

Work to close facility from Aug. 13 to Sept. 5

Library gets green light to 'refresh,' re-arrange interior

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

For the first time in 22 years, Westmount Public Library will be getting a facelift, closing what is considered to be the city's best-used facility from August 13 to September 5. The project got the go-ahead June 5 when city council approved more than \$500,000 for the project.

The work will provide additional seating for 72, replace carpeting throughout, convert the atrium into a reading room and move its work and study tables to an expanded and quieter environment. The young adult section downstairs will also be

re-arranged.

"It was time to rethink our space," said Julie-Anne Cardella, director of Library and Community Events. "The library is a community hub now, and we have to work with what people are requesting."

This includes maximizing seating, moving bookcases around to allow in more natural light and bringing back the traditional use of comfortable reading areas, she explained.

"People have voiced difficulty finding a place to sit. When I first came here eight years ago, one of the things I felt was it needed was more seating," Cardella said. "It hasn't changed." During peak study times – April to May and October to November, continued on p. 6

Vic village street fest a lively affair



Flamenco dance students from Studio Pleamar livened up the atmosphere for the Victoria village street festival, organized by the merchants' association. They were seen here on stage in Prince Albert square June 10, the second day of the festival, where they performed with passion. Photo: Martin C. Barry

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Permit access questioned

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The process for obtaining information on an approved building permit was raised by a resident June 5 at the city council meeting.

Jon Breslaw of Grosvenor Ave. stated he had been denied information at city hall about a permit for exterior work displayed in a neighbourhood window and asked "Why wasn't I allowed to look at a permit? I should be able to."

The question appeared to take council members by surprise. Theodora Samiotis, commissioner of Urban Planning, replied that "My understanding is, and I will get confirmation, that if a permit [for exterior work] has been in the paper and is up in a window, it's public."

Mayor Christina Smith, and councillors Cynthia Lulham and Patrick Martin echoed her "understanding."

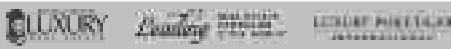
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New Engineering department created to handle infrastructure increases

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

An ongoing restructuring of the city's Public Works department was fully realized at the June 5 council meeting when the Engineering section was split off as a separate stand-alone department. This was formalized by the appointment of Elisa Gaetano as its director.

The move resulted from the need to handle increasing infrastructure work, said Councillor Patrick Martin, Public Works commissioner, in moving Gaetano's promotion. She was previously assistant director for the engineering section of Public Works.

The new department will work on the planning and management of the city's increasing the number of infrastructure projects but in co-operation with Public Works, especially regarding parks and municipal buildings.

Hired into another management position, but within Public Works, was Kinan Khatib who became division head for municipal buildings.

The new management appointments are needed to "catch up on a neglect gone on far too long in the repair and refurbishment of infrastructure, including municipal buildings," Martin told the *Independent*.

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At the city council meeting June 5, Robert Talarico, centre, acting head of Public Works, speaks with newly appointed director of Engineering Elisa Gaetano, left, and architect Kinan Khatib, whose hiring as division head for municipal buildings was approved.

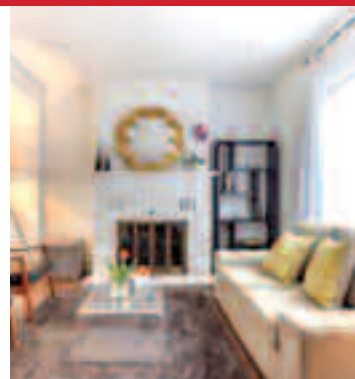


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INDOOR NEXT TO OUTDOOR

The news of rethinking and investing in an indoor pool and improving the sporting culture of Westmount is welcoming.

We now see the finished product of the Westmount recreation centre. In my opinion, the land next to the outdoor pool is large enough to encompass a building with an indoor pool and water play area.

This will also keep the cost down, where water filtration systems, parking, change room facilities and staff would all be in the existing facilities.

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These Westmount hills he found so fair
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He roamed these hills both wide and far,
although he never owned a car.
Deep in his heart, he felt the call
To leave his mark on City Hall.

He worked on projects great and small,
With Council, staff and people all.
They patched the streets and moved the snow
And kept our taxes fairly low.

Three decades plus, he's laboured long,
On urban things, with spirit strong,
To guard our City's hallmark charm
And keep us safe from merger's harm.

When merger's iron fist came down,
He mustered forces 'round the town,
And Westmount, our community,
Regained its ancient liberty.

Some burgs have mayors that come
and go –
At least we're told that that is so –
But Westmount differs from the rest:
Why change our Mayor when he's the best?

He's fixed our by-laws, zoning too;
Our library he's made all new.
When hockey space did not abound,
He built us two rinks underground!

He's championed our City's cause
In face of ever-changing laws,
And dealt with grace with leaders all
In Westmount's suburb, Montreal.

As long as Westmount's hills still rise,
His brand and style we yet will prize,
His yeoman work will not expire,
But will successors e'er inspire.

New exploits now he yearns to know,
So from this Hall prepares to go,
With brain so sharp and vision wide,
He'll serve us still, whate'er betide.

Some mayors are groomed and some seize power,
And some rise up in crisis hour,
But some say ours was heaven-sent;

So let's give thanks for Peter Trent.
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Harbingers of summer



Left: Summer came to Victoria Ave. June 2 when the concrete planters were filled with a variety of plants as were some of those seen on Sherbrooke St. Right: Workers install bollards along the de Maisonneuve bike path the same day.

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'No change' in release of exterior permit information

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looked into the policy regarding exterior permits and confirmed that general information on what the work involves is available to residents. But to view plans with specifics such as measurements, they have to go through access-to-information.

"There's a distinction between the two," she said. "Maybe that's where the confusion is. Nothing has changed, but maybe there should be better communication at the counter."

Breslaw relates experience

Explaining the reason for his request for a permit, Breslaw later said that when he went to the Urban Planning counter at city hall, "I was told that city lawyers had said permit information is confidential and can't be shared by anyone except the permit holder."

He said he had not been directed to make an access-to-information request.

That position, he found, "did not strike me as quite right in this day and age. It is an inconsistency in philosophy and the way we handle things [in Westmount.]"

Breslaw said that "surely" if something was going on his neighbourhood, he should be able to find out about it. If the public knows what's permitted, he explained, it will be much better for the city since people will be able to help monitor whether work is conforming to a permit.

Breslaw said the case that had fueled his concern was the establishment of a terrasse that seemed to protrude onto the sidewalk outside the new Petros Taverne Grecque restaurant at the northeast corner of Sherbrooke and Grosvenor.

He said the day after he inquired about it at city hall, he found the terrasse had been pushed back behind the sidewalk.

External permits are approved publicly by city council. The *Independent* publishes the list, with minimal information, from time to time.

Westmount to host first-ever citizenship ceremony

Interactive light show a highlight of Canada 150 party

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount will be rolling out the red carpet for Canada 150 celebrations starting the evening before July 1 and continuing throughout Canada Day.

They include a citizenship ceremony for new Canadians, the traditional Splash Bash at the pool and a night-time party in Westmount Park that includes a specially designed interactive light show.

“We’re encouraging Westmounters to stay home and celebrate Canada’s 150th in our own backyard,” said Councillor Rosalind Davis, spokesperson for the event. “We’re calling it ‘Celebrate Canada 150 Chez Nous.’”

After announcing at the council meeting June 5 that the city would host its first-ever citizenship ceremony, Davis unveiled a full range of scheduled activities two days later.

These kick off Friday, June 30 with an evening “story walk” in Westmount Park and a reading of *The Hockey Sweater* by Westmount author Roch Carrier. This is to

be followed by a pyjama party – minus the sleepover – in Victoria Hall along with the showing of *The Lego Batman Movie*.

July 1, a Saturday, starts off in a more serious vein. That’s when 40 new Canadians will receive citizenship certificates at a ceremony held by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada on the roof of the Westmount recreation centre (WRC).

One of 44 ceremonies that will take place across the country – eight of them in the Montreal area – Davis said the suggestion came from Andrew Maislin, operations manager for Sports and Recreation.

“It’s a lovely ceremony, and I’m pleased and honoured that we have been chosen,” Davis said.

This will be followed by a barbecue at the same location, the Canada Day cake and the annual pool Splash Bash.

Big party set for 6:30

“Then, the big party starts at 6:30 pm on the playing field in front of Westmount Park School,” she said.

It includes a DJ, who will play Canadian songs, dancing, three food trucks and a cash bar at which volunteers from the city’s Community Events Advisory Committee (CEAC) will dispense beverages. “We’ve already obtained our permit for beer and wine.”

The highlight of the party, Davis said, “is the interactive light show. The colours become more dramatic as it gets darker, and the lighting becomes more vibrant with the numbers and movement of the people.”

The show comes from Westmount-based CS Designs, which is introducing it in Canada at the Westmount event.

A complete schedule of activities and times is to be delivered to all Westmount addresses and will be available on the city’s website and social media sites. The activities are being organized by the city’s Community Events office of the Library and Cultural Events department as well as CEAC, she said.

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THE WORLD NEEDS GREAT WOMEN

Weeding of reference

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students have been seen sitting on the floor waiting for a chair to become available. It reminds her of a parking lot at Christmas, she said.

Also, Cardella added, people studying at the tables in the atrium have complained about noise from the stairway leading

down to the children's department, especially from groups of schoolchildren.

Under the library renewal and expansion project of 1995, the children's department was incorporated into the main building. It had had its own separate entrance in 1911 and again in a 1957 addition.

Book weeding required

To make more space on the main floor,

weeding of some of the reference material will be required, she explained. "Much of this information is now available on the database. Library functions have changed."

Work to replace the carpeting will require that the wooden bookcases in the front Findlay rooms be emptied. On the other hand, there are new techniques for jacking up the filled steel bookcases in the rest of the



The stair carpet leading down to the children's, A/V and teen sections, bears the brunt of traffic. It is cleaned every year but has been changed once since 1995.

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While all carpeting is cleaned once a year as part of the library's annual spring clean-up, only the stair portion leading down to the lower level has ever been replaced since installation in 1995. And this was only once even though it bears the brunt of the traffic, Cardella pointed out.

Floor plans revealed

New floor plans show the atrium's four tables will be moved to the area to the right of the reference desk and extending back to the south wall with space for a fifth table. The computer stations will move west and one more will be acquired.

Of 30 new upholstered reading chairs, many are designated for use in the atrium, with others up on the second level in a

newly designed area at the atrium. Some are to have a swing-out shelf for using a tablet.

Other new furniture includes "poufs" for the teen section, which will also get a window seat, and wooden chairs for the additional study table in the reference department.

The work was approved by council at a cost of \$96,714 for the "very comfy" furniture," said Councillor Nicole Forbes, and \$420,000 for refurbishing the library, including the carpeting.

In addition, the purchase of a radio frequency identification library system was approved at a cost of \$71,500. This is being acquired to expedite the check-out of items, improve security and provide "really neat" inventory management, she said.



The atrium June 5, which benefits from natural lighting during the day, is to be converted into a reading room with upholstered chairs.

3 incidents reported in Tour de l'Île

Three "small" incidents were reported during the Westmount portion of the annual Tour de l'Île bicycle event June 4, Public Security officials said. All were described as minor and occurring on Glen Rd. near the bottom of the hill, at or just south of the city limits with St. Henri.

Officers were stationed to block traffic at that location as well as at Claremont and Sherbrooke between 10:23 am and 12:29 pm when cyclists proceeded east from NDG into Westmount. The ride's route

went down Claremont, St. Catherine and Glen Rd.

In one incident, a young man lost control of his bike and fell over the handlebars but continued on his way. Then, two bikes were pushed into each other, causing a girl to injure her wrist, right hip and hands. Her mother, who was also riding in the event, was called. The third incident occurred when a young girl fell trying to avoid a crack in the pavement.



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Sebastian Samuel, right, was appointed by city council June 5 as division head for Communications, reporting directly to city director general Mike Deegan. Awaiting his appointment with him are, from left: brother Sherman Samuel, mother Lenore Attzs, and 12-year-old son Markus Samuel. Samuel has worked for the city for eight years in the Communications section, which handles communications geared toward the public. “He puts in long hours,” said Mayor Christina Smith. “We’re very pleased with his appointment.”

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Added supervision

Now that the city has increased its spending on infrastructure to some \$17 million this year, the increased number of projects requires additional supervision, he explained.

In Public Works, the department now has 10 management positions out of the total complement of some 80 personnel, according to city director general Mike Deegan. The position of Public Works director remains vacant following the departure of Patrick Raggo four months ago (see story February 14, p. 6).

There are 10 people in the new Engineering department, including civil engineers and technicians.

The “catch-up” on refurbishing roads

and water mains alone means “there will be 25 years of misery ahead because of the past,” Martin said. “The good news is that is we have started specifying better quality material and longer lasting work.”

He said he is also pleased that greater attention will be paid to the condition of municipal buildings.

Khatib is an architect with degrees from McGill, who belongs to the Royal Institute of British Architects and the American Institute of Architects, among other professional associations. He is also accredited by the Conseil du Bâtiment Durable du Canada (Canada Green Council) for the heritage component of LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design). He graduated initially in mathematics in 1997 from the Lycée Georges Pompidou in Dubai.



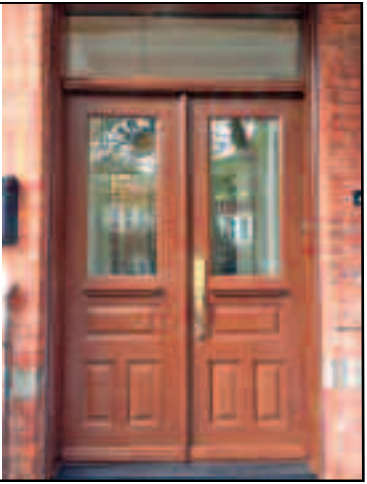
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Turcot meeting covers complaints from MoWest to Atwater

Greene Ave. to close at tracks, cycling advocate Lambert grills MTQ

By DAVID PRICE

Greene Ave. will be closed at the CP railway overpass for four to eight weeks from mid-June or July to August, the Turcot Good Neighbourhood Committee NDG-Westmount attendees learned May 29 at Westmount city hall. Approximately 30 people came to listen to 12 panelists and ask questions.

The Greene closure is due to work on Autoroute 720 (which will become Route 136) being done by the KPH-Turcot consortium. Local traffic will be allowed to circulate, including to and from Stayner and Prospect.

The meeting was attended by Westmount city councillors Rosalind Davis and Theodora Samiotis, Côte des Neiges-NDG borough mayor Russell Copeman, Montreal city and borough councillor for eastern NDG Peter McQueen and a Montreal West public security official.

Lambert interrogates

Westmounter Dan Lambert, representing the Association of Pedestrians and Cyclists of Westmount and NDG on the committee, grilled Sandra Sultana, assistant director of the Turcot project, on the work and accessibility of an employee who was made responsible – in line with his request (see “Turcot interchange meeting covers vast array of topics,” April 11, p. 17) – for pedestrian and cyclist safety. This appointment was made “days after” the last public committee meeting (March 27).

He was concerned with mud on the Glen Rd. bike path caused by a leaky hose connection to a fire hydrant near the Home Depot. David Maréchal of KPH-Turcot had said earlier during the meeting



From left, citizen members Jill Precesky, Malaka Ackaoui and Daniel Lambert, police sergeant Michael McDermott and borough of Côte des Neiges-NDG employees Pascal Trottier and James Byrns.

that the mud, and ideally the water, should not be there and would be addressed.

Lambert questioned Sultana why the employee had not noticed the issue after seven weeks on the job. He also pushed for direct access to him or her, which Sultana opposed for reasons of process and control.

He also confronted Sultana, in near cross-examination style, on the lack of a safety-bar and camera requirement for trucks used during the project. She said that the MTQ was prioritizing mirrors, presumably more or better ones. He shot back that at least a pilot project would be in order.

Lambert thanked KPH-Turcot for reopening the cyclist path on the east side of the Glen Rd., which he had requested at the previous meeting. He said that 1,500 people used it per day.

Maréchal: Night and weekend work coming, sound ought not bounce

Maréchal told the meeting that night work was planned for the summer, but that many measures had been put in place to mitigate noise, including temporary sound barriers, less noisy back-up signals on trucks and a strict anti-door-slamming policy.

Maréchal also told the meeting that the eventual sound barrier would have a coating designed to inhibit the “bouncing” of sound, presumably including up to Westmount from the planned barrier on the south side of the eventual 136.

From trains to ‘shitty end of stick’

The two-hour meeting dealt with many other issues and complications, and relayed many pieces of information.

- The recently announced entrance from St. Jacques to the northbound Decarie expressway will be accessible to eastbound motorists by left-hand turn, in addition to the westbound access previously announced.
- On June 12, St. Jacques near the super-hospital westbound was open until Decarie. Eastbound, it was closed between the hospital and Glen Rd./de Courcelle, with two detours: one along St. Catherine starting at Claremont and one along Notre Dame.
- Work goes as far as the (federally governed) Lachine canal, whose bike path will be closed on the north side near the Gadbois recreation centre until mid-July.
- More residents from Montreal West, many concerned with train noise and non-Turcot truck traffic, were in evidence than at the previous meeting.
- The possible, but currently unplanned, “dalle-parc” or pedestrian and cycling bridge over Autoroute 20 from NDG to Lachine was mentioned by a few speakers, although less often than at the previous meeting. A demonstration in favour of it was planned for June 11.
- As the 20 is demolished, the westbound exit off of it at St. Jacques will close. There was no firm date communicated.
- The St. Raymond area of southwest NDG contin-

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ued to be well represented. A longtime request to the borough of Côte des Neiges-NDG for a crossing guard at Oxford near the new St. Raymond school was met about one month ago. Issues to do with sound barriers, cleanliness and urban planning (including the possible closure of Upper Lachine Rd. at the tracks after St. Jacques is fully reopened and the possible publication of a PPU or *Programme particulier d'urbanisme*, which some residents would like to see favour residential construction) continue, and continue to be complex.

For instance, a host of initiatives announced by Maréchal of KPH-Turcot for less mud and dust on residential streets was found not to apply (currently) to a site exit at Girouard, which is an MTQ-only access.

Mayor Copeman told the meeting, and the *Independent* by voicemail afterwards, that a final decision regarding any reconfiguration of Upper Lachine (and possibly other streets) will only take place after the St. Jacques overpass at Decarie is reopened (likely late in 2018) and new traffic patterns are known, and the publication of any proposed PPU would likely take place after the November election and would be subject to consultation.

The sole applause of the evening was in support of an exasperated Jill Precesky, cit-

izen committee member from NDG, who said that “working class” St. Raymond continues to get the “shitty end of the stick.”

In an email three days after the meeting, Peter McQueen summarized his thoughts: “The timetable of the demolition of the old 720 westbound Ville Marie and its reconstruction as Route 136 west represents more bad news for Westmount and NDG: in six months, the St. Jacques exit on the flank of the MUHC will close for 18 months, so more traffic coming through residential Westmount and past Vendôme Metro [station] just as the building of the second entrance to the station is sending trucks up and down St. Catherine and Clarendon.”

Pierre Guillot-Hurtubise of Octane Stratégies moderated the discussion and translated any English into French. The majority of the meeting took place in French, which was not translated, although some panelists answered English questions in English. The meeting's French PowerPoint presentation was available as a paper handout and on the web in both languages. Only French meeting agendas and minutes are available on the Turcot website.

The next public meeting of the committee takes place August 8 at 7 pm at the St. Raymond community centre (5600 Upper Lachine Rd.).

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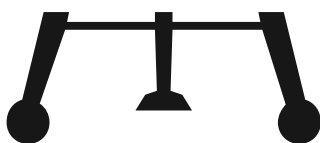
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Prince Albert Park splash pad officially opens on chilly eve



Photo: Ralph Thompson

Three-year-old Edouard Perreault was the first to brave the spraying water June 2 at the official opening of the Prince Albert Park splash pad. A chilly breeze, dark clouds and the prospect of rain didn't encourage anyone to dig out their swim wear. The small crowd of about 20, dressed mainly in insulated jackets and rain gear, gathered around the concrete water play area as Rosalind Davis, councillor for the district (4), turned on the water. Popsicles, brought by Davis, were gobbled up by the youngsters. The project was championed by Councillor Cynthia Lulham, commissioner of Sustainability and Parks. The splash pad is scheduled to be open from 8 am to 8 pm every day. The sprays run for about four minutes and then automatically switch off. They can be reactivated by a button on the ground.

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Walsh delights audience



Host Anne Lagacé Dowson, right, welcomes actress, comedian, social activist and writer Mary Walsh to the Westmount Public Library's author lecture series.

BY RALPH THOMPSON

A full house at Victoria Hall May 17 chuckled and laughed like waves continuously splashing on a pebbled beach throughout one hour and 15 minutes of a witty patter by Mary Walsh, actress, comedian, social activist and writer.

In a conversation hosted by broadcaster Anne Lagacé Dowson, Walsh managed to find a comical twist on a variety of topics – from how much chlorine is required to murder someone to prostitution and mental health, to the fact that she doesn't listen to music because she can't stop herself from dancing around, a distraction when she's trying to work.

The theme of the lecture was Walsh's new novel *Crying for the Moon*. Lagacé Dowson was able to maintain reasonable control over the evening by squeezing in a few questions between the laughter, including about sex and how much of a role it played in the life of the fictional character Maureen Brennan's young life.

Walsh reminisced about Newfoundland in the '70s, religion and how young ladies viewed relationships "I was 50 before I had sex without having three other people in the room, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost," she said.

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Social Notes

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The historical facility erected by the Sulpicians looked splendid after recent restorations. Special guest was Montreal mayor **Denis Coderre**. Co-presidents of honour were Westmounter **Andrew Molson**, board chair, Res Publica and president Molson Foundation, there with his wife **Helen Antoniou**; and **Stéphane Laporte**, director, producer and journalist at *La Presse*, attending with **Camille Laporte**, his "petite cousine" and assistant.

Quebec actor **Denis Bouchard** was the eloquent emcee.

Molson attended the Collège from 1979 to 1982; Laporte graduated in 1977 and Bouchard in 1971.



Robert Chagnon



From left, top: Kathleen Weil, Denis Coderre, Patricia Steben, Éric Jacob; bottom, Andrew Molson and Stéphane Laporte.

Guests walked the carpet – blue, not red, for the Collège school colour – into the massive gymnasium, totally transformed with decorations and tables set for an outstanding dinner, generously sponsored by Milos. Owner/founder **Costas Spiliadis**, was co-president of honour with **François Ranger**, president/owner Ranger Sound & Lighting.

Lovely little spring bouquets of white tulips graced tables everywhere. Noted amidst the evening's elegance was local resident, provincial minister of Immigration, Diversity and Inclusiveness **Kathleen Weil** with her husband **Michael Novak**, as well as the Collège's **Patricia Steben**, director general; **Éric Jacob**, board chair; Foundation pres **Robert Chagnon**, as well as **Jean-Marc St-Jacques**, president Federation of private schools; **André Charron**, VP, Spesinvest Inc.; and **Gilles Julien**, CEO/president, Fondation du Dr. Julien.

Major partner **Richard Lacoursière**, Fasken Martineau, was unable to attend.

Fashions revealed that black is, well, the new black. Ladies were clad in every conceivable *continued on p. 14*

Plantar wart?



It is very common to have plantar warts. A verruca is a viral (VPH) infection of the skin causing a lesion, therefore, has no root per say. The black spots sometimes seen in plantar warts are blood vessels that nourish the lesion. The wart may develop up to 6 months after exposure to the virus. The usual places where my patients get infected with warts are pools, gyms and public places where people walk barefeet. Treatments may vary from over the counter drugstore products to much stronger treatments provided by the podiatrist or the physician. When very resistant, minor surgery may be used.

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take on the Little Black Dress: leather and lace inserts, scalloped hemlines, sleeveless à-la Michelle Obama, long-sleeved and ruffled. The shoe of the night was black patent: high heeled, kitten heeled and ballerina flats comfy.

The eve was smoothly presented with perfect protocol by event planner extraordinaire **Robert Vezina** (1981 grad), ably assisted by **Kat Coric**, dashing in a black tuxedo pantsuit with vintage touches: A Chanel tie and a wonderful brooch from Croatia.

DJ **Éric Vallée** and **Isabelle Boulay** rendered homage to two esteemed alumni: **Émile Nelligan** (1894) and **Claude Léveillé** (1952).

An amazing acrobatic performance by Cirque Carpe Diem, and the jazz and choral bands of the Collège brought resounding applause.

The elegant eve raised \$165,000, to which the Foundation added \$85,000 for a total of \$250,000, which goes to the restoration and enhancement of the school's architectural heritage.

PSOs intervene in dispute at 1:15 am

A young man and woman were found arguing June 4 at 1:15 am on St. Catherine in front of the armoury of the Royal Montreal Regiment, Public Security officials said. The woman was crying so heavily it was difficult to understand what the dispute was about. Police were called since officers reported it was impossible to leave them in that condition. The woman's grandparents were to be picking her up but the man said it was his ride home, too. The two were identified as NDG residents aged 20 and 22.

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Trent guest speaker at Rotary



Rotary Club of Westmount president Peter Starr, left, puts a Paul Harris Fellow Sapphire Award pin on Peter Trent's lapel May 31, shortly before the former Westmount mayor made a presentation to club members on his more than 35 years in municipal politics. According to Starr, the award is the most important Rotary gives out and is named after Rotary International founder Paul Harris. It is given to people who are already a Paul Harris fellow, which was presented to Trent in 2005 in recognition of his "exceptional willingness to support the community." Although Trent had addressed Westmount Rotarians on dozens of occasions previously, this was the first time the former mayor was their guest since stepping down in April. In his talk, he explained why he initially became involved in local municipal politics, followed by an overview of what he accomplished.

Photo: By Martin C. Barry

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Although the novel is not a biography, there were hints that many of the characters might relate to her people in her own upbringing: Sarge, Maureen's angry mother, who bullies her kids, a downtrodden dad who tells his best stories when he's drunk and nuns who watch over the kids like hawks.

Walsh has a lighthearted manner, quick wit and perverse perspectives. She starred on CBC's *This Hour Has 22 Minutes*, other CBC series and documentaries, films and other performing arts achievements.

Donna Lach, assistant director, Library and Community Events, welcomed the audience of well over 200 (300 tickets were distributed) to the event and thanked Andreas Kessararis, events coordinator at Paragraphe bookstore and publisher HarperCollins for their collaboration.

The event was organized by the library together with Paragraphe.

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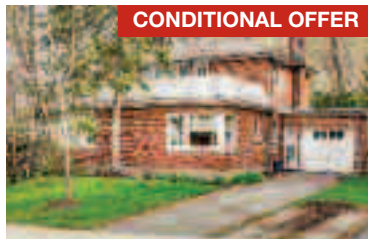
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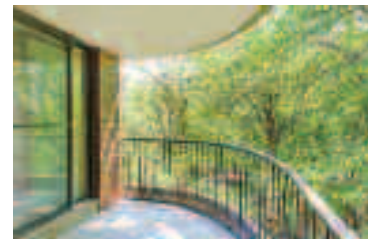
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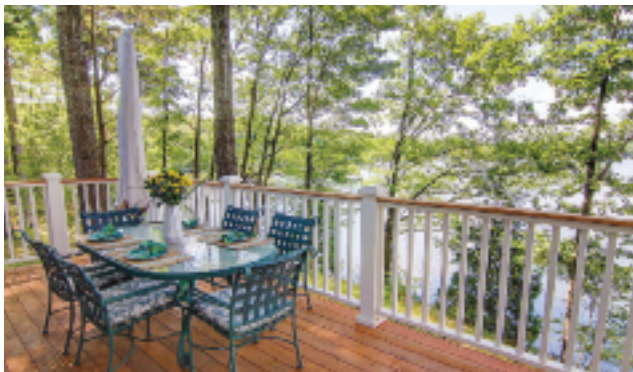
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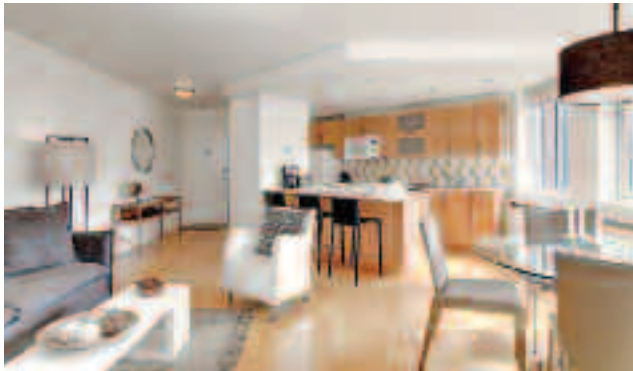
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