

Plans call for pool, rink

Sports complex planned for vacant Hillside Armoury

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A proposal to convert the former Hillside Armoury into a sports club includes an indoor pool and ice rink, the *Independent* learned last week.

The redevelopment project was outlined by real estate developer Karl Beauchamp, a partner in a group called Hillside Limited Partnership, which purchased the property recently at Hillside Lane and Hillside Ave. The armoury had been home for some 67 years to the 34 Combat Engineer Regiment (formerly the 3 Field Engineers),

which moved out four years ago.

“We want to try to preserve the building as an architectural site with a project that will serve the community well,” Beauchamp explained.

He said he hopes to deposit plans with the city in the next couple of weeks.

Membership component

He said these include a four-lane “Olympic pool” and an artificial ice rink of 50 feet by 100 feet suitable for 3-on-3 youth hockey. The facility could also include a training gym “that schools could use.”

The building, which has a total floor space of 54,000 square feet, he said, would have *continued on p. 14*

From one DG to another



Photo: Laureen Sweeney

Retiring city director general Mike Deegan, right, hands over his desk plate to his successor, Benoit Hurtubise, as city council appoints Hurtubise at the city council meeting August 7. See p. 2, 3 and 6.

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November 5, 2017 municipal election

Lulham files for District 7

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Councillor Cynthia Lulham has announced that she filed nomination papers with the city clerk August 10 to run for re-election in District 7.

Lulham sees her possible 7th term of continuous council service since 1995 as an asset and an opportunity to share her “corporate memory” with a new council and management team at city hall.

Lulham said she wants to “follow

through” on many projects she began as commissioner of Sustainability and Parks. These include specifically refurbishing Westmount Park – a project starting this fall – the naturalization of Summit Woods and work to restore the conservatory and rebuild the greenhouses.

“My goals for the next mandate,” she said, “also include the renewal of infrastructure, encouragement of public consultation and the revitalization of the commercial *continued on p. 11*

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Aug. meeting one of record

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

What is traditionally a quiet, uneventful city council meeting during the dog days of August turned into one of importance regarding the management of the city August 7.

The meeting opened with a series of tributes to retiring city director general Mike Deegan, 54, after 30 years with the city. This was followed by the appointment of assistant director general Benoit Hurtubise, 51, as his successor. (See story, p. 6.)

Also came the surprise news of the retirement of Lucille Angers, the drafting and analysis clerk for Legal Services, who prepares council meetings and has been a familiar figure during her 17 years with the city. (See photo, p. 10.)

“In case you’re wondering why there are so many of the city’s leadership staff here,” Mayor Christina Smith said, “It’s with a very heavy heart that we’re saying goodbye to Mike Deegan.”

After spending most of his career with Sports and Recreation and as its director, Smith emphasized his relationships with so many residents. “He walks on the street, talks to parents and is committed to the city,” she said. “He has not only coached

the kids but the parents, too.”

She said Deegan had built an “inspiring” management team in his three years heading the administration, a sentiment echoed by other council members in turn.

Councillor Philip Cutler, the youngest councillor and a longtime hockey player, recalled how he and other teenagers coached by Deegan had viewed him as a “godly” figure. “I had the opportunity to grow up with him as a role model... From my generation, thanks a lot for everything.”

And that includes his three years interfacing with the contractors of the Westmount recreation centre, noted Councillor Patrick Martin. He thanked Deegan for not only building a large Sports and Recreation department but for “a great facility.”

“His departure is a great loss to this community,” explained former mayor Karin Marks in a letter read out by Councillor Victor Drury. Both she and former mayor Peter Trent were reported to be out of town and so unable to attend Deegan’s last meeting.

“He didn’t seek to leave a legacy,” said Theodora Samiotis. “But he did.” (See separate story, p. 3.)

See photo, p. 1.

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Highlights importance of team 'play'

Deegan discusses high-profile years with city

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

It's likely no surprise to many that Mike Deegan is one of the city's best-known and highly regarded employees. It's a result of his career-long efforts to build relationships and teams, on and off the hockey rink.

"I've tried to value people," he said in an interview August 8 before leaving on retirement August 11. "I hope that the hallmark of my career will be building relationships with mayors, council members, colleagues and residents."

He said lessons learned as a young hockey player had transferred into his professional life including "the value of working and growing together." His late father used to tell him the success of the team was more important than that of an individual player.

And in that regard, it's perhaps fitting that on what was to be his last day on the job, Deegan was to be heading off with former councillor Nicolas Matossian and the Senior Westmount Hockey Team (SWAT) to play in a tournament in Bidde-

ford, Maine.

In fact, he said, retiring doesn't mean he's leaving Westmount. He hopes to play more hockey here, to volunteer at Family Day and Winter Carnival and just "pop in."

"Westmount has given me more than I could give it," he explained. Despite the clichés, he said: "It's been a privilege and an honour for me to work here."

Lasting memories

Some of his more memorable experiences include his almost three-year stint as the city's on-site coordinator for building the Westmount recreation centre (WRC).

This meant putting on boots and hard hat and dealing on the ground with construction contractors in a milieu he had never experienced. To his surprise, his ability to build relationships played a significant role in that environment too, which helped catapult him into the city's top management position.

As a result, the many awards won by the WRC form some of his memories.

As well, Deegan is proud of the man-

agement team he built up in the three last years as director general. This included filling a number of vacant department-head positions, including Finance, Legal, Urban Planning and Public Works. All 11 positions are now filled, "which bodes well for the future," he said.

The team is getting stronger and increasing in motivation with the appointment of assistant directors, he added.

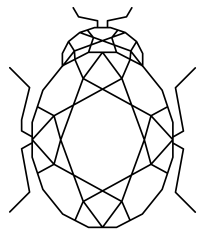
The "temporary" position of assistant director general is now vacant with the appointment of



The city says thanks to 'Mike' with this plaque presented by Mayor Christina Smith, left, to Mike Deegan at the council meeting August 7 on his retirement as director general.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PROUD OF WESTMOUNT FOR NOT ADOPTING BSL

I am replying to the letter from Christine Downs in the July 11 issue of the *Independent* (“No real repercussions for the killing of a dog,” p. 6). First, I’d like to say how shocked I was to read about the attack and subsequent death of Ms. Downs’ dog. As a dog lover and former dog owner myself, I can’t imagine what that must have been like.

However, Ms. Downs’ description of a “pit-bull” is sensationalized. As the *Independent* stated in an editor’s note at the end of the letter, “pit-bull” is not an actual breed of dog, but a colloquial term used to describe any number of pure or mixed-breed dogs that fit a certain look. She stated that ‘pit-bull’ dogs were bred* to “attack and kill,” which is absolutely not the case, though the North American media often only reports on the negative aspects of these breeds.

No breed of dog is inherently bad; the onus is on the owner of the dog to properly train it and to be a responsible dog owner. Any breed of dog can be aggressive if trained to be so. Large-breed dogs especially need proper and continued training to ensure that they are upstanding fur-citizens of their community. “Pit-bull”-type dogs are actually wonderful family dogs

and are historically great with children – they were initially termed “nanny dogs.”

No breed should be discriminated against due to physical appearance or labeled as a “dangerous breed” because of certain dogs being aggressive or poorly trained. The same case could be made for breeds of small dogs, those who present as aggressive and bite people’s ankles, but people are dismissive of their aggression and laugh it off as cute due to their small stature.

I am proud that Westmount has not adopted breed-specific legislation (see “No legislation planned on breed-specific bans,” July 12, 2016), and I hope that this wonderful community continues to accept all breeds of dogs and hold the owners more responsible.

DIANA MARTIN, MONTREAL

* Editor’s note: The wording Christine Downs used was “genetically programmed to attack and kill.” – KM.

\$125 TICKET FOR LOSS OF DOG A PITTANCE

My heart goes out to Christine Downs (“No real repercussions for the killing of a dog,” July 11, p. 6), whose fox terrier was savaged to death by a loose pit-bull [type dog.]. It is heart-breaking enough to lose a

family member, but when this happens in such a needless and violent manner, the wound is considerably worsened.

As for the owner who failed to keep her dog under control, her \$125 ticket is nothing compared to the grief Ms. Downs must be experiencing; and her refusal to at least pay Ms. Downs’ vet bill surely compounds the tragedy.

I hope, at the very least, litigation goes Ms. Downs’ way, and that the offending dog is suitably dealt with.

PATRICK TEE, SHERBROOKE ST.

Editor’s note: See story on dog by-law revisions, p. 7 – KM.

‘SEE THE LIGHTS’: SYNCHRONIZE THEM

I fully realize the city of Westmount does not want to encourage motorists to use their streets as major east-west thoroughfares. However, the reality is that St. Catherine, Sherbrooke, Westmount Ave. and The Boulevard traverse its territory. We can leave de Maisonneuve out of the discussion.

With on-going work on the Ville Marie Expressway, Côte des Neiges and now even Westmount Ave., what choice is there? Further, Côte St. Luc Rd. between Decarie and Bonavista is about to undergo year-long surgery.

Which brings me to Westmount’s flawed policy of purposely desynchronizing traffic lights. Depending on the time of day, certainly during rush hours, you go from intersection to intersection, alternating between green and red. Mobility? Not a chance. Frustration? Extreme. This only causes drivers to fume and some to do silly things. The buses we are all encouraged to use are also delayed.

With an election this fall, this should become an issue. Let’s hope a new Westmount administration will see the light – green – and help alleviate years to come of traffic woes.

RICK LECKNER, MONTREAL

WHY NOT RECYCLE DEFUNCT STOP SIGNS?

It is with interest that I read “City to remove eight targeted mid-block stop signs” in the July 11 edition (p. 3).

While these mid-block stop signs were clearly unnecessary, I would suggest that they be re-used in locations where they would be of benefit.

The intersections of Summit Cresc. and Gordon Cresc., as well as Summit Cresc. and Shorncliffe are quite busy and have no stop signs. To make matters worse, people unfamiliar with the area often stop at the

intersection, expecting a stop sign, which has created several near accidents when drivers behind them don’t expect the [vehicle ahead] to stop.

I am afraid to let my children play in the street because of these dangerous intersections. Let’s re-use and recycle the stop signs slated to be removed from elsewhere.

JESSICA MORRISON, SURREY GARDENS

OPEN LETTER: SUMMER CONCERTS

As a Westmount resident for the past 17 years I have attended most of the outdoor summer concerts in Westmount and am thankful to our municipality for providing them.

Insofar as this summer’s presentations have been staged, I would like to mention some concerns.

Why are we reduced to only six performances? Is it a budget matter?

After several venue changes: lagoon to the gazebo to the Westmount recreation centre – and this season back to the lagoon – a sound system problem exists.

There is a lack of genre variety for the musical performance.

Once again, thank you Westmount for the entertainment.

STAN GROSSMAN, DE MAISONNEUVE BLVD.

Councillor Davis responds: I am taking the opportunity to respond to your email on behalf of the Community Events team.

The summer concert series has always presented six concerts, and, in fact this year, the Words and Music event has been added.

The move back to the lagoon was the result of extensive feedback from the public last year. Most people asked for the location of the concerts to be returned to the lagoon as they felt the roof of the Westmount recreation centre was too hot and sunny for their liking.

Those who like the music loud sit near the stage; others sit around the lagoon. To date over 150 people have attended each concert with many positive comments.

As a result of this move, a new and more powerful sound system has been acquired to increase the enjoyment of all concert goers.

Regarding the choice of concerts offered, a committee makes these decisions. This year they selected a range of music including soul, folk, jazz and a vocal ensemble. Suggestions of what residents would like to hear are always welcome.

The Community Events department strives to offer interesting events and activities that appeal to a broad spectrum of Westmounters, and I encourage all to support them.

COUNCILLOR ROSALIND DAVIS,
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Set to finish in time for schools' return

Sidewalk replacement approved for many locations

BY LAUREN SWEENEY

Reconstruction work is expected to rev up in the few remaining weeks before the start of school.

In addition to replacement of the water main and water services on Columbia for \$548,000, city council August 7 approved

another \$2.3 million for replacement of water services on Argyle (Thornhill to The Boulevard) and sidewalk reconstruction at various locations.

A long list of the sidewalk work was read out by Councillor Patrick Martin, commissioner of Public Works. In some cases, where Hydro Westmount lines run under the sidewalk, this will involve electrical work as well.

The sidewalks – many located near schools – are targeted for completion by the start of school, no doubt a daunting challenge, according to Martin.

Council had freed up extra funds this year to begin to address the problem of the city's crumbling sidewalks, he explained.

Including new sidewalks installed this year as part of road reconstruction projects, the city will have reconstructed 6,850 square meters out of the city's total sidewalk area of 150,000 square meters, or 4.6 percent in one year. "This is a significant number: more than three times our usual rate," he later explained.

Martin said he hoped future councils would continue "this much-needed work" on sidewalks.

The latest work will take place at the following locations:

- The north side of Sherbrooke St. from the eastern city limits to Mount Pleasant. This work includes reconstruction of Hydro Westmount conduits that are buried under the sidewalk and reconstruction of two manholes;
- South side of Sherbrooke (Kensington to Redfern);
- St. Catherine, both sides (Hillside to Clarke);
- West side of Kensington (Sherbrooke to Côte St Antoine);
- Argyle, both sides (Thornhill to The Boulevard), including new water services

and street lights, in anticipation of rebuilding the street itself next summer;

- North side of The Boulevard (Braeside to Aberdeen);
- South side of The Boulevard (Lansdowne to Belmont and Renfrew to Sydenham);
- East side of Mount Pleasant (Montrose to Cedar in front of ECS).

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City in 'good hands' with Hurtubise: Drury

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The appointment August 7 of the city's new top administrator, Benoit Hurtubise, is to take effect August 12 in his promotion from assistant director general.

In moving the resolution to appoint the new DG, an electrical engineer, Councillor Victor Drury noted the many roles Hurtubise has undertaken in his four years with the city after 25 years in the private sector.

"Clearly, he brought a skill set and aptitude – but also attitude," he said as com-

missioner of Finance and Administration. "We are in very, very good hands."

Hurtubise joined the city on a five-year contract in April 2013 as director of Hydro Westmount, but since then he has served simultaneously as interim director of Public Works on at least two occasions. He also has been assistant director general for infrastructure and engineering, a newly created position in 2016, and has served as substitute DG.

"I recognize I have big shoes to fill," he says as successor to Mike Deegan, "but I will continue council's orientation."

Night-time doorbell-ringers caught

After a number of complaints about people ringing doorbells and knocking on doors August 8 and 9, public safety officers reported tracking down a group of five young people on Mount Stephen at 1:25 am. Public Security officials said the group quickly dispersed but officers managed to catch a couple of them. One admitted to the incidents and was issued a ticket for \$149 for trespassing.

Police also arrived after someone also called 911. They stated they had received a number of calls about the doorbells over the two nights. The one person ticketed was described as living in east-end Montreal. He had recently turned 18.

Patrollers free trapped blue jays

Public safety officers managed to free two blue jays trapped between the double windows of a garage at a house on Côte St. Antoine July 21, Public Security officials said. The birds had been spotted by a neighbour, who called officers at 7:50 am in the absence of the resident, who was out of town. When the garage door was found locked, responding patrollers managed to open the outer window enough to let the birds escape. It was not known how they had been become trapped.



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Tous les documents pertinents concernant cette demande de permis de démolition, incluant les plans, peuvent être consultés au bureau du directeur du Service de l'aménagement urbain, situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount pendant les heures d'ouverture.

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.

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This project does not involve the total demolition of the house but involves the removal of a part of the rear wall of a Category 1* building which according to the by-law definition constitutes a demolition and must therefore be submitted to Westmount's procedure regulating demolition. The proposed work is to enlarge a window opening for a new door giving access to the rear yard.

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.

A person wishing to oppose the demolition must do so by writing to the Assistant City Clerk, giving the reasons for objecting, within 10 days of publication of the public notice or, failing such notice, within 10 days following the posting of the notice on the immovable concerned.

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:

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Muzzle regulation 'unenforceable' for single dog

City to 'fix' by-law to deal with dangerous dogs

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city intends in the next month or two to change aspects of its dog by-law to deal more effectively with dangerous dogs, Councillor Cynthia Lulham told the council meeting August 7. This follows the death May 31 of a small dog attacked by a pitbull-type dog.

She was responding to a question from Christine Downs of Hillside, who owned the wire-hair fox terrier, as to why the attacker was not being penalized or muzzled in accordance with section 13 of the existing dog by-law 535.

"Because we need to fix that by-law," replied Lulham, expressing her concern over the incident. The applicable law portion in its current form cannot be enforced

for a single dog, she explained. It implies that "all" dogs would have to be muzzled.

The section states:

"The Council by resolution, at any time or from time to time, may order that all dogs within the City shall be muzzled, isolated or detained for such period or periods as it may think proper, and the keeper of any dog who fails to comply with such order shall be deemed to have infringed this by-law."

A discussion ensued over "irresponsible" dog ownership and that "bad dogs" were usually the result of bad ownership rather than specific breeds.

For that reason, Lulham said that she, along with Public Security and the Legal department, were looking into modelling the revised by-law version on Calgary's

dangerous dog by-law massaged to Westmount's needs.

"I had hoped it could be done in time for the September council meeting, but I'm not sure it can be," she later said.

Darin Laine, the woman who had been walking the terrier for Downs, related how

the pitbull had darted out of bushes and grabbed the terrier by the neck, shaking and dragging it. She said people on the street were terrified by the dog.

The incident was related in a letter to the *Independent* by Downs (see July 11, p. 6.)

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Safety concerns disputed

Proposed garage access off 500 Claremont clarified

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Concerns of some residents over the safety of a proposed garage access off 500 Claremont for an apartment development at Windsor were addressed at the city council meeting August 7 as likely being not as problematic as the neighbours suggest.

Councillor Cynthia Lulham, a member of the city's Traffic Advisory Committee, explained that Claremont was already characterized by numerous driveways and parking pads out of which residents usually backed out without accident.

On one hand, Lulham said, vehicles using the apartment garage would always be going in or out front first. She said the plan calls for lights regulated by motion detectors to help guide vehicles in and out of the garage and to warn pedestrians of exiting cars.

"The dangers you speak of I do not see," she said explaining she had spent time on Claremont to check out residents' concerns.

Those opposing the Claremont access have been saying that traffic and pedestri-



Judith Le Gallais of Claremont also speaks to the traffic safety issue.

ans would not expect cars to turn in an out of the driveway and that busses might have difficulty stopping on an icy hill. They also contend that the arrival of Marianopolis has increased traffic.

Lulham explained that other, much larger residential developments had generated similar concerns at the pre-construction phase that had later not materialized. She listed 1250 Greene and 175 Metcalfe, both of which presented partic-

ular traffic challenges.

She later added that much larger rental buildings such as 4488 St. Catherine (40 units) also had garage accesses that opened off very busy streets, some right into intersections.

By comparison, she said, the 16 to 17 proposed units on Claremont meant it was "not a huge project," and that residents' cars would not be entering or exiting all at the same time.

Asks for access Windsor access

Frank Philpott and Judith Le Gallais, both of Claremont, explained that when the building was occupied, some 20 to 28 cars that parked in a rear exterior area used Windsor as its driveway and suggested a similar access.

Developer Gideon Pollack took to the mic to explain the elevation of the proposed underground garage made that option impossible. He also said he had given copies of two traffic impact studies to opponent Philpott.

Both Mayor Christina Smith and Councillor Theodora Samiotis said that opponents could bring up their objections at the

next public consultation meeting on the project. This is expected in September.

Smith also said she would find out how many on-street parking spaces would be lost because of the garage driveway, a question that had been asked.

A preliminary consultation took place in December to unveil the proposal. It has since undergone some revisions (see story August 8, p. 3).



Developer Gideon Pollack explains reasons for garage access that have been viewed as controversial by some residents.

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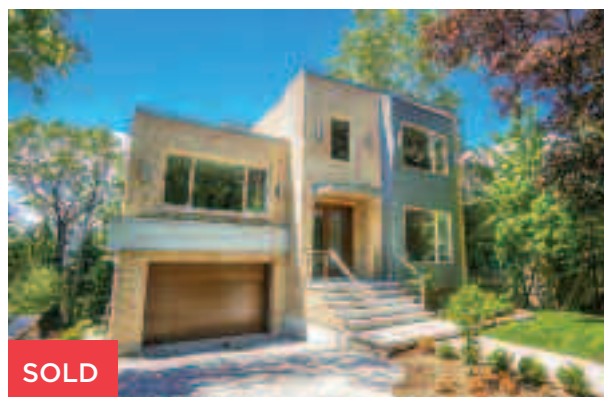
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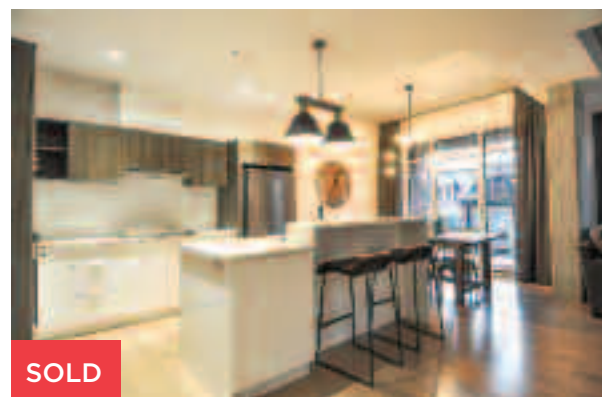
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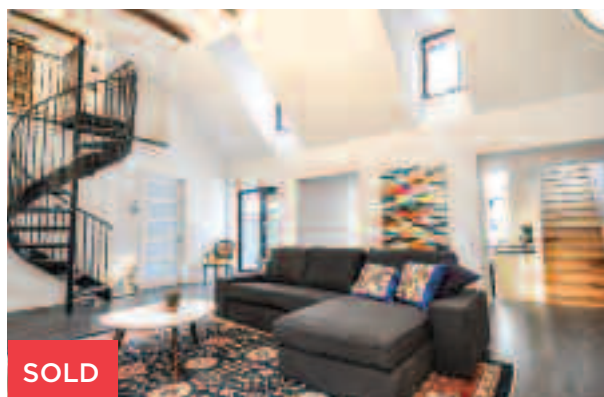
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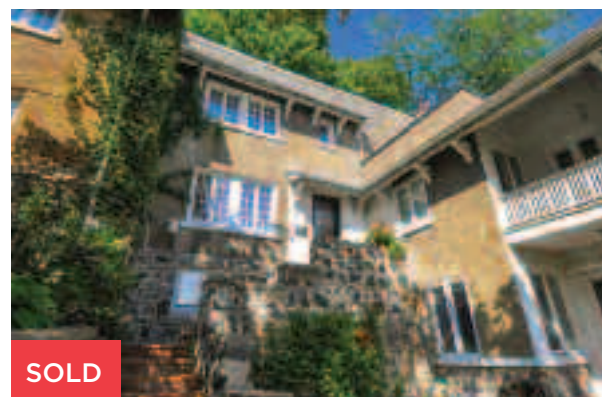
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Retail Watch



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Taverne renovated

After extensive renovations, Westmount's much-loved Taverne on the Square, which re-opened April 6, could be mistaken for a London, Milan or Manhattan hot spot. I popped by during lunch. Not a seat in the newly designed house. Co-owner Jon Cercone explained that the re-amp included "a massive make-over of the bar area, rich rosewood covering the formerly concrete columns, and a more cozy area, where designer chandeliers light a new wall with blackboard menu choices." Now hanging plants add a gracious green, and celebrity portraits – Winston Churchill, Audrey Hepburn and others by local artist André Monet – adorn the walls. "The menu has retained the classics, but we have created some exciting new dishes and added new low lighting," he said.

New? The sensational and sizeable original "Taverne" sign from the 1940s, saved from the restaurant's Monkland location and restored to its glory, sidles along the entrance wall, where Montrealers from all over the city arrive for their reservation. No wonder.

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Speaking of terrasses, Gentile, on St. Catherine St., has constructed high-ish wooden fencing around its outdoor area, the better to keep tresses un-distressed.

We all scream for ice cream!

Most "scream for ice cream" during these hot summer months while Bilboquet celebrates its 15 years in Westmount. The little shop is my favourite go-to for cool, fruit-based sorbets. Speaking with manager Maude Rivest, I discover that customers' favourite pick is called "Brouhaha," a mixture of caramel, chocolate, praline and brownies. Who said West-monters are on a diet? Rivest loves the mint sorbet, but other choices are berries, mango and raspberry, lemon, pear and blood orange. And the cupcakes are adorable and over-the-top delicious. The icing on the cake? PS:

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New delivery service on St. Catherine

New to Westmount is Ship 'N Save, whose sign actually reads S'N S. The company works with all major carriers, explained Ronnie Midlash, vice president, corporate affairs. "Furthermore, we pick up free of charge throughout Westmount.

City loses council regular



Lucille Angers, Legal Services' drafting and analysis clerk, right, works at her last council meeting August 7 before retiring August 11 after 17 years. "She keeps us organized and does an enormous amount of work, and we are so grateful for her," Mayor Christina Smith said in announcing the departure at the close of the meeting. .

Photo: Laureen Sweeney

"We have negotiated rates with the major couriers, and we simply pass on the savings. We also offer brokerage, and by working with service providers we get the same shipping rates as Amazon and eBay." The former UPS location on St. Catherine has been re-designed. S'N S has been open for business since May 15.

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Hip and Bone opens

Westmount is getting trendier by the nano-second. Hip and Bone Shadow Shop opened May 11 with a private cocktail launch, which was, well, hip. Co-owner and creative director Carlos Fogelman gave me a tour around the cool premises. Fun fact: One enters by the back lane! This makes sense when one notes the large parking lot opposite the entrance: Lots of

gold. There is even a Midas touch on the back door's railings, a riff on the store's theme of gold and black. The brand is menswear – basics redefined – and even includes a bike. The footwear line, Hip and Bone #Shadowbox, is wow-worthy. One classic Chelsea boot with Italian leather soles sports hand-painted camouflage. There are wallets, crocodile/suede iPhone cases or bright python-theme skinned business card holders. "We already have several retail stores around the world," Fogelman said. "And the brand is already sold at the Bay and Nordstrom's. The Westmount boutique is our Canadian flagship."

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Lulham lists goals, achievements

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districts by working to implement the recommendations of our economic development advisor.

"I'm also very concerned about traffic and the next few years of disruptions related to the Turcot and the possible Provigo [at Claremont and de Maison-



Cynthia Lulham at the council meeting April 3, 2017.

neuve] projects, work affecting not only District 7 but much of Westmount. I hope to continue being a member of the Traffic Advisory Committee."

Among her more recent achievements, Lulham lists Summit Woods, creation of the Summit Circle walking path, obtaining the government grant for that project and the refurbishment of the dog runs – including creation of the new one in Westmount Park.

She is also working now to bring in dangerous dog legislation. See story, p. 7.

She also lists the creation of Prince Albert square, the splash pad in Prince Albert Park, new play equipment in parks, the return of summer student workers to the parks and her leadership of the city's Healthy City Project.

Lulham, who lives on St. Catherine at Irvine, is the project manager for the "proximity project" of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)/Railway Association of Canada. This develops and sets out safety guidelines for new construction close to rail lines and encourages municipalities to incorporate them into their by-laws.

She has also been an active member of the FCM and instrumental in promoting the use side guards on trucks.

Secure garage doors at night and on vacation: Public Security

Residents are being advised to close and secure garage doors at night and to double-check they had done so before leaving on holiday.

Public Security assistant director Kimberley Colquhoun said patrollers found at least five garage doors open during overnight checks last week and had had to call police in a couple of the incidents to

check for possible intrusion into the house. Doors were closed and/or secured if possible, and notices left for residents.

A garage can provide burglars with a cover of darkness in which to break into a house that adjoins the garage, she said. As well, many residents store bicycles, tools and other items in a garage that can attract the eyes of thieves.

Indoor 'camp-out' part of children's library summer activities



Although there was a threat of rain on the evening of July 8, it wasn't enough to keep more than a dozen youth from taking part in an evening "campout" event held indoors by staff from the children's section of the Westmount Public Library. The evening's activities included some elaborate games, such as the one seen here called the "human knot." Library staffers seen in the foreground of the photo, from left, were: Molly Bower, Emily Gamble, Rachel Conover, Jacquelyn Sundberg and Wendy Wayling.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

89-year-old found hiding under balcony

A man found hiding under a balcony on Montrose August 2 was taken to hospital for evaluation, Public Security officials said. Patrollers found him following a call at 6:58 pm for someone looking confused and carrying a tea kettle. He told patrollers he lives "on the street." Police were called in case he had been reported missing. Urgences Santé took the 89-year-old to the Montreal General Hospital.

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Deegan looks back

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Benoit Hurtubise as DG, and it is to be filled, Deegan said. This new person is expected to be an engineer who can oversee increased capital spending as well as the city's southeast development project, which will require technical and planning input from most city departments.

Recalling some of the many changes since he joined the city in Sports and Recreation, Deegan said "we didn't even have a computer in the office." Now program registration takes place online.

Throughout the years, he noted, this department's success has been driven by its numerous volunteers, many of them leading busy professional lives but who contribute their time as coaches and other assistants.

Among the changes in the three years he's been DG, he includes the huge increase in capital spending from \$7 million or \$8 million a year to \$17 million.

And in a parting message, he said it is important for city employees to "keep reminding ourselves that we are in public service, which means customer service. We must get back to residents promptly. We aren't a big city like Montreal – too big to give personal service."

He said it had sometimes been difficult to hear criticism of the city but he tried to take it "constructively."

While Deegan is taking up a new challenge to work in a family business called ConsultExpo Inc., he said listening to the comments at his last council meeting was "very humbling, like leaving your identity behind.

"I'm leaving with a heavy heart."

Hidden talents: Artistic photo project *Turning to face the sun*



Richard Orlando: "I don't see sunflowers in full bloom in the city or suburbs very often, and this one was the tallest and grandest in a small cluster on a lawn on the southeast corner of Metcalfe and de Maisonneuve. Its face is turned directly to the sun, whereby it gets its name. I love them for their vivid yellow colour, enormous petals and centre pod, which attracts not only honey-gathering bees but birds who later feed on the seeds. Sunflowers are also a favourite of painters, including Vincent VanGogh, and my late cousin Peter Orlando, who lived in France.

Photo courtesy of R. Orlando

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– Kristin McNeill, editor

Hats off to Les amis luncheon



Social Notes

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daughter Jane.

Assuring the sold-out success were committee members Westmounters Sarah Ivory, Caroline Codsì, Gwen Nacos and Sara Riesman, working with Jehan Assad, Caroline Biron, Rucsandra Calin, Kim Drummond, Carolina Gallo La Flèche, Françoise Lyon, Julie Laurence, Theresa Passarello, Bita Cattelan and Myriam Truchon.

Westmount residents noted amidst the finery were Gael Fraser-Tytler, in a white pantsuit and fascinator; Ann Birks, whose imaginative hats never cease to amaze; and Althea Drummond, chic in a vintage pantsuit with navy/white stripes. Other local res seen were Pen Bridgeman, Susan Evans, Anne-Marie Boucher, Kim Drummond, Christine Harkness Lapointe, Justine Miller, Mia Drummond (Kathryn and Jeff's daughter) Mimi Mahar, Thea Lindsay and Susan Evans as well as Marja Hogan.

Arriving on the red carpet were Mary Deros, deputy mayor and associate councillor to mayor of Montreal Denis Coderre, Brouria Schreter, Jeannie Saunders and jazz singer Randa Ghossoub, who made her own hat complete with green grass and a replica of the Mount Royal cross.

Truman Capote called the elegant women he knew "swans." The name was perfectly apt for the bevy of beauties gracefully gathered for the annual Les amis de la montagne benefit luncheon on June 15. (There were gentlemen as well.) Guests were invited to wear hats, and did they ever! Men sported toppers inspired by Ascot top hats (Jeff Drummond), Triple Crown boaters, fedora-style (Patrick Kenniff) and London gentlemen-style bowlers. Ladies wore creations ranging from the huge-brimmed to fascinators.

Honorary president Diana Ferrara Scalia was ably assisted by co-presidents Mary Bruns Creighton, Judith Kavanagh, Carole Labelle Molson and Westmounter Kathryn Lund Drummond.

Les amis founder and president, local res Peter Howlett wearing a British bowler, greeted guests with his wife Morag and



From left: Kathryn Lund Drummond, Diana Ferrara Scalia, Carole Labelle Molson, Mary Bruns Creighton and Judith Kavanagh.

Nadia Saputo wore a lovely long dress with polka dots. To her surprise it was matched by her daughter Gabby Musac-

chio, also in dots but a short style. Neither had spoken to other about their outfits beforehand! *continued on p. 14*



From left: Patrick Kenniff, Peter Howlett and Jeff Drummond.

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Second art exhibition launched at Leonidas

BY HEATHER BLACK

Victoria Ave.-based café, Leonidas Culture Chocolat, hosted a vernissage of three artists' work July 8. Among them was Westmount artist Sharon Sutherland, who exhibited eight colourful collages inspired by the Persian poet Rumi. She described her work as "Rumi's roadmap for living or the moment of bliss." Also on display were Leslie Fehler's paintings and Dominika Klosowicz's book illustrations for local author Michelle Franklin, who attended.

The café, owned by Katayon Mostafaei and Reza Yavarian, has hosted one other exhibition since it opened in November. Interested in "offering patrons a cultural experience," as well as tasty treats, Yavarian, a literature professor, spoke of future photography exhibits, musical events and theatre productions.

The current art display continues until late September at 318 Victoria Ave.



Reza Yavarian, left, stands with artist Sharon Sutherland at a vernissage at Yavarian's shop Leonidas Culture Chocolat July 8.

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"some sort of membership component mostly serving Westmount."

While Beauchamp lives in Town of Mount Royal, he is no stranger to the local community. He said his children had all gone to schools here. He is mostly involved in apartment building construction, he explained, "But when I walked into the armoury, I knew it was not destined for a condo property."

He said a sports complex would be a natural calling for the building given its original construction in 1911 as an equestrian academy and its venue across from the Westmount Athletic Grounds, with its

tennis courts and field for football and soccer.

Under the department of National Defence's ownership, the building operated as a grandfathered "assembly building" in a residential zone, according to former Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier (see story April 1, 2014, p. 1). An assembly building, she explained, could include use by groups such as "a badminton club."

The architectural plans for the current proposal were prepared by Eric Huot, architect of the extension for 475 Roslyn (see story May 23, p. 8). The architectural advisor in both projects is Bruce Anderson.

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Purses of the day ranged from classic designer – Mussachio's YSL and Saputo's Chanel – to vintage Dior, worn by Marie Blouin Nightingale and little lady-like purses as held by J.J. Jacobs.

Guests enjoyed cocktails before sitting down to a gastronomic menu created by Armando Arruda and his culinary team at the Fairmont Queen Elizabeth. Atlantic octopus with fig beads was the amazing

appetizer, followed by stuffed quail. Perfect for the flawless sunny day, frozen lemon shells held a refreshing sherbert. The event was hosted by Claudia Marques, Co-geco media.

Les amis executive director Sylvie Guilbault announced that \$150,000 was raised for the organization to support youth educational programs on Mont Royal.



From left: Ann Birks, Pen Bridgman and Susan Evans.



From left: Kim and mum Althea Drummond, and Thea Lindsay.



Françoise Lyon, left, and Rucsandra Calin.

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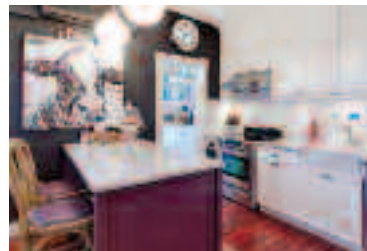
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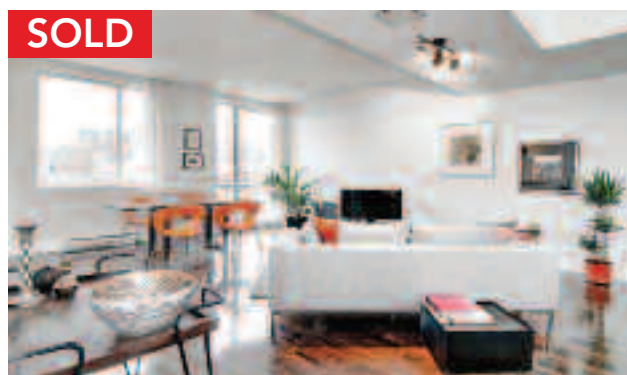
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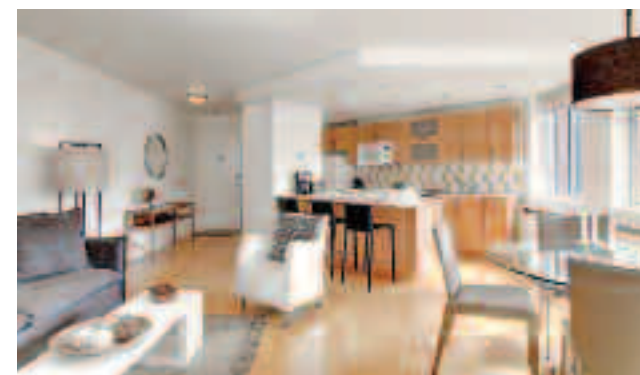
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