

Public meeting presents local perspective

## Bill 3 pension reforms not expected to improve city's cash flow for 15 years

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Most cash savings to the city that will result from provincial pension reform Bill 3 are, by law, to be put into paying down the \$22-million deficit in the employee pension plan, Mayor Peter Trent said after a public meeting January 19. The reason for this is to accelerate the process.

"In the short term, these savings will

not immediately provide any huge relief in pension costs to the city," he explained. "The situation will slowly improve after 15 years so we won't leave a legacy of underfunding."

"Essentially, Bill 3 puts a cap on our heretofore spiralling pension-fund costs, and brings them down to earth quicker."

The pension meeting at city hall was a legal requirement of Bill 3 (now Law 15) before the start of required negotiations with unions by February 1.

The new law provides a ..... framework for the re- continued on p. 10

## Mackay announces \$220K for Batshaw



Federal Justice minister Peter MacKay held a news conference at Batshaw Youth and Family Centres in Westmount January 20 to announce a funding package for the organization. See story, p. 3.

Photo: Michael Moore

## Charges for 1, 2 tickets for another

## Graffiti pair caught in night pursuit by Public Security

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Public safety officers pursued and caught two young men in the early hours of January 18 after a patroller spotted them spraying graffiti at 4467 and 4473 St. Catherine St., Public Security officials said. The two were apprehended at different locations and led to waiting police.

An 18-year-old was to be charged with criminal mischief. A 15-year-old was is-

sued two tickets for \$118 each for defacing private property and obstructing the work of a municipal officer. Both lived on Marlowe in NDG.

"Hopefully, the arrests will lead to an investigation into other incidents which bore similar types of tags," said Public Security director Greg McBain.

Relating how the recent incident unfolded, he said it was at ..... 4:33 am when one officer continued on p. 8



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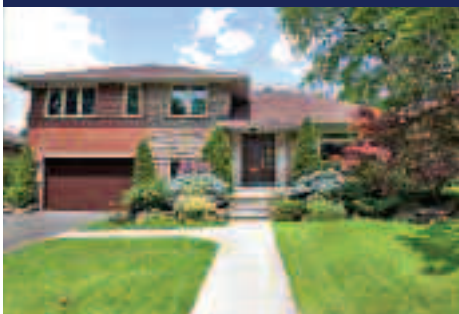


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# Turcot update meeting draws ire of residents

By MICHAEL MOORE

Though construction on the long-awaited Turcot interchange project is finally set to begin, Transport Quebec still has a long way to go to build Westmounters' trust in the development, based on the mood at a January 14 information session.

A quartet of representatives from the Ministère des Transports du Québec (MTQ) hosted the meeting in Victoria Hall to allow Westmounters an opportunity to share their concerns surrounding the reconstruction.

Work on the five-year, \$3.7-billion project is due to start this spring, with the winning bidder, the US-based consortium KPH Turcot, signing the contract in late February.

Those representatives ended up getting an earful from dissatisfied residents who expressed their frustration both with the MTQ's presentation and the ramifications the project will have on the city.

The presentation by Stéphan Deschênes, director of the Turcot project, consisted of a brief PowerPoint slideshow projected on a screen to one side of the hall, making it difficult for the roughly 25 audience members to read.

"When you're holding a meeting like this and you have a lot of people in the hall,

## Intoxicated man driven home on cold night

Public safety officers drove a resident of NDG home January 25 after finding him in a bus shelter at Wood and Sherbrooke at 1:48 am, Public Security officials said. He was described as being in an advanced state of intoxication on a very cold night. Officers waited until he was inside on Grey Ave. and had closed the door behind him.

this is completely invisible to your audience. It's absolutely useless," said one resident. "It's almost an insult to have the audience come here to learn something about the project and not be able to visualize anything."

Details about the planned construction process also received a tepid response in the ensuing Q&A period, with multiple residents and city councillor Cynthia Lulham expressing concerns about sound and dust pollution.

"When we worked with [former project director Alain] Dubé, we were guaranteed that there would be no work at night, and there would be portable sound barriers, dust protectors and noise measurement. Is that still true or has that changed because you've hired somebody else?" asked Lulham.

"I've been with the project since 2008, and it's always been clear that there could be work done 24 hours a day. Only being able to work during the day would mean the project takes 10 years to complete," said deputy director Martin Giroux.

However, Giroux stated that the sound regulations for night-time work are significantly stricter than during the day.

KPH Turcot's contract, which will become public after it is signed, requires it to use certain measures, including sound proofing materials and anti-dust devices, said Transport Quebec spokesperson Sarah Bensadoun. An on-site inspection team will also be used to supervise the conditions and investigate complaints.

Additionally, Giroux said the Bon Voisinage committees in the Southwest borough and NDG/Westmount will forge a dialogue between residents and the contractor to help deal with complaints.

"Bon Voisinage is a good thing, but you also need a link with the city and I think that is currently missing," replied Lulham.

## City clerk to leave after two-year contract

At a special meeting of city council called on short notice January 21, a resolution was approved not to renew a two-year contract with the current director of Legal Services and city clerk. Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza was hired to the position on a contractual basis in April 2013, it states.

At the present time, Nicole Dobbie, the assistant director of Legal Services will be in charge of the department, said city di-

rector general Mike Deegan the next day. "No decisions have been made going forward regarding the director position."

Iturriaga Espinoza had replaced acting city clerk Nancy Gagnon on her departure to Dollard des Ormeaux after many years in Westmount, followed by Dobbie who was recently appointed on a permanent basis to the assistant director position.

— LS

## Batshaw to receive \$220,000 in federal funding for at-risk youth

Member of parliament and federal minister of Justice and attorney general of Canada Peter MacKay announced a three-year, \$220,000 federal funding package for Batshaw Youth and Family Centres on January 20. The funding is earmarked for the creation of programs to support young offenders' reintegration into society and to steer high-risk youth away from gang involvement. The initiative is part of the federal government's Guns, Gangs and Drugs component of Youth Justice Fund, which provides \$4.5 million annually to support programs for youths aged 12 to 17 who have already had run-ins with the law. Batshaw is located on Weredale Park St. in Westmount.

— Michael Moore

## House egged on Anwoth

The resident of a house on Anwoth Rd. reported he had arrived home January 18 to find it had been splattered with five eggs, Public Security officials said.

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*Winter carnival to take place Feb. 5-7*  
**Family cruise night ‘returns’  
to Hawaii, adult dance  
restored**

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

From the sun and heat of Hawaii to a day of skating, sleigh rides, a sugar shack and bonfire, Westmount’s winter carnival is scheduled to take place Thursday, February 5 to Saturday, February 7. Dubbed “Frosty Fun,” the annual event kicks off with a seniors’ luncheon at Contactivity centre.

A new event this year is an adult carnival dance to wind up activities that features a DJ and music from the ’60s, ’70s and ’80s, said Sports and Recreation director Dave Lapointe.

It’s the first time a Saturday night carnival dance has been planned in two years, organized by Elizabeth McCallum and a group of other volunteers from the Community Events Advisory Committee (CEAC). The theme doesn’t require any dancing skills, said Community Events co-

ordinator Virginia Elliott. “On a cold night, people just need to get out there moving.”

Tickets for this event and for a Friday night Hawaiian Luau party for the family go on sale at Victoria Hall January 26.

**Outside on Saturday**

The daylong winter activities Saturday take place between 10 am and 4 pm, operating from the site of the winding outdoor skating rink in Westmount Park near the comfort station.

“That will be the centre where we’ll be serving hot chocolate, hot dogs at lunch and where we’ll be running the scavenger hunt,” Lapointe said.

Residents who put out a Christmas tree for recycling might even be able to find it among the many that have been placed on the snow banks around the rink, Lapointe said.

General skating will *continued on p. 7*



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# Watson inducted into Canadian Mining Hall of Fame

By MICHAEL MOORE

After a five-decade career scouring the earth for precious minerals, Westmount resident Mackenzie “Mac” Watson received his latest recognition when he was inducted into the Canadian Mining Hall of Fame January 15 in Toronto.

“I was quite surprised to be inducted. I’ve had quite a bit of success in the mining exploration field, but I never thought it would come to the day where I’d actually be nominated and inducted into the Hall of Fame,” he said. He was one of four inductees for 2015.

Founded in 1988 and encompassing over 160 members, the Mining Hall of Fame celebrates the lifetime achievements of pioneers in the field in Canada.

The induction caps off a 50-year mining career for the Howick, Quebec native, who first entered the field after graduating with a BSc in geology from the University of New Brunswick in 1959.

Over the next 50 years, Watson would garner numerous accolades from his mining peers, including the Canada Prospector of the Year award in 1991 for discoveries including the Holloway gold mine, and again in 2009 for the chromite discovery in

the Ring of Fire in northern Ontario.

“I’m not the type who goes out looking for awards and such. I believe you go out and do a job and do it the best you can,” he said.

“The people who have been around me in my career are the ones who have made me successful. I’m the first one to admit it. If you have good people working with you, you’ll always be successful. It’s always a team effort in the exploration business,” he said.

## Looking back on career

Looking back on his career, Watson hoped his lasting legacy would be one of honesty with other prospectors.

“If you play fair with them and give them a fair deal, they’ll come back to you. Word gets around that, ‘Mac gives you a fair shake, so why not deal with him?’ It’s very important to keep that rapport,” he said.

His company, Freewest Resources Canada Inc., was purchased by Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. in 2010, and Watson is now “mostly retired.” However, he still sits on the technical advisory boards of several junior mining companies, imparting some of the wisdom he’s gained throughout his



Mac Watson gives his acceptance speech at the Canadian Mining Hall of Fame dinner and induction gala January 15.  
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career.

“I was mentored when I was first starting out, and I’d like to do the same thing

for the younger people running the companies now,” he said.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## WMA MOVING FORWARD

The Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) is Canada's oldest municipal association, founded as a volunteer organization in 1908 to promote sound civic government. Since then, its role has been to act as a link between residents and the city administration and to promote active involvement and participation in the Westmount community. The WMA has always been non-partisan.

A key strength of the WMA is the multiplicity of its board, reflecting the diversity of the eight [municipal] electoral districts in Westmount. Composed of members with a variety of backgrounds and talents, the board has always sought to reach a consensus by considering all sides of an issue.

Despite statements to the contrary, the WMA has never had a policy of "one-board, one voice" and does not operate a "whip." To this end, the board unanimously approved, in August 2014, a set of guiding principles for its directors. Note the past president position is honorary (without voting rights) and the president only votes if there is a tie.

The board values the opinions of all of

its directors. The WMA's governance document is available on the WMA website at [www.wma-amw.org](http://www.wma-amw.org).

Moving forward in 2015, the WMA will be focusing on the following areas of interest to the community: finance, transportation, patrimony, tenants' issues and external issues.

The key external issues that will affect Westmount are the impending opening of the MUHC and the reconstruction of the Turcot interchange.

The WMA invites all interested residents to join us and participate in making Westmount the community we all can be proud of. The nominating committee to select the board for 2015-2016 will be formed shortly, and we will be soliciting the community for input to name the Derek Walker Volunteer of the Year. These will be revealed at our AGM to be held in early May.

PAUL MARRIOTT AND MAUREEN KIELEY,  
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## WMA PLAYS AN IMPORTANT, POSITIVE ROLE

The Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) has been playing an import role in

our community for many years, and its accomplishments are thanks to the efforts of its volunteers who devote their time to help improve the liveability of our community.

The WMA helps inform residents about issues affecting them and gives residents a voice by bringing their concerns to the attention of city officials. In some cases, it also works with residents and officials to help resolve issues in a favourable manner.

The WMA also advises and assists other volunteer organizations in our community thereby helping them be more effective.

By way of example, over the next few years two large projects on Westmount's doorstep (MUHC health complex and the the Turcot rebuild) will be implemented and both have the potential to negatively impact our community.

We look forward to the positive role the WMA will play in helping inform residents and in helping find ways to minimize those impacts.

DANIEL LAMBERT, PRESIDENT OF THE  
WESTMOUNT WALKING AND  
CYCLING ASSOCIATION

## WMA DEALS WITH 'ISSUES OF THE DAY'

Although never having been a member, I have always appreciated the excellent work of the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA). It has been very supportive to Westmount in finding solutions to difficult problems.

The two most recent ones that come to mind are the dog run in Westmount Park and the new turn-around configuration of de Maisonneuve in front of Westmount Park Church, both thorny issues.

It has also done fine work in terms of research, such as its submission to the Master Traffic Plan. And it has shown support for healthy lifestyles, lately for the continuation of Bixis.

The reason that it has been such a benefit to the community is that its members have a deep sense of dedication and a wide range of expertise. They give untold hours to the different issues they follow.

Nor should we overlook its role as an informal forum for citizens to express ideas in lieu of the very formal structure of city council meetings.

Finally, it invites interesting speakers who enhance our understanding of the issues of the day. For all this, I am grateful.

ROGER JOCHYM, LEWIS AVE.

## PRETTY LUCKY IN WESTMOUNT

In tough times, truths are revealed. 2015 blew into Westmount with harsh weather, and yet we stayed safe, cozy and warm. The snow came, the snow was removed. Electrical wires iced up, but we didn't lose power. Tree branches fell and were removed. This city is a well-oiled machine: a bit of snow and ice is not going to derail it.

I knew right away that I loved my neighbours and my neighbourhood, but not until this winter did I realize how big a role city employees play in making this a great place to live.

Westmount takes excellent care of its citizens. When we have concerns, they arrange meetings so residents can have their say. Sometimes they listen and make immediate changes: re-arranging hours at the new pool, acquiring books for the library, maintaining bike paths in winter. Some cases require more time to research and troubleshoot longer-term solutions. No city is perfect but this one comes darn close.

I'm sure I am not alone in wanting to extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone at the city of Westmount: sanitation engineers and snow removers, librarians and finance clerks, Westmount recreation centre staff and public safety officers. You make this a wonderful place to live.

CAROLINE SPEIRS, YORK ST.

## SNOW CLEARING MAKES SENSE OVERNIGHT

I quite agree with recent letters, particularly Samuel Freedman's ("Snow plow sound 'music to ears,'" January 20, p. 6) in favour of allowing snow clearing to get done when traffic least interferes – obviously at night.

Otherwise, delays and costs multiply, and for anyone with limited mobility or fragile bones, the obstacle course and its dangers can last for several days after each heavy snowfall. Snow clearing in parking lots can of course be done under different rules: it is true that the back-up beepers, though they could possibly save a life, disturb sleep.

DAVID COPELAND, CLARKE AVE.

## Correction

The name of Catharine McKenty was misspelled in the article of January 13, p. 13 ("McKenty launches book about husband's years in journalism.")

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# Time to start thinking elections



## Our Man in Ottawa

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FOR WESTMOUNT-  
VILLE MARIE

Since this is my first column of 2015 in the *Independent*, let me begin by wishing everyone a happy new year. While many events will mark our lives in 2015, it will also be a major year on the political front as Canadians vote in the upcoming federal election, officially scheduled for October 19.

While this may seem far away, there is already a clear sense that we are in an election year as each party jockey for position, trying to demonstrate to Canadians that it is the right party to lead the country.

### Delayed budget

The government will have the initial advantage of being able to come forward with a budget, hopefully its first balanced budget in seven years. However, with a reduced tax base and a significant drop in the price of oil, the government will not be in a position to announce very much in terms

of new initiatives. The fact that it has delayed the budget is neither reassuring nor indicative of a government that knows what to do.

Making certain election promises last fall before the planned February budget was also not fiscally prudent. Finally, as the year goes on, more and more Canadians will become aware of the program cuts the government has made in its attempt to present a surplus.

### Growth agenda

My own party will focus on investing in a growth agenda to grow the middle class through job creation, infrastructure programs to modernize our cities and municipalities, education and innovation.

When it comes to Canada's veterans, we will honour our obligation to them and their families and provide the support they need, including mental health support.

We will formulate all policy based on the most accurate scientific evidence available, we will unmuzzle our scientists and we will treat our supreme court with the respect it deserves.

We will commit to long-term, stable funding for CBC/Radio Canada, recognizing its importance to the cultural fabric of

our country. We will stop wasting taxpayers' money doing political self-promotion via so-called government ads.

Justin Trudeau has also pledged to meet face to face with premiers on an annual basis in order to discuss and find solutions to common challenges, such as strengthening health care.

There are many things that we will correct if we become the government. We will reinstate the long-form census, recognizing that it constitutes the most important social database in the country. We will return the eligibility age for old age security and the guaranteed income supplement from 67 to 65 years of age. We also believe that the government's recent \$2-billion income-splitting measure, which only benefits 15 percent of Canadians, is not the most equitable use of taxpayers' money. And we will take a more responsible approach to the environment.

Canadians will have choices to make on October 19. Each party will present its own platform – what it undertakes to do if elected. I hope everyone takes the time to become informed and to decide which party best responds to their aspirations for our country. I look forward to hearing from you.

### Carnival cont'd. from p. 4

take place there throughout the day with the exception of races on ice from 2 pm to 3:30 pm. The "old-fashioned" horse-drawn sleigh rides will take place as usual on the Melville playing field, where the sugar shack will also be located.

In the event of a major storm or other inclement weather, some the activities will take place at the Westmount recreation centre (WRC).

At 2 pm Saturday, a special film event on the life of surrealist painter Salvatore Dali will be presented free of charge at Victoria Hall in conjunction with the Conseil des arts de Montreal.

The carnival's traditional Friday-night family "cruise" theme will travel back to Hawaii this year bringing it full circle to the first "destination" many years ago. Organized by Amy Creighton and other CEAC members, the evening features limbo and hula hoop contests and a meal of lasagna, salad, fruit and Hawaiian punch. Grass skirts and Hawaiian shirts are to be the style of the night.

The CEAC committee is composed of staff from the city's Community Events office as well as a number of volunteers and councillors Nicole Forbes and Rosalind Davis.

## Honey sold at 5 Saisons benefitted Accueil Bonneau



Photo: Matt Faigan

In early December, Greene Ave.'s 5 Saisons sold honey made at Accueil Bonneau, a Montreal organization that aims to help the homeless. Its four hives were donated by criminal lawyer and beekeeping enthusiast Yves Ménard, who designed the "social reintegration project" to bring people together to work on an interesting project and help develop skills. Sales proceeds from the \$5 and \$12 jars were to go back to Accueil Bonneau to be reinvested in the project. The store received a total of 3,000 jars, according to Geneviève Grégoire, communication advisor with Metro Richelieu Inc.



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# Mayor's letter accompanies tax bill

## Trent foresees \$16M-a-year upgrades to city infrastructure

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

In the annual mayor's letter to taxpayers expected to be received this week, Peter Trent highlights the need for substantial increases in infrastructure investment to be paid in part by increasing the amount paid through "pay-as-you-go."

To demonstrate the importance of maintaining the city's infrastructure, he writes that these assets represent some \$2 billion. "In fact, the city owns over one quarter of all the land in Westmount," he states.

He estimates "the replacement value of our public infrastructure (roads, buildings, utility networks) at \$600 million, the value of land under our streets is roughly \$750 million and the value of our public green space is about \$650 million."

"Infrastructure on the land" includes 27 buildings, 60 km of roads and lanes, water and sewerage pipes as well as the Hydro Westmount network. The city also has 123 acres (50 hectares) of parks and green spaces.

"This is why we intend to adopt a capital asset management strategy in the spring," he writes. One certain thing, he adds, is that "we'll have to boost our annual spending on infrastructure from today's \$12 million to possibly \$16 million a year" (see capital works budget, January 20, p. 7).

Looking ahead at 2015 priorities, he mentions traffic management and the preservation of green spaces and parks.

### Renters also pay

While the letter was sent only to property taxpayers, Trent told the *Independent* he felt it was important for tenants to understand that they too are paying a share of city expenses in their rent even though it is "disproportionately" lower.

The letter accompanied the tax bill, whose first installment is due February 27. The second is due May 29.

Trent explains a number of challenges the city faced in preparing this year's \$97-million budget to keep tax increases at two percent.

These included an increase in pension plan costs, what is described by many municipalities as the "downloading" of costs by the Quebec government in lieu of property taxes and a cut in the rebate of Quebec sales tax. To "shelter" the Westmount taxpayer from the loss of this \$885,000 in government revenue, the city "decided to finance the entire amount from accumulated surplus" (see budget story, December 16, p. 1).

The letter includes a diagram showing that some \$51 million will be sent to the agglomeration council to pay for the city's share of island-wide services. Of these, the lion's share is designated for police, followed in descending order by mass transit, fire, water and sewerage.

Among \$46 million in expenses designated as "local," the single largest cost is for roads (Public Works) and Sports and Recreation.

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John's parents are unable to take care of him. He therefore needs a family that can make a long-term commitment, as well as being open to visits from his parents. The ideal foster family would be that of a two-parent Inuit/Caucasian or of Aboriginal heritage for as long as he needs.

For more information about John, please call Batshaw Youth and Family Centres at 514.932.7161, local 1139.

### Police Report

## Jewellery, cash register left untouched in store robbery

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

By MICHAEL MOORE

An unknown number of assailants allegedly broke through the reinforced front window of a Sherbrooke St. jewellery store in the early morning of January 19, making off with a laptop but leaving the cash register and jewellery behind.

At approximately 2:30 am, the suspects used an unknown object to break through the \$75,000 front window, which had been locked into the walls and ceiling for extra support, according to Station 12 constable Stephan Laperrière.

The glass shattered near the reinforced edges, signifying a "heavy object" must have been used, he said.

Once inside, the suspects reportedly ignored the jewellery and the cash register, taking only the MacBook Pro that had been sitting on a counter. Laperrière refused to speculate about why the robbers would have left the seemingly more valuable items untouched, saying it would be left to investigators to determine a motive.

Laperrière suggested that the suspects may have been targeting the laptop after seeing it in the store during opening hours and then returned to retrieve it after closing.

"Apple products are a hot seller on the black market right now," he said.

The alarm company, alerted by the shattered glass, called police directly and the store owner, who lived nearby, joined them a few minutes later.

The break-in was captured on the store's video surveillance system and the tape will be used by police to further the investigation.

A report of the incident would be sent to the city's legal department to recover clean-up costs, McBain said. These would only be known once the weather is warm enough to remove the graffiti and invoice for the work is received.

One of the suspects had previously been ticketed for graffiti at 4039 Tupper in December 2013, and by the same patroller who spotted him this time, McBain said.

The other individual was reported to have been using a tag similar to one that had been discovered in December 2014 on St. Catherine at Abbott, and by the second public safety officer involved in the recent incident (see story January 13, p. 18).

It was not known whether any of the incidents were linked.

	Local Expenses - \$46 million									Agglomeration expenses - \$51 million				
Expenses	Administration	Public Security	Roads	Water/sewerage	Refuse	Zoning	Sports and Recreation	Library	Infrastructure and other expenses	Mass transit	Police	Fire	Water/sewerage	Other
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Allocation of expenses and revenue related to the city's 2015 operating budget of \$97 million.  
Graph courtesy of Mayor Peter Trent

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### Graffiti cont'd. from p. 1

noticed two people spray painting the KIDS daycare on St. Catherine just west of Metcalfe and an adjacent building. As he attempted to stop them, they ran into a lane between Melville and Park Place, where one was stopped behind Westmount Park School.

### Kept on running

The second suspect kept running west along Academy Rd. and was apprehended by another PSO who caught up with him at de Maisonneuve and Victoria. Police had been advised and were waiting for them at the scene of the graffiti painting.





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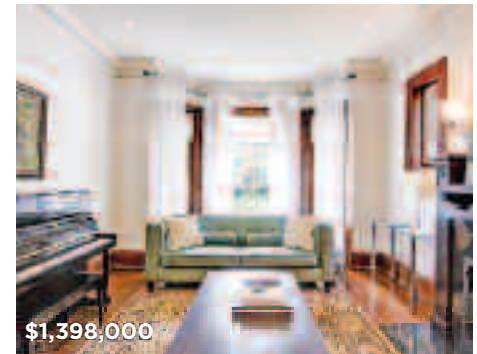
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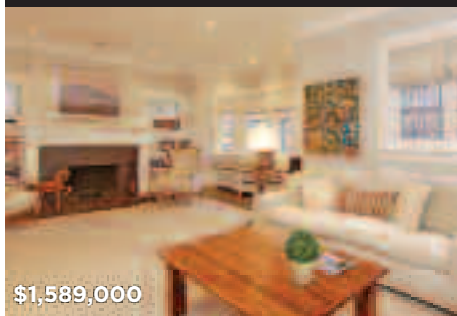


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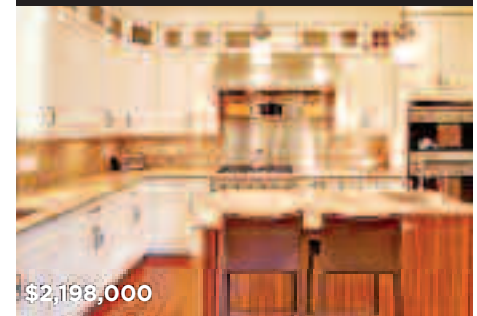


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*Pension cont'd. from p. 1*

structuring of municipal pension plans to reduce deficits. This is to be accomplished in part through the equal sharing between cities and employees of pension payroll contributions and of the portion of the deficit attributable to current employees. The Bill 3 reforms will be retroactive to January 1, 2014.

Current Westmount pensioners are not touched by Bill 3 as they would have been if their pensions were indexed.

**Plan presented**

The status of Westmount's employee

pension plan as at the end of 2013 was presented at the meeting by actuary René Beaudry of the firm of Normandin Beaudry. Its assets were reported at \$90 million, liabilities at \$112 million and the resulting deficit at \$22 million. This is now entirely borne by the city.

In Westmount's situation under the new legislation, current employees are expected to be responsible for 19 percent of the deficit. The city would shoulder 81 percent of the deficit burden with the "savings" helping to pay it down.

**No questions asked**

The meeting was attended by about a

dozen employees none of whom asked questions. No members of the public at large, except those working at the meeting, were noticed in the audience. Also present was Angelo Calabreze, the Montreal director of the blue collar local 301 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees.

Among the figures presented by Beaudry, employees pay 9 percent of their pensionable remuneration into the pension plan. The city contributes another 14.9 percent of its pensionable payroll of \$14 million. Under Bill 3, both must be approximately equal with the total capped at 18 percent.


In order for Westmount employees to fund this new responsibility (\$4 million of the deficit), the cost of their accrued pensions would have to drop by 9.8 percent, according to Trent. "This could be done in many ways; simply increasing the age of retirement would do it."

He said the reason Westmount's so-

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Actuary René Beaudry presents the city's pension plan status at a public meeting at city hall January 19.




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At the pension meeting, city mechanic Erminio Masucci, blue collar union representative for Westmount, left, talks with Angelo Calabrese, director of Montreal blue collar union local 301, Canadian Union of Public Employees.

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## Westmount remembers

## Henrietta Antony: The duchess of Greene Ave.

By AURELIEN GUILLORY

An epoch has ended in the interior designers and antiquaires realm: An unforgettable doyenne of antiques and lamps has passed into a local Canadian legend. Henrietta Antony finally lost her third battle with lymphoma January 13.

So here follows, my memories of her first years. As a New Orleans immigrant to Montreal in the early '70s, I had heard about a Czechoslovakian Moravian lampshade maker who had a special technique for her silk shades. As Greene Ave. was not far from my office, I walked over and was immediately entranced. Remember, I had been living on Bourbon St. in the Vieux Carré for five years after university, with world-class antique dealers one street over on Rue Royale, so I was perhaps a bit of a snob!

Henrietta had started her unique lampshades in the late '50s just two shops from Sherbrooke St. at 1383 Greene. Finding a local source for fine lampshades and special antiques that would suit my new clientele was a thrill. Since then, I have been using her remarkable talents and antique finds frequently. Henrietta's inimitable charm was always shining.

Her specialty was hand sewn pleated silk on a custom wire frame. She often custom dyed ribbon trim, or aged and patinated the new bases for a Sèvres vase to harmonize with the antique porcelain. Attention to proportion and detail was her

hallmark. Special secret: Often she would add a inter-lining of palest rose for bedrooms and palest peach for living rooms. Never too intense to notice, but the rooms always really glowed.

Her cultivated eye instincts became more apparent when she moved from the small shop that was bursting to the derelict Royal Bank building at the corner of St Catherine St. and Greene. It had been selling home appliances! The coffered ceiling had glaring cold white fluorescent panels. She had restored the remaining decorative brackets and reinforced the ceiling – the better to display her constantly changing finds. She also added a mezzanine and restored the stone basement foundations.

People often said she was too expensive, but all too often they had not travelled and seen equivalent shops in Europe or New York. Believe me, there's a huge difference. She had clients from New York City and Texas.

On the budget end, I was working on a client's guest bedroom. We needed an unusual desk lamp and did not have much of a budget remaining. I asked to see her storage locker and basement. We found a vintage 1930s Möet & Chandon bottle, with her parents' signatures. Henrietta made a parchment shade with gold and green borders and scratched a classic motif in the gold leaf all around. The finishing touch was a gold foil champagne cork used as the finial holding the shade to the frame.

Space permits me only a mention of her



Photo of the late Henrietta Antony taken in her shop January 30, 2011.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

elegant home restorations here and the extraordinary ice-wine estate Chapell St. Agnès near Sutton. Another vision realized. Her son John Antony has tended 7,000 of these vines to world-class status.

As her brother, family, and many clients

have remarked: "I believe that the heart of her is a sense of proportion and colour that is extraordinary." Truly a woman of energy, vision, and dedication to excellence. What a legacy she has left. She will be sorely missed.

### *Pension cont'd. from p. 10*

called savings may not be as much as in some "younger" municipalities is that the city's plan is so "weighted down" by retirees collecting pensions.

Fully \$14 million, or 62 percent of the current deficit is attributable to them, according to Beaudry's presentation.

As a result, Trent explained, "We stand to benefit more in the shortterm from Montreal's application of Bill 3." This results from the fact that a substantial amount of Montreal pension costs are agglomeration expenses that are shared with demerged municipalities and its pensions are partially indexed which provides some relief.

### *'Extremely complex'*

The pension fund changes are "extremely complex," cautioned former city Finance commissioner David Laidley.

Laidley, a chartered accountant, heard

the presentation while at city hall to chair a meeting of the city council's general committee. This meeting was interrupted so councillors could attend the pension presentation. "There will be no cash-flow difference to the city for likely the next 15 years, but I think equal sharing is a matter of fairness."

The city's current pension plan generally entitles employees to receive a full pension once a formula of 80 is reached (age plus years of service).

This amount is based on 2 percent of the three best years of earnings plus another 0.5 percent in a bridging benefit up to age 65 when the Quebec Pension Plan contributions kick in.

Typically, employees on a full pension who had worked most of their lives for the city "would receive approximately 70 percent of the best three years of wages," explained city director general Mike Deegan.

On a salary of \$50,000, for example, they could receive a pension of \$35,000.

This compares with 66 percent in Montreal, adds Trent.

One of the reasons Westmount's plan has a \$22-million deficit is because of the city's forced merger with Montreal (2002 through 2005) when salaries were harmo-

### Guitar bothers neighbours at 5 am

Playing guitar at 4:55 am is a no-no when it disturbs the neighbours, as one Westmount resident discovered January 17. Public Security officials said he had been warned a week earlier by officers answering a similar complaint at the same address on St. Antoine St. This time he was given a ticket for \$148 after police were called to identify him.

nized with generally higher ones in Montreal, he maintains. At the end of 2000, the plan's deficit stood at \$1.1 million (see story July 1, 2014).

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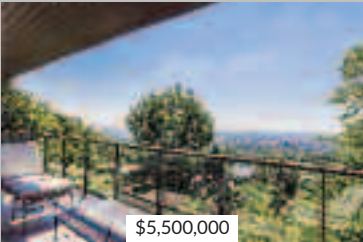


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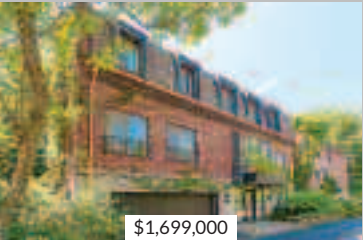
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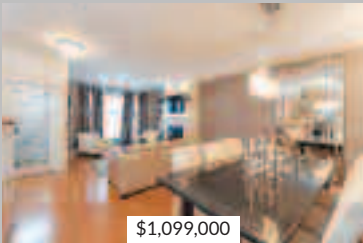


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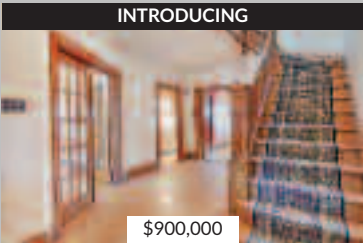


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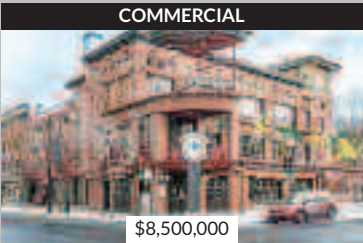


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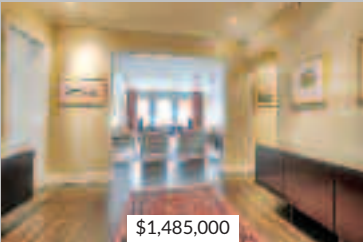


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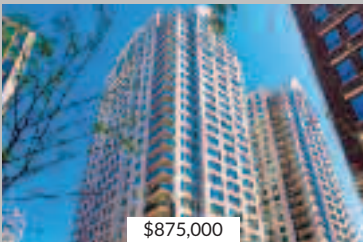


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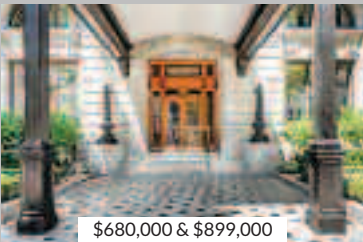


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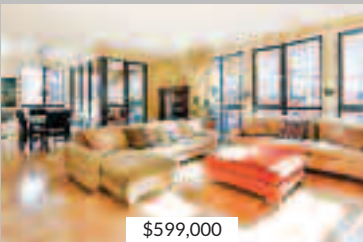


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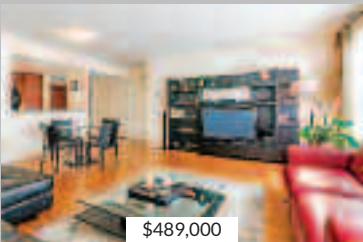


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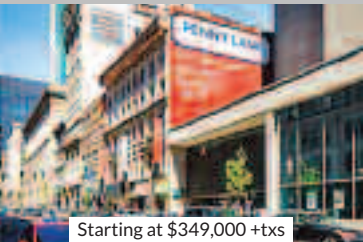


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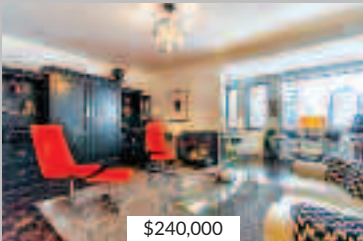


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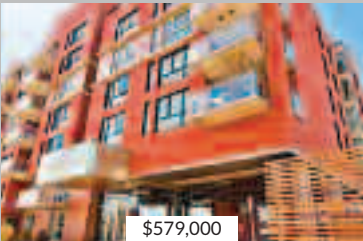


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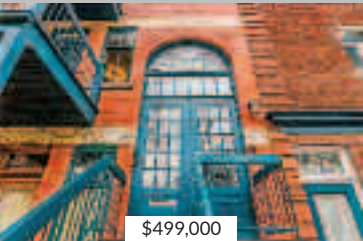


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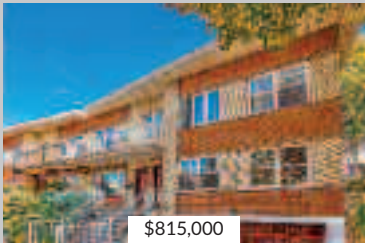
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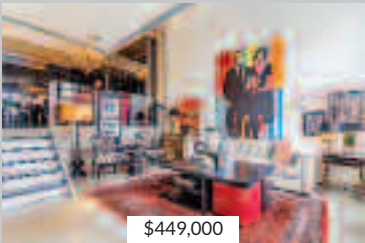
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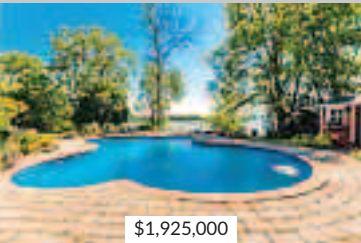
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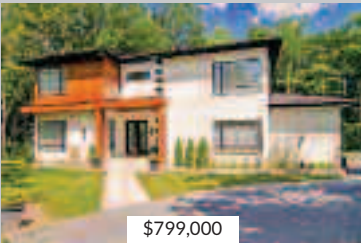
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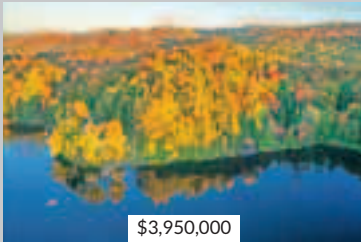
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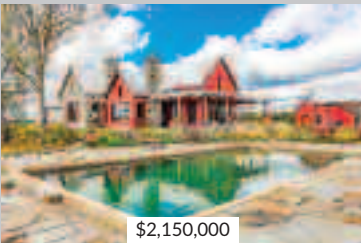
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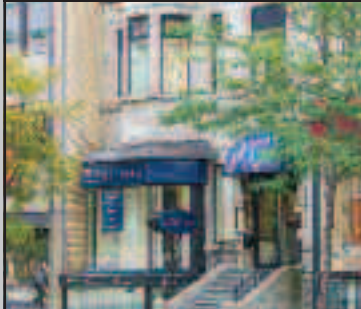
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# Schirmer on music on the mind



*In conversation*

HEATHER BLACK



*Sabina Schirmer at the Westmount greenhouse December 12.*

This past holiday season, piano and vocal coach Sabina Schirmer was busy preparing students for a choral performance at Manoir Westmount in late December. Music performance is important to this Westmount resident and to share her skill, she is currently completing a music instructional manual for children.

A vocal and piano coach for students aged four and up, Schirmer has observed first-hand the benefits of music instruction. At her studio, the Pint-Sized Pianist, she also conducts a music appreciation group for children as young as three. As they listen to classical music such as Mozart's "The Magic Flute" and Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker," they follow the beat, which research shows improves linguistic ability. Schirmer explains "For children, learning music is the equivalent of learning another language."

The benefits of learning a musical instrument include improved visual-spatial ability, analytical and mathematical skills. For Schirmer: "piano students also learn patience, discipline and determination. Debussy is not for the faint of heart but, once mastered, students feel a huge sense of accomplishment."

Music performance also improves confidence and social skills. Her advice to parents is to expose children to music as early as possible.

But Schirmer also finds it important to consider individual differences: "A child who is mathematical will find sight reading easy, but may need to develop rhythm." One child may also need two steps to learn a skill, another 10. "As a teacher, you need to adapt to their level and listen to the child's need." As many instruction manuals include gaps in these steps, Schirmer has developed her own methodology.

Schirmer has now compiled these progressive steps in a manual, which serves as "her recipe" for instructional success. Songs also need to be updated to be part of a child's experience: "What interests today's child may be a robot rather than a frog."

As her students include children from Haiti, Iran, China, Japan and Russia "mu-

sic becomes an opportunity for children to share their culture." Schirmer frequently selects international songs and is able to borrow from her own Dutch and Austrian musical heritage as well as her education in the French school system. She also brings international music performance to her methodology.

Schirmer began piano lessons at age seven and, at age 17, studied at the Écoles d'art américaines de Fontainebleau directed by Nadia Boulanger. Returning to Montreal she then attended McGill University, where her music studies included theory and piano, and voice under Carmen Mehta. In her twenties, she studied music theatre at the American Music and Dramatic Academy in New York City and apprenticed with the Light Opera of Manhattan. More recently she performed as a soprano soloist at Notre Dame Basilica.

Schirmer also coaches music performance and together with Selwyn House music director, Alex Becker, assists students with their two-and-a-half-minute "mash up" or medley for the Just for Kids Foundation's Glee Competition in November.

Providing students with opportunities to perform is important to Schirmer: "Students take pride in contributing to a worthy cause. The confidence that they gain carries over to all aspects of their life."

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## HÔTEL DE VILLE

### SPVM - PDQ 12 de Westmount : invitation

**Le lundi 9 février, 18 h 30**, Bibliothèque, 4574, rue Sherbrooke O. Le commandant Mathieu Bastien, chef du Poste de quartier 12 du Service de police, invite les résidents et commerçants de Westmount à assister à une rencontre publique. Il présentera le bilan 2014 et le plan d'action 2015. Le nombre de places étant limité, veuillez réserver par téléphone (514 280-0312) ou par courriel (pdq12@spvm.qc.ca).

## BIBLIOTHÈQUE

### Soirée familiale de film : *Guardians of the Galaxy*

**Le vendredi 30 janvier, 18 h 30**, Salle Westmount. Projection en anglais; pour les jeunes de 10 ans et plus. Entrée gratuite. Info: 514 989-5299.

### « *How Reading Came Back to Nowhere* »

**Le dimanche 15 février, 14 h**, Victoria Hall. La troupe *Teen Tour Theatre* présente une pièce de théâtre divertissante et palpitante pour les jeunes de 4 à 10 ans. Présentation en anglais. Entrée gratuite. Veuillez vous inscrire au comptoir des enfants. Info: 514 989-5229.

### Conférences de 14 h : Hassan Elsafei

**Le mercredi 18 février, 14 h**. Titre : « *Egyptian Hieroglyphics* ». Veuillez vous inscrire au comptoir de prêt. Info : 514 989-5299.

### Soirée auteurs de romans policiers avec Nick Cutter (Craig Davidson), Robert Pobi et Andrew Pyper

**Le mercredi 25 février, 19 h.**, Victoria Hall. Gratuit, mais billets requis. Procurez-les au comptoir de prêt de la Bibliothèque. Info : 514 989-5386.

## ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

### Exposition : Elizabeth Cameron

**Jusqu'au 7 février**. La galerie du Victoria Hall est fière de présenter les œuvres d'Elizabeth Cameron. Info : victoriahall@westmount.org ou 514 989-5521.

### Carnaval d'hiver de Westmount

**Les 5, 6 et 7 février**, parc Westmount et Victoria Hall. Fêtez l'hiver lors du 32<sup>e</sup> Carnaval annuel de Westmount avec des activités pour tous. Info : 514 989-5353.

### Luau du Carnaval de Westmount

**Le vendredi 6 février de 17 h 30 à 21 h 30**, Victoria Hall. Souper hawaïen et soirée danse familiale. Billets : 12 \$ adultes, 6 \$ enfants de 12 ans et moins, disponibles au Victoria Hall. Info : 514 989-5226.

### Film : Salvador Dali, Génie Tragi-comique

**Le samedi 7 février, 14 h**, Victoria Hall. La Ville de Westmount et le Conseil des arts de Montréal en tournée



## Prochaine séance du conseil le lundi 2 février

présentent une projection du film *Salvador Dali, génie tragi-comique* du réalisateur François Lévy-Kuentz. Gratuit. Info : 514 989-5226.

### Danse du Carnaval : Musique des années 60, 70 et 80

**Le samedi 7 février, 19 h 30**, Victoria Hall. Billets: 15 \$ pré-vente, 20 \$ à l'entrée. Bar payant ; adultes seulement. Info 514 989-5226.

### Société d'horticulture : les mousses : plantes anciennes pour les jardins contemporains

**Le mardi 10 février, 19 h**, Bibliothèque. Café et biscuits à 18 h 30. Conférencière : Suzanne Campeau, biologiste. Non-membres : 5 \$. Info 514 932-9349.

## TRAVAUX PUBLICS

### Rappel : déneigement

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### Patinoires extérieures

Consultez le [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org) pour connaître l'état des patinoires extérieures; leur fermeture temporaire est parfois nécessaire en raison des conditions météorologiques. Info : 514 989-5311.

## SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE

### Stationnement pendant le déneigement

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## HYDRO WESTMOUNT

### Consommation d'électricité pendant les périodes très froides

En raison de la forte demande en périodes de grands froids, Hydro Westmount demande à ses clients de réduire leur consommation d'électricité pendant les heures de pointe, soit entre 7 h 30 et 9 h et entre 16 h 30 et 19 h les jours de semaine. Il est recommandé notamment de reporter l'utilisation de sècheuses et de lave-vaisselles pendant ces périodes.

## CITY HALL

### Police Stn. 12 in Westmount: invitation

**Monday, February 9, 6:30 p.m.**, Library, 4574 Sherbrooke St. W. Police Commander Mathieu Bastien, Chief of SPVM Neighbourhood Station 12, invites Westmount residents and merchants to attend a public meeting to hear the station's 2014 year-end report and 2015 action plan. As seating is limited, please reserve a place by phone (514 280-0312) or by email (pdq12@spvm.qc.ca).

## LIBRARY

### Family Film Night: *Guardians of the Galaxy*

**Friday, January 30, 6:30 p.m.**, Westmount Room. In English; 10 years and up. Free. Info: 514 989-5299.

### *How Reading Came Back to Nowhere*

**Sunday, February 15, 2 p.m.** Victoria Hall. Teen Tour Theatre presents a fun, fast-paced and suspenseful play for children ages 4 to 10. In English. Free admission; please register at the Children's Desk. Info: 514 989-5229.

### 2 O'Clock Series: Hassan Elshafei

**Wednesday, February 18, 2 p.m.** Title: Egyptian Hieroglyphics. Please register at the circulation desk. Info: 514 989-5299.

### Mystery author event with Nick Cutter (aka Craig Davidson), Robert Pobi and Andrew Pyper

**Wednesday, February 25, 7 p.m.**, Victoria Hall. Admission free, but tickets required; available at the Library's Circulation Desk. Info: 514 989-5386.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Exhibition: Elizabeth Cameron

**Until February 7**. The Gallery at Victoria Hall is pleased to feature the works of Elizabeth Cameron. Info: victoriahall@westmount.org or 514 989-5521.

### Westmount Winter Carnival

**February 5, 6 & 7**, Westmount Park and Victoria Hall. Celebrate the winter season at Westmount's 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Carnival, with activities for everyone. Info: 514 989-5353.

### Westmount Carnival Luau

**Friday, February 6 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.**, Victoria Hall. A Hawaiian dinner and dance evening for families. Tickets: Adults \$12, Children 12 and under \$6, available at Victoria Hall. Info: 514 989-5226.



### Film : *Salvador Dali, Génie Tragi-comique*

**Saturday, February 7, 2 p.m.**, Victoria Hall. The City of Westmount and the *Conseil des arts de Montréal en tournée* present a screening of the film *Salvador Dali, génie tragi-comique* by director François Lévy-Kuentz. Free. Info: 514 989-5226.

## Next Council Meeting Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Carnival Dance: Music of the 60s, 70s & 80s

**Saturday, February 7, 7:30 p.m.**, Victoria Hall. Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Cash bar; adults only. Info 514 989-5226.

### Westmount Horticultural Society: Mosses: Ancient Plants for Contemporary Gardens

**Tuesday, February 10, 7 p.m.**, Library. Coffee and cookies at 6:30 p.m. Speaker: Suzanne Campeau, biologist. Non-members \$5. Info 514 932-9349.

## PUBLIC WORKS

### Snow removal reminders

Snow from private driveways and walkways must never obstruct public sidewalks, lanes or streets. Fines may be levied on homeowners and/or contractors who contravene these regulations. On collection days, please ensure that materials are kept out of the path of street and sidewalk plows. Your cooperation speeds up snow removal operations.

### Outdoor Skating Rinks

Check the condition of all the outdoor skating rinks at [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org); weather conditions may require their closure from time to time. Info: 514 989-5311.



## PUBLIC SECURITY

### Parking during snow removal

Advance warning of snow removal is provided by flashing or fixed lights on major thoroughfares and by special notices placed on side streets. Please check carefully in the days following a heavy snow-fall; vehicles blocking snow removal operations will be towed. Info: 514 989-5222.

## HYDRO WESTMOUNT

### Electricity consumption during periods of intense cold weather

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# Northwest Passage journey inspires Yang

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Juliana Yang, a Westmouter in grade 11 at LCC, was aboard the Canadian Coast Guard research icebreaker *Amundsen* in September as it was heading through the

Northwest Passage just weeks after the remains of one of Sir John Franklin's 19th century expedition vessels were found submerged in the passage's frigid waters.

"It gave me an appreciation for how much things ..... continued on p. 18



Juliana Yang, an LCC student from Westmount seen in this photo taken on December 3, travelled through the Northwest Passage recently aboard a Canadian Coast Guard research vessel similar to the one behind her, the CCGS Louis S. St-Laurent.



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## RÔLE DE PERCEPTION 2015

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné par la soussignée, trésorière de la Ville de Westmount :

QUE le rôle général de perception des taxes pour l'exercice financier 2015 a été déposé à mon bureau situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount le 26 janvier 2015; et

QUE l'envoi des comptes de taxes a été effectué dans le délai imparti.

DONNÉ à Westmount, le 27 janvier 2015.

## 2015 COLLECTION ROLL

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

THAT the general collection roll of taxes for fiscal year 2015 was deposited at my office located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West in Westmount on January 26, 2015; and

THAT the tax accounts have been sent within the allotted time.

GIVEN at Westmount on January 27, 2015.

Annette DUPRÉ  
Trésorière / Treasurer

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## AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1479

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que le règlement 1479 intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1320 VISANT À CONSTITUER UN COMITÉ CONSULTATIF D'URBANISME** » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance extraordinaire tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 19 janvier 2015.

Ce règlement a pour objet d'incorporer les dispositions du Projet de loi 201 intitulée *Loi concernant la Ville de Westmount*, sanctionnée par l'Assemblée nationale le 5 décembre 2014, au Règlement 1320 intitulé « *Règlement visant à constituer un comité consultatif d'urbanisme* ». Plus précisément, la Loi 201 permet à la Ville de nommer, à titre de membre (permanent ou suppléant) du comité consultatif d'urbanisme, une personne qui ne réside pas sur le territoire de la Ville et d'octroyer des mandats d'une durée d'au plus quatre ans, et renouvelables.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur conformément à la loi.

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

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 27 janvier 2015.

Nicole Dobbie  
Greffière adjointe

## NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1479

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that By-law 1479 entitled "**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 1320 TO ESTABLISH A PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a special sitting held at City Hall on January 19, 2015.

The object of this by-law is to incorporate the provisions of Bill 201 entitled *An Act respecting Ville de Westmount*, assented by the National Assembly on December 5, 2014, into By-law 1320 entitled "*By-law to establish a Planning Advisory Committee*". More specifically, Bill 201 allows the City to have one member of the Planning Advisory Committee (permanent or substitute) who is a non-resident and for the term of office of members to be up to four years and renewable.

This by-law comes into force according to law.

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

GIVEN at Westmount, Quebec, this January 27, 2015.

Nicole Dobbie  
Assistant City Clerk

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have changed over the years,” the Clarke Ave. resident said in an interview with the *Independent*.

But while the fate of Franklin and his crew members were sealed by the Arctic pack ice that trapped their ships, Yang noted that the ice in the Northwest Passage is now so thin it no longer poses anywhere near the same threat as it did to the Franklin expedition nearly 170 years ago.

Yang was one of nine students from across Canada who were given the opportunity to take a 12-day trip aboard the

*CCGS Amundsen*. The journey was organized by Schools on Board, a University of Manitoba outreach program designed to increase awareness of Arctic research issues, science education in Canadian high schools and the effects of climate change in Canada.

To pursue science

While aboard the *Amundsen*, Yang, who hopes to pursue a career in the sciences, got a chance to perform some of the tasks of a research scientist. Among other things, she collected zooplankton samples, visited communities in Canada’s far north

and took part in lectures and workshops about climate change and its impact on the northern environment.

Although the gradual disappearance of ice in the Northwest Passage is making marine navigation easier, Yang said the new environment is unfamiliar to the many species of Arctic wildlife, and there are big questions among scientists as to how the disruption of the natural patterns the animals are used to will affect them.

Despite the fact that Franklin was in the news during her voyage, Yang said she finished the trip with a greater impression of the explorer whose name graced the vessel

she travelled on. Roald Amundsen is recognized as the leader of the first expedition to successfully navigate the Northwest Passage from 1903 to 1906.

Man driven home

Public safety officers drove a resident of NDG home January 25 after finding him in a bus shelter at Wood and Sherbrooke at 1:48 am, Public Security officials said. He was described as being in an advanced state of intoxication on a very cold night. Officers waited until he was inside on Grey Ave. and had closed the door behind him.



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AVIS DE DEMANDE DE DÉMOLITION

À TOUTES LES PERSONNES INTÉRESSÉES

**AVIS PUBLIC** est par la présente donné que la Ville de Westmount a reçu une demande pour un permis de démolition et un programme de remplacement pour le bâtiment situé au **1335-1339, avenue Greene**.

Ce projet implique une démolition substantielle du bâtiment original. Compte tenu que les travaux touchent plus de 50 % de toutes les façades principales, ils doivent être soumis à l’examen du comité de démolition. Ce projet consiste en la reconstruction du bâtiment afin de rendre l’espace commercial du rez-de-chaussée accessible au niveau de la rue, tout en conservant les premiers cinq pieds derrière la façade principale et en l’ajout d’un troisième étage en retrait de la façade principale.

Tous les documents pertinents concernant cette demande de permis de démolition, incluant les plans, peuvent être consultés au bureau de la directrice du Service de l’aménagement urbain, situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount pendant les heures d’ouverture, soit du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

Toute personne qui veut s’opposer à la démolition doit, dans les dix (10) jours de la publication de l’avis public, ou à défaut, dans les dix (10) jours qui suivent l’affichage de l’avis sur l’immeuble concerné, faire connaître par écrit son opposition motivée à la greffière adjointe de la Ville à l’adresse ci-après.

De plus, toute personne désirant exprimer son accord à la démolition proposée ou présenter toute autre proposition, doit également le faire, par écrit, à l’intérieur du délai de dix (10) jours, à la greffière adjointe de la Ville à l’adresse suivante :

Services juridiques et greffe  
Ville de Westmount  
4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest  
Westmount (Québec) H3Z 1E2

Toute personne qui aura déposé auprès du greffe, une opposition motivée par écrit ou fait une proposition par écrit, à l’intérieur de ce délai, sera avisée de la date, de l’heure et du lieu de la séance publique du comité de démolition au cours de laquelle cette demande de permis de démolition, et le programme préliminaire pour la réutilisation du sol à être dégagé seront étudiés. Ces personnes (ou leurs représentants dûment autorisés par écrit) pourront être entendues par le comité de démolition au cours de cette séance publique.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 27 janvier 2015.

Nicole Dobbie  
Greffière adjointe de la Ville

NOTICE OF DEMOLITION APPLICATION

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that the City of Westmount has received an application for a demolition permit, and for the replacement program for the building located at **1335-1339 Greene Avenue**.

This project involves the substantial demolition of the original building. As the demolition work exceeds 50% of all main façades, the project must be submitted for consideration by the Demolition Committee. This project consists in the reconstruction of the building to provide street level access to the commercial space, while maintaining the first (five) feet of the main façade, and in the addition of a third storey, setback from the main façade.

All relevant documents concerning this demolition application, including plans, may be consulted at the Office of the Director of Urban Planning located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, in Westmount, during regular business hours, from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Any person wishing to oppose the demolition must give the reasons for objecting, in writing, within 10 days of publication of the public notice or within 10 days following the posting of the notice on the concerned immovable. The written objection must be sent to the Assistant City Clerk at the address below.

Likewise, any person wishing to express support for the proposed demolition, or make any other comment in this regard, must also do so, in writing, to the Assistant City Clerk, within that period of ten (10) days, at the following address:

Legal Services and City Clerk’s Office  
City of Westmount  
4333 Sherbrooke Street West  
Westmount, Quebec H3Z 1E2

Any person who has filed, in writing, objections or comments with the City Clerk’s Office, within the specified delay, shall be notified of the date, time and place of the public sitting of the Demolition Committee at which the application for the demolition permit and the proposed preliminary program for the reutilization of the vacated land shall be considered. These persons (or their representatives who have been duly authorized in writing) may be heard by the Demolition Committee at the public sitting.

GIVEN at Westmount, Quebec, this January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Nicole Dobbie  
Assistant City Clerk



## Winter HQ in Westmount

# Pripstein's camp shuts down after 75 years

BY MICHAEL MOORE

After almost 75 years in business, the Jewish co-ed sleepaway camp, Pripstein's Camp Mishmar has sung its swan song and roasted its final marshmallow.

With early enrolment figures falling short of target, the camp's management has decided to shut down operations and sell off the Laurentian site.

"I wish to thank all of you for your support, and hope that your children have made life-long friendships at Pripstein's, and have many fond memories of their favourite counsellors, Colour Wars, Superbowls, Sing-Songs and more," said owner Ronnie Braverman in a statement to the camp's parents.

The camp, which had its winter office on de Maisonneuve Blvd. in Westmount, was

founded by Polish immigrant and Hebrew teacher Chaim Pripstein in the 1940s. Braverman, Pripstein's grandson, has been involved in management of the camp for the last 42 years.

After years of prosperity in a booming Laurentian camp scene, enrolment in the camp began to dwindle in recent decades as more and more anglophone Quebecers left the province. After a period of soul searching with his family, Braverman finally decided in December to cease operations when enrolment targets for next summer weren't met.

"Not only does this have financial implications for us, but we would be unable to ensure a great experience for campers without healthy group sizes. Therefore, after much discussion, my family and I have regretfully decided to call it a day and close

the camp," said Braverman.

Sale of the 200-acre-site in St-Adolphe-d'Howard is being handled by Westmount-based Re/Max Action real estate broker Joseph Marovitch, with a listed price just shy of \$3 million.

On January 18, the *Gazette* published an article saying two former Pripstein's campers had "come to terms in principle" with the current owners to run a new, sports- and hockey-focused camp at the site.

When asked January 26 about this article, Marovitch said Braverman had no comment. Marovitch said there are several interested buyers for the land and, should they conclude a deal, new owners could take possession of the property right away.

The mandate represents familiar terri-

tory for Marovitch, who previously owned Camp Maromac, another private Jewish summer camp in the Laurentians. Maromac was closed down in 2006 and the property was sold in 2010.

*Schirmer cont'd. from p. 15*

On December 13, Schirmer and her voice and piano students, and the Selwyn House Glee Club returned to the Montreal Children's Hospital to serenade patients and spread holiday cheer. On December 22, her voice students entertained Manoir Westmount residents with Broadway and holiday favourites. Schirmer explained that events spread joy and comfort to listeners and, for performers create a spirit of community.



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### AVIS DE PROMULGATION RÈGLEMENT 1474

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que le règlement 1474 intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1303 CONCERNANT LE ZONAGE – RÈGLEMENT DE CONCORDANCE** » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance ordinaire tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 1<sup>er</sup> décembre 2014.

Ce règlement a pour objet de mettre en œuvre les modifications apportées au plan d'urbanisme lors de l'adoption du Règlement 1466 de façon à assurer la conformité du Règlement 1303 concernant le zonage avec le plan d'urbanisme. Plus précisément, ce règlement a pour objet de modifier les grilles d'usages et de types de bâtiments permis dans les zones C5-21-07, C1-24-01, C1-24-02, C10-24-06, C15-24-07, C7-24-09, C11-24-10, C5-24-11, C5-24-12, C5-24-13, C5-24-14, C14-31-01, C8-31-02, C9-31-03, C16-31-04 et R9-24-03, ainsi que les grilles de spécifications physico-spatiales visant les zones C7-24-09, C1-24-01, C1-24-02, C5-21-07 et R9-24-03 afin de renforcer l'usage commercial prédominant dans le secteur sud-est. Par suite de ces modifications, la zone résidentielle R9-24-03 deviendra la zone commerciale C1-24-03.

Ce règlement est réputé conforme au plan d'urbanisme modifié de la Ville de Westmount (Règlement 1466), suite à l'expiration du délai requis pour intenter un recours à la Commission municipale du Québec le 9 janvier 2015.

Ce règlement est entré en vigueur conformément à la loi.

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

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 27 janvier 2015.

Nicole Dobbie  
Greffière adjointe

### NOTICE OF PROMULGATION BY-LAW 1474

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that By-law 1474 entitled "**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 1303 – CONCORDANCE BY-LAW**" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a regular sitting held at City Hall on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

The object of this by-law is to implement the amendments made to the Planning Programme when By-law 1466 was adopted so as to ensure the conformity of Zoning By-law 1303 with the Planning Programme. More specifically, the object of the by-law is to modify the Tables of permitted building types and uses in zones C5-21-07, C1-24-01, C1-24-02, C10-24-06, C15-24-07, C7-24-09, C11-24-10, C5-24-11, C5-24-12, C5-24-13, C5-24-14, C14-31-01, C8-31-02, C9-31-03, C16-31-04 and R9-24-03 as well as the Tables of physical and spatial provisions for the zones C7-24-09, C1-24-01, C1-24-02, C5-21-07 and R9-24-03 so as to reinforce the prevailing commercial use in the South East Sector. Through these modifications, the residential zone R9-24-03 will become the commercial zone C1-24-03.

This by-law is deemed in conformity with the modified Planning Programme of the City of Westmount (By-law 1466) following the expiration of the delay required to undertake recourse before the Commission municipale du Québec on January 9, 2015.

This by-law came into force in accordance with law.

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

GIVEN at Westmount, Quebec, this January 27, 2015.

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**Local resident continues to lead groups at Y**

**Mary's Recovery grew out of self-help mental health program started in Montreal 40 years ago**

BY JOANNE PENHALE

Challenges that are often hard to talk about get talked about each week at a local community centre. Westmounter Mary Major has been running Mary's Recovery, a weekly support group for people with anxiety, fear, depression and anger for 14 years. Held at the Westmount Y, it originally stemmed from an organization called Recovery Inc. that was started in Montreal 40 years ago.

Social phobias and depression, including post-partum depression, are two common problems that participants of Mary's Recovery seek to overcome. The group is also for people with bipolar disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, schizophrenia and other diagnoses.

In highly structured meetings, Major said she teaches the principles of cognitive behavioural therapy and helps participants mobilize their natural strengths. She also teaches mindfulness, which includes awareness of thinking and behaviour, as well as relaxation techniques.

New members, who may have picked up her leaflet at a west-end hospital, call Major with initial questions and then are invited to her home on Victoria Ave. for an information session of about 90 minutes.

"I go over the teaching objectives, the first two being anger and anxiety management," Major said. "Those are the most powerful human emotions, which can have devastating physical and psychological consequences."

Then members can join her weekly group meeting at the Sherbrooke St. Y for a donation of \$10 or less. Meetings include a short reading, and participants give a

five-minute presentation about an issue they are facing, which they have prepared based on written instructions. Major said she recommends people attend weekly meetings for about a year.

Sixteen years ago, toward the end of a 30-year career as a counsellor working for the federal government, Major was going through her own crisis: bullying in the workplace. The chronic stress, she said, eventually manifested in excruciating physical pain for which she nearly had invasive neurological surgery.

"The fear of the surgery was greater than the fear of the bullying," Major said, explaining a spontaneous recovery. Following that, Major sought personal support from the local chapter of Recovery Inc., which she said used the problem-solving approaches of cognitive behavioural therapy rather than the historically popular Freudian approach.

Major's professional background includes a BA in sociology and psychology, and a specialization in androgyny: the study of how adults learn. Within two years, Major became the local leader for Recovery Inc. and then decided to branch off and establish her own group.

"I became a separatist," Major said with a laugh, and explained how she'd wanted more flexibility from the program's rigidity.

Major said the Y has been allowing her to use its space for free – until recently. She said she's been asked to pay rent of \$2,000 per year. "It's a worry for me," Major said. She doesn't pay herself a salary and is the only volunteer.

Meetings for Mary's Recovery take place from 7:30 pm to 9 pm at least once a week, and are in English. In the fall, an average



Westmounter Mary Major at her kitchen table January 5. Major runs Mary's Recovery, a support group.

of five participants attended weekly sessions. Major said if more than 14 members join the group, she'll run a second meeting each week.

In addition to her volunteer work running Mary's Recovery, Major organizes garden parties at her Westmount home, and she invites as many Westmounters as she can, especially people who might be lonely. "I love people. I thrive on people," Major said. "All the research shows we need a village." For more information, see [www.marysrecovery.com](http://www.marysrecovery.com).

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# International designer celebrates Montreal anniversary



## Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Westmounters **Heydi Bianco** and hubby **Matthew Hiess**, president of Catherine Malandrino Canada, welcomed guests to the anniversary of the eponymous boutique in the Golden Mile. The elegant emporium opened one year ago. Also greeting the mink- and leather-clad guests were **Darina Groucha**, **Stephen Hart**, **Zoe Trudeau** and **Joe Hiess**, president of CM Collections, a licensee that owns and operates Malandrino boutiques.

Media making the moment memorable included the *Gazette's* style editor **Eva**

**Friede** and fashion columnist **Suzanne Wexler**; **Claude Laframboise**, fashion director, *Loulou* magazine; **Natasha Garquilo**, Global TV; **Lolitta Dandoy**, famed fashionista, stylist and columnist with her assistant **Lauriane Belair**; **Sophie Lanza**, show producer/stylist; **Maurizio Garofano**, *Il Corriere Italiano*; and **Richard Burnett**, columnist and blogger.

Westmounters noted amidst the glitter and the glamour included **Carina Johnson**, **Alyssa Wolfe**, sisters **Nissa** and **Jenni Khan**, **Susan Alper**, **Andrea Friedman Russo**, **Liliane Burnett**, **Linda Carrière**, **Barbara** and **Phil Silverberg**, **Julia Reitman** and daughter **Lisa Reitman Himmel**, **Gary Brodtkin**, **Maryanne Ferguson**, **Debra Malin** and **Sonia Vaillancourt**, who carried her 2-year-old Yorkie **Sophie** in a chic Prada tote.

Former Westmounters noted included **Barbara Sabbath**, **Jean-Claude Baudinet**, **Cornelia** *continued on p. 22*



Heydi Bianco, left, and Matthew Hiess.



Sondra Palanghio, left, and Cornelia Nihon.

Photo courtesy of Alexandre Paskanoi



Linda Carrière, left, and Sonia Vaillancourt.



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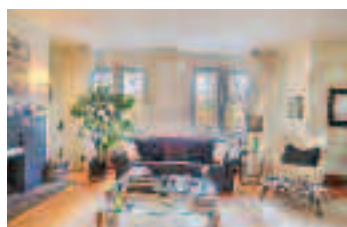
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Nihon, Vincent Prager, Sondra Palanghio, Roslyn Takeishi with Réal Desfossés, along with Roberto Menegati, Pauline Gertler, Kelly MacKay (Fine Arts faculty Concordia), Diane Duhamel (city of Montreal), Hélène Couture, Domenic Diaco, Cheryl Besner Cohen, Nadine Hennelly, Linda Hammerschmid and Serge Jean Laviolette.

Performances by musician David Sanders and concert pianist Alexandre Solopov wooed the crowd before guests collected their valet-parked cars under a star-studded sky.



Andrea Friedman Russo, left, and Susan Alper.

Photo courtesy of Alexandre Paskanoi



Nissa, left, and Jenni Khan.



Barbara Silverberg

Photo courtesy of Alexandre Paskanoi

# Rosenbloom is YM-YWHA's new president



A Westmounter has become the new president of Montreal's YM-YWHA Jewish community centre. Andrea Rosenbloom, seen here at the information desk at the centre in Snowdon January 13, succeeds Joel Shalit as president. According to a YM-YWHA press release, Rosenbloom served previously as vice president, which post is now being filled by Alvin Fagen, a former president of Shaar Hashomayim.

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## SUV crashes through guard rail on Selby

An SUV crashed through the guard rail on Selby at Greene January 10 causing considerable damage to city property, Public Security officials said. The driver escaped injury when the vehicle also jumped the cement median and knocked over a pole, stop sign and street sign.

Public safety officers came upon the accident at about 3:37 pm, followed by fire-

fighters and police. Greene had to be blocked to traffic and Public Works crews put up warning barricades at the 90-degree turn until a new guard rail could be installed. The roadway was described as wet and "a little snowy" but the Infiniti SUV was determined to have been going too fast. It was driven by a 39-year-old man from Quebec City.

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*Q. What's the best thing that happened to you this year?*

I produced two features that went really well. Also I went to Coachella – that's definitely up there... almost ran into Beyoncé & Jay.

*Q. Who's your fashion icon?*

I like Kanye's style a lot. I really love Tiga and what he wears, too.

*Q. What's your motto?*

Shit happens. I have a poster of that in my room.

*Q. What's your spirit animal?*

Hmm... a cross between a leopard and a tiger.

*Q. What's your favourite movie?*

This one if tough – it's between *Vicky Christina Barcelona*, *La Haine* (a French

film), and *Enter the Void*.

*Q. Is there a fashion faux pas that still haunts you?*

I was once really into Emo wristbands. People always use to refer to Avril Lavigne when I did this, and I hated that, but I use to wear ties with t-shirts. I did that independently of her, and I want that to be known! Ha ha! Lastly, socks with boat shoes. It's "wrong" but I do it.

*Q. What's your favourite travel destination?*

Paris, Berlin and LA. I didn't use to like LA, but I re-visited it last year and loved it. I could see myself living there.

*Q. What's the best advice you've ever received?*

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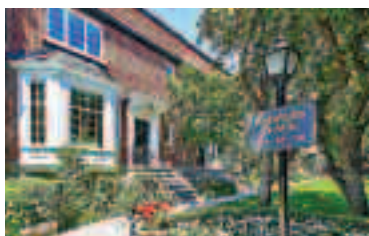
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