

New Public Works director appointed from Côte St. Luc

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council appointed a new Public Works director at its meeting February 2 to replace retiring head Marianne Zalzal, who leaves in April.

He is Patrick Raggo, the 32-year-old Public Works director for Côte St. Luc, who will assume the top position of Westmount's largest department. His appointment takes effect March 16.

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A country activity in a city park



Photo: Ralph Thompson

Car smashes into patrollers blocking icy hill

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Two Public Security patrollers and the driver of the car that smashed into theirs February 2 were reported to have narrowly escaped injury in treacherous weather conditions. High wind, frigid temperatures and blowing snow turned hills to ice and caused several to be blocked off sporadically.

The patrol vehicle that was hit had been blocking Mountain at Montrose at 9:40 am, emergency lights flashing, said Public Security director Greg McBain. A car came


along Cedar, down Mountain, hit the front end of the vehicle and spun it around 180 degrees, he said.

The car then "took out" a stop sign and pole, plowed through a snow bank and ended up close to a house on the southeast corner. It was driven by a 19-year-old Hampstead woman.

"People were just driving too fast," McBain said. "It was really bad. Usually we don't have the cold and snow at the same time."

To show just how bad it was, he added, a salt truck *continued on p. 10*

Robert Coallier guides a horse-drawn sleigh around Westmount Park during the city's winter carnival events February 5-7. More photos, p. 26.

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# City tries to strike ‘delicate balance’ Nearby residents given reserved parking around Shaar neighbourhood for 31 cars

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

New parking measures were adopted by city council February 2 to provide 31 reserved on-street parking spots for residents frustrated by parkers attending social and other events at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim.

Special orange stickers for residents who qualify and pay for overnight parking permits will allow them to use resident-only spots on neighbouring streets, explained Councillor Philip Cutler.

### The spots

These are: six on the west side of Metcalfe (Springfield to Côte St. Antoine), 10 on the north side of Springfield (Metcalfe to civic number 9) and 15 on the west side of Mount Stephen (Springfield to Côte St. Antoine).

The new regulations result from an appeal to council October 6 from a contingent of residents citing longstanding diffi-

culties posed by parking spaces taken up by people attending large events at the synagogue as well as noise and other disruptions (see October 14, p. 3).

“It’s nice to hear the community was listened to,” Joanne Miller of Springfield told the *Independent*.

“It’s good news,” added Sebastien Vilder, who also lives on Springfield.

Arlene McGibbon, a Metcalfe resident who is directly affected by traffic and noise generated by events, said the parking component of the issue showed that council was “aware it’s a residential neighbourhood and are doing their best to sort this out.”

### Neighbourhood meeting

The city’s proposal for reserved parking was initially presented to more than 20 residents on the three streets at a neighbourhood public consultation meeting at city hall January 21.

At that time, residents reported being in

favour of the proposal, though some hoped the city could reserve a few more spots on Springfield (up to a lane at civic number 5), the street most impacted.

The numbers and locations could be tweaked in the future, assistant Public Works director Elisa Gaetano told the *Independent*.

“It’s a delicate balance between accommodating residents, visitors and even people working at their houses.”

She also said holders of the orange stickers were always free to park in available non-reserved spots.

These are now subject to a two-hour limit between 8 am and 5 pm and to four hours from 5 pm to 8 am. The time restrictions do not apply to orange-stickers holders.

These spots are on Metcalfe (west side, Sherbrooke to Springfield), Springfield (north side civic number 9 to Mount Stephen) and Mount Stephen (west side Sherbrooke to Springfield).

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## Lansdowne parking back to pre-WRC construction

# How about heated sidewalks for Westmount?

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Lansdowne resident Richard Lock raised the issue of traffic on Lansdowne for the second consecutive council meeting February 2, without much success. But his idea for heated sidewalks in Westmount received a far more positive reaction.

He said he had been hoping for news that the block of Lansdowne south of Sherbrooke might be made one-way north to deter use of the street by traffic heading south to the new super-hospital.

“So my hopes are dashed again,” he said, noting the agenda item concerned putting parking back to the way it had been on the east side of Lansdowne south of de Maisonneuve before residents could apply for temporary blue-sticker parking permits during construction of the Westmount recreation centre (WRC).

But when Lock proposed the feasibility of heated sidewalks for Westmount, he found an ally for his idea in Mayor Peter Trent.

“I’ve pooh-poohed it in the past,” Trent

said, “but I’m coming around to it. When you look at the cost of salt, it makes sense. It should be looked at very seriously,” he added.

“I wouldn’t want to heat them tonight,” said Hydro Westmount director Benoit Hurtubise from the audience. The council meeting took place the night of extreme cold and wind when the utility issued a CodeRED alert for residents to reduce their use of electricity.

Councillor Patrick Martin countered with the possibly of heating sidewalks by means other than electricity. Noting the WRC generated excess heat, he said, “Could it be used somewhere else?”

Heated sidewalks such as those in use in some northern European countries and Sapporo, Japan have been in the news recently as a suggestion for installation during the reconstruction of St. Catherine St. in Montreal.



Richard Lock addresses council February 2 as some 35 journalism students from Concordia braved a very cold night to attend. Only seven or eight regular attendees were present.

## Neighbours worry about dog outside

A dog that had been left outside in the cold on Roslyn near Côte St. Antoine had already been taken in when public safety officers checked out a call from a concerned neighbour February 1 at 3:12 pm. Public Security officials said the owner

stated the dog could have been left outside longer than the usual 10 minutes and was advised to obtain a dog licence. The same day, a dog owner on Argyle was also told to get a permit after a neighbour complained about it barking.

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# United train position picks up speed in wake of Caisse pact

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council was asked February 2 to prepare a united stand with citizens to work to obtain an electrified rail line through Westmount.

The request was proposed by Michael Mossop of Coumbia Ave. in the wake of an agreement between the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec and the Quebec

government to provide funding for rail lines over the new Champlain bridge and a train link to the West Island.

"This is an opportunity," he said, noting that funding had long been a hurdle in electrifying the rail [lines] to reduce noise and vibration through Westmount.

"How can we work together as a group," to influence the outcome to the benefit of Westmount residents, asked Mossop.

Mayor Peter Trent agreed that a position paper should be prepared to present a united front though "so much is in flux," regarding the future of the Agence métropolitaine de transport (AMT), and the current "players," he explained. "There's a lot of talk about re-structuring public transit."

### Electrification 'welcome'

"Electrification is something we would welcome," said Councillor Theodora Samiotis. This is the stance the city has been taking as relayed to the AMT and government in a letter from Trent in February 2013 (see story September 16, p. 3).

If more trains are added to and from the West Island, electrification such as that used by the Train de l'Est to Mascouche would help mitigate noise and vibration.

### Living ≠ taking

"Taking the trains is very different from living with the trains," she pointed out, noting requests from West Islanders for increased frequency of commuter trains.

Trent and Samiotis later explained that light rail, an option preferred by Mossop, was probably not as viable economically as electrification of the existing track in moving large numbers of people during morning and evening rush-hours.

Too many "light" trains would be required. Both would help reduce annoyances to Westmount residents living close to the tracks.

# WRC architect Erik Marosi appointed PAC's first non-resident specializes in public buildings

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Erik Marosi, the architect who found a way to make the Westmount recreation centre "fit" into the irregularly sloping topography, is the newest professional to join the city's Planning Advisory Committee (PAC).

He becomes the first non-resident eligible for a position on the city's design review panel. While the office of Marosi Troy is located at Sherbrooke and Victoria, Marosi lives in St. Laurent.

His appointment by city council February 2 to a two-year term was made possible by a special exemption from the Quebec legislature in December, Councillor Theodora Samiotis stated in nominating Marosi.

This allows the city "to reach out and perhaps attract people more involved in heritage conservation," she explained. "This is very important because of our heritage aspect." Marosi was "a good start" because "he knows Westmount."

Marosi described his work the next day, and after his first PAC meeting, as being more institutional than conservational. "Over the years, our practice involved residential – country homes. But we've become very interested in public buildings," he explained.

He cited work at the McCord Museum and on university buildings at McGill, Loyola and the University of Montreal as examples.

### Gersovitz fills conservation role

In terms of heritage conservation, however, that is a niche filled by the office and practice of Julia Gersovitz (of Gersovitz Moss) who chairs the PAC, Marosi ex-

plained. "Every office has to find a niche."

While one of the reasons to appoint a non-resident was to obtain an architect with expertise in heritage conservation, Samiotis said that in the absence of a registry of conservationists, there was urgency at this time to make an appointment.

Architect Paul Grenier's term is expiring. And Marosi is "a great addition" to the PAC.

The PAC would also be creating a registry of architects from which to draw in the future, Samiotis said. The choice of a conservationist would be a priority once the term of Gersovitz comes to an end.

Along with Marosi's appointment, the city re-appointed two substitute members to the PAC. They are architects John Surridge and Gerald Soiferman, both Westmounters.

### Reduces conflict of interest

Substitutes are called on when a project to be reviewed by the PAC comes from an architect already sitting on the PAC. "It's important not to have a conflict of interest," she said looking directly across the council table at Councillor Patrick Martin.

Last month, Martin had voted against council appointments to the Demolition committee of two councillors who also sit on the PAC creating a majority of PAC representatives.

He contends the process has the potential for a conflict of interest, looking ahead to the expected redevelopment of St. Catherine St. (see January 20, p. 3).

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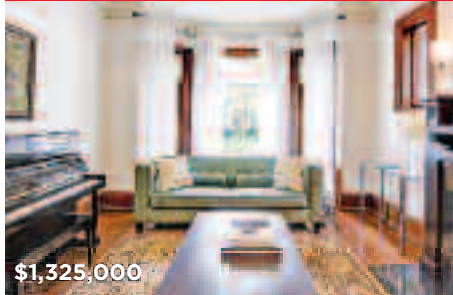


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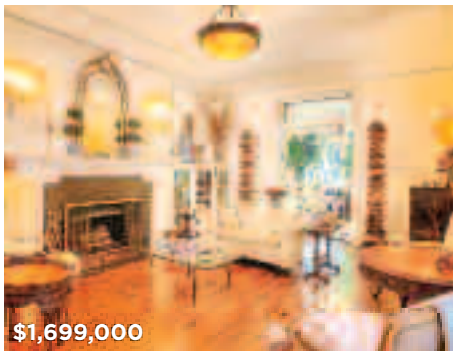
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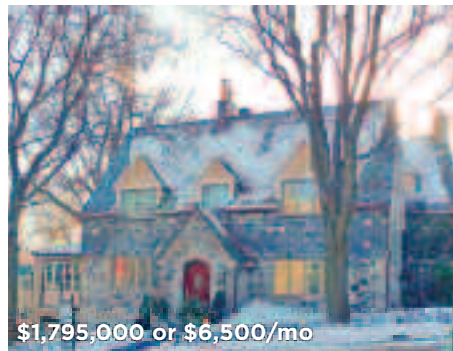
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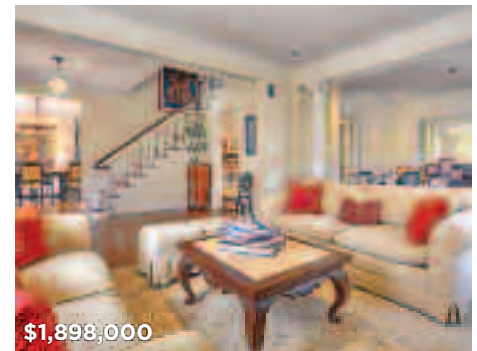
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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## WHY WEREN'T THEY ARRESTED?

Tailed and failed! Regarding “Suspects tailed in overnight attempts to open car doors,” (February 3, p. 3), lawyer and layperson alike will be left wondering why these two suspects, one “dressed in black,” both “systematically trying car doors” seen “emerging from between two cars” were not arrested?

They were seen by police and/or public safety officers only doors away from my house, so I could not wait to read that they were arrested and charged, particularly as I had had my GPS stolen from my vehicle less than a year ago in, I presume, a similar manner and by, perhaps, the same very suspicious two men.

So why not arrest them, question them and, if appropriate, charge them with attempted theft or conspiracy to steal from a vehicle?

Otherwise please share with us the innocent explanation they provided so that we can at least have the last laugh.

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## WESTMOUNT PARK'S SCOTS PINES

Those of us with children have spent many happy hours, in the summer, by the park's wading pond. The pond itself has gone through many changes: in the 1930s, it was used by the Model Yacht Club as well as the Anglers' Club for casting practice.

Have you noticed the Scots (or Scotch) pines (*Pinus sylvestris*) by the pond? They have been bearing a silent witness to all the changes that have occurred to both the park and our city over the years.

Former names for this species are riga, Norway and Mongolian pine. It is one of the easiest trees to recognize with its low branches, reddish brown scaly bark and needles comprising two per bundle.

The tree's origin is the Caledonian Forest that, at one point, covered 1.5 million hectares of the highlands in Scotland. The forest is legendary in myth – a place where Merlin (of King Arthur's kingdom) wandered in his madness, lamenting the futility of war. It was also home of mythical creatures and hermits.

The Abernethy Forest National Nature Reserve contains the last remains of the

Caledonian Forest. Here, the Scots pine is named “The Harp of Trees” (Clàrsach Nan Craobh) for the sounds made by the wind as it blows through the trees' needles.

The trees are long lived. In Lapland, there is one that dates back to 1244, and Sweden claims one that is at least 700 years old.

The Druids made bonfires with Scots pine to draw back the sun during the winter solstice. The trees were also decorated with reflective objects that represented the “divine light” – that, over time, led to our present day custom of Christmas trees. In fact, the species being able to retain its needles, accounts for over 30 percent of today's Christmas tree market. (The Norway spruce is currently more popular).

In the highlands, Scots pines were used to mark the burial places of heroes. In England, they were used to mark crossroads, as well as the perimeters of fields.

The English poet William Wordsworth gives this description: an “enchanted tree with its often gnarled and twisted silhouette set against a winter landscape or moonlight shadows.”

More recently, following a public poll, the Scots pine was chosen as the national



Photo courtesy of Michael Walsh

tree of Scotland (the rowan was second and the holly third).

Next time you walk by Westmount Park's wading pond, patiently listen to the sounds of the tree in a breeze and see if you agree it sounds like a Celtic Clàrsach harp.

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## Office renovations generate problems

A resident of Columbia called Public Security January 28 at 6:42 am to complain about construction work at 4200 Dorchester, Public Security officials said. This is the building formerly occupied the Quebec Order of Nurses (see July 2, 2013, p. 1) and now being renovated. A small tractor was found depositing debris in a container. Workers were warned about starting before 7 am.

Officers were called back two days later at 9 am when a large construction vehicle was blocking the rear lane. It was not properly stabilized, and no pedestrian passage had been set up. The contractor was told to obtain a permit to use the public way.

## Car trouble at 1:20 am

A lone woman having car trouble was spotted on Westmount Ave. near Aberdeen at 1:20 am January 28, Public Security officials said. She was described as yelling on a phone, panicking because she was pregnant and her car wouldn't start. A patroller managed to get the car going but followed her home to Dr. Penfield Ave. The car appeared unstable and the engine light remained on.

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## A Westmouter's Perspective

# Westmount hockey great, tough – even without contact

BY MICHAEL OSTERLAND

Since the new Westmount Recreation Centre opened in October 2013, residents have enjoyed the privilege of having two full sheets of excellent ice. Youth inter-city and house hockey, four “old-timers” leagues, women’s instructional and recreational hockey, general skating and age-specific shinny hockey are now better accommodated. Almost anytime one visits the facility after 4 pm on weekdays and all day on the weekends, there is a great sense of bustle and activity. The off-peak hours during the week are frequently used by many schools in the area, as well.

### Inter-city thriving

The Westmount inter-city youth hockey program is thriving at all levels; the benefits of regular exercise, team-building, healthy competition and community involvement are immeasurable. Some of the boys and girls have the opportunity to also play on school teams; however, in my opinion, there is nothing better than playing on a team with kids from different schools and backgrounds in the area.

Westmount has two teams each in the Novice, Atom, Peewee and Bantam categories of the Eastern Hockey League (EHL), and three teams in the Midget age category. This group of players (now aged 15 to 17) has been able to put together two A-level teams in the EHL since Peewee. The Wings and Predators compete at the highest level of non-contact hockey, and they do it very well.

On February 1 at 2:30 pm, Westmouters of all ages were thoroughly entertained and wowed by the game between the first-

place Wings and the third-place Predators. On the line – local bragging rights. There are some who complain the Westmount teams have too many players who should be enrolled in double-letter hockey with the Lasalle Cobras program.

These naysayers completely miss the point. Hockey Quebec was the first province in our hockey-crazed country to offer non-contact competition at the Bantam and Midget levels. The other provinces have since seen the enormous upside to this move. As kids become teenagers, growth spurts vary dramatically, and the speed of the game hits warp drive.

Some simply don’t like the constant body checking in the double-letter competition, others are unwilling to commit to a significantly more expensive and time-consuming travel schedule. Yet, many of these players are very talented and want to play a high skill-level game.

### See-saw scoreboard

Back to that Sunday – speed, teamwork, great shots, excellent goaltending and friends against friends – very competitive! The Predators jumped out to a 2-0 lead after only five minutes. The Wings soared back to tie it early in the second period. The Predators went up 3-2 and the Wings tied it again before the third period began. The Wings went up 5-3 and the Preds clawed back in the waning minutes, scoring the tying goal on a power play in the last seconds.

Immediately after the game, there was another contest scheduled on the same rink between two bantam AAA teams, not from Westmount. I spoke with a father of one of the boys participating in that game,

and he was absolutely floored by the speed and level of skill in the tilt between the two Westmount teams. “Don’t expect to see hockey like that in the next hour,” he told me. “The full contact interrupts the flow and slows it down a fair bit.”

The boys who compete in AAA hockey one day hope to play major junior hockey or perhaps compete at the collegiate level with the CIAU in Canada or the NCAA in the USA. A few lucky ones will become professionals. The boys who play A hockey want to compete at a high level in a league that allows tough physical play without the bone-jarring, concussion-producing effects of full contact. We hockey parents simply want them to play the game for life.

I daresay a Midget Westmount Wings/Predators match-up is the best show in town (and that includes our beloved Habs). With a little luck, they will meet again in their league championship mid-March, best two of three. Stay tuned and get out to your Westmount Recreation Centre to see some great hockey.

*Michael Osterland has been a resident of Westmount since 2002. He and his wife Lisa have two boys in Westmount Midget hockey. He has coached hockey in the past.*

## Nervous dog goes home

Public safety officers tried to catch and leash a loose dog on Côte St. Antoine at 4:53 pm, January 29, Public Security officials said. The brown mixed-breed appeared very nervous and headed to its home on Springfield, where its owner was warned to obtain a dog licence.



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# 533 Clarke Ave., part I: Creation of The Boulevard



*History by  
the house*

ANDY DODGE, CRA

In the early 19th century, with the city of Montreal hugging the old port and shoreline of the St. Lawrence River, Scottish gentry and French farmers began looking out to the rest of the island of Montreal. James McGill purchased a strip of land to the west of the city and established a college there. In the 1850s, what was to become Notre Dame de Grâce and later Westmount was made up of strips of land reaching up from Côte St. Antoine Rd. to the top of the mountain and over the other side, and similar strips graced Mount Royal. A map shows names like McGregor, Murray, Bowman and Phillips on strips mingled with those of Descari, Hurtubise, St. Germain and Lacombe.

In 1858, many of these landowners and Montreal officials of the day (including Mayor Charles Rodier, William Workman, William Murray, Peter Redpath, Sidney Bellingham, William Dow and L. H.

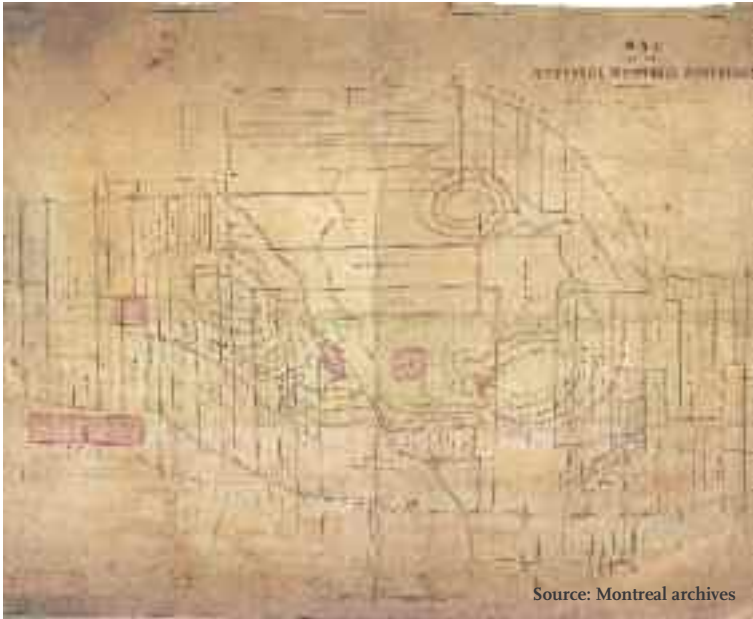
Holton (among many others) formed a corporation “for the constructing, maintaining and managing the Boulevard or Public Road to be formed on or around the said Mountain adjoining the said City of Montreal, and the grounds to be set apart upon the sides or top of the said Mountain for Public grounds, Parks, Gardens Squares or Ornamental Grounds...for the embellishment of the City and Suburbs of Montreal.”

This venturesome circuit through the wilderness of the mountain became what is now The Boulevard/Cedar Ave., part of Victoria Ave., and was to go around Mount Royal in a much tighter loop than exists today, crossing Côte des Neiges Rd. and the “Priests’ Farm” on its way back to what is now Westmount.

One of the co-signers was Gregor McGregor, who owned the strip of land straight up the hill from Côte St. Antoine where Clarke Ave. now rises. Unfortunately, we can find little about his past history except that his son was John McGregor, who owned land nearby on what was to become McGregor Ave. (now Dr. Penfield Ave.). Lovell’s directory (1870) lists a G. McGregor who was an “auctioneer and commission merchant” on St. François Xavier St. in Montreal, and the first name Gregor appears to have been fairly popular in the McGregor clan of the time.

McGregor sold to John C. McLaren in 1871, maintaining the Scottish influence on the western Montreal area (before Notre Dame de Grâce was formed in 1874). McLaren is described as a “saddler and harness maker” and one of the founding governors of the Western Hospital of Montreal at the corner of Atwater and Tupper streets, which site was to become a part of what is now the Montreal Children’s Hospital.

It took a while for “upper” Westmount to develop. The “Round the Mountain” Boulevard did not appear until 1890 and ran along the side of the mountain on what



Source: Montreal archives

An 1858 map showed the original conception of the round-the-mountain road, which was to be dotted with parks and squares, essentially crossing Côte des Neiges along the line of what is now Cedar/The Boulevard, Victoria Ave., Queen Mary Rd. and into Mount Royal Park, across the east side of Mount Royal and back toward what is now Pine Ave. Most landowners owned strips of land climbing up both Mount Royal and Westmount Mountain.

are now Cedar Ave. and The Boulevard, then headed north into Côte des Neiges (on Victoria Ave.) into lush garden country. Even then, apparently, the city Solons did not know what to call it so just left it as “The Boulevard.” Clarke Ave. rose to about Montrose Ave. (then Campbell St.) and stopped at the McLaren property.

William Notman, the famous Montreal photographer, headed a consortium that purchased the land above what was then Argyle Ave., just west of McLaren’s lot, in 1874 when Notre Dame de Grâce was created. His nephew, Alfred G. Walford, also a portrait photographer, bought up the McLaren lot from his estate in 1894, paying 30 cents per square foot for the 16,979 square feet of land. Interestingly, David Yuile, who with his brother William had developed a successful glass industry as well as considerable land speculation in Westmount, offered a mortgage of \$1,528.11 on the property; the rest was assumed as a balance of sale by the McLaren estate.

Walford only held the land for a few months before turning it over to Henry Wallace Stroud, a tea and coffee wholesaler, who paid only about \$250 more for the property, which was by then deemed to be at the corner of “the proposed extension of Clarke Ave. and a proposed Avenue to be called The Boulevard,” though the latter included what is now Cedar Ave. Stroud left the land vacant for 15 years, from 1894 to 1909, when the growing city of Westmount decided

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*But new changes could affect Sherbrooke St.*

# Agglo land-use, development plan foreseen as having little local impact

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

While Westmount and other municipalities on the island of Montreal are being required to provide urban plans and legislation conforming to the new agglomeration land use and development plan, few changes are foreseen for Westmount as a built-up community, according to Mayor Peter Trent.

Along with adopting a by-law regarding tree removal on private property as previously reported (see October 21, p. 1), one new change could also have potential impact on Westmount, Trent told the city council meeting February 2.

This is a requirement adopted by the agglo council at the end of January setting out interior and exterior noise levels for building within 30 meters of high-volume arteries such as Sherbrooke and within 300 meters of a highway.

"I made sure it applies only to new buildings," he said.

Given Westmount's building requirement for masonry construction, however,

this should not affect any new buildings "because of our higher building quality," he said, and the use of double-glazed windows that tend to be a current building standard.

Trent later said his main concern was ensuring that the noise requirements were not applied "after the fact." While this was not written into the document, he had obtained a transcription of the proceedings as a guarantee, he added.

Nevertheless, the latest changes will now send the agglo plan back to the city's Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) for a second review, explains Councillor Theodora Samiotis.

The city has six months to conform after the agglo plan is ratified by the Quebec minister of Municipal Affairs.

The plan provides a framework for municipalities, which in turn conforms to the regional land-use plan (see August 30, 2011, p. 5). It covers a wide range of issues aimed at creating sustainable and liveable cities.

These include transit, density and green

spaces. Among those in the agglo plan are the protection of Meadowbrook golf course in Côte St. Luc and Angell Woods in Beaconsfield as green spaces, Trent said.

Some contentious issues, however, led several West Island mayors to vote against the plan, "which could present areas of conflict in the future," result in more changes and was therefore worth noting, he said.

Among these were the setting aside of large swaths of land that would be affected by the anti-noise requirement for new buildings close to a highway. This could lead to a mandatory sound barrier for external sound readings higher than 55 decibels.

Describing the plan as "a pretty important document for the island," he also said it was a very complicated one.

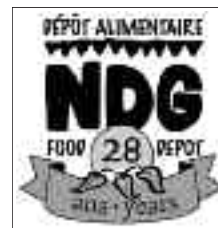
Councillor Cynthia Lulham said she was pleased the plan included recommendations regarding the safety of new constructions in proximity to railway lines.

## Register to open for \$4.2-M loan by-law

City council adopted a loan by-law February 2 for \$4.2 million "for the roadway reconstruction program, the refurbishing of water mains and the rehabilitation of sewers."

A referendum register will open Wednesday, February 18 at city hall for residents opposed to the by-law to sign. The register will be open from 9 am to 7 pm in the council chamber. Adoption of the umbrella loan by-law was moved by Councillor Victor Drury to allow for tenders to be called for various projects as they come up.

The capital works budget of \$12.2 million for many projects proposes \$2.6 million for work on roads and sidewalks plus \$1.8 million for the water and sewer network (see story January 20, p. 7). — LS



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Police Report

# Charged for skipping out on bill

By MICHAEL MOORE

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

A man who failed to settle his bill at a Westmount restaurant despite receiving a 24-hour period of grace from the owner has been charged with a form of fraud. The 55-year-old walked into the St. Catherine St. restaurant around 7 pm on February 2 and ordered food and drinks off the menu. When the bill came due three hours later, however, the man allegedly approached the manager and told him that he was unable to pay.

The two parties attempted to “make an arrangement” for payment of the meal, according to Station 12 constable Stephan Laperrière. However, when they reached an impasse, the owner called 911, and officers arrived on scene to charge the man.

The incident falls under Article 364 of the Canadian Criminal Code, which makes it illegal to “fraudulently obtain food, a beverage or accommodation” from a business.

When first approached, the man reportedly tried to give police false information, including an incorrect date of birth.

“We were able to work through that and figure out it was a lie. He did admit after that he had given the wrong information to try to get away with it afterwards, but it didn’t work,” said Laperrière.

Providing false information could have potentially resulted in an additional obstruction of justice charge, but the suspect’s file does not currently list one as pending against him, according to Laperrière.

After police discovered the man’s true identity and took down his relevant information, the restaurant owner offered to drop the charges if the man returned the following day to pay for the meal.

When the man failed to return on February 3, as promised, the owner contacted police and instructed them to file the charges. The details of the meal and the total cost of the bill can’t be released until the man appears in court, which is expected to take place later this spring, said Laperrière.

# Residents ‘respond’ to CodeRed warning to reduce power use

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Hydro Westmount concerns that cold temperatures and wind chill factors February 2 might overload the network resulted in a CodeRED alert sent out that day at 4:30 pm. The message asked people to reduce the use of heavy appliances during peak evening and morning periods.

“All indications are that residents were really careful,” said the utility’s director Benoit Hurtubise analyzing the data. “People listened, and everybody won. There were no interruptions in service, and the city reduced excessive charges from Hydro Quebec for unusually high peaks.

“If we hadn’t done anything we might have had problems the next morning (February 3),” he explained. Increases in electricity tend to go up slowly during prolonged periods of cold.

Hurtubise said that concerns were first raised the morning of February 2, a Monday, at 10:45 am when a momentary peak consumption of 88.4 megawatts was

recorded. “Typically, 90 megawatts is a critical point when we could face overloads.”

At that time the temperature was minus-22 degrees and there were heavy winds, which add to the cooling of houses. “Our main concern was for the next morning.”

After the CodeRED alert went out, a peak of 85.6 megawatts was recoded at 6 pm.

The next day at 7:30 am under the same weather pattern, however, the same 85.6-megawatt reading was obtained, a decrease of three percent over the previous morning. And it continued dropping to 83.6 by 10 am.

The majority of Westmount houses are now heated by electricity as are homes across Quebec, Hurtubise said. When the temperature plunges below -18 degrees C, heavy appliances that people can avoid using during peak hours include stoves and dryers, he said.

Peak hours are 7:30 to 9 am and 4:30 to 7 pm.

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***Accident cont’d. from p. 1***

had to make two passes on Mountain before a fire truck that had responded to the accident was able to back down the hill.

Public Security “kept an eye” on the steep hills, directing salt trucks and positioning patrols across the streets until the arrival of trucks. Along with Mountain, these included Clarke, Argyle and Church Hill.

The city’s salt trucks were spreading the usual calcium/salt mix used at lower temperatures but the melting was freezing over too quickly and “turning things back to ice,” said Hydro Westmount director

Benoit Hurtubise, who is serving as acting Public Works director.

By mid-morning, he said, it was decided to use sand along with salt as an abrasive.

A Public Works pick-up truck, which was also involved in salting, skidded south-bound into the intersection of Roslyn and Côte St. Antoine at 11:39 am. It was hit by a car travelling west driven by a 41-year-old Westmount woman. The accident was described as minor.

The minus-20-degree temperatures were whipped into wind chill factors below minus 30 that caused city officials to put out a CodeRED warning asking residents to reduce electricity use (see separate story, p. 10).

## Westmount Soccer Club 2015 Registration Now Open

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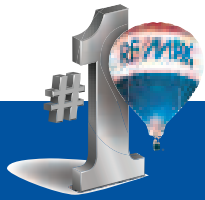
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# Vic village meeting to unveil parking plans

The city will present its plan for parking in the Victoria village Wednesday, February 11 at the Westmount recreation centre. Starting at 7 pm, the meeting was announced at the council meeting February 2 as a neighbourhood session by district councillor Christina Smith.

The meeting will be focused on the parking issue. Recommendations from the CIMA+ study and the city's Transportation Advisory Committee will be presented. See January 13, p. 15.

The intent is to share the plans with residents and merchants and generate feedback, she said.

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Westmount Toastmasters Club held an open house January 27 at Victoria Hall. Members welcomed some 35 members and guests, who learned about the club's public speaking and leadership program. From left: Don Clarke, vice president of education; Kevin Copps, vice president of public relations; guest speaker Yaw Perbi; and Maxine Moldowam, club president. Toastmasters meets every Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 pm at Victoria Hall. Guests are welcome. The annual fee is \$153 and can be paid in two payments.

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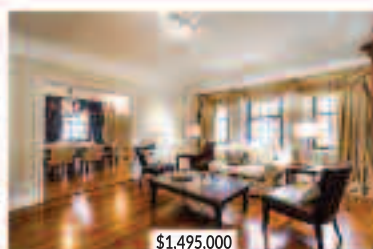
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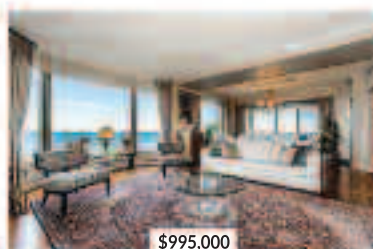
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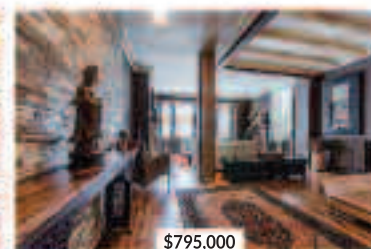
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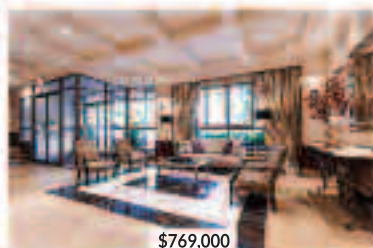
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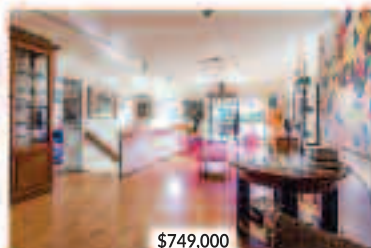
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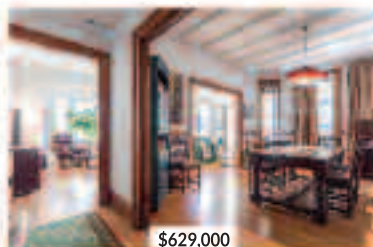
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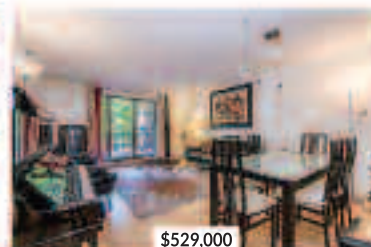
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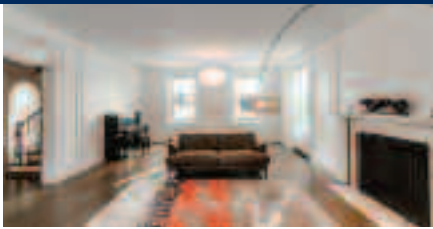


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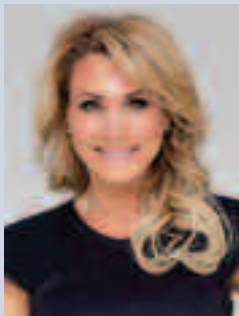
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# 'Dance with the stars' raises almost half million for Children's Hospital



Dancing with the Stars organizing committee members living in Westmount are, from left: Julie Katherine Turcotte, Arabella Decker, Norma D'Alesio and Louise Guimond. The Just for Kids Foundation held its annual fundraiser the evening of February 3 at the Théâtre Telus. More than 325 people came to watch dancers compete before an audience and judges. The theme this year was "A Step In Time," which represented music from the 1920s Charleston to contemporary hip hop. The competition saw individuals dancing to specific period music, as well as team groups and a children's troupe. Westmounters dancing included Ian Mofford (the '50s), Julie Eller (the '60s) and Anissa Goldberg (the '90s). The event raised \$440,700, which was to benefit the Montreal Children's Hospital.

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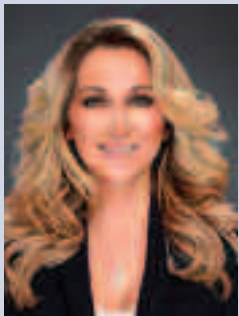


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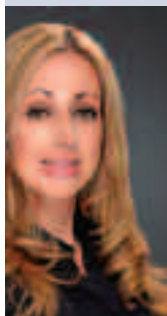
## Second year for Roslyn fundraiser



Philip Cutler, commissioner of Public Security was spotted in front of the sound set-up donated by DJ Kitana during Roslyn's second annual fundraiser February 7.

Roslyn's Fire and Ice fundraising ball was an evening of lively disco music provided by DJ Kitana held in the gym. A silent auction included a day with school principal Nick Katalifos, three platinum hockey tickets donated by Westmounter Geoff Molson, pizza for a whole class, lunch with Westmount-Ville Marie MP Marc Garneau and other items. Refreshments for the evening were donated by several local businesses, including Bacaro Pizzeria, Brasserie Central, Buck15 Espresso bar, Davids Tea, JarBar Catering, MAD Catering, Park Restaurant, Simply

Wonderful and Tao Restaurant. Christine Cardinal and Skawennati Fragnito were the event's co-organizers. Parent Ed Vickery explained that the hope was to raise sufficient funds to establish an edible garden that would incorporate a teaching area with seats and connections for a digital board. "This fundraiser is important," said Vickery "because the provincial government and also the English Montreal School Board will match funds raised, which means we will earn triple what we raise tonight."



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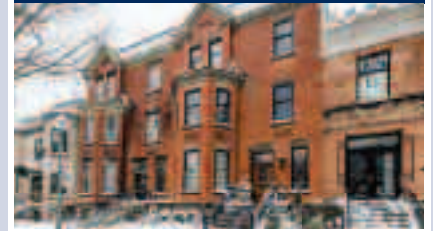


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### Public Works cont'd. from p. 1

Raggio, a resident of NDG, is pursuing an MBA from Concordia and holds an undergraduate degree in arts specializing in recreational science. "It's interesting that he's not an engineer but a manager," explains Councillor Patrick Martin, Public Works commissioner.

#### PW restructured

Under a recent restructuring of the department and given its growth in size, engineer Elisa Gaetano was appointed assistant director in charge of engineering and planning, "So what we needed was a manager to oversee the entire operation," Martin explained.

During his career, Raggio has developed expertise in customer service forged

through work involving Mount Royal Park, the Montreal Botanical Garden and a network of nature parks and sporting facilities in Côte St. Luc and the Montreal borough of Villeray-St. Michel-Park Extension.

In addition to roads, buildings, water and sewer networks and other municipal infrastructure, Public Works oversees parks, including Summit Woods, horticulture, recycling and traffic.

Raggio was accompanied at the city council meeting by Hydro Westmount director Benoit Hurtubise, who has been overseeing Public Works as acting director in the absence of Zalzal, who is currently on short-term sick leave.

Zalzal joined the department 27 years ago as a junior engineer and served as assistant director and interim director before becoming director in 2009.



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Patrick Raggio, right, is congratulated on his appointment as Public Works director February 2 by Councillor Patrick Martin, Public Works commissioner.

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## Batshaw Children Needing Homes

# 3 siblings look for home together

A foster home is being sought for three siblings of Caucasian and aboriginal background.

Eleven-year-old Hayley is a friendly and curious child, who loves to escape into her books and is also enjoying learning to dance. Her sister Polly is 5 years old, an intellectually bright child, who loves to learn. Both girls have been affected by their histories and will benefit from a caregiver able to be sensitive to their emotional needs and provide consistent, predictable and loving parenting.

Their two-year-old brother Barnaby is a happy toddler, always beaming and full of fun. He is an enthusiastic eater and equally enamoured of all food groups. He is awaiting assessment for specialized

services to help with his global delays. Although he can talk, Barnaby can be difficult to understand and struggles with speaking clearly.

He loves to explore all facets of his world and can get into mischief with turning on taps and opening doors. Barnaby needs supervision and structured activities, as well as a patient caregiver able to help him make gains in his developmental skills.

The goal for these children is for them to eventually be reunited with family. Meanwhile, they need a family able to meet their need for stability and security and able to provide a long-term home should the current goal not prove feasible.

## Public safety officers intervene in taxi dispute

An altercation between a taxi driver and a client January 28 was broken up by a public safety officer who noticed the cabbie chasing after the man on Greene at about 4:10 pm. Public Security officials said the man had refused to pay the cabbie because he did not have a machine in his car to ac-

cept bank cards. This was not a valid reason not to pay the fare, the officer explained. The man was asked to wait for police. Before their arrival, however, he withdrew money from the nearby TD Bank machine and paid the fare.



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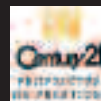
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## HYDRO WESTMOUNT

### Hydro Westmount vous remercie !

 Le matin du lundi 2 février, dans des conditions météorologiques de -22C et de forts vents, le réseau de Hydro Westmount a enregistré une puissance de pointe élevée à 88.4MW, tout près de son point critique. Suite à l'émission d'une alerte aux résidents les encourageant à réduire leur consommation électrique pendant les périodes de pointe, la puissance maximale enregistrée lundi soir et mardi matin était de 85.6MW, soit une réduction de 3% par rapport à lundi matin.

Lorsque la puissance totale excède 90 MW, le risque de surcharges et d'interruptions de service sur le réseau de Westmount s'accroît et le coût de cette énergie supplémentaire est très élevé. Grâce à vos efforts du 2 et 3 février, nous en sommes tous gagnants. Nous vous encourageons à continuer à réduire votre consommation électrique entre 7 h 30 et 9 h et entre 16 h 30 et 19 h lorsque la température extérieure est inférieure à -18C. Merci à tous !

## BIBLIOTHÈQUE

### « 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.

### Films pour la semaine de relâche !

**Les lundi et mardi 2 et 3 mars à 14h.** Veuillez vous inscrire au comptoir des enfants. Projections en anglais. Info : 514 989-5229.

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## ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

### Panadream Theatre : Le magicien géant

**Le mercredi 4 mars, 9 h**, Victoria Hall. Un spectacle interactif de marionnettes pour les jeunes de 3 à 10 ans. 5 \$ à l'entrée. Info : 514 989-5226.

## Prochaine séance du conseil le lundi 2 mars

### Association historique de Westmount

**Le jeudi 19 février, 19 h**. Bibliothèque. « *Restoring an award-winning house* ». Présentation par Michael McAdoo et Theodora Samiotis, propriétaires. Ce couple a reçu le prix Opération Patrimoine Architectural de Montréal (OPAM) en 2006 pour leur projet de restauration de l'extérieur de leur maison du boul. Dorchester. Non-membres : 5 \$. Info : 514 932-6688.

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## SPORTS & RECREATION

### NOUVEAU ! Inscription en ligne pour les activités printemps et été 2015

**À compter du lundi 16 février à 8 h en ligne ou à 8:30 en personne** au Centre des loisirs de Westmount, 4675, rue Ste-Catherine O. La période d'inscription pour les activités printemps et été 2015 débutera le lundi 16 février pour les résidents de Westmount et le lundi 23 mars pour les non-résidents.

**IMPORTANT : NOUVELLES PROCÉDURES POUR LES INSCRIPTIONS EN LIGNE** : avant de pouvoir s'inscrire en ligne, il est nécessaire de créer et d'activer un compte électronique dans le système Sports et loisirs. Consultez la page **Inscription et activités** du site Web [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org) et suivez les consignes pour créer un compte. Veuillez noter que vous devez présenter une preuve de résidence de Westmount **en personne** au bureau de sports et loisirs au CLW pour pouvoir activer votre compte en 2015. Cela comprend les détenteurs de carte d'accès 2014. Info : 514 989-5353.

## HYDRO WESTMOUNT

### Hydro Westmount says thank you!

On the morning of Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Hydro Westmount's network recorded a consumption peak of 88.4MW, very close to its critical threshold, due to weather conditions of -22C and strong winds. After an alert was issued to residents asking them to reduce their electricity use during peak periods, the maximum consumption recorded for Monday evening and Tuesday morning was 85.6MW – a 3% reduction compared to Monday morning.

Power use exceeding 90 MW can overload Westmount's network and cause service interruptions. The cost of using extra electricity is also extremely high. We all benefit from efforts like those made on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, and we encourage you to continue lowering your electrical consumption during the peak hours of 7:30 to 9 a.m. and 4:30 to 7 p.m. when the outside temperature falls below -18C. Thank you, everyone!

## LIBRARY

### 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; Pick them up at the Library's Circulation Desk. Info: 514 989-5386.

### March Break Movies!

**Monday and Tuesday, March 2 & 3 at 2 p.m.** Please sign up at the Children's Desk. Films presented in English. Info : 514 989-5229.

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS



### Panadream Theatre: The Giant Magician

**Wednesday, March 4, 9 a.m.**, Victoria Hall. An interactive puppet show for children ages 3 to 10. 5\$ at the door. Info: 514 989-5226.

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

### Westmount Historical Association

**Thursday, February 19, 7 p.m.**, Library. *Restoring an award-winning house*. Speakers: Michael McAdoo and Theodora Samiotis, owners. The couple won the 2006 Opération Patrimoine Architectural de Montréal (OPAM) award for the preservation of the exterior of their home on Dorchester Boulevard. 5\$ for non-members. Info : 514 932-6688.

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### NEW ! Online registration for 2015 spring and summer activities

**Beginning Monday, February 16, 8 a.m. online, 8:30 in person** at the Westmount Recreation Centre, 4675 Ste-Catherine St. W. Registration for spring and summer activities begins Monday, February 16 for residents and Monday, March 23 for non-residents.

**IMPORTANT : NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION PROCEDURE** : you must create and activate an electronic account in the Sports & Recreation system in advance to be able to register online. Consult the **Registration and Activities** page at [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org) and follow the instructions to create an account. Please note that you must present proof of Westmount residency in person at the Sports and Recreation office at the WRC to be able to activate your account in 2015; this includes 2014 membership card holders.

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## The Connoisseur and the Philistine

# Beer Review: Isle de Garde

1039 Beaubien East (corner Christophe Colomb), Rosemont-Petite Patrie ("RoPePa," the new Plateau)

Thursday, November 6, 2014

**David Price, The Philistine;** beer drinker and beer thinker

*Ideal beer:* stronger-than-average lager, even it's commercial Canadian beer

*Favourite beer:* Harp

**Greg Dunning, The Connoisseur;** beer drinker, brewer and hunter

*Ideal beer:* one that is manufactured by people who care more about the beer than the money

*Favourite beer:* Too many to mention

**THE CONNOISEUR:** Surprised by our last venture (Dieu du ciel, see October 14, p. 20), where no lager could be found, we sought out a lager-friendly establishment. It is understood by many that "... east of Yonge St. in Toronto everyone in Canada drank ale; west of it, everyone drank lager."<sup>1</sup> The Maritimes' and Quebec's preference for ales is a result of British settlement, while continental Europeans settled in the

Prairies and brought their oktoberfests, Pilsners and bock preferences with them.

So, finding lagers around here is challenging, but not impossible. Recently we found ourselves at a new (as of September 17) brasserie that offers 24 taps in rotation.

**THE PHILISTINE: Sieur de Léry (5%) by Frampton Brasse (Czech Republic Pilsner)**

Sieur de Léry from Frampton, QC is the lager that I've been searching for! It was crisp and not very carbonated, and cold. And there wasn't too much taste. No skunkiness, no metallicity, no nuttiness, no spiciness. If a good lager is a knife, this one was a razor. A+.

**THE CONNOISEUR: Saison Cassis (6%) by Brasserie Dunham (Lambic Belgian-style wheat beer)**

Very refreshing, lightly tart, lightly fruity, and perfect after my 40-minute bike ride, and less sweet than Mort Subite Framboise (raspberry) or Kriek (cherry), both available at the SAQ. A lambic beer is not fermented by ale or lager yeast. The wort (pre-fermented beer), made with 30 percent unmalted wheat, is allowed to cool in an open vessel overnight. Airborne wild yeasts and bacteria (120+ of them), unique to the Zenne River valley southwest of Brussels, spontaneously ferment it. The following day, the wort is transferred to oak barrels to age for a year or longer. Fortunately, a Quebec brewer can buy commercially produced "wild" yeast and try to approach the earthly genius of spontaneous fermentation. Anybody who says "I dislike beer because it is too bitter or heavy," should try a Belgian fruit beer.

**THE PHILISTINE: Saison Cassis (6%) by Brasserie Dunham (Lambic Belgian-style wheat beer)**

Saison Cassis had a strong "pre-taste" (from the smell presumably), but was less pungent once actually tasted. It was also



very smooth.

Readers of this column may remember that Greg and I agreed about the "vile" Mein Schatzky at Brasseur de Montréal (but had lots of good things to say about its other beers, see June 3, p. 29). I classify Cassis as its sophisticated and elegant cousin. Like Mein Schatzky, it is spritzzy, but it does not overdo and ruin it by going into full-on soda-pop mode.

**THE CONNOISEUR: 12 (5.2%) by Farnham Ale & Lager (South German weissbier)**

Still on the theme of wheat, I go for 12, which for Farnham Ale and Lager means 12 IBU (international bittering units); hardly bitter. Very smooth and since the hops are less pronounced, it could almost slip by as a lager. Bavarians often enjoy wheat beer and *weisswurst* for breakfast or on a summer Sunday after church. You can buy this one in the can at the 5 Saisons and you can compare it to Belle Gueule's, or the stronger, tarter Sein d'Esprit from Broadway (Shawinigan).  
Since I had it on tap, I did *continued on p. 20*

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# Webb's Turing lecture draws a crowd



On January 29, the upstairs auditorium at the Atwater Library and Computer Centre was filled with a large audience eager to hear sociologist and Westmount resident Brian Webb deliver a lecture on Alan Turing, the British mathematician, code-breaker and pioneering computer scientist. As library director Lynn Verge pointed out while introducing Webb, some interest in his topic may have been generated by *The Imitation Game*, a movie on Turing's life currently playing in Montreal. Photo: Martin C. Barry

## Comin' Up

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14**  
Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom's "Lunch and Learn" in recognition of Jewish Disabilities Awareness Month, 12:30 pm. The free 45-minute session features-guest speakers Joel Yanofsky and Josh Liliman. Light lunch, childcare provided.

**University Women's Club of Montreal**  
Wednesday, February 18th at 6 pm  
in the Atwater Club, 3505 Avenue Atwater.  
A Better Future. McGill University Principal, Dr Suzanne Fortier will talk about the many student centered and student led initiatives that have inspired "the McGill Commitment." \$31.04 (members), \$50 (non members; glass-wine included). Reservations required. Newcomers welcome.  
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**Beer cont'd. from p. 19**

not get the cloudiness in the glass. Two breweries that basically invented the style, to which all imitators should be compared, are Hacker-Pschorr Weisse and Schneider Weisse Original, both available at the SAQ.

**THE PHILISTINE: 12 (5.2%) by Farnham Ale & Lager (South German weissbier)**  
I sampled 12 as well, confusingly from tap #5. It is a *hefeweizen* by Farnham. This beer did not have too much taste, which for a weizen was fine by me. I usually find them sweet, which is to say too sweet for me, because I don't find sweetness belongs in a beer.

**THE CONNOISEUR: Saison Multigrain (7.5%) by L'Hermite (Belgian Wallonia ale)**  
Microbrasserie L'Hermite of Victoriaville takes full licence in adding corn, oats, wheat and rye to the malted barley to produce a beautifully balanced and smooth autumn "farmhouse" beer. It's burnt orange in the tumbler, full-bodied, and hard to believe that it is carrying 7.5 percent because it's so easy drinking. It's not too fruity and there is no cereal overkill. This is the drink the Belgian field workers would have had after a day of labour on the farm while their British counterparts would be having their mild. This version is not a summer beer but the perfect way to start enjoying fall. I ordered my tartare, salad and fries with mayo off the inspired, "cuisine marché" menu, and it paired perfectly with this Saison.

**THE PHILISTINE: 35 (5%) by Farnham Ale & Lager (English bitter ale)**  
Continuing the Farnham/tap number puzzle, next for me was 35, from tap #19. This bitter, according to the menu, was in my view a typical Montreal-area microbrew, including that mix of metallicity and nuttiness, each at about half strength in this case. My guess? Most lovers of local microbrews will like it. For me, it was drinkable but not extraordinary.

**THE CONNOISEUR: Strong Bitter (5.7%) by L'Hermite (English bitter ale)**  
Bitter it was not. As a hop-head, I was disappointed with this one. It just didn't stand out since I was prepared for a sharp hop finish and aftertaste after all those lightly-hopped Belgian-style ales.

**THE PHILISTINE: Distorsion (7%) by Jukebox (American IPA)**  
Next was Distorsion from Les Cèdres, QC. This beer was listed as an American

pale ale (APA). It was not as hoppy in taste as the APAs that I have had before. I find that hoppy taste to be skunky and this one weighed in on my skunkiness meter at 33 percent, which was good for me, but probably not good for most India pale ale (IPA) and APA lovers.

**THE CONNOISEUR: Stoute Impériale Russe (10%) by Frampton Brasse (English stout, ale)**  
We covered "imperial" in depth in our last column (October 14, p. 20), but now I get to try the real deal as a stout at 10 percent. This is one you want to finish with so I paired it with the cheesecake. Frampton Brasse "imperialized" this stout by ageing it in a bourbon keg, which made it taste more alcoholic than coffee-ish. The beer pros at Isle de Garde served it in a brandy snifter, which made me feel like a visiting sovereign. Scotch drinkers; enjoy!

**THE PHILISTINE: Cantillon (5%) Brasserie Cantillon – (Lambic, imported from Belgium)**  
Lastly, I had a bit of Cantillon, which tasted like a mix between whiskey, wine, cider and champagne. In my view, we had left beer country entirely by this point and so my review of it is this: .

**THE CONNOISEUR: Cantillon (5%) Brasserie Cantillon – (Lambic, imported from Belgium)**  
To the Gueuze connoisseur, Cantillon is the Champagne of beers, the benchmark of its style. The beeradvocate.com rates it 100/100 from 2,472 ratings, so at any price, \$35 in this case for 750 ml, I was pretty stoked to try it out. I already knew that Gueuze would challenge the Dutchman and the Czech and would probably turn the Philistine into a card-carrying prohibitionist, but I didn't expect this.

Ouch! I really don't get this one. It tasted sweet, sour and bitter all at once as expected but I just couldn't get by the smell of it. I have no difficulty inhaling the aroma from Oka or Gorgonzola, but this beer smelled like a wet goat, eating blue cheese, in a dirty stall. Yuck.

No matter how hard I tried to get through this beer I just couldn't appreciate or ignore that rancid, paint-peeling stench that some people swear is brilliant. Well, still lots to learn.

**THE PHILISTINE – The Summary**  
The atmosphere at Isle de Garde is loud and the decor is bland. The bar is two barren shoebox-shaped rooms side by side. The one design feature worth remarking on is the floor of the bathroom (I am not making this up). It is made of pennies under a translucent covering. Pretty cool.

The service was slow, but friendly. The food (an aged-meat burger) was excellent – the best of any beer outing so far.

<sup>1</sup> *Brew North: How Canadians Made Beer and Beer Made Canada* by Ian Coutts, p. 36.

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# ON THE SHELVES

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## Magazines

“#YouCantShutMeUp” by Rachel Giese in *Chatelaine*, January 2015, p. 82-85. A special report on feminism – abused and silenced women find their voices on social media.

“Get happy” by Lisa Bendell in *Zoomer*, December 2014/January 2015, p. 44-48. Incorporate three new strategies into your diet and feel the bliss.

“Tendances: Découvrez tout ce qui sera hot en 2015” dans *Chez soi*, janvier 2015, p. 24-33. Un condensé de tout ce qui fera vibrer la planète déco-design cette année.

## English e-books

*The End of Power: From Boardrooms to Battlefields and Churches to States, Why Being in Charge Isn't What It Used To Be* by Moises Naim – Mark Zuckerberg's first book club pick: Naim argues that the leaders of today actually have less power than ever before, discussing the changing nature of leadership and the modern dynamics of power.

*Poems that Make Grown Men Cry: 100 Men on the Words That Move Them* by Anthony Holden – Grown men don't cry. But in this fascinating anthology, 100 men – distinguished in literature and film, science and architecture, theater and human rights – confess to being moved to tears by poems that continue to haunt them.

## French e-books

*Hier, aujourd'hui et demain* by Sophia Loren – The Italian movie star, who has played in over 80 films, looks back on her career, as well as her private life, her loves, her friends and her children.

*Les inoubliables* by Jean-Marc Parisi – The author tells the story of a tragedy that happened during WWII in Dordogne, France. A number of Jewish families were sent to concentration camps, amongst them were five children of the Shupak family. Many of the deported did not return. Parisi combed through archives to find exactly what happened that fateful summer and even managed to find a survivor, one of the Shupak kids.

## Adult English – thrillers for the New Year

*The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins – Rachel is a washed-up, 30-something who creates a fantasy about the seemingly perfect couple she sees during her daily train ride into London. When the woman goes missing, Rachel manages to insert herself

into the investigation of the woman's disappearance. In the vein of *Gone Girl*, this dark psychological thriller is fast-paced and features some very unreliable narrators.

*Her* by Harriet Lane – Drawn to a sophisticated new friend named Nina, exhausted young mother Emma finds herself in a dangerous game of cat and mouse, triggered by Nina's growing obsession to own and control her.

## Adult French – Voices from Africa

*Notre quelque part* by Nii Ayikwei Parkes – Kayo, a young forensic expert, is sent to a remote Ghanaian village to investigate what could be foul play. With Garba, his police side-kick, he finds a community that lives according to ancestral traditions. As events around them become incomprehensible, they will realize that they have come to a place where storytelling is more powerful than science.

*La route des clameurs* by Ousmane Diarra – In Mali, where Islamists have conquered parts of the country, a painter falls prey to guerillas who destroy his workshop and burn his paintings. He keeps his head up and overcomes intolerance thanks to his irony and humor.

## DVDs

“Magic in the Moonlight,” directed by Woody Allen – Set in the 1920s, Stanley, an Englishman posing as an Asian magician, attempts to debunk fake spiritualists. He then travels to the south of France to unmask a supposed medium named Sophie as a good-looking fake, but he ends up falling for her real-world charms instead.

“A Most Wanted Man,” directed by Anton Corbijn – German intelligence agent Gunther Bachmann must race against time to solve a perilous mystery: Is the half-Chechen, half-Russian Muslim who's surfaced in Hamburg a victim seeking refuge or a terrorist seeking revenge?

## Children's books

*In Search of the Little Prince: The Story of Antoine de Saint-Exupéry* by Bimba Landmann and *The Pilot and the Little Prince: The Life of Antoine de Saint-Exupéry* by Peter Sis – Two new beautifully illustrated picture-book biographies of the author of one of the most celebrated children's books.

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## AVIS PUBLIC

À TOUTES LES PERSONNES HABLES À VOTER AYANT LE DROIT D'ÊTRE INSCRITES SUR LA LISTE RÉFÉRENDARE DE LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT

PROCÉDURE D'ENREGISTREMENT – RÈGLEMENT D'EMPRUNT N° 1480  
LE MERCREDI 18 FÉVRIER 2015

AVIS PUBLIC EST PAR LES PRÉSENTES DONNÉ PAR LA SOUSSignée, GREFFIÈRE ADJOINTE DE LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT, DE CE QUI SUIT :

Lors de sa séance ordinaire tenue le 2 février 2015, le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount a adopté le **Règlement d'emprunt n° 1480** intitulé « RÈGLEMENT AUTORISANT UN EMPRUNT DE 4 171 100 \$ POUR L'EXÉCUTION DE TRAVAUX DE RÉFECTION ROUTIÈRE, DE RESTAURATION DE CONDUITES D'AQUEDUC ET DE RÉHABILITATION DES CONDUITES D'ÉGOUTS », dont l'objet vise à autoriser un emprunt de 4 171 100 \$ pour l'exécution de travaux de réfection routière, de restauration de conduites d'aqueduc et de réhabilitation de conduites d'égouts de la Ville.

### REGISTRE

Les personnes habiles à voter ayant le droit d'être inscrites sur la liste référendaire de la Ville de Westmount peuvent demander que le règlement d'emprunt n° 1480 fasse l'objet d'un scrutin référendaire en inscrivant leur nom, adresse et qualité et en apposant leur signature dans le registre ouvert à cette fin.

Pour signer le registre, les personnes habiles à voter devront établir leur identité en présentant une des pièces suivantes :

- carte d'assurance maladie délivrée par la Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec (RAMQ);
- permis de conduire ou permis de conduire probatoire délivré sur support plastique par la Société de l'assurance-automobile du Québec (SAAQ);
- passeport canadien;
- certificat de statut d'Indien délivré aux personnes inscrites au Registre des Indiens en vertu de la *Loi sur les indiens*; ou
- carte d'identité des Forces canadiennes délivrée par le ministère de la Défense nationale.

Le registre sera accessible de **9 h à 19 h le mercredi 18 février 2015** dans la salle du conseil de l'hôtel de ville de Westmount, située au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount.

Le nombre requis de demandes pour que le règlement d'emprunt n° 1480 fasse l'objet d'un scrutin référendaire est de **500**. Si ce nombre n'est pas atteint, le règlement d'emprunt n° 1480 sera réputé approuvé par les personnes habiles à voter.

Les résultats de la procédure d'enregistrement seront annoncés à 19 h 15 le 18 février 2015, dans la salle du conseil de l'hôtel de ville de Westmount.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter le règlement n° 1480 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 et pendant les heures d'enregistrement.

**CONDITIONS POUR ÊTRE UNE PERSONNE HABLE À VOTER AYANT LE DROIT D'ÊTRE INSCRITE SUR LA LISTE RÉFÉRENDARE DE LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT**

Est une personne habile à voter selon l'ordre de priorité suivant :

1° Toute personne qui n'est frappée d'aucune incapacité de voter et qui remplit les conditions suivantes le **2 février 2015** :

- être domiciliée sur le territoire de la Ville de Westmount; et
- être domiciliée depuis au moins six mois au Québec.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

TO ALL QUALIFIED VOTERS ENTITLED TO HAVE THEIR NAMES ENTERED ON THE REFERENDUM LIST OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE – LOAN BY-LAW 1480  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2015

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT, OF THE FOLLOWING:

At its regular sitting held on February 2, 2015, the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount adopted **Loan By-law 1480**, entitled "BY-LAW TO PROVIDE FOR A LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,171,100 FOR THE ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME, THE REFURBISHING OF WATER MAINS AND THE REHABILITATION OF SEWERS" the object of which is to authorize a loan in the amount of \$4,171,100 to carry out work for the roadway reconstruction programme, the refurbishing of water mains and the rehabilitation of sewers in the City.

### REGISTER

All qualified voters entitled to have their names entered on the referendum list of the City of Westmount may demand that **Loan By-law 1480** be submitted to a referendum poll by entering their name, address and capacity and by apposing their signature in the register open for that purpose.

To sign the register, the qualified voters will be required to produce one of the following pieces of identification:

- Health insurance card (Medicare) issued by the *Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec (RAMQ)*;
- Driver's licence or probationary licence issued in plastic form by the *Société de l'assurance-automobile du Québec (SAAQ)*;
- Canadian passport;
- Certificate of Indian Status issued to persons registered in the Indian Register under the *Indian Act*; or
- Canadian Armed Forces identification card issued by the Department of National Defence.

The register will be open from **9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18, 2015**, in the Council Chamber of Westmount City Hall located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West in Westmount.

The number of applications needed to require that **By-law 1480** be submitted to a poll is **500**. Failing such number, **Loan By-law 1480** shall be deemed to have been approved by the qualified voters.

The results of the registration procedure will be announced at 7:15 p.m. on February 18, 2015, in the Council Chamber of Westmount City Hall.

Any interested person may consult **Loan By-law 1480** and obtain a copy 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. and during the registration hours.

**CONDITIONS TO BE A QUALIFIED VOTER ENTITLED TO HAVE ONE'S NAME ENTERED ON THE REFERENDUM LIST OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT**

Is a qualified voter according to the following order of preference:

1. Any person not disqualified from voting who meets the following requirements on **February 2, 2015**:

- is domiciled in the territory of the City of Westmount;
- has been domiciled for at least six (6) months in Quebec.



### House history cont'd. from p. 8

to take over William Murray's driveway and call it "Westmount Avenue." Either with or without his contribution, the eastward extension of Westmount Ave. was built along the north side of his lot; whether disgruntled that his land now cornered on three streets or eager to see a profit of almost \$3,150 (over 15 years), Stroud sold in December 1909 to Thomas Lamb, a merchant, for 50 cents per square foot, or \$8,489.50.

As this area grew in popularity, there must have been a great deal of pushing, pulling and planning about what to do with a 125-foot lot at the corner of three streets. In May 1910, Lamb sold the corner lot with a 50-foot depth (along what was then Westmount Ave.) to Frank G. Robinson, manager of the Thiel Detective Company's Montreal office. He sold the neighbouring 75-foot lot to William Trenholme, "dairy proprietor," whose Elmhurst Dairy in western Notre Dame de Grâce survived for many years. As the two discussed and

planned what they wanted to build on the lots, it appears Robinson was unable to realize his plans unless he were to buy a strip of land 10 feet wide by 85 feet deep from Trenholme, accomplished in October 1910.

This allowed Robinson to construct a large three-storey house with the front door on Clarke Ave. but only seven feet on the opposite side, so officially the frontage was on (what was then) Westmount Ave., and the rear reached down to (what was then) The Boulevard, later to become Av-

enue Rd. and eventually Cedar Ave.

In 1912, Trenholme sold the remaining lot next door to Alonzo Charles Matthews for \$1.10 per square foot. A year later, he sold it back to Thomas Lamb for \$1.25 per square foot, more than double what Lamb had sold it for in 1909. Still nothing was built on it until it was sold to Elizabeth Lackey, wife of George Fee, in 1915. They constructed what was then 114 Westmount Boulevard, now 3258 The Boulevard.

*The sales history of 533 Clarke Ave. will come in a future issue of the Independent.*



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2° Tout propriétaire unique d'un immeuble ou occupant unique d'un établissement d'entreprise qui n'est frappé d'aucune incapacité de voter et qui remplit les conditions suivantes le **2 février 2015** :

- être propriétaire d'un immeuble ou occupant d'un établissement d'entreprise situé sur le territoire de la Ville de Westmount depuis au moins 12 mois;
- avoir produit ou produire au moment de la signature du registre un écrit signé par le propriétaire ou l'occupant demandant l'inscription sur la liste référendaire, le cas échéant.

3° Tout copropriétaire indivis d'un immeuble ou cooccupant d'un établissement d'entreprise qui n'est frappé d'aucune incapacité de voter et qui remplit les conditions suivantes le **2 février 2015** :

- être copropriétaire indivis d'un immeuble ou cooccupant d'un établissement d'entreprise situé sur le territoire de la Ville de Westmount depuis au moins 12 mois;
- être désigné, au moyen d'une procuration signée par la majorité des personnes qui sont copropriétaires ou cooccupants depuis au moins 12 mois, comme celui qui a le droit de signer le registre en leur nom et d'être inscrit sur la liste référendaire, le cas échéant. La procuration doit avoir été produite ou être produite pour être admis à s'enregistrer.

Dans le cas d'une personne physique, il faut qu'elle soit majeure, de citoyenneté canadienne et ne pas être en curatelle.

Dans le cas d'une personne morale, il faut :

- avoir désigné parmi ses membres, administrateurs ou employés, par résolution, une personne qui, le **2 février 2015** est majeure, de citoyenneté canadienne, qui n'est pas en curatelle et qui n'est frappée d'aucune incapacité de voter prévue par la loi;
- avoir produit ou produire au moment de la signature du registre une résolution désignant la personne autorisée à signer le registre et à être inscrite sur la liste référendaire, le cas échéant.

Sauf dans le cas d'une personne désignée à titre de représentant d'une personne morale, nul ne peut être considéré comme personne intéressée à plus d'un titre conformément à l'article 531 de la *Loi sur les élections et les référendums dans les municipalités*.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 10 février 2015.

Nicole Dobbie  
Greffière adjointe

2. Any sole owner of an immovable or sole occupant of a business establishment not disqualified from voting who meets the following requirements on **February 2, 2015**:

- has been, for at least 12 months, the owner of an immovable or the occupant of a business establishment situated in the territory of the City of Westmount;
- has filed, or files when signing the register, a writing signed by the owner or the occupant requesting that his or her name be entered on the referendum list, as the case may be.

3. Any undivided co-owner of an immovable or co-occupant of a business establishment not disqualified from voting who meets the following conditions on **February 2, 2015**:

- has been for at least 12 months, undivided co-owner of an immovable or co-occupant of a business establishment situated in the territory of the City of Westmount;
- be designated, by means of a power of attorney signed by the majority of the persons who have been co-owners or co-occupants for at least 12 months, as being the one having the right to sign the register in their name and to have the right to be entered on the referendum list, as the case may be. The power of attorney must have been filed, or must be filed to be entitled to register.

In the case of a natural person, he or she must be of full age, a Canadian citizen and must not be under curatorship.

In the case of a legal person, one must:

- have designated by resolution one of its members, directors or employees who, on **February 2, 2015**, is of full age, a Canadian citizen, not under curatorship, nor disqualified from voting;
- have filed, or file the resolution when signing the register, designating the person authorized to sign the register and to be entered on the referendum list, as the case may be.

Except in the case of a person designated to represent a legal person, a person shall have his or her name entered on the list in only one capacity, as per section 531 of *An Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities*.

GIVEN at Westmount, this February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Nicole Dobbie  
Assistant City Clerk



# A Cinderella eve at Viennese Ball



## Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

At the end of November, the Viennese Ball, “200 Years of the Viennese Waltz,” was held under the patronage of the Austrian ambassador to Canada, **Arno Riedel**, attending with his wife **Loretta**.

The annual gala is renowned for the presentation of debutantes, all wearing a perfectly pretty white gown designed by Westmount **Astri Prugger**.

Accompanied by elegant escorts clad in tails, their opening waltz together had overtones of “Downton Abbey”— another era when manners and tradition were a part of life. Sigh.

Guest of honour was McGill University principal and vice chancellor **Suzanne Fortier**, there with her spouse **Doug Babington**. The new honorary consul general of Austria, **Marc Bissell**, and his wife **Morli** attended for the first time.

The beautiful ball opened with an Aus-

trian champagne (“Sekt”) reception, while arriving guests were serenaded by violins playing Austrian waltzes.

Austrian vice consul **Elisabeth Canisius**; **Peter Hill**, president of the Austrian Society and ball president **Elizabeth Wirth**, with husband **Lucien Fauteux**, were head table guests.

Debutantes included Westmounter **Hanna Johnston**, along with **Nadia Onikiy-chuk**, **Fiona Page Moore**, **Natasha-Lee Arbuckle**, **Olivia Hancinsky-Charette**, **Sarah Auclair**, **Gabrielle Henault**, **Sarah-Lisa Bissonnette**, **Mareike Hoffmann**, **Sacha Chretien**, **Paula Dahmen**, **Amelia Krallis**, **Antonia Friedrich**, **Lisa Goddard**, **Brittany Hagen** and **Kahentawaks Ruby Tiewishaw-Poirier**.

Escorts were **Eden Alati-Coventry**, **Alexy Iliev-Paradis**, **Sebastian-David Anger**, **Mark Kuhn**, **Sebastien Battah**, **Kendrick-Sebastian McColm Vincze**, **Emmanuel Cuisinier**, **Lucas Perus**, **Maxime Cyr**, **Kevin Goddard**, **Pedro Reyero Sosa de la Pena**, **Matthew Habrich**, **David Valero Ribes Felix Wawrosz** and **Max Harmat**.

Noted amidst the glamorous guests were **Linda Julien**, president of ..... the federal Liberal Party in *continued on p. 25*



From left: Astri Prugger, Kathrina, Anna and John McGaughey.

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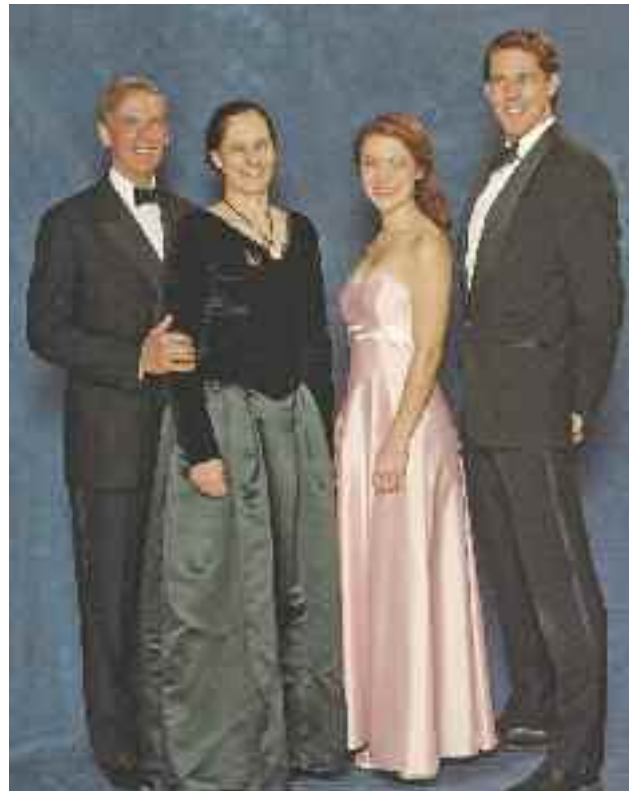




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Hannah Johnston, left, and Sebastien Battah.



From left: Stuart and Anouk Iverson, Lucia Weston and Alexis Iverson.



From left: Elisabeth Canisius, Peter Hill, Morli and Marc Bissell, Loretta and Arno Riedel.

Quebec, with **Louis Victor Sylvestre**; **Naomi** and **Eric Bissell**, B'nai Brith Canada honorary national president and *Gazette* music critic **Arthur Kaptainis** with musi-

cologist **Eleanor Stublely**.

McGill's Schulich School of Music was represented by dean **Sean Ferguson** with his daughter **Aydan**, a 2012 deb.

The evening's proceeds were to support SOS Children's Villages; the Schulich School of Music, a recipient for bursaries for the study of music in Austria; Leave out

Violence (L.O.V.E.) and German Language Schools of Quebec.

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# City's winter carnival events take place over 3 days at several venues

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The Contactivity Centre held its annual winter carnival lunch February 5 at Westmount Park Church. The theme of this year's special lunch was Valentine's Day. Some 80 residents of Westmount, NDG and Montreal tucked into a chicken and chips lunch, followed by home-made strawberry shortcake. Soft background music was provided by Greg Inniss, and space was open for dancing later in the day.

"Frosty Fun" was the city's 32nd winter carnival event. The skies were overcast and the temperature frigid. According to one participant who attends most years, and who came this year with her grandchildren, there seemed to be "fewer people than usual but those – mostly parents with young children – seemed to be having fun." Activities included a horse-drawn sleigh ride, skating activities, a scavenger hunt and tug of war, a bonfire, hot dogs,

hot chocolate and maple syrup taffy on the snow.



A young boy gets a hug from Frosty the Snowman February 7 in Westmount Park.



The Titley and Bernardin families have some maple syrup taffy February 7 at a make-shift sugar shack in Westmount Park off Melville Ave. The syrup was prepared by Denis Houle and Manon Dionne.



More than 20 kids snake their way around Victoria Hall during the city's winter carnival Hawaiian-themed dinner dance February 6 that included a limbo competition.

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