

Old ones remain active during phase-in

New library website provides 'dramatic change'

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount Public Library quietly unveiled a new website November 28 that merges the formerly separate catalogue site into a new updated all-in-one site, providing new features and an opportunity to personalize it to the user's own needs.

Users will now be able to receive bi-weekly email listings through "My account" of new acquisitions based on their customized choice of subjects or their selection from a list of more than 50 pre-de-

termined subjects or formats. These include large-print books or children's movies.

"Our intent was to do a soft launch and keep the old sites active because the new interface is a dramatic change," said online services and archives librarian Lora Baiocco.

"We hope people will learn to use the new one quickly, but we also want to give people a chance to fall back on the old sites if they need to and to give us suggestions and feedback." She expects this set-up to continue until spring.

This is a common library practice when introducing a new website, Baiocco explained.

It's also a departure *continued on p. 4*

McClure Gallery brings in nationally renown Inuit sculptors



Lucassie Echallook, left, and Mattiusi Iyaituk were at the McClure Gallery November 20. See story, p. 12.

Photo: Heather Black

Public Works area at Côte des Neiges, Belvedere

Facelift, reforestation of city depot near completion

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A landscaping and environmental redo of Westmount's Public Works depot on Belvedere Rd. just up from Côte des Neiges is all but completed, city officials said last week. It's the first part of a three-year plan to refurbish the summit area.

The \$125,000 depot budget – 50 percent of which is paid by a Quebec government grant – involved naturalizing and sprucing up the entrance to what was once used by

the city as a dump. Nestled into the cliff, it now serves to store items such as large concrete planters, park benches, crushed stone and leaves for composting.

A large amount of asphalt paving has been reduced, 20 invasive trees were uprooted to make way for the indigenous ones now planted. Re-grading has taken place to control drainage off the mountain, and a rusted gate and fence were replaced with ornamental fencing. A view of the rock *continued on p. 23*

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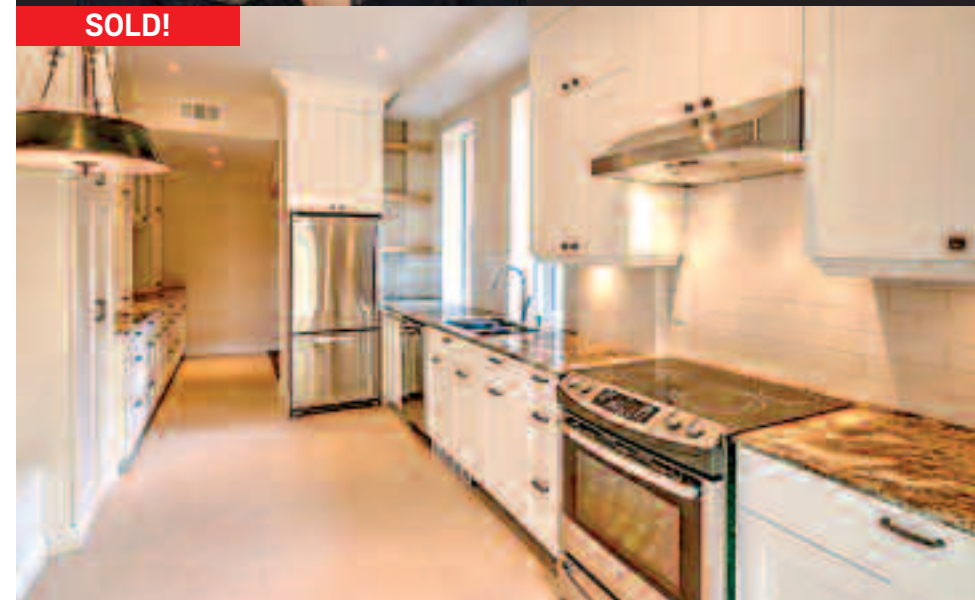
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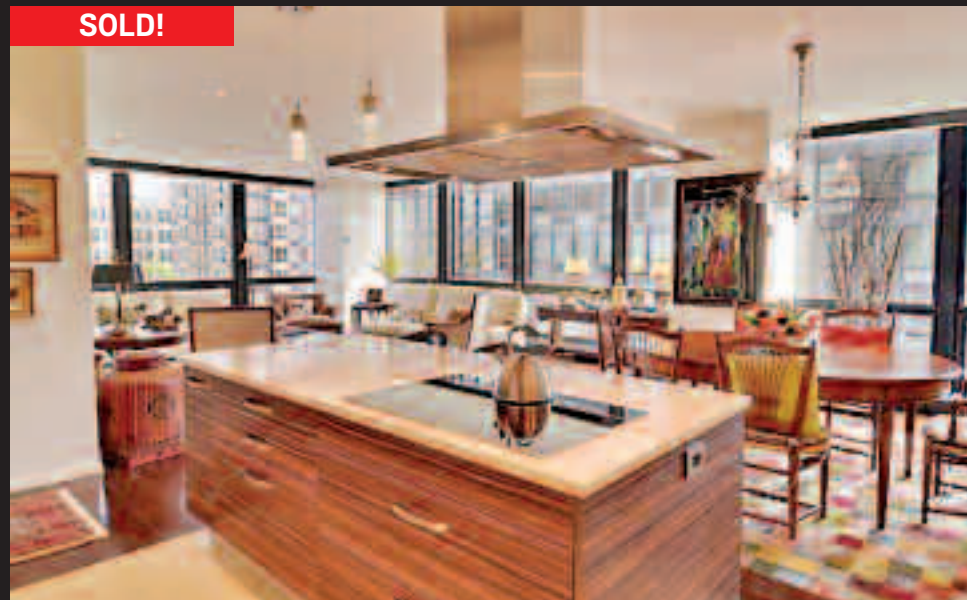
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'Good news' as city's agгло share rises less than 1% for 2016: Trent

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A 0.8 percent increase in Westmount's share of island-wide expenses for 2016 is certainly good news for taxpayers, Mayor Peter Trent said last week. The city's "quote part" was known November 25 with the tabling of Montreal's \$5-billion budget, which includes the agglomeration portion.

"There's no question about that. It will help taxes next year," Trent said, noting this was the second year in a row for "a quite modest" increase. "We're getting some relief," he added. The city was presented with double-digit agгло hikes a few years ago.

As a result, the city's agгло assessment for 2016 is expected to be \$51.7 million

compared with this year's \$51.3 million, he said.

While Trent declined to speculate on what impact this might have on Westmount's own tax rate to pay for the budget to be brought down December 14, the agгло portion last year accounted for about 50 percent.

The remaining half goes to Westmount's local operations. For these, the city has limited tax increases for 2016 to the rate of inflation (at some 2 percent) excluding capital works projects (see story November 10, p. 2).

Westmount was one of three of the 15 demerged municipalities to have any agгло increase at all for 2016 along with Town of Mount Royal and Montreal West, Trent

said. This results from the city's "disproportionate increase in property valuation." The collective share of agгло expenses to be borne by the demerged cities dropped by \$1.3 million to under 1-percent increase.

"I think this shows the good rapport we have with (Montreal mayor Denis) Coderre," explained Trent, who is president of the Association of Suburban Municipalities.

Dec. 1 ushers in parking changes, off-leash hours for dogs in Summit Woods

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

With the start of December, Public Security officials are asking drivers to take

special care to check out parking signs. Winter restrictions now in effect limit parking to one designated side only on many streets. "Check the signs before you park," advised Public Security director Greg McBain.

While street maintenance hours no longer apply, "with the snow starting, people should be on the lookout for snow-removal signs."

As well, effective December 1 as per the current by-law, dogs are allowed to go off-leash in Summit Woods from 6 am to midnight when the park curfew comes into effect but must be accompanied by their keeper.

Also worth noting is the end of an extension granted until November 20 for using leaf blowers in the fall clean-up period.



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Library to ‘replace’ 2009 website

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from the way in which the city’s main web-site – Westmount.org – was introduced August 4, 2014. The old one with all its accumulated documentation and by-laws suddenly became inaccessible and information was lost to the user (see story August 19, 2014, p. 7).

Living together till spring

Living together for now, all three library sites are accessible through westlib.org. On the homepage, users will find a notice asking them to try the new website. The old one launched in 2009. The catalogue website is a separate system that preceded it.

“Technology has moved so quickly since 2009 that we needed more functionality,” Baiocco said. “We also needed a more user-friendly interface and a single environment for navigating between the two web-site sites.”

This is in fact the third rendition of westlib.org since the original one dating to 1996, she said.

The new site was two years in the making and was co-ordinated and implemented by Baiocco and librarians Julie

Bouchard and Daniel Miguez de Luca, assisted by a designer and programmer.

At the unveiling last Saturday during the library’s open house called “After

Hours at the Library,” those attending had an opportunity to access and navigate the new site assisted by Baiocco and Bouchard.



Librarians Lora Baiocco, left, and Julie Bouchard preview the new site November 27.

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Book sale sets yet another record: \$19.4K

This year's fall book sale November 21 and 22 for the Westmount Public Library raised the highest amount ever, \$19,429, according to organizer Carolyn O'Neill. The previous record set last year at the same time was \$17,855.

The semi-annual sales by the Friends of the Library help fund recurrent programs such as the "Fast Reads" and the

"Book Club in a Bag," along with special projects and needs. "Last year, we got extra money for purchasing children's music on CDs as well as teen books on CD," said library director Julie-Anne Cardella. Usually, she explained, the librarians and section heads get together to discuss their needs and then make a presentation to the Friends' board.

Centre Greene's fundraiser to raise over \$4,000

This year's Treats and Treasures craft sale at the community centre on Greene Ave. had the highest attendance ever, according to Beth Symansky, executive di-

rector of the Greene Avenue Community Centre.

"We had a steady flow all day and looks like we had about 600 people, which makes it definitely the best attended year so far," said Symansky.

Westmounter Erica Bloom, a member of the board of directors, has been organizing the event for some 20 years.

Last week, the organization was still adding up its sales as it continued to sell certain items, but it expected to make over \$4,000, up from \$3,300 made last year.

"We were at full capacity this year with 33 vendors, and we have already started accepting requests for next year," said Symansky.

Complaint of noisy party at 7 pm

Public safety officers reported checking out a complaint about a loud party on Hillside Ave. November 21 at 7 pm and advised those involved that police would be called on a second complaint. None was received. The party-goers stated they thought their laughter and voices were at an acceptable level. The gathering numbered about 15.



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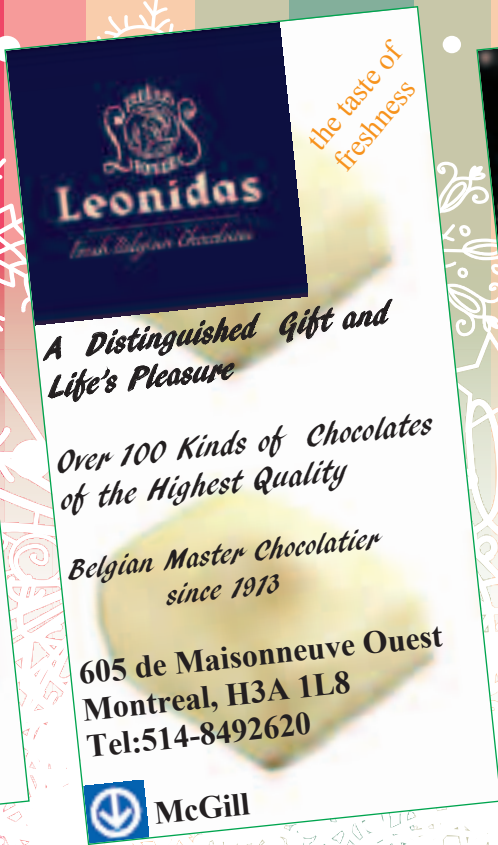
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(RE) READ JUNE LETTER FROM MAYOR TO UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENS TO SURPLUS

It appears that your regular correspondent, Thomas LaPierre, did not read my letter mailed to all Westmounters in June of this year. This is unfortunate; as, had he done so, he would have found therein the answers to the questions he laid out in his letter “2016 Property tax up – should be down” (November 24, p. 8).

In his comments about the size of our surplus, he has overlooked a little thing called debt. A good portion of our surplus has been set aside to pay off debt as it comes due; another amount is earmarked for increased investment in infrastructure.

In my June 18 letter, I took pains to point all this out and how, through the use of surplus, the city of Westmount was doing very well at the job of reducing its net debt.

I'd be happy to deliver another copy of my letter to Mr. LaPierre's house. To save me the trouble, he could click on the link: http://westmount.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/MayorLetter_2015b_EN.pdf

PETER TRENT, MAYOR OF WESTMOUNT

NOT 'US,' 'THEM'

I was not happy to read the article “Council denies superhospital's request to use Glen Rd. access for work” (November 24, p. 1). I think it is wrong to think of the superhospital as “them” and Westmounters as being “us.” Nearly all of us will need their services at one point in our lives. So why are we acting like this? I would be proud to read one day an article about how we helped the hospital. So here's an idea. I have been waiting a few years on Westmount to be able to order a tree to be planted in memory of my mother in law. I would love it if one could be planted on the hospital grounds so the staff and the patients could enjoy it. I'm sure there are other Westmounters who would join me.

ELENA JONES, STAYNER ST.

Correction

In “MGH Auxiliary staying at the hospital,” (Nov. 24, p. 15), we were incorrect as to the time and reason for the closing of the Royal Victoria Hospital's auxiliary. The timing has not yet been determined, and it is not happening because of a lack of space for it at the new super-hospital.

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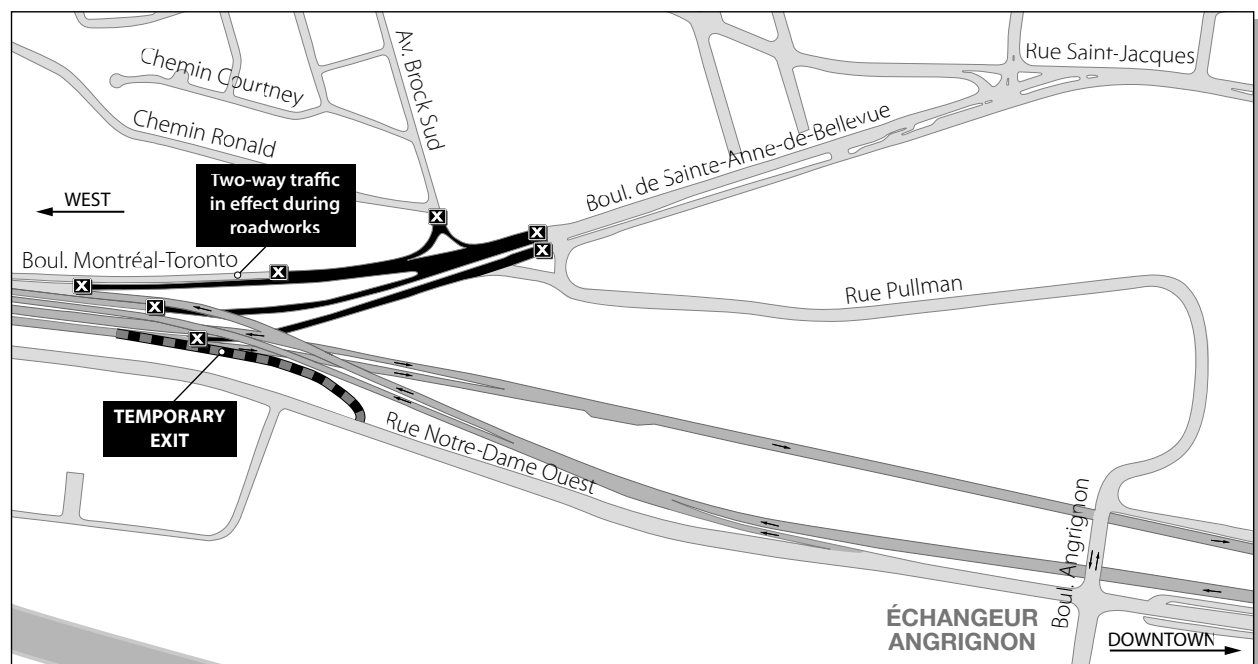
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Traffic, drugs, noisy young people amongst concerns voiced to local police at public meeting

By JOANNE PENHALE

The eastern edge of Westmount and adjacent Shaughnessy village downtown were the most common areas discussed during a public meeting hosted by officers from local police Station 12.

“This is going to affect our plan of action for 2016,” Constable Adalbert Pimentel told residents and community representatives at the Westmount Public Library November 23, describing the information-gathering purpose of the meeting.

Lighting at night, community events, visible presence of police officers and their approachability were among the responses when residents were asked what increased their sense of security.

Traffic concerns were discussed extensively at the meeting, including safety for pedestrians and cyclists especially along the de Maisonneuve bike path. Westmounters also asked police to address erratic driving and speeding, including along Côte St. Antoine, with strategies like speed patrols.

Several residents from Shaughnessy vil-

lage and the adjoining east side of Westmount attended the meeting. Concerns in that area included drugs, prostitution and drunkenness. Area residents also generally acknowledged their sense of safety in that area had improved in recent years.

Concerns over noisy congregations of young people were also raised, including students outside Dawson College and loitering groups near the McDonald’s on Sherbrooke St.

Pimentel encouraged residents to contact the station by phone or email with any non-urgent concerns. “The more people that complain, the more [resources] we put into it.”

Asked what police approaches should be avoided, attendees said guns, verbal aggression and encroaching on personal space.

While discussing how residents and community partners can increase security, several attendees agreed that an increased sense of community amongst neighbours is advantageous.

Station 12 of the Montreal police covers Westmount as well as part of Ville Marie



Constable Stephan Laperrière, far left, was one of seven police officers at the Westmount Public Library on November 23, surveying residents and representatives of community groups about security in the area served by Station 12. Those at the public meeting were divided into English and French-speaking groups.

as far as Guy St.

Other than police officers and a representative from Westmount Public Secu-

rity, Sergeant Yook Wong, 13 people participated at the meeting.


Healthy City displays emergency prep tips for winter

With the approach of winter, a Healthy City Project and the city’s Public Security team are once again providing a display in Westmount Public Library on emergency preparedness and how to prepare a survival kit for the first 72 hours without electricity or other crisis situations.


A list of suggested items for a survival kit

may be found on the Environment Canada website.

Visitors to the display will have an opportunity to answer a brief quiz and have a chance to win a wind-up radio, said city communications coordinator Maureen Lafrenière.




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City, Zalzal to be cited for initiating 'Jessica' truck safety

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city and its retired Public Works director Marianne Zalzal are to receive certificates of appreciation for their leadership in developing and installing city trucks with side guards and blind-spot cameras to increase pedestrian safety. They are to be recognized at the council meeting December 7.

In announcing the citations last week, Councillor Cynthia Lulham said the certificates would be presented by Jeanette Holman-Price on behalf of the Jessica Campaign.

Jessica Holman-Price, her 21-year-old daughter, was killed by a contractor's truck involved in snow removal operations December 19, 2005 at Strathcona and Sherbrooke. Jessica slid under the wheels while

saving her brother, aged 10 at the time, for which she was posthumously awarded Canada's Medal of Bravery.

Championed by Lulham and the city, truck safety became a mission for Zalzal, who initiated the development of a prototype yellow safe-guard for the Westmount trucks. It soon became a model for use in some other Montreal municipalities (see story, November 17, 2009, p. 3).

Three years later, the first city trucks were outfitted with cameras allowing the driver to view blind spots behind and to the side (see stories December 4, 2012, p. 8).

By the time Zalzal had retired, the city had equipped almost its entire fleet of large Public Works and Hydro Westmount trucks with safeguards and cameras.

It was one of her proudest "legacies," she told the *Independent* in a retirement in-

terview earlier this year (see story April 21, p. 5).

"For an engineer, anything you can do for safety makes you feel good," she said.

Meanwhile Lulham worked at the level of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, which has been lobbying Transport Canada to mandate the obligatory use of safe-guards.

In introducing a resolution to this effect at the February 2 city council meeting in 2009, Lulham stated that Westmount was

the first municipality in Quebec to do so. At the same time, she said council had asked the city staff to look into retrofitting its current larger trucks with the devices.

"A simple thing like this can save lives," she stated of the local initiative. "I'm proud of our Public Works and happy we're setting an example."

Through the years, Lulham has kept in touch with Jessica's mother, who now lives in Newfoundland.

Sculptors address audience at McClure

A special artists' and curators' talk November 20 brought Inuit sculptors Lucassie Echalook and Mattiusi Iyaituk to the McClure Gallery at the Visual Arts Centre to discuss their current exhibition *Between Tradition and Innovation*.

Well known in the arts community across Canada – both have works in the National Gallery of Canada – the two shared their work, technique and traditions to a rapt audience.

Both are from Nunavik. Echalook – through interpreter and curator Beatrice Deer – explained his narrative scenes of a northern legend and a personal encounter

with a polar bear.

Iyaituk, an abstract artist who combines stone with the traditional materials such as antler or ivory, described how he learned the craft from his brother and father.

The event was moderated by curator Victoria LeBlanc, director of the Visual Arts Centre, and curator Louis Gagnon, director of Museology at the Avataq Cultural Institute in Westmount.

Between Tradition and Innovation continues until Wednesday, December 16 at the McClure Gallery, 350 Victoria Ave.

– Heather Black

See photo, p. 1.



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BUDGET 2016

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné par le soussigné, greffier de la Ville de Westmount, QUE :

- 1° le budget de la Ville de Westmount pour l'exercice financier 2016 sera déposé pour adoption au cours d'une séance extraordinaire du conseil municipal qui se tiendra le lundi 14 décembre 2015, à 19 h 30 dans la salle du conseil de l'hôtel de ville situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount; et
- 2° lors de cette séance, les délibérations du conseil et la période de questions porteront exclusivement sur le budget.

De plus, une seconde séance extraordinaire du conseil se tiendra le même jour à 20 h pour l'adoption d'un ordre du jour distinct, se rapportant à l'adoption du budget 2016.

DONNÉ à Westmount, le 1^{er} décembre 2015.

BUDGET 2016

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

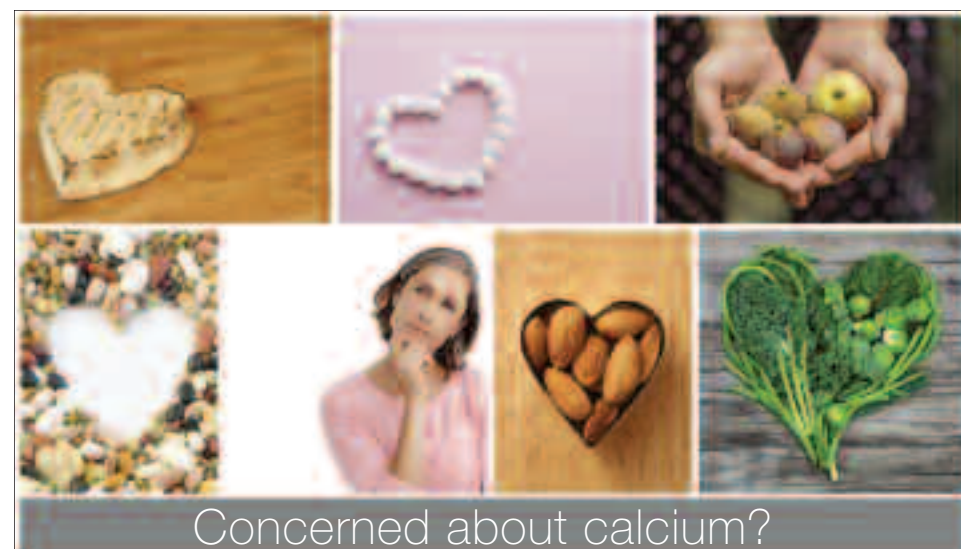
1. the budget of the City of Westmount for the fiscal year 2016 will be tabled for adoption at a special sitting of the municipal Council to be held on Monday, December 14, 2015, at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber at City Hall located at 4333 Sherbrooke West Street, Westmount; and
2. at said special sitting, the Council deliberations and the question period shall deal exclusively with the budget.

Furthermore, a second special Council sitting will be held the same day at 8:00 p.m. for the adoption of a separate agenda relating to the adoption of the 2016 budget.

GIVEN at Westmount, on December 1st, 2015.

Martin St-Jean
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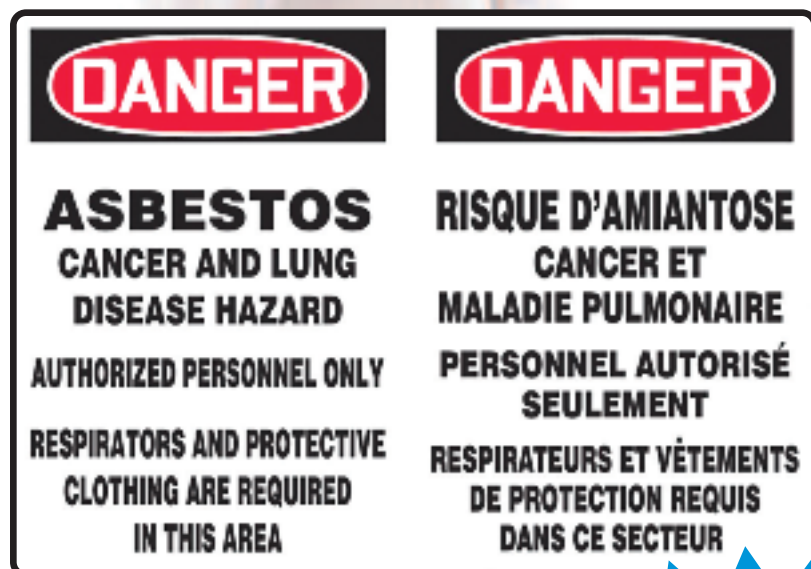
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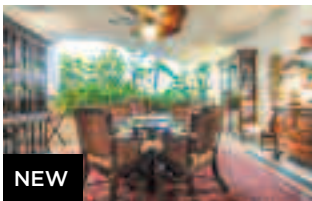


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For Andy Dodge's analysis, see p. 19.

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BIBLIOTHÈQUE

Conférences de 14 h : Maria Korab-Laskowska
Le mercredi 2 décembre, 14 h. « *Buton, Lombok and Komodo Islands* ». Info : 514 989-5299.

Atelier de poésie avec Ann Lloyd

Le mercredi 25 novembre, 10 h 15. Le Groupe de poésie compose des poèmes à partir de thèmes proposés par les membres. Info : 514 989-5300.

Ciné-Club du vendredi : *Boychoir*

Le vendredi 11 décembre, 14 h. Info: 514 989-5300.

Club de lecture en français : Deon Meyer

Le lundi 14 décembre à 13 h. Info: 514 989-5300.

Cercle de lecture *Finnegans Wake* de Joyce : « *The Boaters and Sifters of ALP* »

Le mercredi 16 décembre, 19 h. Vous êtes invités à vous joindre au groupe de lecture, et à plonger tête première dans une discussion passionnée sur l'œuvre magistrale de James Joyce, *Finnegans Wake*. Apportez votre copie du livre Info : 514 989-5300.

Films pour la période des fêtes (4 ans et +)

Les mercredis 23 et 30 décembre, 14 h, 23 déc: *Shawn the Sheep* ; 30 déc.: *Inside Out*. Gratuit. SVP vous inscrire au comptoir des enfants. Info: 514 989-5229.

ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

Exposition: John Davidson, Geneviève Roy et Elizabeth Tsuk

Jusqu'au 12 décembre, Galerie du Victoria Hall. Horaire : lundi au vendredi, midi à 18 h ; samedi et dimanche, midi à 17 h. Info : 514 989-5521.

Concert : Une veillée victorienne

Le mercredi 2 décembre, 19 h 30, Victoria Hall. La Société opératique de l'ouest de Montréal présente *A Gilbert & Sullivan Christmas*. Billets (20 \$ 15 \$ et 10 \$) : 514 990-8813 / www.mwos.org / Victoria Hall.

Théâtre: Dramatis Personæ

Du vendredi 4 au lundi 7 décembre, Victoria Hall. 4 et 5 décembre : 19 h 30 ; 6 décembre : 15 h et 19 h 30 ; 7 décembre : 20 h. La troupe Dramatis Personæ présente *Quick Exits*, une sélection de pièces courtes ; mise en scène : Christopher Moore. Don suggéré 10 \$. Info: 514 484-2016 / theatrewestmount.com.

Prochaine séance du conseil le lundi 7 décembre

Concert : *People's Gospel Choir of Montreal*

Le samedi 5 décembre, 19 h 30, Victoria Hall. Présenté en collaboration avec le Club Rotary de Westmount. Adultes 20 \$, enfants de moins de 12 ans 10 \$. Billets disponibles au Victoria Hall. Info : 514-935-3344.

Illumination du sapin de Noël

Le lundi 7 décembre, 18 h 30, Hôtel de Ville. Joignez-vous aux élus municipaux à l'occasion de cette célébration des fêtes. Don suggéré : aliments non-périssables pour la collecte des fêtes de la Sécurité publique.

Collecte de sang d'Héma-Québec

Le mercredi 9 décembre de 14 h à 19 h 30, Victoria Hall. En décembre, chacun est invité à donner du sang. Donnez du sang, donnez la vie. Info : 514-989-5226.

Fête communautaire de la Hannoukah

Le jeudi 10 décembre, 17 h, Hôtel de Ville. Joignez-vous aux élus municipaux à l'occasion de cette célébration de la fête des lumières, organisée en collaboration avec la Congrégation *Shaar Hashomayim* et le Temple *Emmanu-El-Beth Sholom*. Info : 514 989-5226.

Soirée de danse

Le samedi 12 décembre à 19 h 30, Victoria Hall. Sheila Lawrence présente des choréographes et des danseurs des cours de danse de Westmount. Au programme : ballet, breakdance, jazz, danse moderne et danse du ventre. Adultes 10 \$, enfants 5 \$. Info : 514-989-5393.

Chœur d'hommes gallois de Montréal

Le mercredi 16 décembre à 19 h 30, Victoria Hall. Le chœur d'hommes gallois de Montréal nous revient avec *A Child's Christmas in Wales* de Dylan Thomas. Des chants traditionnels anglais et gallois accompagnent la lecture de Brian Llewellyn-ap-Dafydd de ce conte classique de Noël. Billets disponibles au Victoria Hall ou à la porte. 20 \$ adultes, 15 \$ âge d'or et étudiants. Info : 450-699-7013.

SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE

Collecte d'aliments à Westmount

Jusqu'au 20 décembre. Soutenez la campagne annuelle de la Sécurité publique en déposant des denrées non périssables dans les bacs prévus à cette fin dans les édifices municipaux. Info : 514 989-5222.

Stationnement : restrictions hivernales

À compter du 1^{er} décembre, des restrictions sont en vigueur dans certaines rues ; assurez-vous de bien vérifier la signalisation en stationnant votre véhicule. Info : 514 989-5222.

Rappel des fêtes : soyez vigilants !

Les agents de la Sécurité publique intensifient leurs patrouilles pendant le mois de décembre ; assurez-vous de ne pas laisser d'objets de valeur dans votre véhicule, à la vue de tous.

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Dog Licence Renewals

Get your 2016 dog licence (\$30 ; non-residents, \$50). Permit holders will receive the renewal form by mail. Info: www.westmount.org or 514 989-5200.

Are you ready for an emergency?

Until December 8, Library entrance. Learn about 72-hour preparedness. You could win a wind-up radio!

LIBRARY

2 O'Clock Series: Maria Korab-Laskowska
Wednesday, December 2, 2 p.m. *Buton, Lombok and Komodo Islands*. Info: 514 989-5299.

Poetry Workshop with Ann Lloyd

Wednesday, November 25, 10:15 a.m. The Poetry Group meets to compose poetry together, using themes proposed by members. Info: 514 989-5300.

Friday Film Club : *Boychoir*

Friday, December 11, 2 p.m. Info: 514 989-5300.

French Book Club: Deon Meyer

Monday, December 14, 1 p.m. Info: 514 989-5300.

Reading group for *Joyce's Finnegans Wake: The Boaters and Sifters of ALP*

Wednesday, December 16, 7 p.m. Join the circle skimming the surface or sifting through the layers of James Joyce's *Finnegans Wake*. Bring a copy of the book. Info: 514 989-5300.

Holiday Films (4 years of age and up)

Wednesdays, December 23 and 30, 2 p.m. Dec 23: *Shawn the Sheep*; Dec 30: *Inside Out*. Free. Please sign up at the Children's Desk. Info : 514 989-5229.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Exhibition: John Davidson, Geneviève Roy and Elizabeth Tsuk

Until December 12, Gallery at Victoria Hall. Gallery hours: Mon-Fri, noon to 6p.m.; Sat-Sun, noon to 5p.m. Info: 514 989-5521.

Concert : A Very Victorian Holiday

Wednesday, December 2, 7:30 p.m., Victoria Hall. The Montreal West-End Operatic Society presents *A Gilbert & Sullivan Christmas*. Tickets (\$20, \$15, \$10): 514 990-8813 / mwos.org / Victoria Hall.

Theatre: Dramatis Personæ

Friday, Dec. 4 to Monday, Dec. 7, Victoria Hall. Dec. 4 & 5: 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 6: 3 p.m./7:30 p.m.; Dec. 7: 8 p.m. Dramatis Personæ presents *Quick Exits*, a collection of short plays directed by Christopher Moore. Suggested donation \$10. Info: 514 484-2016/theatrewestmount.com.

Concert: People's Gospel Choir of Montreal

Saturday, December 5, 7:30 p.m., Victoria Hall. Presented in collaboration with the Westmount Rotary

Next Council Meeting

Monday, December 7

Club. Adults, \$20, children under 12, \$10. Tickets available at Victoria Hall. Info: 514-935-3344.

Christmas Tree Lighting

Monday, December 7, 6:30 p.m., City Hall. Join Council members for this holiday celebration. Suggested donation: non-perishable food items for the Public Security holiday collection.

Héma-Québec Blood Drive

Wednesday, December 9, from 2 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Victoria Hall. The public is invited to give the gift of life at the December Blood Drive. Info: 514-989-5226

Community Chanukah Celebration

Thursday, December 10, 5 p.m., City Hall. The City of Westmount, in collaboration with Congregation Shaar Hashomayim and Temple Emmanu-El-Beth Sholom invite the community to participate in this festival of lights at City Hall. Info: 514-989-5226.

Soirée de danse

Saturday, December 12, 7:30 p.m., Victoria Hall. Sheila Lawrence presents choreographers and dancers from Westmount's dance classes in this evening of ballet, breakdance, jazz, modern and belly dancing. \$10 adults and \$5 children. Info: 514-989-5393.

Concert : The Montreal Welsh Male Choir

Wednesday, December 16, 7:30 p.m., Victoria Hall. In a return engagement, The Montreal Welsh Male Choir presents Dylan Thomas' *A Child's Christmas in Wales*. The concert is filled with traditional Welsh and English carols along with the reading of this Christmas story by Brian Llewellyn-ap-Dafydd. Tickets available at Victoria Hall or at the door. \$20 adults, \$15 seniors and students. Info: 450-699-7013.

PUBLIC SECURITY

Holiday Food Drive in Westmount

Until December 20. Support Public Security's annual food drive with a donation of non-perishable food items ; bins are located in City buildings. Info: 514 989-5222

Winter parking restrictions

From December 1st, restrictions are in effect on certain streets; please double-check the signage when parking your vehicle. Info : 514 989-5222.

Holiday reminder: be alert

Public Security officers will increase their patrols in shopping areas this month; we remind everyone not to leave any valuable items visible inside your vehicles.



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August transfers: Higher mark-ups

Real estate

ANDY DODGE, CRA

The 76 Summit Crescent bungalow actually sold 70.6 percent higher than its \$2,080,000 valuation, by far the highest mark-up in the August sales, and this helped pull up the average valuation for the month to 22.7 percent, more than double the 10.7 percent recorded in July and the highest monthly average mark-up compared to the 2014 valuation roll. In fact, for three of the first four months this year, houses sold for an average below parity though for the last four months prices have been above valuation, so for the year so far the average mark-up is six percent. Only three houses in August came in be-

low tax value, while five actually surpassed 30-percent mark-ups.

Condo sales

Two condominium sales for vastly different prices were registered in August, bringing the total for the third quarter (so far) to seven. Apt 708 at 1 Wood Ave. sold in August for \$1,750,000, beating out July's top price of \$1,425,000 for Apt. 902 at Château Westmount Square, 4175 St. Catherine St. The other August sale was \$485,000 for a third-floor apartment at 4410 St. Catherine St., not quite the lowest for the third quarter but second lowest.

So far in 2015, the average mark-up for one- and two-family sales comes to 6.2 percent, while the average for condominiums is 0.9 percent. Depending on what happens in the next few months, the 2017 valuation roll is supposed to represent the market as of July 2015, so as things stand now, we may expect to see a small increase for one- and two-family dwellings, perhaps less so for condominiums, though there may be disparities between different types of apartments and flats.

The following article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in August 2015, gleaned from non-city sources. A list of sales can be found on p. 17.

A lower average price nevertheless translated into higher overall mark-ups for real estate closings in Westmount in August, as a dozen single-family transactions were recorded for an average 22.7 percent above municipal evaluations.

Volume continued to drag, and four of the sales were less than \$1 million, pulling the average price down from \$1,702,344 in July to \$1,547,833 in August, though 76 Summit Crescent brought its owner \$3,550,000, and 70 Summit Circle sold for \$2,580,000. The lowest price was \$735,000 for 4 Chesterfield Ave.

Woman pinned against wall

A public safety officer intervened November 20 on spotting a man appearing to pin a woman against the wall of the Atwater Library at 3:36 am, Public Security officials said. Both were intoxicated. The woman seemed to be resisting his advances so police were called. She did not want to pursue the matter.

Use of leaf blower brings \$148 ticket

A ticket for \$148 was issued November 21 at 4:26 pm for a leaf blower in use on Mount Pleasant, Public Security officials said. The deadline for the fall clean-up period had been extended from November 15 to 20 the day before because of the later fall of leaves.

Garage door closed at 3:45 am

Public Security patrollers noticed a garage door open at 3:45 am at a house on The Boulevard November 18, department officials said. The garage was reported to be full of items and provided potential access to the house. The door was closed.



76 Summit Crescent, highest price, \$3,550,000, had the largest mark-up at 70.6 percent. It was photographed November 24.

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What the schools, their students are up to

By JOANNE PENHALE

ECS gets graphic with bullying

Grade 9 graphic design students at ECS made posters for Anti-Bullying Week, which was recognized November 15 to 21. Using Photoshop, 20 students each made a poster with images and various anti-bullying messages including, “Your words have powers. Use them wisely” and, “Don’t feed the bullies: It will only make them crave more power.” The posters were displayed online and on monitors around the school.

St. George’s student calls for compassion at TEDx

Claudia Lighter, 14, a student at St. George’s, was the youngest speaker at TEDx Youth Montreal on November 14. “If we’re going to prolong life, we’re going to have to make it a life worth living. We’re curing illness, but there’s a new epidemic: elder neglect,” Lighter said before an audience of about 300 at the Collège de Montréal. She also called for compassion to be taught in schools. Event organizers chose Lighter to speak out of about 20 Montreal students between 13 and 17.

Selwyn House students keep sharp

Woodworking is back at Selwyn this September after some decades of not being offered. Science teacher Tom Downey and math teacher Kirk Brydges helped found the school’s new woodshop in a locker room that was not being used. The

school’s parents’ association financed the \$25,000 renovation, which houses several power tools. Grade 9 students are making cherry wood bowls, and passive – or non-electric – speakers for mobile phones.

Ten students from Selwyn came in first place for their performance of a Beatles medley at the Just For Kids Foundation’s G!EE High School Showdown on November 15; the annual event raised \$120,000 to purchase medical equipment at the Montreal Children’s Hospital.

The Study serves up tournament win

The Bantam volleyball team at The Study, with students in grades 7 and 8, came in first place in the Greater Montreal Athletic Association’s Division 3 league. West Island College, Trafalgar and Sacred Heart schools were also in the league. The play-off tournament was held November 3 at West Island College. The team was led coach Rikki Bowles, a physical education teacher at The Study.

Westmount High students to dish out bacon and eggs

On December 18, the last day of school before holidays, from 7:30 to 9 am, students from Westmount High School will prepare and serve breakfast to the school’s parents and broader community. This event is in its 19th year, and about 1,300 breakfasts were served in 2014. The free-of-charge breakfast includes pancakes, eggs,

bacon, sausage, tortière, coffee and orange juice.

Priory helps preemies at JGH

On November 17, students, teachers and staff throughout The Priory elementary school wore purple, the official colour for World Prematurity Day. Teacher Anna Trionfo and her third-grade students also baked and decorated purple cake pops in the school’s kitchen that day. Their baking sales raised \$582 for the Jewish General Hospital Auxiliary’s Tiny Miracle Fund, which helps buy medical equipment for the hospital’s neonatal intensive care unit.

Roslyn gets a makeover

Roslyn elementary school has undergone several building upgrades, with more planned. The Westmount Ave. building has a new roof and heating system. Several interior areas have been painted, including the basement lunchroom, where local graffiti artist Jimmy Baptiste has painted a colourful 50-foot mural, with student input. Five bathrooms have been renovated: automated features include lighting, age-appropriate toilets, soap dispensers and dryers. New lighting is being installed throughout the school, and \$30,000 in grant money will cover schoolyard improvements.

Westmount Park bridges differences

The grade 6 students of Jody Wilson at

Westmount Park School will be creating comic strips about cultural differences in collaboration with Montreal cartoonist Michel Hellman. As part of their preparation for this project, students are beginning online conversations with a class of grade 6 students in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and will learn about linguistic duality, Quebec’s history and stereotypes. The students’ comics strips will be on display at the Blue Metropolis literary festival in April.

Akiva School boasts doctors-in-the-making

Kindergartners at Akiva School practised medicine on their teddy bears with guidance from school parents who work in the medical field. The November 2 Teddy Bear Clinic included 17 doctors, who each set up stations in two kindergarten classrooms, including an obstetrics station, where students used a fetal Doppler to listen for a baby’s heartbeat inside a pregnant Akiva staff member’s belly. Kids were also taught about dentistry and how to bandage their stuffed animals’ limbs.

No window work on Sunday

Work on windows November 22 was allowed to continue at a building on Weredale Park until they could be closed, Public Security officials said. Workers were described as being cooperative when informed of the city’s by-law prohibiting construction on Sundays. A complaint had been received at 8:45 am, and workers were given an hour to finish up.

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NOVEMBER BUILDING PERMITS What's permitted

The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the November 2 meeting of city council.

591 Argyle: at a Category I house, landscaping in the front yard to include the walkway and addition of a handrail provided the railing design is revised to be a guardrail only where dictated by code and to be a handrail for the remaining section closer to the street, and provided the planting bed is extended to the sidewalk;

62 Aberdeen: to replace windows and a door;

603 Clarke, at a Category I house, landscaping on the property on condition the number of Serbian pines is reduced by at least a third;

21 Oakland: to modify window openings, replace windows, build a well for the basement windows and install a fence;

4836 de Maisonneuve: to replace the garage door;

25 Burton: to replace two doors;

31 De Casson: to replace windows provided the centre post is of four inches as per existing windows;

804 Lexington: to landscape and build a new deck at the rear;

627 Victoria: landscaping in the front yard;

9 Willow: to modify some window and door openings, replace windows and doors as well as the front guard rail provided the windows are aluminium-clad wood and the garage door is wood with "a more horizontal expression;"

4451 de Maisonneuve: to install a fence;

521 Clarke: landscaping on condition the height of the decorative porch pilasters (rectangular pillars) is reduced to 24 inches and are of stone.

The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the November 16 meeting of city council.

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4300 de Maisonneuve: at a large apartment complex, to install a transformer and carry out landscaping;

7 Renfrew: to replace windows and repair solarium;

4333 Westmount Ave.: at a Category I house, to install a fence and gates in the rear yard;

1040 Atwater: to replace windows and repair masonry;

619 Belmont: to replace four basement windows and a kitchen storm window on condition it is a guillotine type;

382 Grosvenor: to replace windows;

1359 Greene: to install a projecting sign for "Engel & Völkers";

371 Olivier: to replace front windows;

71 Belmont Cresc.: to cut three spruce trees in the front yard provided a new tree is planted.

Permit needed, quickly obtained

Workers were found using a lift on the sidewalk to scrape old paint outside 311 Metcalfe November 18, Public Security officials said. They were told to obtain a permit to occupy the public way, which they immediately did.



71 Belmont Cresc., photographed November 27. A permit was approved November 16 to remove three of the spruce trees.

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WHA focuses on train station's past, present, future

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

The past, present and future of the former Canadian Pacific Railway (CP) train station at the southern end of Victoria Ave. was the subject of a presentation followed by a discussion during a meeting of the Westmount Historical Association (WHA) at Westmount Public Library on November 19.

Michael Leduc, a railway historian and author whose books include a history of the Glen Yards, said the building – which was put up after an earlier and smaller station was constructed in 1896 near the south end of Abbott Ave. – was erected in 1907.

It was based on a design by CP's chief architect Walter S. Painter. During the 1920s, extensions were added to the station and a tunnel (which still exists, although it is said to be dilapidated) was dug beneath the trackbed so passengers could reach the southern platforms safely. The building saw active use as a commuter and inter-city train station until 1985 when the trains ceased stopping at Westmount station, and it was shut by CP.

But before then, according to Leduc, every train that left or arrived at Windsor station downtown made a stop at Westmount station. This included commuter trains to the West Island when they were still under the exclusive jurisdiction of CP, as well as long-distance trains to Toronto, Quebec City, New York and Atlantic Canada. Beginning in 1955, there was also CP's legendary showcase train, "The Canadian."

Although the vast majority of trains be-

longed to CP, trains from railways such as the Boston & Maine, Delaware & Hudson, New York Central and Canadian National also stopped at Westmount station.

By the mid-1980s, the Vendôme Metro station just west of Westmount in NDG had opened, integrating bus, Metro and commuter train services. While the city of Westmount purchased the Westmount station building in October 1998, it has done little with it since then beyond preserving the exterior.

As CP gutted the interior prior to selling the building, those few who saw the inside up to then, including WHA president Doreen Lindsay, say the building is now little more than an empty shell. Lindsay took pictures of the interior in 1984 before it was gutted and showed a few of them during the meeting.

While the windows have been boarded over by the city for security reasons, Lindsay's seven photos show sunlight streaming in. Among the details she photographed were benches, washrooms with marble stalls and walls, a station master's ticket-stamping machine, and a potbellied stove. It was donated to the city of Westmount and is now in storage at the Public Works yard.

In 1994, according to Lindsay, the building was recognized by the federal government as a heritage railway station with historical, environmental and architectural importance through the Heritage Railway Stations Protection Act. In 1999, Westmount created a special zone around the station to define its possible future use as a heritage interpretation centre, an exhibition centre or the centre of a public park.



Joumana Chemaly, a master's degree candidate in environmental design from the University of Montreal, was one of three presenters at the WHA's November 19 meeting.

In a presentation prepared for the WHA, Joumana Chemaly, a master's degree candidate in environmental design at the University of Montreal, made several suggestions on possible future uses for the building. They included an art gallery, a teen centre, a railway museum, a restaurant or small café, a farmers' market or a facility for patients or their families to be developed in conjunction with the MUHC.

Towards the end of the evening during a question period, Jane Martin said several of Chemaly's suggestions would be unsafe since an active railway line still runs past the empty train station. However, Leduc

said he knew of an instance in Nova Scotia where a former train station on an active railway line has been repurposed as a railroad museum.

The WHA will be holding its last meeting for the year on Thursday, December 17 in the Gallery at Victoria Hall. While it will be primarily a social gathering, according to Councillor Cynthia Lulham, she will be giving a short presentation on the history of the conservatory and greenhouses rather than the previously scheduled tour. Lindsay is also to show photos she took of the conservatory some 15 years ago.

Police Report

Police report more identity thefts in Westmount

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.

After at least one recent report of a mailbox break-in at a Westmount apartment building following which a tenant's identity was stolen, staff at the Montreal police department's Station 12 say theft of personal documentation leading to credit card fraud is also going on.

On November 16, police were notified by staff at a Westmount Royal Bank branch that a Master Card account was opened fraudulently using information stolen

from a senior citizen from Montreal who had an account at the branch.

Two days later, a second incident of a similar nature, involving a Westmount resident in whose name a credit card was fraudulently issued to an identity thief, was reported to the police by the bank branch.

Both incidents "will be going to investigation," community relations officer Stephan Laperrière said last week, while adding that such crimes are looked into by the Montreal police department's general crimes investigation division downtown.

Even though crimes like these are alarming to persons whose identity is used to commit fraud, Laperrière noted that the banks are victimized to a greater extent

because they are legally responsible for this type of credit card loss.

He suggested that a degree of protection from identity theft can be obtained by subscribing to special services offered by credit agencies such as Trans Union and Equifax.

Car/bicycle collision

Around 5:10 pm on November 15, Station 12 officers were called to the corner of Wood Ave. and de Maisonneuve Blvd., where a collision between a car and a bicyclist using the bike path was reported.

According to Laperrière, the vehicle, which was westbound on de Maisonneuve, was negotiating a turn south onto Wood when the cyclist, who was eastbound on de

Maisonneuve, crossed the vehicle's path and ended up hitting its front end.

"The driver was not able to see him until the last second because he was following another vehicle," said Laperrière. Although both drivers had proceeded on a green light, he said the motorist and the bicyclist might both have been at fault by not making sure before proceeding that they had a clear path.

While noting that wearing a bicycle helmet isn't mandatory in the city of Montreal, Laperrière said the cyclist suffered some minor facial and forehead injuries and more serious damage might have been prevented by a helmet. As it was, the injured cyclist was taken to hospital for observation by Urgences Santé.

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cliff was also opened up.

"All of that comes together under our sustainability plan," Councillor Cynthia Lulham said last week. "We focus so much on Summit Woods, but it really includes that whole flank down the [northeast side] of the mountain."

The depot project kicked off an overall three-year plan to refurbish the summit. Half is being subsidized by the Quebec minister of Culture and Communications through the Arrondissement historique et naturel du Mont-Royal (see story February 3, p. 1).

A 'nice, natural' area

"Nothing gets dumped there anymore, and we want it to be a nice, natural area that goes back to the forest," explained Jayme Gerbrandt, city horticulture inspector, who has been managing the project.

The dumping of snow and excavation material at the site was believed stopped

more than 20 years ago.

"Over time, large mounds of soil had built up against the cliff," she said. "These were removed to expose the natural beauty of the rock."

The regrading of existing soil to slow water runoff from the mountain is intended to allow more water to be absorbed into the ground, diverting it from the sewer system and the road, she said.

The removal of sod between driveways used by the Montreal water works and the Westmount depot has made way for re-seeding with wildflowers and grasses next spring. A number of large cement blocks were removed, and more are slated to go.

The work was undertaken after assessments by landscape architect Marc Fauteux and forester Luc Nadeau. On tap for the next two years is integrating the closure of Summit Circle into the nature reserve, restoring vegetation and paths in the nature reserve and revamping drainage.



The entrance to the Belvedere depot November 27 looking north from the new gates and up Belvedere Rd. (at right), shows a large area where asphalt was removed, mounds of earth removed from against the rock face, ground re-graded and returned to the forest using indigenous plantings.

Comin' Up

STARTING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

The 25th SWAT Tournoi starts today and runs until Sunday, December 6. It includes eight teams and a silent auction to be held at the Westmount recreation centre. Fund-raising to benefit neurosurgery at the Montreal Children's Hospital. Info: Howard Hoppenheim at 514.849.4581.

STARTING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

Dramatis Personae will be giving five performances of *Quick Exits* in the Lodge Room of Victoria Hall: Friday, December 4 at 7:30 pm; Saturday, December 5 at 7:30 pm; Sunday December 6 at 3 pm and 7:30 pm and Monday December 7 at 8 pm. Reserve: www.theatrewestmount.com, 514.484.2016 or 514.486.7423. Suggested donation \$10.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

Westmount city council meeting, 8 pm at city hall.

Christmas tree lighting at city hall, 6:30 pm, to be followed by hot chocolate, cookies at the Lawn Bowling Clubhouse. Free; non-perishables for food drive requested. Info: Info: 514.989.5226.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

The city of Westmount, Congregation Shaar Hashomayim and Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom are having a Hanukah ceremony at city hall, 5 pm to 6:30 pm. Reception to follow. Info: 514.989.5226.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

The Faith in Nature Centre at Westmount Park United is hosting a "Climate Café" musical evening, including local musicians, artists and film makers, 7.30 pm at 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. Free. Info: 514.937.1146 or westmountparkuc.org.

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Prince Albert square lights up, merchants stay open late



Photo: Ralph Thompson

An enthusiastic crowd gathered around a Christmas tree in Prince Albert square November 26 at 6 pm. Undeterred by earlier rainfall, locals raised their voices in song with the help of three members of the Burton Street Singers. At 6:15, city councillor Christina Smith plugged in the tree lights and kicked off the Victoria village “holiday madness” event, organized by the city’s Community Events division and Virginia Elliott, its project manager, in collaboration with Victoria Village Merchants’ Association. Hot chocolate was provided by Second Cup, and Glitter and Gold Black Tea was served by Davids Tea, as was homemade sucre à la crème by Councillor Rosalind Davis. Candy sticks and discount vouchers were handed out by Atelier Blow. Merchants in the area stayed open later than usual. “The merchants love the new Prince Albert square. This is becoming an annual event now,” said Councillor Cynthia Lulham.

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Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Calling all artists. On November 5, the McClure Gallery held its second annual *Art au Carré/Square Affair*, showcasing artworks in, yes, squares – some larger than others. Works ranged from oils and watercolours, to prints, ceramics and photo-based works.

Speaking of photography, local Westmount family Szilasi was out in force, photographers each and every one: **Doreen** and **Gabor**, with their daughter **Andrea** and her husband **Michael Merrill** – also an artist but in watercolour – whose son **Lucas** admired the wall works, whilst sipping on his own juice.

Grownups enjoyed red and white wine. Food was simply wonderful, served by none other than the eponymous Westmount firm by the same name.

dots.

Smartly identified by red sashes, volunteers were placed strategically around the works in the warm, crowded room. Then when a piece was purchased, they dashed to the cash area to place the sale and then the coveted red dot.

Noted amidst the keen helpers were **Isabel Baltzan**, **Juliette Geoffrion** and **Alexandria Moisan**, whose dad **Eric Moisan** helped out by ferrying wine to and fro.

Amongst the artists shown were **Paula Gillett**, **Matthew Cope**, **Susan Brainerd** **Alain**, **Ann McCall**, **Bonnie Shemie**, **Susan Scott**, **Dana Velan**, **Bruce Roberts**, **Sara Peck Colby**, **Peggy Ann Turner**, **Eva Lapka**, **Jane** and daughter **Claire Desjardins**, **Gael Eakin**, **Ann Hodes**, **Theresa Passarello**, the evening's organizer, and the gallery director herself **Victoria LeBlanc**.

Westmounter and photographer with the *Indie*, **Ralph Thompson**, showed a montage piece.

Works ranged from \$50 (a lovely collage by **Hélène Chevalier**), to an acrylic collage on

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Theresa Passarello, left, and Victoria LeBlanc.



From left: Richard and Marie Gervais, and John and Cynthia Dinsmore.



Ann McCall

Hungry arrivals started nibbling in the studio/kitchen area before the staff even had time to bring the trays into the art gallery. All raved over the prosciutto-wrapped asparagus and divine maple-rosemary infused salmon bites.

There were 274 works hung on the gallery walls. The event was graciously sponsored by **Scott Yetman Design**, **Garbarino Construction**, **SBSA Consultants**, **Avenue des Arts**, **Stuart Webster Design** and **Marvin Stutman, Architem (Wolff, Shapiro Kuskowski Architects)** and **Printer Net**.

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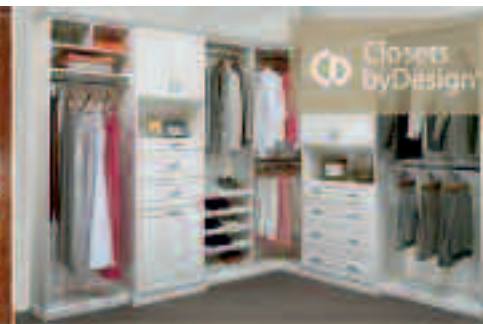
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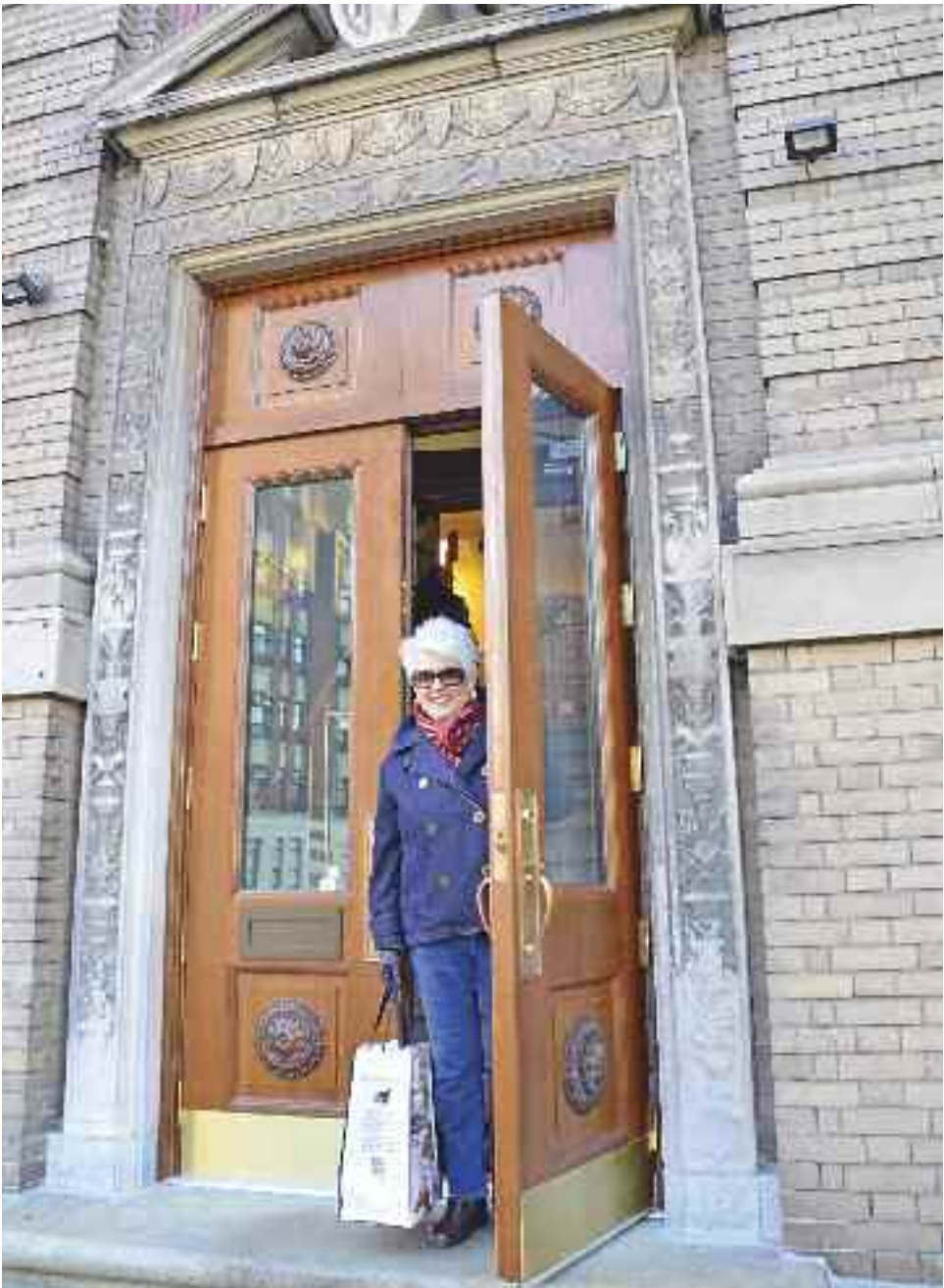
New doors



From left: Gabor Szilasi and Doreen Lindsay flank their grandson Lucas.



From left: Isabel Baltzan, Juliette Geoffrion and Alexandra Moisan.



Atwater Library president Mary Rivard-David is seen here November 20 at the main entrance of the Atwater Library, where sturdy, new oak doors were recently installed during an ongoing building upgrade.

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BY MARTIN C. BARRY

The front entrance of the Atwater Library has a new look in keeping with the building's traditional architecture thanks to two donors.

According to Atwater Library executive director Lynn Verge, the recently-installed all-wood doors resemble the original doors dating back to the building's construction 96 years ago. Those doors were removed some 30 years ago and were replaced with plain glass ones that deteriorated over time and needed replacing.

Westmount resident Richard Pound and David Angus of Montreal, who are co-chairing phase two of the library's capital campaign, personally covered all costs related to the new doors, said Verge. The library's construction manager, Pierre Besner of Développements Abitec, also donated his time and expertise to the door project, she added.

Four years ago, Pound took on the challenge of leading phase one of the capital campaign to raise \$2 million necessary to

finance renovations. According to Verge, those initial funds paid for upgrades for fire and safety code compliance, support beams for the central skylights, new washrooms, auditorium improvements and some new flooring.

More money was needed

However, as work progressed, she said, it became apparent that much more money was needed. Consequently, last year the library launched phase two of the capital campaign, co-chaired by Pound and Angus, with the goal of raising at least \$2 million more.

Verge said around \$1 million is required to repair and secure the envelope of the building by replacing all windows, repointing and cleaning the brick work and masonry, and replacing the central skylight. She said the building ideally would require an elevator to accommodate the physically challenged and serve an aging population. That and some related renovations would cost around \$1 million, she added.

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Westmount, 537-543 Victoria Ave.
One of the finest revenue properties ever offered! LARGE, SPECTACULAR John Hand 4plex. \$500k in quality renos, gorgeous wdwrk, 4 car garage! **\$2,395,000**



Westmount, 646 Lansdowne Ave.
Perfectionist owned home, FULLY renovated, done in top quality and sparing no expense! 4 bdr, 3½ bathrooms, garage + 3 car parking. **\$1,789,000**



Westmount, 557 Lansdowne Ave.
RARELY available. PRIME mid-level location! Remarkably spacious, extensively renovated 4 + 1 bdr. Large garden. 2 car garage. Close to King George Park + the best schools. **\$1,595,000**



Westmount, 709 Grosvenor Ave.
EXCEPTIONALLY handsome, renovated DETACHED 3 (or 4) bdr home loaded w/desirable features. Lovely private garden, woodwork, stained glass. Parking + garage. **\$1,398,000**



Westmount, 11 Parkman Place
SPACIOUS 4 bdr upper duplex. Oak floors, leaded windows. New roof, plumbing, furnace. A LARGE unfinished basement. Competitively priced! **\$2,500/month**



Westmount, 4444 Sherbrooke W. #106
Rarely available + desirable! Spacious, fully reno'd 3 bdr, 2 bath co-op. Well run door-man bldg, roof pool, views. Impeccable! Garage, locker. Washer/dryer. **\$550,000**



NDG, 5310 O'Bryan Ave.
Exceptional find! Sun filled, FULLY renovated, enlarged with a 3 storey extension. Stunning bathrooms, kitchen, new windows, halogen lighting, newly built garage... **\$659,000**



Downtown, Le Chateau
SPECTACULAR! The ULTIMATE in high end luxury living at Downtown's premier address. TOTALLY renovated 1,550 sq ft 1 bdr co-op apt. Truly breathtaking. **\$1,095,000**



Westmount, 22 Renfrew Ave.
Exquisite, QUALITY home with exceptional curb appeal. Prestigious location. AMAZING value! Beautiful leaded windows, oak floors + woodwork. Possible 2 car garage. **\$1,325,000**

SOLD by Brian in 8 days @ 96%!



Westmount adj., 4855 Roslyn Ave.
BREATHTAKING spacious 4 bdr, 3½ bath S/D. French doors to a STUNNING garden w/ intimate patio + spa. A/C, Pella windows, new kitchen. Garage + 2 car pkg. **\$1,300,000**

Listed & SOLD by Brian in 5 days @ 90%!



NDG, 5568 Notre Dame de Grace Ave.
PRIME Monkland Village! Opportunity for value. Requires renovations. Garage + parking. Loads of original character. Priced to sell, and it WILL at this price! **\$649,000**



SOLD

Westmount, 234 Metcalfe Ave.
STUNNING, architectural marvel blending 21st c. cutting edge design with Victorian elegance. Renov. from top to bottom. 5 bdr, 4½ baths. 2 car garage + pkg. **\$1,399,000**



SOLD @ 100%!

Westmount, 7 Douglas Ave.
Fully renovated, "John Hand" built home. Exceptional woodwork/stained glass. Peaceful, family friendly location. 4 bdrms, 3½ bathrooms. Garage and garden. **\$1,259,000**



SOLD @ 98%!

Westmount, 20 Thornhill Ave.
Impeccable 3+1 bdr 1923 home. City views, + sunny SW exposure, large garden. Reno'd kitchen + bathrooms. Oak woodwork, leaded windows. 2 car prkg. **\$1,198,000**



SOLD @ 97%!

NDG, 4196 Beaconsfield Ave.
One of the prettiest homes in NDG. MOVE-IN condition. 4+1 bdrs. Beautifully renov. kitchen + bathrms. Ideal Monkland Village location. Original wdwrk + charm. **\$818,000**



SOLD @ 100%!

Westmount, 25 Burton Ave.
Spacious, well loved 1905 townhouse. **\$798,000**



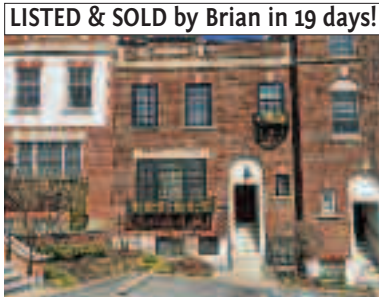
SOLD by Brian in 2 days @ 98%!

Westmount, 611 Roslyn Ave.
Elegantly spacious home! **\$1,395,000**



SOLD!

Westmount, 765 Upper-Belmont Ave.
IMPECCABLY maintained. 5 bdrs. **\$1,498,000**



LISTED & SOLD by Brian in 19 days!

Ville Marie, 28 Place de Richelieu
Downtown living combining the luxury of strolling to the finest stores + restaurants, inner court location. TOTALLY + EXQUISITELY redone, sparing NO expense! **\$1,695,000**

#5 in Quebec for Re/Max 2014*

#7 in Quebec for Re/Max 2013**