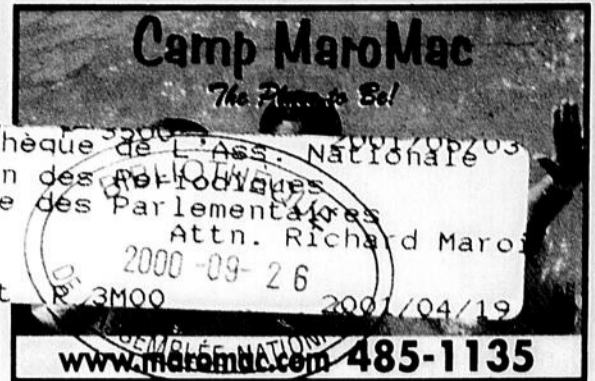


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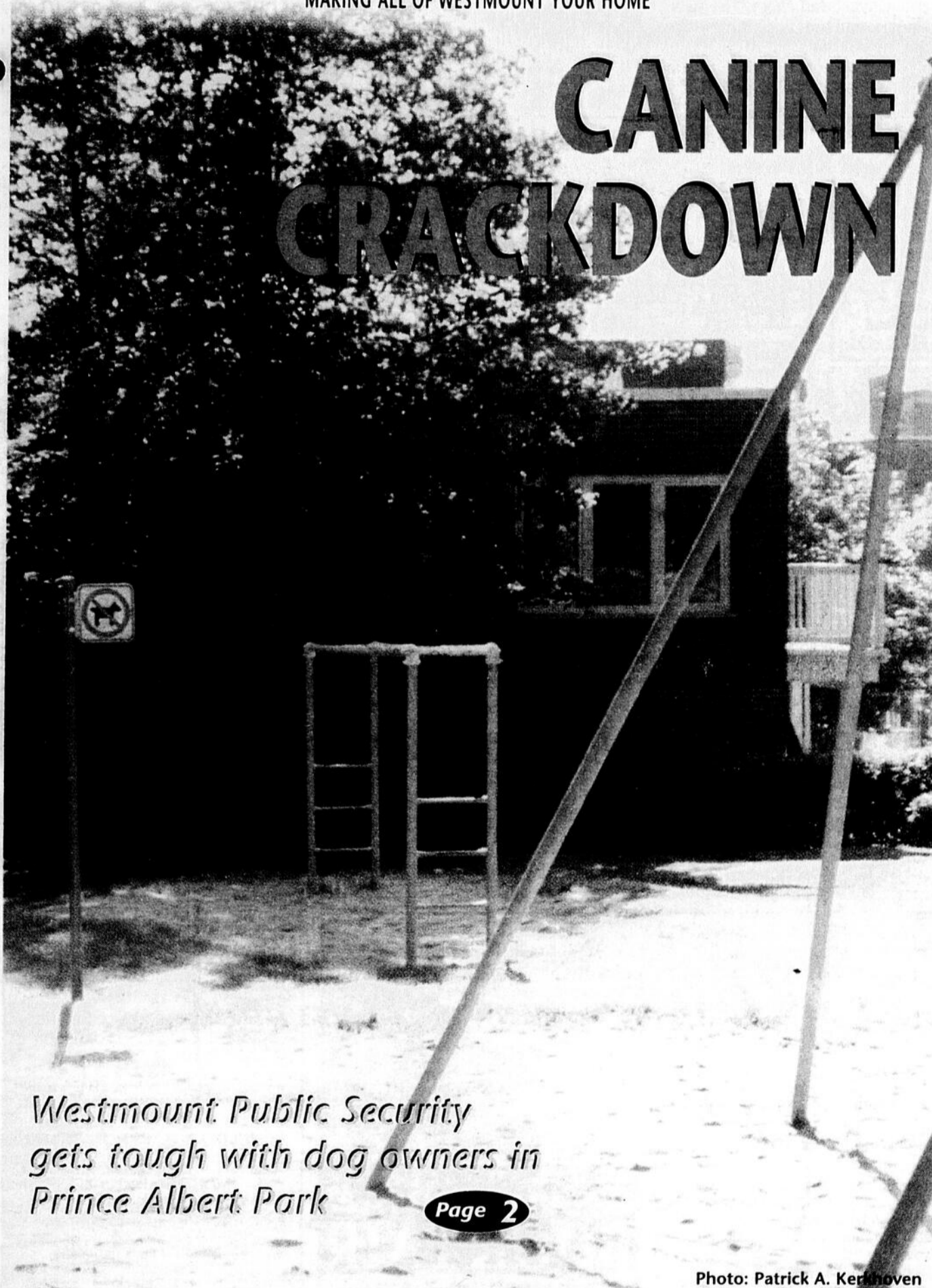
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# CANINE CRACKDOWN



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gets tough with dog owners in  
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## Local News

### WESTMOUNT HOMEOWNERS TAKE LION'S SHARE OF NEW VALUATION INCREASES

By Andy Dodge

**W**estmount homeowners could have a rude—or possibly pleasant—surprise when they receive the announcement next month of their new triennial tax assessment, but the news is almost certain to be grim once the tax bills are issued early next year.

The city is bearing the largest increase in overall valuations of any municipality on the Island of Montreal, a 10.8 per cent hike compared to an island-wide reduction of 3.2 per cent. This will mean that the city will have to take on a much larger portion of the Montreal Urban Community tax bill, which already makes up almost 40 per cent of the municipal budget.

Single-family homeowners account for the lion's share of the valuation increase, with houses averaging 21.3 per cent more than in the 1995 valuation roll. Condominiums are up by 7 percent, duplexes by 9.6 percent and office buildings actually dropped by a stunning 21.3 percent, while commercial outlets absorbed a 6.4 percent loss.

While Westmount went up 10.8 percent overall, only one other municipality -- tiny Dorval Island -- experienced a double-digit increase from the 1995 roll, at 10.1 percent. Next highest was Outremont at 6.4 percent, and in fact only 10 municipalities are higher in 2001 than they were in 1995, compared to 18 which dropped. Though 10 municipalities had valuation rolls in 1998, the M.U.C. prepared the following table showing comparisons with the 1995 rolls for all the municipalities:

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# City gets tough with dog law offenders

By Patrick A. Kerkhoven

Westmount Public Security is staging an intensive crackdown on dog owners who let their canines off the leash or do not pick up after them at Prince Albert Park.

"There have been far too many complaints about dogs who have been running off the leash in the park," said Public Security Director Richard McEnroe. "We are going to exercise a zero-tolerance approach and really

emphasize Bylaw 535."

Director General Bruce St. Louis said residents around Prince Albert Park are concerned about the number of dog owners who ignore the law. "We've been receiving many complaints, especially at night, of people allowing their dogs off the leash. This causes a problem because there is a children's playground there," he said. "I can understand how easy it might be to be walking in the area at night and then take your dog off the leash to run for a bit, but our parks are normally

not fenced, and it is against the City bylaw."

Offenders of Bylaw 535, which governs the obligations of dog owners in Westmount, have been rampant for a long time, said Bridget Blackader, president of the Westmount Dog Owners Association.

"Bylaw offenses have been going on for a while, so it's nothing new," said Blackader. "Applying the bylaw is something that public security officers are supposed to do. So yes, I am for it."

The role of public security officers has also come into question as of late, as their list of duties now includes monitoring dog owners at a specific location.

"I wish there was a group of folk who would send a letter to city councillor Karin Marks and keep track themselves of when dogs are off the leash and their poop isn't being scooped," Blackader continued. "Otherwise, it becomes very difficult for public security to deal with the problem. They have way too much on their plate as it is without having to camp out there at Prince Albert Park and wait and wait for something to happen."

Concern over the ever-expanding role of public security officers is an issue gaining considerable weight among community-minded citizens, and the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) in particular.

"It seems as though whenever somebody has a bright idea, it's the public security officers who end up carrying it out," commented Maureen Kiely at the last WMA meeting.

Prince Albert Park is seen as a special case, as it does not have a dog run, unlike the larger Murray Hill Park and Westmount Park.

In cracking down on bylaw offenders, public security officers will monitor and write notices of offense to those who fail pick up after their dog, who do not hold a valid Westmount dog license, and those who bring dogs to the park from outside the city.

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# Westmount homeowners take lion's share of new valuation increases

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Westmount	10.8%
Dorval Island	10.1%
Outremont	6.4%
Senneville	4.9%
Montreal West	2.7%
Beaconsfield	2.3%
Town of Mount Royal	2.2%
Pointe Claire	0.8%
Ile Bizard	0.4%
Kirkland	0.2%
Pierrefonds	-0.7%
Baie d'Urfé	-1.2%
Dorval	-3.0%
Hampstead	-3.3%
Côte Saint Luc	-3.5%
Dollard des Ormeaux	-3.7%
Ste. Anne de Bellevue	-4.5%
Saint Leonard	-4.6%
Saint Laurent	-4.6%
LaSalle	-4.6%
Anjou	-5.3%
Montreal	-5.4%
Verdun	-5.6%
Ste. Geneviève	-6.4%
Roxboro	-6.5%
Lachine	-7.9%
Montreal North	-10.6%
Montreal East	-15.7%

In general, single-family dwellings were up across the entire island, except for Anjou, LaSalle and Montreal North, though none except Westmount had increases of more than 10 percent, and Westmount single-family dwellings were up 21.3 percent.

By comparison, single-family evaluations in adjacent areas of Montreal, broken down by type of property, include the following:

	Single family	Duplex	Condominium	Apartments	Offices
Westmount	21.3%	9.6%	7.0%	-2.6%	-21.3%
N.D.G.	3.9%	-0.4%	4.4%	-7.2%	-16.3%
Côte des Neiges	6.9%	1.6%	0.7%	-10.6%	-15.2%
East of Westmount	6.7%	-4.2%	-0.5%	-1.2%	-26.5%
St. Henri	4.7%	1.7%	0.2%	-9.0%	-29.6%

Under current law, the sharp hike in Westmount single-family valuations compared to other types of property, especially commercial property, would mean a severe increase in the overall tax to be paid by Westmount homeowners, since all property would be forced to pay at the same overall tax rate (excluding the surtax on non-residential properties, whose rate increase is limited by law). Quebec Municipal Affairs Minister Louise Harel, bowing to pressure from various mayors, has promised to present a law allowing for different tax rates for different types of property before the year is out. Mayor Peter Trent said he is waiting anxiously for such a law, and will delay the presentation of next year's budget until January, in the hopes that the law will be approved.

Because of the uncertainty over tax rates, there is no way of telling what may happen to single-family dwellings,

office buildings, or high-rise apartments, overall. Assuming there can be some sort of relief in these terms, the next step is to compare properties within each category to each other, to determine whether or not they are more or less than the average (see next week's *Examiner*). If the city can maintain the same overall tax burden to be assumed by each category of property, then the taxes will increase for those properties whose values increase by more than the average increase, and decrease for those whose values increase less than the average.

For the first time this year, Westmount will actually send out notices to each owner early in the fall announcing the new assessment of his or her property. The owners will then have the opportunity -- if they wish -- to contest the taxes even before receiving the tax bill, thus easing the crush which takes place in the spring months following a new tax roll. Since this is the first roll for Westmount since 1995, they feel there could be more interest than usual in contesting.

The rules for contesting have changed considerably, Montreal Urban Community officials confirmed last week. The procedure (which was first introduced in some municipalities in 1998) now involves two steps: first, the owner must file a written request with the M.U.C. for a "review" of the assessment, complete with a detailed description of the reasons for the complaint: neighbourhood sales, unusual conditions, specific problems related to the value of a property (but not, they stress, a comparison with other valuations). They will consider the request, visit the

property, examine the documentation and determine the validity of the complaint, and if they agree to reduce the value it will be done with no further action on the part of the property-owner. Should they refuse to reduce the value, or if the proposed reduction is unsatisfactory, the property-owner will have the right to apply to the newly-formed Administrative Tribunal of Quebec. This becomes a much more formal process, since both parties would have to present their proof to a provincially-appointed expert who would render a judgement on the deemed value of the property.

The newest assessments will be applied to the municipal tax bills for 2001, 2002 and 2003, and are supposed to represent the value of each property as at 1 July, 1999. M.U.C. officials emphasized that the overall economy of the Montreal area has improved substan-

tially in the past year, so properties today probably could sell for considerably more than they would last summer. Examiner statistics indicate that single-family dwellings here are currently at

about the same level as last summer, but were higher in the spring months when the market reached an all-time high.

The overall breakdown by category for Westmount is as follows:

Category	No.	Average Val.	% Change	M.U.C. average
Single-family	3,415	549,597	+21.3%	+5.8%
Duplex	302	359,332	+10.9%	-0.1%
Triplex	72	313,501	+13.3%	0.0%
4-9 Dwellings	42	477,686	+4.5%	-6.6%
Condominiums	1,145	194,263	+7.1%	+0.9%
Apartment buildings	89	2,814,213	-3.3%	-8.1%
Office Buildings	43	5,476,370	+14.5%	-11.0%
Semi-Commercial	134	377,085	-14.8%	-16.6%
Industry/retail	6	515,333	-24.4%	-9.3%
Taxable property			+10.8%	-3.2%
Exempt property			-14.2%	-13.7%
Total land valuation	5,533		+5.2%	-5.1%

(Note: Comparisons with the M.U.C. average are approximate, because statistical categories provided differ somewhat from the categories provided by the city.)

Next week, Andy Dodge will show how the 2001 valuation roll affects the different areas of Westmount.

## Bourque plan leaves Trent cold

By Martin C. Barry

Mayor Peter Trent gets the shivers just thinking about Montreal Mayor Pierre Bourque running an island-wide city.

"[Bourque] has essentially written a scenario around his own personality," Trent said Tuesday following the release of Bourque's latest 'One Island, One City' proposal. "He's gotten to the point where he somehow believes he has a monopoly on the truth. I can't believe anybody listening to or reading what he says would not get a shiver down their spine about the kind of way he would like to run the island of Montreal. He obviously feels that he should have the final say, and honestly that scares me. If this man gets his way, he'll make Drapeau look like a democrat."

Trent sees little difference between Bourque's earlier 'One Island, One City' proposals and the latest one. "He hasn't moved one jot from his previous position, not one inch in the last 15 months or so. This is son of 'One Island, One City' or part two. He's simply beating the same drum."

According to Bourque's plan, Montreal Island's 27 existing suburbs would be absorbed into the City of Montreal and broken up into 63 electoral districts with an average 30,000 residents each. The districts would be divided into nine boroughs of 200,000 residents. There would be a councillor for each district, seven for each borough. In addition to the new city's main council, the boroughs would each have a council of their own. Important decisions in the new city would be made by a nine-member executive committee elected by city council after being "recommended" by the mayor. The mayor

would also recommend the chairmen of the borough councils, and he would be a member of the council in each borough.

With a population just over 20,000, Westmount would be matched with the city of Outremont and the Montreal districts of Plateau Mont-Royal and Ville-Marie to form the new "downtown" borough.

Finance and other important functions would be administered by the main council. Because the new city would be designated French-speaking, Westmount would lose its official status as a bilingual municipality. Zoning issues would be handled by the boroughs, raising the possibility that public referenda might be allowed.

Trent is appalled by the plan. "Bourque is totally out in left field, so far away it isn't even funny," he said.

"If you listen to or read what he says, it's very clear that everything will be centralized. The mayor would be on the council in each of the boroughs. They would strictly be administrative subdivisions of his city.

"It's a total loss of our identity. Why are we sacrificing well-run cities like Westmount and Outremont that have existed for 125 years? What's to be gained except the greater glory of Mr. Bourque?"

Trent says he feels much more comfortable with a counter-proposal made earlier this week by the Union of Montreal Suburban Municipalities.

Under that proposal, the Montreal Urban Community's chairman would become an elected position and its powers would be enlarged. The suburbs would retain their status as municipalities, but the City of Montreal would be broken up into nine smaller cities.



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## Trent refutes WMA's City spending figures

By Sidhartha Banerjee

Mayor Peter Trent has always prided himself on the fact that the City of Westmount has not increased its local spending in his nine years at the helm.

However, Trent was unhappy with figures presented by the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) at its Sept. 11 meeting. According to the WMA, the City of Westmount has increased its spending by 22 per cent over a 13-year period spanning from 1986-1999.

"The overall increase of 22 per cent in spending is far from the reality," Trent said on Tuesday. "My numbers go to 1991, so I can't account for 1990 (or before). But I can tell you that since 1991, City spending has been frozen. There has been no change in spending, not 22

per cent, not 10 per cent, not one per cent, it has been zero."

"We don't recognize any of the numbers that were bantered around—and certainly the one that jumped at the eye was that City spending went up 22 per cent," Trent said. "I find it a bit upsetting that the WMA is doing calculations of this kind and reporting it to the media without checking with City Hall."

The WMA also released more numbers that stated that manpower for essential services such as the fire department and the public security force have been hit hard by the cuts.

Trent said that the City will do some number crunching of their own to understand where these numbers came from. While the City is busy with its anti-amalgamation initiatives, Trent said he didn't know that delving into what

the City spent in 1986 would be really worth the trouble right now.

"However the impression the WMA gave, that indeed there was not a freeze on spending, simply was not true," said Trent, who has spent a lot of time analyzing the City's financial performance. Since 1990, when the budget for 1991 was adopted, the City's spending has been frozen.

Trent speculated that a possible error in the WMA's calculations may come from excluding the pay-as-you-go policy implemented by the City in the mid 1990s. Instead of borrowing for capital expenditures, the city paid for them in full in the year that the actual work was done instead of spreading it out over a period of time.

Trent said that if you take away pay-as-you-go and the municipal downloading figures since 1998, you come to exactly the same number as the City spent in 1991. He added that it was a

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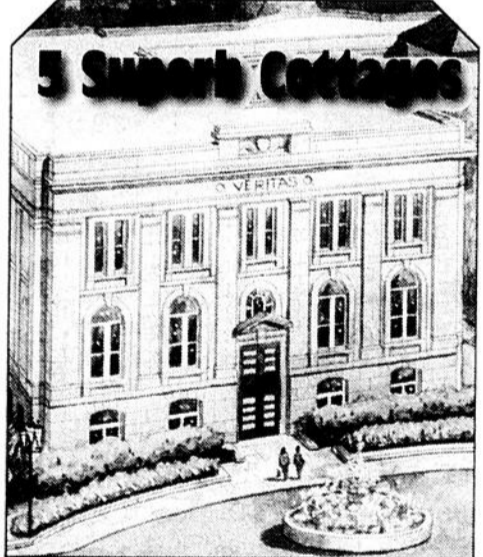
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## Monday, Sept. 4

9:59 a.m., 1236 Greene Ave.: Alarm sounding when workers accidentally set of pull station on second floor.

2:41 p.m., 4435 Sherbrooke, #6: Called to the scene of a strange noise that was traced to a defective smoke detector in apt. #6.

4:13 p.m., 4333 Sherbrooke: Strange noise coming from ventilation system. Advised Public Works to contact a repair man.

10:31 p.m., 420 Prince Albert: Defective alarm.

## Tuesday, Sept. 5

1:35 a.m., 3 Hillside: Defective alarm.

2:03 a.m., Area of 4430 Ste. Catherine: Alarm sounding, but nothing found.

4:32 a.m., 3 Hillside: Defective alarm.

6:51 a.m., Area of 4430 Ste. Catherine: Alarm sounding, but nothing was found on the scene.

10:37 a.m., 4103 Sherbrooke: Sprinkler system was activated. Nothing was found at the scene and panel was reset.

## Wednesday, Sept. 6

8:00 a.m., 1 Westmount Square: Smoke detector set off due to reflection of steam off windows.

9:12 a.m., 637 Sydenham: Fire alarm activated by workers testing system.

11:09 a.m., Atwater and de Maisonneuve: Called to the scene of a car fire. Upon arrival, no fire was found but a car was in the process of being towed away.

12:35 p.m., Front of 4103 Sherbrooke: Called to the scene of a car leaking gas. Using absorbing substance, gas was removed from street and car was towed away.

## Thursday, Sept. 7

4:15 a.m., Rear of 4410 Ste. Catherine: False alarm.

9:05 a.m., 4300 de Maisonneuve: Defective smoke detector on 8th floor.

12:16 p.m., 61 Summit Crescent: Strange odour due to a patch of smoldering peat moos near a window. Probable cause was a cigarette from a worker.

3:43 p.m., Front of 4333 Sherbrooke Street: Called to the scene of a two car accident. One individual was injured in the accident and was transported to hospital. Both cars' batteries were disconnected and police were on scene to investigate.

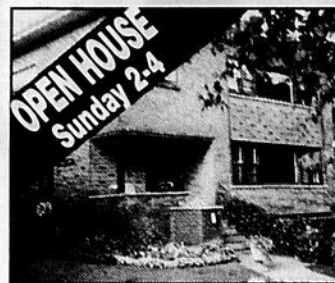
## Friday, Sept. 8

2:03 a.m., 3500 de Maisonneuve: Two people were trapped inside an elevator. An elevator repair man was called in and the individuals were helped by the worker.

3:38 p.m., 4055 Ste. Catherine: Fire alarm activated by workers testing the sprinkler system.

6:47 p.m., 360 Clarke: Called to the scene due to an alarm that was activated. Inspection showed it was a burglar alarm and not a fire alarm.

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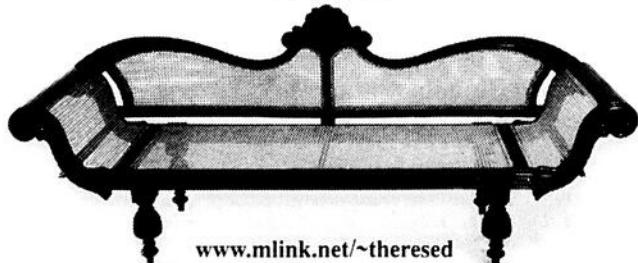
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# Where do animal rights end?

Last week *The Examiner* published a letter from Elyse Segal of Wood Avenue, in which she described in somewhat graphic terms her experience of being attacked by a raccoon on her property—an attack that resulted in severe bite wounds, a broken ankle and, inevitably, an unpleasant series of rabies shots.

While the incident has sparked interest and concern all the way up to the director general's office, mostly over the issue of Public Security and wildlife regulations, the majority of calls I've received over the past week have been from people expressing their outrage over how Ms. Segal fought off her masked assailant.

*Commentary*  
Wayne Larsen



"Hitting an animal over the head with a flashlight is sheer cruelty," one woman said.

"She had no business doing that," said another. "It was disgraceful. She should never have attempted to poke at a baby raccoon in front of its mother like that. She was just looking for trouble."

While listening to these messages, I couldn't help but think that these callers probably wouldn't have acted any differently in Ms. Segal's situation. Animal rights are one thing, but when something is tearing into your flesh you use any means at your disposal to get it off, no matter how much of an animal lover you might be.

It's rather nice to have raccoons in Westmount. Like rabbits and—to some degree—skunks, their presence adds a pleasant rural touch to an otherwise urban environment. People feed them, photograph them, point them out to their children and generally enjoy having them around.

The only problem is that they often damage property. They get into gardens and, if you're not careful, they can make a nasty mess of your garbage. We take precautions against them, of course, but how far can someone go in protecting something valuable from one of these nocturnal visitors?

As Ms. Segal's case illustrated, the SPCA is next to useless in such matters, and Westmount's Public Security department is not a wildlife service. This leaves it pretty much up to the individual, and it seems to be a no-win situation. Do you sit back and watch an animal tear up the garden you've been passionately tending all summer, or do you take action—knowing full well that your neighbours will immediately label you an animal hater, when nothing could be further from the truth?

Those who believe Ms. Segal's actions were in any way improper should think twice and imagine themselves in her place. I'm sure most animal lovers would agree if they realized just how vicious this attack really was.

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## Letters to the editor

### Book doesn't reflect today's McCord

To the editor:

The article titled 'Turbulent times at the McCord Museum' recently published in *The Examiner* (Aug. 17) may be an accurate review of the contents of Prof. Brian Young's book on the McCord (The Making and Unmaking of a University Museum: The McCord, 1921-1996), but it leaves a highly inaccurate picture of the evolutionary process which the museum has undergone over the past two decades and the current status of its 'health'.

As the McGill person responsible for the University's museums between 1982 and 1995, I wish to set the record straight.

During the latter part of the nineteenth and first half of the twentieth centuries, most major universities in North America acquired significant collections and opened museums. More recently most of these museums have subsequently evolved into virtually independent institutions sup-

ported directly by government and the public. The Royal Ontario Museum and Harvard's Fogg Art Museum are earlier examples of this process.

The reasons for these changes have been primarily financial. University museums tend not to be high priority activities for universities at budget time, hence they are usually under-funded. Certainly, in the Quebec case, the Ministry's funding formula makes no provision whatever for the support of universities' museum collections and the staff needed to manage them.

In the mid-eighties, a federally-funded report by the consultant Coopers & Lybrand studying McGill's major museums concluded that the only way for the McCord to remain open and maintain its standards of high quality would be for it to become more responsive to the public and thus to attract greater government and private support. The University accepted this recommendation and acted upon it with the extraordinarily generous financial and moral support of the J.W. McConnell

Family Foundation. If it had not done so, the McCord would be closed today, as had been the case twice before during the museum's eighty-year history: the collections would be unavailable to scholars and students while the curators would be elsewhere.

Prof. Young suggests that the direction chosen for the McCord by McGill in recent years is "the very antithesis of the museum's original mandate." I beg to differ!

At the time that David Ross McCord was in the process of gifting his collection to the University, he wrote, "The museum I shall create will not be a McGill museum, nor a Protestant one, still less an English one... It is a national museum and shall be known as such, not a museum of any particular educational institution."

The Board and management of the McCord believe that the direction currently being successfully pursued by the Museum would make Mr. McCord very happy.

**R. David Bourke**  
Chair, board of trustees,  
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**Five Years Ago**  
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**MET CLOSES:** "After two and a half years of struggling, the Met teen centre is no more. As of Monday, the hard reality was there on the padlocked door: teenagers could no longer hang out at the Metcalfe Avenue and Sherbrooke Street centre which closed due to lack of money. Staff were given notice two weeks ago and left with severance pay. The teenagers, meanwhile, have nowhere to go, at least for now. Board co-president Toni Braide, director of the local YMCA, said a burned-out board directors had run out of steam trying to raise even basic funds to cover rent and salaries—roughly \$63,000 a year—or about 70 per cent of the \$90,000 needed annually."

**Ten Years Ago**  
September 20, 1990:

**CAT BURGLAR:** "A man has been walking Westmount streets with a bag of cat food, dishes and a can opener. Resident who have talked to the man suspect he lures strays and out-of-doors house cats with the food, then carries them off. Though there have been no recent reports of missing felines, residents of Olivier Avenue have put up signs warning cat owners of the threat. 'He's claiming everything is a stray,' said Helen Giles. 'He was

telling us house cats (that we knew) were strays. Cats without collars or name tags are totally fair game. We were really quite appalled."

**Fifteen Years Ago**  
September 19, 1985:

**PARK FACELIFT:** "A major landscaping scheme to redevelop part of Westmount Park at costs of up to \$183,000 calls for replacing the paved de Maisonneuve portion with much shrubbery, a fountain, basketball courts, a bicycle path, a dog run, a play area and permanent bleachers. The grand project, as well as various options at lesser costs, was made public this week by Mayor Brian Gallery, who said the city plans to consult residents before final decisions are made."

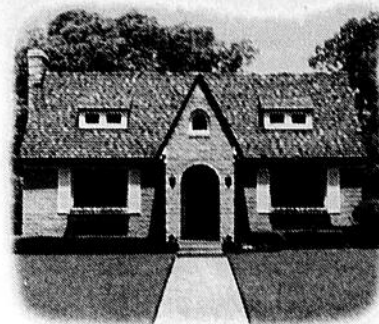
**Fifty-Five Years Ago**  
September 21, 1945:

**R.M.R. HOMECOMING:** "Officers and men of the 1st Battalion, R.M.R., who will arrive at Quebec tomorrow morning aboard the troopship Pasteur, will detrain at Westmount Station in the afternoon, and lead a grand parade of service personnel, from the station to Westmount Park for a civic and regimental reception."

**Sixty-Five Years Ago**  
September 20, 1935:

**SCHOOL DAYS:** "It is a far cry from the days when the room of an old blockhouse served as Westmount's first school, to the opening of the Argyle Junior High School this fall. Yet Westmount's educational cavalcade has marched on triumphantly through 62 years, from the days when there were two toll-gates in Westmount, one on Sherbrooke Street at the corner of Elm Avenue and the other west of what is now Claremont Avenue on Côte St. Antoine Road."

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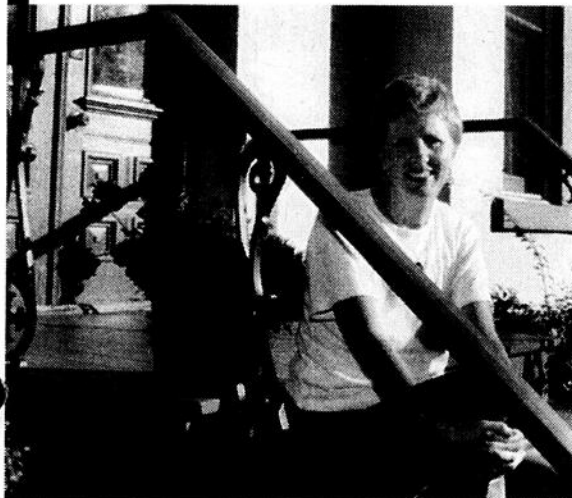
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Virginia Elliott

C'est une question qui vous concerne

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Gail Fellerath,  
Westmount resident  
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## All quiet for Mulroneys wedding

The much-publicized wedding of Caroline Mulroneys and Andrew Lapham came and went with little ado last Saturday, causing surprisingly little commotion in Westmount.

A guest list stockpiled with politically controversial figures did not detract attention from what was a calm, joyful procession to St. Léon de Westmount Church, marred only by the evacuation of the 4300 de Maisonneuve apartment complex across the street.

A fire in a garbage compactor on the tenth floor of 4300 set off the fire alarm shortly before the wedding, and tenants were forced to evacuate the west wing. Fortunately, the fire was extinguished by building staff before the firefighters arrived. Nonetheless, a haze of smoke lingered in the halls. Meanwhile, across the street, the big names

were safe in the hands of tactful RCMP officers. Rows of black limousines carrying a veritable 'who's who' list arrived in perfect sequential fashion under the watchful eye of Westmount public security officers and the RCMP. MUC police monitored the area but performed no major role.

"The road barricades were handled very well by Westmount public security, and security measures for the wedding were handled by the RCMP," said Sgt. Sylvain Huot of MUC Police Station 12.

Clarke Avenue was blocked off between Sherbrooke Street and de Maisonneuve Boulevard during the wedding, which began just after 6 p.m. and attracted a crowd of eager onlookers hoping to catch a glimpse of guests such as George and Barbara Bush, Queen Noor of Jordan, Alan Thicke and Ted Rogers, among many others.

## City releases '99 election expenses

Vying for a seat on Westmount city council can be a costly endeavour. This is evident in the City's recently-released treasurer's report of election expenses incurred by those who ran in last November's municipal election.

The 14 residents competing for five open seats last year spent an average of just over \$1,300 on the race, and in all cases but one the candidate who spent the most was elected.

In Ward 1, successful candidate Gérard A. Limoges spent \$1,939.17, while Bernard Cloutier spent \$1,775.46. Bram Freedman

and Markus Martin spent \$872.74 and \$499.52, respectively.

Ward 3 saw incumbent Nicolas Matossian spend \$1,000.65 to defend his seat against challenger Laurie Normand-Starr, who spent \$646.28. The three-way contest in Ward 4 had successful candidate Barbara Moore outspend Toni Cochand Braide \$937.51 to \$669.88, while third candidate Jean Legault did not spend anything on his campaign.

In Ward 6, the close race between Margaret Lefebvre and Adam Atlas was reflected in their

expenses, with Lefebvre edging past her opponent \$1,491.39 to \$1,448.18.

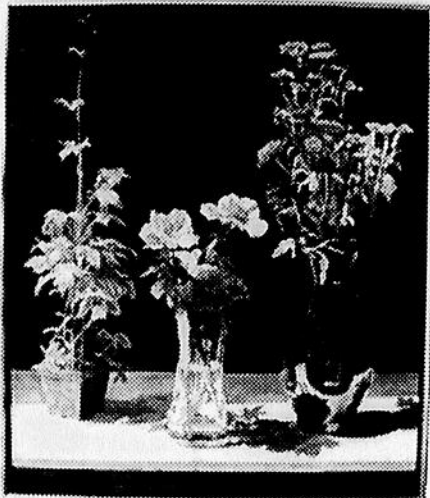
Ward 8 was the only district where the successful candidate spent less than an opponent, with Syd Wise outspending John de Castell \$1,740.77 to \$1,173.31, while third-place candidate Nicholas Barker put out a total of \$806.47.

According to the treasurer's report, none of the 14 candidates came close to spending the maximum allowed in their ward—an average of \$2,583.

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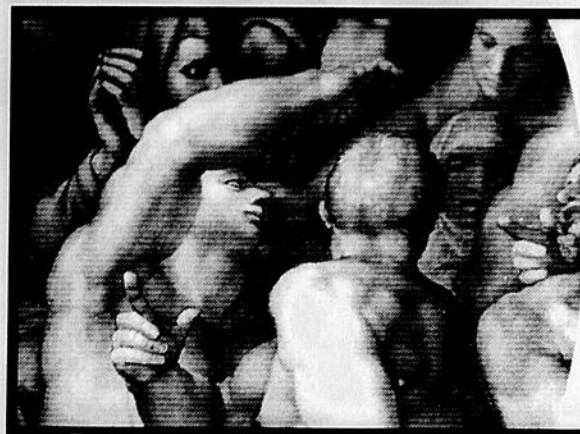


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## Trent refutes WMA's City expenditure figures

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legitimate discussion to bring up loosening the purse strings. "Have City services suffered over the last nine years? I'm not actually sure; maybe some services have suffered—I don't know," said Trent. "But we've actually added services since then, like the recycling program, without spending more money."

WMA past president Doug McDougall, who made the presentation at the September meeting, said he was strictly focussing on expenditures in this report. "I think Mr. Trent's point is that he hasn't raised taxes in the last nine years," he told *The Examiner* yesterday from Vancouver, where he is on a business trip. "I took the annual budget and laid down the expenses. If I'm wrong or misclassifying the numbers, I'm happy to admit to that."

"The timing could not be worse, because we're talking about increases for some people of 20, 30, 40 or 50 per cent of the value of their houses," Trent said of the new MUC valuation roll introduced last week. "I would suspect that those citizens who have seen increases beyond the average will be quite happy to learn that I have frozen the spending of the City. Every mayor's letter I've written since I was elected said that I've frozen spending since I've been elected, and so this essentially undermines that and I obviously don't like that. Since 1991, the City has frozen its spending and I stand behind that statement—and I hope residents appreciate that effort."

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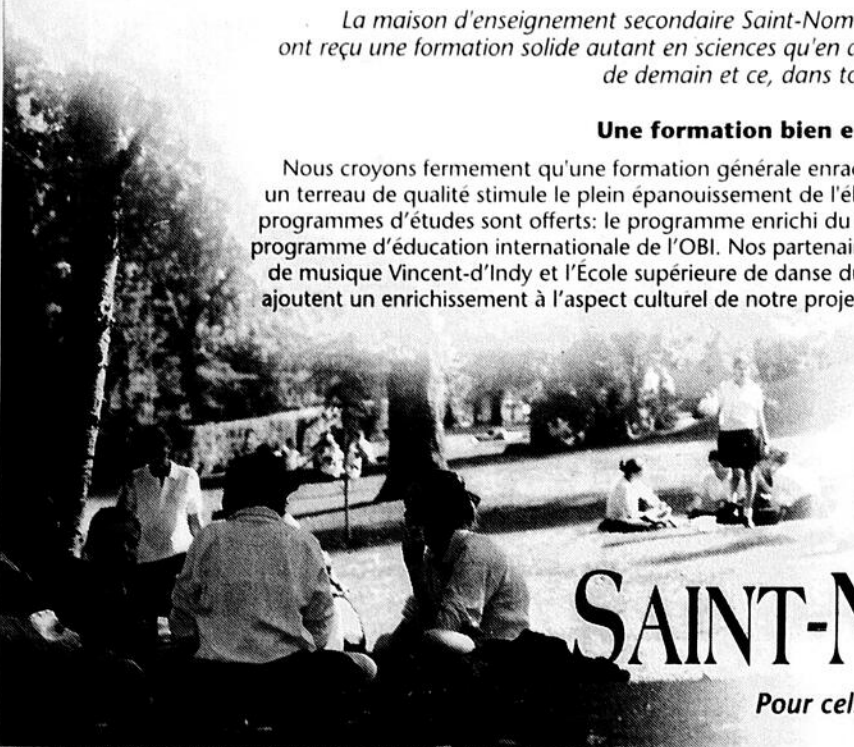
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## Three local jewellers bag national award

By Sidhartha Banerjee

Three Westmount-based jewellers took home national prizes last week, according to a Canada-wide jewellers trade publication.

Original works created by Robert Ackermann, Janis Kerman and Gloria Bass won honourable mention and second place respectively in the 2000 Buyers, Choice Design competition—the annual national award given out by Canadian Jeweller, a trade publication for the jewellery industry.

All three winners from the Montreal area this year are Westmounters—something which has not happened in recent memory. The three had their works chosen out of a record 54 entries the magazine received this year.

While all three jewellers admitted that they have won more prestigious awards, to be recognized for their work is fulfilling.

"It's exciting—I'd like to see what the other pieces that won look like," said Kerman, a Metcalfe Avenue resident who took second place with a brooch pendant in category B, for pieces that

retail up to \$6,000. "The fact that three of us are from Westmount is also quite the accomplishment."

Gloria Bass, who took home second place in category C, for pieces above \$6,000, won with a handmade necklace in platinum wires, laced with natural Tahitian Keshi pearls which Bass said are fairly rare—and diamonds, retailing at approximately \$25,000.

"It was very nice to win," Bass said from her Greene Avenue shop. "It's always a very nice thing to have that recognition."

"This year I just grabbed something out of the safe and sent it out, and lo and behold we got an honourable mention," said Robert Ackermann, who finished this year with an honourable mention in category B for pieces worth \$6,000 or less, won with a beautiful ring valued at \$5,400.

Ackermann took home first place in the same category just two years ago.

All three winning pieces from Westmount, along with nine other winners from across Canada, will be displayed in a photo spread in the October/November issue of Canadian Jeweller.



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# ROCKWELL COVERS HIGHLIGHT LIBRARY FUNDRAISER

**A**n exhibition of 65 amusing Norman Rockwell original covers from the Saturday Evening Post will be the focus of a gala evening at the Atwater Library and Computer Centre on Tuesday, Oct. 17.

The event, called The Universal Norman Rockwell, will also feature a silent auction of 65 items, each keyed to a specific Rockwell illustration. The purpose of the exhibition is to raise operating funds for the library.

The Rockwell covers will be on display at the library from October 17 through 21. Part of a collection of vintage magazine illustrations collected by Westmount artist Thomas Hilton Garside, ARCA, they are now owned by Atwater Library director Sam Gatelaro, who has generously loaned the covers for this exhibition.

The four-day silent auction will complement the exhibition because of its imaginative correlation with the Rockwell covers. Among the 65 silent auction items will be a distinctive



**Holding the three Caron paintings are members of the Atwater Library's Rockwell Exhibition committee (left to right) Jim Brodeur, library treasurer, Susan McGuire, library secretary and Rockwell co-chairman, Marshall Wansbrough, library president and Rockwell co-chairman, and Jill Hannaford, silent auction coordinator.**

graphed Expos baseball, and Wheatley salmon flies with a case of beer.

A special highlight of the silent auction will be three small paintings by Paul Caron, ARCA, (1874-1941), the Montreal artist whose pen-and-ink drawings appeared in La Presse and the Montreal Star. He is also well-known for his paintings of buildings and landscapes of Quebec City and Montreal. Although Caron did many winter landscapes, the two Caron watercolours and a pastel in the auction are summer scenes. These paintings were donated to the library more than 20 years ago and underwent conservation treatment in 1982. All three have been certified by Canadian art expert Alan Klinkhoff.

Tickets for the Oct. 17 gala opening are \$50 per person and can be obtained by calling Heather at the Atwater Library office at 935-7344 or by leaving a message at 937-8506.

Admission is free for the rest of the week during regular library hours. Door prize at the gala will be two Air Canada tickets to Europe, the Caribbean, the United States or Canada.

## AVIS PUBLIC ASSEMBLÉE PUBLIQUE DE CONSULTATION PREMIER PROJET DE RÈGLEMENT No 1285 LUNDI 2 OCTOBRE 2000 19 H 45



Westmount

## PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING FIRST DRAFT BY-LAW NO. 1285 MONDAY, 2ND OCTOBER 2000 7:45 P.M.

À TOUTES LES PERSONNES INTÉRESSÉES DU TERRITOIRE DE LA VILLE :

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné par la sous-signée, greffier de la Ville :

1. Lors de sa séance régulière du 5 septembre 2000, le conseil municipal a adopté, par résolution, le premier projet de règlement no 1285 intitulé «RÈGLEMENT MODIFIANT DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 978 VISANT À RÉGLEMENTER LE ZONAGE DANS LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT - ANTENNES»;

2. Une assemblée publique de consultation aura lieu le lundi 2 octobre 2000 à 19 h 45 à la salle du conseil, à l'hôtel de ville de Westmount au 4333 Sherbrooke, Westmount, Québec H3Z 1E2;

3. L'objet de cette assemblée publique de consultation est d'expliquer le projet de règlement no 1285 dont l'objet est de modifier le règlement de zonage no 978 comme suit:

• de spécifier entre autres choses, qu'aucun permis n'est requis pour installer une antenne de type satellite, à condition:

- (i) qu'elle ait un diamètre de 18 pouces ou moins;
- (ii) qu'elle se trouve sur une toiture-terrasse, sur le plancher d'un balcon ou à l'arrière d'un site;
- (iii) qu'elle ne soit pas visible de la voie publique; et
- (iv) que le propriétaire de l'immeuble donne la permission d'installer ladite antenne;

• de spécifier que pas plus d'une antenne ne devra être installée sur tout immeuble ou site, celle-ci devant être de type satellite et avoir un diamètre de 18 pouces ou moins.

4. Au cours de cette assemblée, le maire expliquera le projet de règlement et entendra les personnes et organismes qui désireront s'exprimer;

5. Le projet de règlement no 1285 peut être consulté au bureau du greffier, à l'Hôtel de Ville, au 4333 rue Sherbrooke, à Westmount, Québec, durant les heures régulières de bureau du lundi au vendredi de 8h30 à 16h30.

6. Ce projet de règlement ne contient pas de disposition susceptible d'approbation référendaire.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec  
ce 21e jour de septembre 2000.

Me Marie-France Paquet  
Greffier de la Ville

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS OF THE TERRITORY OF THE CITY:

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

1. At its general meeting held on 5th September 2000, the municipal Council adopted by resolution, a first draft by-law No. 1285, entitled "BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 978 TO REGULATE ZONING IN THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT - ANTENNAE";

2. A public consultation meeting will be held on Monday, 2nd October 2000, at 7:45 p.m., in the Council Chamber, at City Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke, Westmount, Quebec, H3Z 1E2;

3. The purpose of this public consultation meeting is to explain the draft by-law No. 1285, the object of which is to amend the Zoning By-law 978:

• to specify, among other things, that no permit is required to install a satellite-to-earth antenna provided that:

- (i) it has a diameter of 18 inches or less;
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- (iv) the owner of the immovable property grants permission to install said antenna.

• to specify that no more than one antenna shall be installed on any immovable or site other than a satellite-to-earth antenna which has a diameter of 18 inches or less.

4. During this meeting, the Mayor will explain the draft by-law and will hear every person or body wishing to express an opinion;

5. The draft By-law 1285 may be consulted at the Office of the City Clerk, at City Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke, Westmount, Quebec, during regular office hours from Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;

6. This draft by-law does not contain a provision subject to approval by way of referendum.

GIVEN at Westmount,  
Quebec, this 21st day of September 2000.

Me Marie-France Paquet  
City Clerk

## AVIS DE DÉPÔT DU RÔLE TRIENNAL D'ÉVALUATION FONCIÈRE 2001-2002-2003



Westmount

## NOTICE OF DEPOSIT OF THE THREE-YEAR REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENT ROLL 2001-2002-2003

AVIS PUBLIC est par la présente donné par la sous-signée, greffier de la Ville de Westmount, que le rôle d'évaluation foncière de ladite Ville pour les exercices financiers 2001-2002-2003 a été déposé à son bureau par l'évaluateur de la Communauté urbaine de Montréal le 13 septembre 2000.

Avis est également donné que toute personne peut prendre connaissance de ce rôle à son bureau à l'hôtel de Ville de Westmount (4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, Westmount, Québec, H3Z 1E2) durant les heures régulières de bureau, du lundi au vendredi inclusivement de 8h30 à 16h30.

Toute demande de révision concernant ce rôle doit être déposée **avant le 1er mai 2001**. Une telle demande de révision doit être faite au moyen de la formule prescrite et être accompagnée de la somme d'argent déterminée par règlement de la Communauté urbaine de Montréal. La demande doit exposer succinctement les motifs invoqués à son soutien et les conclusions recherchées.

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DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec,  
ce 21 septembre 2000.

Me Marie-France Paquet  
Greffier de la ville

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Westmount, that the Real Estate Assessment Roll of the said City for the fiscal years 2001-2002-2003 was deposited in her office by the Assessor of the Montreal Urban Community on 13th September 2000.

Notice is also given that any person may examine the roll in her office at Westmount City Hall, (4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Québec, H3Z 1E2) during regular business hours from Monday to Friday, inclusive, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Any application for review in respect of the roll must be filed **before 1st May 2001**. Such application for review must be made on the prescribed form and be accompanied by the sum of money determined by by-law of the Montreal Urban Community. The application for review must state briefly the grounds invoked and the conclusions sought.

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# Bulletin Board

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## Thursday, Sept. 21

The Westmount Historical Association's fall lecture series begins with a look at the West End Gallery with guest speakers Florence Millman and Michael Millman at 7 p.m. in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke. Free for members, \$5 for non-members at the door. Info: 925-1404.

Registration for fall courses at Contactivity Centre, 4695 de Maisonneuve, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Courses include Tai Chi, Stretch to Music, Intuition Training, Art With Bill, Beginner's Bridge, Intermediate Bridge, Line Dancing, Great Cities of the World, and Thomas Moore Discussion Group. Info: 932-2326 or 932-3433.

## Friday, Sept. 22

Blood Donor Clinic at the Westmount Fire Department, 19 Stanton St. from 2 to 8 p.m. Free spaghetti for donors. Info: 989-2222 or 989-5313.

## Saturday, Sept. 23

Temple Emanu-El-Beth Shalom, 4100 Sherbrooke, presents a visit with Prague and Venice scholars Sandra Paikowsky and Irena Murray, who will examine Europe's Jewish treasures during Selichot Study Session at 9 p.m. Info: 937-3575.

Rummage Sale at the Serbian Orthodox Church 'Holy Trinity', 349 Melville, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rummage sale with coffee, donuts and soup. Info: (450) 668-4938.

## Sunday, Sept. 24

Montreal Melon Festival and Competition in Westmount Park (Victoria Hall if rainy) from 1 to 5 p.m. Bring your Montreal melons, large and small, compare notes with other growers. Bring your melon stories and paintings. Workshop for children to dress melons. Exhibits, prizes and fun!

## Monday, Sept. 25

Presentation and book signing by June Callwood, author of 'The Man Who Lost Himself: The Terry Evanshen Story' and Terry Evanshen, at Westmount Baptist Church, 411 Roslyn Ave., at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5, available at the door and at the Double Hook Book Shop, 1235A Greene Ave. Info: 932-5093.

## Wednesday, Sept. 27

The Westmount Branch of the Montreal General Hospital Auxiliary holds a Victorian tea and fashion show at Ogilvy's Tudor Hall, 5th floor, at 3 p.m. \$50. Info: 937-6011 ext. 3009.

## Saturday, Sept. 30

Lino Leitao will be signing copies of his novel 'The Gift of the Holy Cross' at the Double Hook Book Shop, 1235A Greene Ave., from 2 to 4 p.m. Info: 932-5093.

## Ongoing

**Westmount Healthy City Project:** Have a health problem? Consult the health data base in the Westmount Public Library.

**Women's Writing Group** is looking for new members to gently critique work, encourage creative ideas and have fun. Meets every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Westmount Public Library. Info: Cathy at 489-7643.

**The Orpheus Singers**, a CBC prize-winning chamber chorus, is holding auditions for soloists and experienced choral singers. The group rehearses in Westmount on Monday evenings. This season's repertoire includes Bach, Josquin and Takemitsu. Info: 489-3739.

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The Interlink Intergenerational Choir is currently looking for seniors who like to sing in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. Rehearsals will be held weekly in Place Kensington, starting in September. Info: Contactivity Centre at 932-2326.

The Atwater Library Book Sale Room, 1200 Atwater, is open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from noon to 3 p.m. Quality used books at reasonable prices. Info: 935-7344.

**Soccer 101:** Free pre-soccer clinic for boys age 3 and 4, Saturdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Program is bilingual. Registration: Jan Spaniel at 931-0881 or Mike Deegan at Westmount Sports and Recreation at 989-5220.

Register now for the Westmount Public Library Children's Department fall programs—Storytime, 4 O'clock Club and the Book Club. Info: 989-5229.

St. Margaret's Day Centre offers elderly people living in the community to come and enjoy quality of life doing activities and having a meal. Contact: Carol Hutton at 932-3630.

Contactivity Centre needs volunteers to spend time with Westmount seniors who wish to go outdoors but are too frail to go out alone. They are also looking for volunteers with cars to drive seniors to medical appointments. Make a difference today! Info: 932-2326.

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# Vic Hall acoustics thwarted by noisy air conditioning

By Patrick A. Kerkhoven

**V**ictoria Hall was built to act as a community gathering arena, a place where the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) and a host of other local organizations can meet.

But the functionality of the beautiful yet cavernous meeting rooms has suffered a serious setback with the recently installed air conditioning and ventilation unit.

The WMA, for one, has been trying to cope with this problem throughout the summer.

"When the air conditioning is on, everyone has to strain to talk over it," said Maureen Kiely of the WMA at their last meeting. "It's a real shame, because these rooms were built for group discussion."

The noisy air conditioning unit belongs to a central system that serves the whole building, so a quick solution is not likely. The noise level problem is worsened by many of the meeting room windows facing busy Sherbrooke Street. Therefore, shutting off the air conditioning in one room and opening the window only changes the source of the noise.

The City of Westmount, which owns the 74-year-old building, is aware of the problem and is committed to finding a viable solution.

"Our buildings superintendent has started taking noise level readings to determine whether or not we have a serious problem here," Director General Bruce St. Louis said this week. "There is such a thing as normal noise levels permissible for such a thing as an air conditioning unit, so we will see if the actual readings fall into that range."

The recent bout of cooler temperatures and autumn weather has not helped the City's plan, as the air conditioning system requires warm weather to operate.

"We have had to wait a bit for some warmer weather for us to turn on all the compressors," said St. Louis. "If we don't get the warm days, we will have to override the system to take the readings—but we will get the bottom of this."

He added that he expects a report on the noise levels at Victoria Hall within the next few weeks.

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**Westmount Toastmasters:** Take the fear out of public speaking each Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in Victoria Hall. Info: 367-5986 or 937-1346.

**Overeaters Anonymous,** a non-profit, self-help group welcomes anyone who wants to stop overeating. Weekly meetings at the Westmount YMCA, 4585 Sherbrooke, at 2 p.m. Info: 488-1812.

**Volunteers needed:** St. Margaret's Day Centre seeks volunteers to help professionals with various activities. Info: Mona Beck at 932-3630, local 3019.

**The St. Matthias' Church Choir** of Men and Boys is recruiting boys aged 7 to 12 who would like to learn to sing, earn pocket money and participate in organized activities, including trips. For information, please call Peter Hawkins, director of music, at 933-4295/6.

**Shaar Hashomayim Duplicate Bridge Club,** 450 Kensington, on Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. Lunch at 11:45 a.m. \$7.50 per person. Info: Barbara Bronstein at 938-1405.

**Recovery, Inc.,** a non-profit bilingual self-help group for people seeking help in dealing with fear, anger, stress, depression, anxiety, panic attacks and phobias meet every Monday, Tuesday. Info: 933-1904.

**The Montreal Camera Club** meets every Monday at 7:30 p.m. Slide shows, competitions, workshops. Visitors welcome. Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve, entrance at rear. Info: (514) 637-2726.

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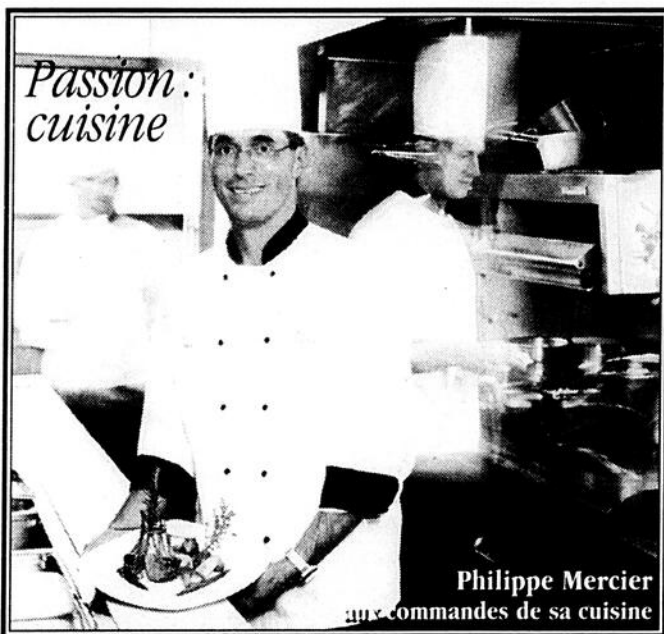
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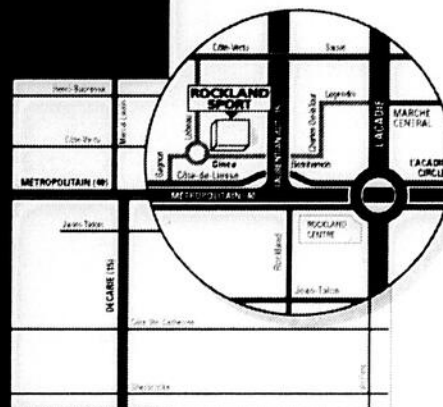
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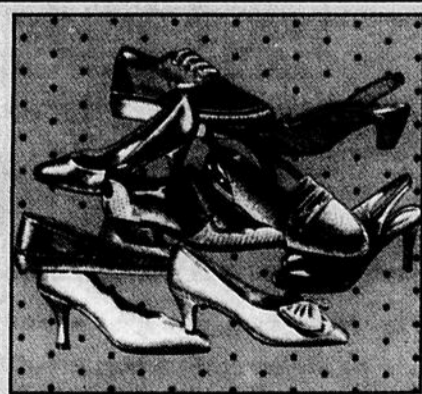
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