average snowfall, major water-main breaks, or flooding.

¹Net of Hydro Westmount 'pay-as-you-go' expenditures

Debt

As of December 31st, 2015, Westmount's outstanding debt will be approximately \$46.7 million. Of this amount, \$36.2 million will be assumed by the City and \$10.5 million by the Quebec Government that now pays its grants over 10 to 20 years. The Westmount Recreation Centre (WRC) portion of the \$36.2 million municipal debt will amount to \$11.1 million. It must be borne in mind that the amount of the accumulated surplus will be far greater than the total municipal debt.

2016 Budget

Consistent with the financial goals outlined earlier in this report, Council would like to limit the increase in taxation for local services to projected inflation, excluding the impact of Capital Works, the Agglomeration apportionment, and the contribution to the Montreal Metropolitan Community (MMC).

This is a challenge considering the ongoing impact of the actuarial deficit in our employee pension plan. Council has also approved the appropriation of accumulated surplus to balance the local budget, if required.

As around 85% of our revenue comes from property taxes, the Council will continue to seek increased revenues from other areas such as parking rates, program fees, and rentals.

In this context, our Capital Works program for the next three years has been reviewed. We will be sitting down shortly as a Council to finalize our overall strategy and adopt our operating budget.

Remuneration of Elected Municipal Representatives

The *Act respecting the remuneration of elected municipal officers* (R.S.Q., chapter T-11.001) provides that the mayor of a municipality in which a remuneration by-law is in force shall include in his annual report on the financial position of the municipality a list showing the remuneration and expense allowance each member of the council receives from the municipality, a mandatory body of the municipality or a supra-municipal body.

Thus, the Mayor receives the following remuneration in 2015:

- \$43,934 as an annual remuneration from the City;
- \$15,976 as an expense allowance from the City;
- \$10,999 as an annual remuneration from the Urban Agglomeration Council of Montreal;
- \$10,000 as an annual remuneration from the *Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal*;
- \$550 per presence as an attendance allowance from the *Commission sur les finances et l'administration* of the Urban Agglomeration Council of Montreal, where he is the Vice-President, up to an annual maximum of \$10,999.

As for the councillors, they receive the following remuneration in 2015:

- \$14,645 as an annual remuneration from the City;
- \$7,322.50 as an expense allowance from the City.

Transactions Exceeding \$25,000

As required by law, I am filing the list of total cumulative transactions exceeding \$25,000 from October 1st, 2014 to September 30th, 2015.

Peter F. Trent, Mayor



PROGRAMME D'IMMOBILISATIONS - CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM
2016-2017-2018

Catégorie de projets - Project Category	2016		2017		2018	
Municipal	Net ⁽¹⁾	Brut - Gross	Net ⁽¹⁾	Brut - Gross	Net ⁽¹⁾	Brut - Gross
1. Bâtiments - Buildings	\$ 993,200	\$ 993,200	\$ 2,337,900	\$ 2,337,900	\$ 1,014,300	\$ 1,014,300
2. Chemins - Roads (including street lighting)	4,676,200	4,676,200	3,974,200	3,974,200	4,583,900	4,583,900
3. Réseau d'aqueduc et d'égouts - Water and Sewer Network	1,399,200	2,399,200	1,103,500	2,371,600	549,300	2,509,200
4. Parcs - Parks	774,500	1,024,500	1,085,000	1,335,000	609,500	859,500
5. Véhicules - Vehicles	910,300	910,300	1,180,000	1,180,000	821,200	821,200
6. Informatique - Information Systems	1,554,000	1,554,000	387,000	387,000	370,000	370,000
Total Municipal	\$ 10,307,400	\$ 11,557,400	\$ 10,067,600	\$ 11,585,700	\$ 7,948,200	\$ 10,158,100
Hydro Westmount	Net ⁽¹⁾	Brut - Gross	Net ⁽¹⁾	Brut - Gross	Net ⁽¹⁾	Brut - Gross
7. Projets majeurs - Major Projects	\$ 2,340,000	\$ 2,340,000	\$ 2,730,000	\$ 2,730,000	\$ 2,730,000	\$ 2,730,000
8. Véhicules - Vehicles	350,000	350,000	300,000	300,000	26,000	26,000
9. Projets municipaux - Municipal Projects	250,000	250,000	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000
Total Hydro Westmount	\$ 2,940,000	\$ 2,940,000	\$ 3,780,000	\$ 3,780,000	\$ 3,506,000	\$ 3,506,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 13,247,400	\$ 14,497,400	\$ 13,847,600	\$ 15,365,700	\$ 11,454,200	\$ 13,664,100

FINANCEMENT - FINANCING

PAYG de la taxation - PAYG from taxation	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Ministère de la Culture et des Communications de Québec; Subventions anticipées - Anticipated grants	-	250,000	-	250,000	-	250,000
Financé par l'excédent cumulé affecté - financed by accumulated appropriated surplus	(5,250,000)	(5,250,000)	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Autres sources de financement - Others financing sources	13,497,400	13,497,400	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Programme de la taxe sur l'essence et de la contribution du Québec 2014-2018; Subventions anticipées - Anticipated grants ⁽²⁾	-	1,000,000	-	1,268,100	-	1,959,900
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 13,247,400	\$ 14,497,400	\$ 13,847,600	\$ 15,365,700	\$ 11,454,200	\$ 13,664,100

Notes:

- (1) Budget net = Budget brut moins subventions, si applicable.
Net budget = Gross budget less grants, if applicable.
(2) Les années précédentes une dette était prévue pour la portion provinciale.
Previous years, a debt issuance had been planned for the provincial portion.

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Pay-by-plate parking, first in Quebec: Cutler

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price with the winning contract given to J.J. MacKay Canada for “a multiple payment system for parking meters.” The contract comes with a five-year guarantee. “I’m very happy with the decision,” said Public Security commissioner Philip Cutler, who was commended by Mayor Peter Trent for persevering with the project and steering it through to adoption. The plan is to have the system up and running in April, Cutler confirmed to the Independent. “This will be a great step forward for Westmount,” he said. “It’s something we can be really proud of: to be the first mu-

nicipality in Quebec to have this system. I think we’re getting a good price because we’re the first. We’re getting a high-end unit they can showcase and get a foot in the door.” Pay-by-plate means the parking payment is linked to the specific vehicle rather than to the space occupied (see story September 15, p. 1). “At the beginning we intend to have all of Westmount as one zone,” Cutler explained. This means that “vehicles that have paid will be able to move from one metered location to another without having to repay, provided there is still time under their vehicle.” The intention, he said, is to introduce

the system throughout the metered locations of the city at the same time using 72 pay stations rather than individual parking meters. Adds 15% more parking “One of the big benefits is that we gain 15 percent more on-street parking,” Cutler explained. This is because parking spaces on the street typically marked out with painted lines in length at about 20 feet to accommodate large SUVs will disappear. Since many cars are shorter, more will be able to park on the same street. “The big thing, however, is that payment will include coin as well as credit cards and mobile payment through a West-

mount parking app that will allow you to pay remotely from inside a store or restaurant.” An ecological advantage is that the pay stations will be solar powered, he said. “Existing meter poles will be removed from the ground making sidewalks more walkable and clearable for snow removal. We will also be able to introduce new bike racks.” Cutler said the new system will also allow for different pricing options in the future, such as special rates for electric vehicles.

'GivingTuesdayWestmount' launched at Selwyn House



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

res Hugessen is president. And now there is GivingTuesdayWestmount, a grassroots movement to promote local generosity. Last year community movements were carried out in Halifax, Ottawa, Guelph, Sarnia, Regina, Calgary and Vancouver creating a platform for a deeper level of engagement between charities, businesses and local residents.

GivingTuesdayWestmount has already inspired partners to work together to help make Westmount one of Canada's most generous communities, according to Hugessen. Participating organizations include local schools The Study, Selwyn House and St. George's, as well as the Batshaw Foundation, Canadian Centre for the Great War, the Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation, Just for Kids Foundation, QE Health Foundation, The Montreal Fluency Centre, Montreal Oral School for the Deaf and Jteens of Westmount. "We are re-

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"Mark a new day on your calendar" suggested **Lys Hugessen**, president of GIV3, during a presentation at Selwyn House on October 5. "December 1 is 'GivingTuesday,' the opening day of the giving season." Following the hype of "Black Friday" and "Cyber Monday" sales, the mission of GivingTuesday is to give back, either with a donation or by volunteering. It is a global movement, and last year involved more than 68 countries.

The GIV3 Foundation, founded and chaired by Westmounter **John Hallward**, created and directs GivingTuesdayCanada, which has 3,600 members. Former local



Lys Hugessen, left, and John Hallward.



Hal Hannaford, left, and Shelley Barton.



Linda Renaud, left, and Woodrow Rosenbaum.

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ally keen to take a leadership role in this movement,” said **Hal Hannaford**, head of Selwyn House.

“It is really easy to get involved,” Hugessen pointed out. “A bit like the ‘Ice Bucket’ campaign, it runs virally on social media and can benefit the charity of your choice.”

The goal of the October meeting was to drive awareness in Westmount, so that the whole community can be on board for December 1, said Hugessen.

At the gathering, Westmounters noted included ECS’ **Shelley Barton**, **Reverend**

Brian Berry, **Karma Price Hallward**, **Reford MacDougall**, **Linda Renaud**, **Susan Sambrook** and **Tony Fagnoli**.

Also present were **Niamh Leonard**, director development, Santropol Roulant; **Caitlin Bailey**, curator, Canadian Centre for the Great War; **Claudia Cavallaro**, **Nikola Elkins**, **James McMillan** and **Woodrow Rosenbaum**, executive director of GIV3.

After the presentation, participants chatted about potential opportunities as they munched on cheese and pâté graciously provided by Selwyn House before departing for home past the school’s massive outdoor display of colourful fall chrysanthemums.



Brian Berry, left, and Reford MacDougall.

SWAT *cont'd. from p. 2*

Said long-time SWAT supporter John Rae and chair of the Best Care for Life Campaign, “We are thankful for the generous support from our community – to Pâtisserie de Gascogne for providing the breakfast today but most importantly, I’d like to thank Mayor [Peter] Trent and Westmount for their tremendous support of

our sport and this recreational facility.”

Also in attendance was recently retired Montreal Canadiens hockey defenseman and Westmouter Mike Weaver; Marie-Josée Gariépy, president Montreal Children’s Hospital Foundation; Westmount mayor Peter Trent ;and city councillors Rosalind Davis, commissioner of Sports and Recreation; and Cynthia Lulham, commissioner of Sustainability and Parks.

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From left: Niamh Leonard, Tony Fagnoli and Caitlin Bailey.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15,

“Climate Cafe for Live Earth: The World is Watching,” at Westmount Park United Church, 4 to 9 pm. 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. Free. Info: 514.937.1146.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

The Montreal Camera Club hosts a special photography presentation “Night and Long Exposure Photography” with Eric Constantineau, 7:30 pm at 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. Free. Info: montrealcameraclub.com.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Manoir Westmount’s bazaar, 12 to 2 pm at 4646 Sherbrooke St. Info: 514.937.3943.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Westmount Historical Association presents “Westmount Train Station: Moving On” by Michael Leduc, Doreen Lindsay and Joumana Chemaly. 7 to 9 pm at the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke St.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Centre Greene’s annual Treats & Treasures craft sale and bazaar, 10 am to 4 pm. Artisans’ work, baked goods, raffle, a light lunch and the Empty Bowls project. Admission is free; proceeds to go to centre’s community programs. 1090 Greene Ave. Info: 514.931.6202.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21 AND
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Magnificent and elegant Greystone residence on the flat with lovely backyard, amazing terrasse, parking +++. MLS 15871958



DOWNTOWN

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WESTMOUNT

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North West corner unit, 1605 sf with astonishing views of the mountain. Renovator's dream MLS 9443527



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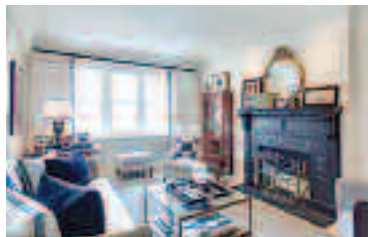
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REVISED PRICE

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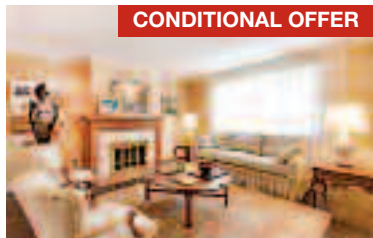
Rue St-Pierre, apt. 370 \$449,000
Located in historical and magnificent Caverhill building is this fully renovated 933 sf loft style condo w/ garage. MLS 21417745



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CONDITIONAL OFFER

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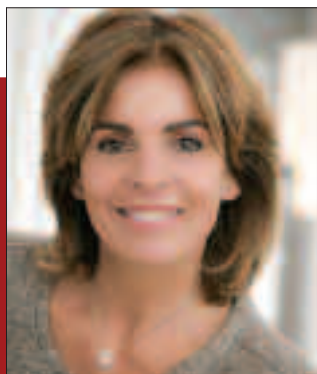
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129 Ch. Bréard \$1,175,000
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STE-AGATHE-DES-MONTS

128 Montée des Samares \$589,000
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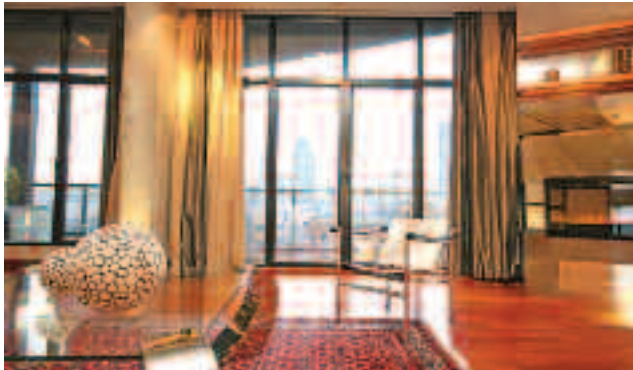
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