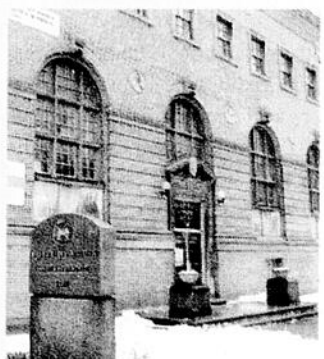


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## Westmount's honour roll

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Celia Lafleur, a descendant of Lord George Mount Stephen, accepts a certificate of recognition from Mayor Karin Marks at the bi-annual Vin d'honneur ceremony on April 11. Along with Mount Stephen, author Gabrielle Roy and artist Ghitta Caiserman-Roth were also bestowed posthumous honours.

## City closes sidewalk, as award-winning building's façade falls off

> Martin C. Barry

**A**n area in front of a three-storey building at Sherbrooke Street and Claremont Avenue—which was cited as an outstanding example of architectural preservation by the City of Montreal two years ago—remained closed last week because pieces of the façade were crumbling off.

Barricades put in place by the Westmount Public Works Department have shut access to the sidewalk in front of 4943 Sherbrooke—a building familiar to many for its Starbucks coffee outlet at street level. For the past two weeks, parts of the upper façade have been falling to the pavement.

Opération Patrimoine Architectural de Montréal, an annual architectural preservation contest which, according to the OPAM web site, is held "to recognize property owners' efforts to maintain their property," awarded the building's owner a citation in 2005 for carefully restoring the lower part of the façade.

"Our inspectors have been there," said Westmount director-general Bruce St. Louis, acknowledging that the City is aware of the problem. He said the director of Westmount's building inspections department met with the owner last Thursday and instructed him to retain the services of an engineer to conduct a full assessment of the cause of the problem.

"It's one thing to just go and take away the loose brick, but you better find out what caused it in the first place so that it's not going to happen again," said St. Louis. "They were instructed to make the site safe immediately, and that's why the Public Works barricades are there ..."

"The owner's been extremely cooperative," he added. "Obviously we'll work with them to come to an expeditious resolution to the problem and issue them a permit so they can get the thing fixed."

St. Louis said it is not unusual for parts of building façades to crumble in

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# City closes sidewalk

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the spring after deteriorating during an arduous winter. "Especially in brick buildings, on the upper levels like that, nine times out of ten it's because of water infiltration," he said.

"For whatever reason, it either gets behind the flashing or gets under the roof membrane. And then, over the course of time, especially in winter when it freezes and thaws, it expands and contracts, and it eventually starts pushing the brick or the decorative stonework out."

A Starbucks employee said some cus-



Barriers were still in place last week to keep pedestrians from being struck by debris falling off the front of a three-storey Sherbrooke Street building.

tomers were asking questions about the debris that was accumulating on the sidewalk. "People have commented to us," he said. "But at the same time, we have to tell him that the building doesn't belong to us."

"People came to say, 'your building is falling apart,' sort of accusing us," he added. "But, like, there's nothing we can do about it. It all has to do with the landlord."

A tenant in an apartment on one of the upper floors said the owner restored only a small part of the façade, which didn't include the second and third storeys. "The façade just for the Starbucks is really nice," she said. "But the top two floors and the interior of the four flats in the rest of the building, he's really done virtually nothing with them."

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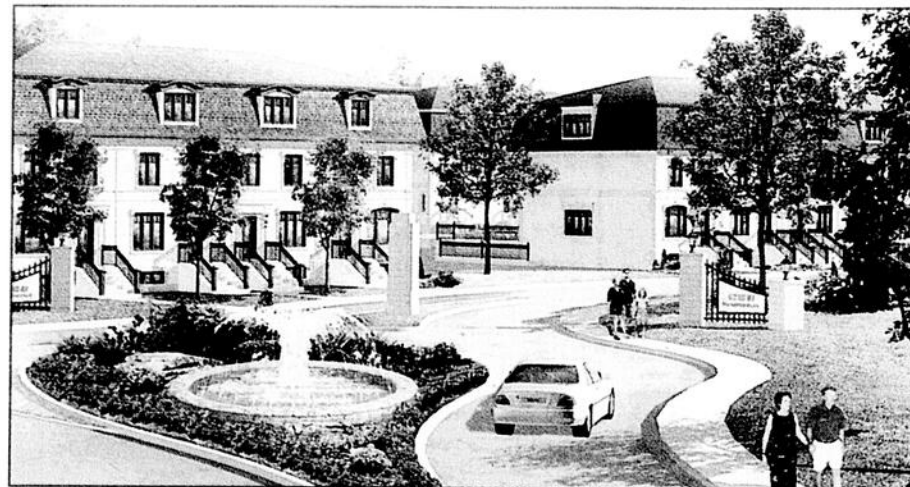
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## Three former residents added to City's honour roll

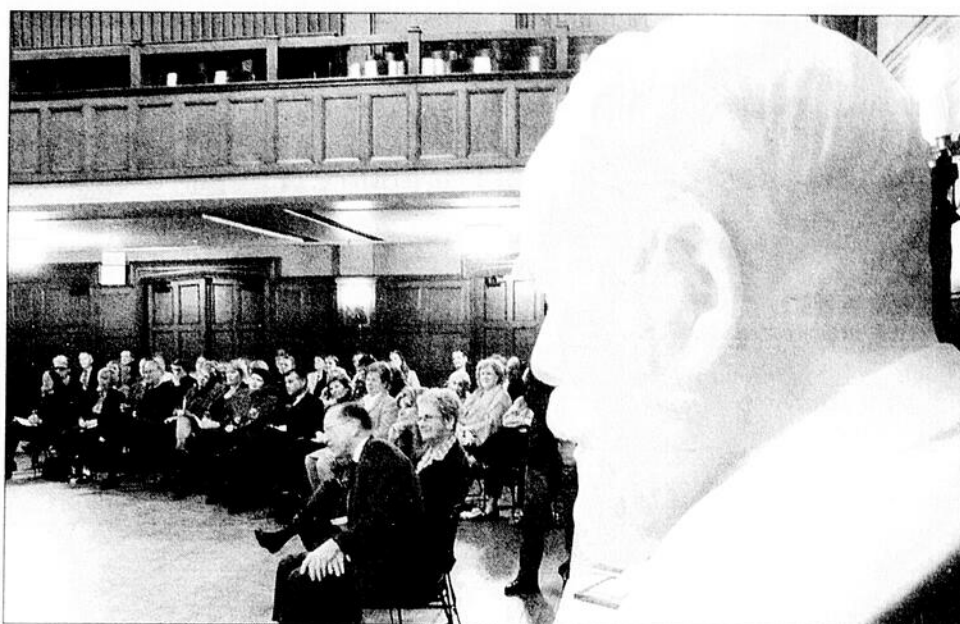
>Marilynn Vanderstey

The City of Westmount honoured three former residents at the bi-annual Vin d'honneur ceremony earlier this month at Victoria Hall

Family members of the honourees and guests mingled around the displays of the lives of the 2007 inductees — internationally acclaimed artist Ghitta Caiserman-Roth (1923-2005), award-winning author Gabrielle Roy (1909-1983), and financier and philanthropist extraordinaire Lord George Mount Stephen (1829-1921), who was the veritable father of the Canadian Pacific Railroad.

As they browsed through the exhibits of photos, books, letters and articles, many visitors exchanged stories of their memories of the personalities who not only led extraordinary lives but also impacted Westmount, Quebec, Canada and the world.

It was an evening for Westmounters to get together once again to celebrate the City and its exceptional residents past and present. Former mayor May Cutler and former city councillors Herb Bercovitz and Margaret Lefebvre, who chaired the honours committee, as well as present city councillors Cynthia Lulham, Nicole Forbes, George Bowser, Kathleen Duncan, and Tom Thompson and MNA Jacques Chagnon were just some of the



A bust of Lord Mount Stephen watches over the Victoria Hall crowd who attended Westmount's 2007 Vin d'honneur ceremony on April 11. (Photo: Martin C. Barry)

who's who of Westmount who participated in the evening that is traditionally one of Westmount's finest soirees.

Mayor Karin Marks pulled the guests together to welcome them and family members with a brief history of the event. In 1990, then-mayor Cutler thought it would be

appropriate to honour former Westmount residents who had made an impact on the community. Since then the City has honoured 47 residents who represent the diversity of the City and its history.

Peter Duffield emceed the event. He began the awards presentations by inviting Victoria

LeBlanc, the Westmount artist who is curator of the Victoria Hall Gallery and director of the Visual Arts Centre, to present the award to the family of Caiserman-Roth. LeBlanc gave a passionate presentation of the artist who sold her first work to former Westmount resident and Group of Seven artist A.Y. Jackson.

Alexander Reford presented the life of Lord George Mount Stephen who he said is memorialized in Westmount and beyond on Mount Stephen Avenue and the Mount Stephen Club.

Sophie Marcotte recounted the life of author Gabrielle Roy, telling the story of the years when the then-journalist was living in Westmount on Dorchester Avenue and how during her long walks came to know St. Henri around which she authored her award-winning novel *The Tin Flute*.

The honours are awarded at a special Vin d'honneur ceremony and reception every second year. Nominations for potential honourees are accepted before Nov. 30 of the year prior to each Vin d'honneur ceremony. The next ceremony will take place in the spring of 2009. For more information regarding Westmount's Honour Roll and the Vin d'honneur ceremony, contact the Community Events office at 514-989-5226.



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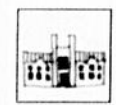
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La soirée printanière de Westmount aura lieu le jeudi 24 mai au Victoria Hall. Le cocktail débutera à 19 h et sera suivi d'un dîner dansant. Coût du billet : 85 \$ (maximum de 10 billets par personne - une table), payable par chèque ou comptant. Les billets pour cet événement seront disponibles le 26 avril de 18 h à 20 h au Victoria Hall et durant les heures de bureau après cette date. Info : 514 989-5265

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La 9<sup>e</sup> édition annuelle du Salon des métiers d'art de Westmount aura lieu les 10 et 11 novembre 2007 au Victoria Hall. Tous les artisans habitant à Westmount sont invités à présenter trois ou quatre échantillons complets de leurs œuvres au comité de sélection le mercredi 16 mai seulement, entre 14 h et 18 h, au Victoria Hall, 4626, rue Sherbrooke O. Info : 514 934-0294 ou 514 484-1974



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## Theatre Event

Glams Theatre, a community-based theatre company, will present *Central Park West* by Woody Allen in the Gallery at Victoria Hall on Friday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday, April 28 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Admission: \$10. Info: 514 934-0535

## Westmount Spring Soirée

The Westmount Spring Soirée will be held Thursday, May 24, at Victoria Hall. Cocktails begin at 7 p.m., followed by dinner and dancing. Tickets are \$85 each, payable by cash or cheque, maximum of ten tickets (one table). Tickets will be on sale April 26 from 6 pm to 8 p.m. at Victoria Hall and during office hours after that date. Info: 514 989-5265

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## Westmount Artisans' Festival - Call for Submissions

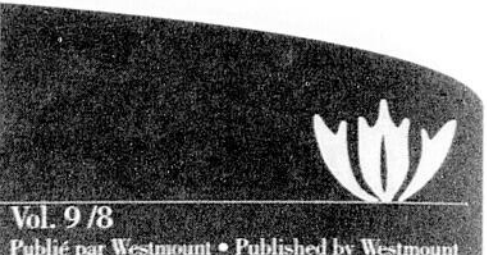
The 9<sup>th</sup> annual Westmount Artisans' Festival will take place on November 10 and 11, 2007 at Victoria Hall. All artisans residing in Westmount are invited to submit 3 to 4 samples of their completed work to the selection committee at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St. W., only on Wednesday, May 16 between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Info: 514 934-0294 or 514 484-1974



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# Anglos left out by Charest, Marks to meet ADQ's Dumont

> Martin C. Barry

Disappointed with Quebec Liberal premier Jean Charest's failure to name anglophone MNAs to his new cabinet, Westmount mayor Karin Marks has accepted an invitation from Action Démocratique opposition leader Mario Dumont to meet and discuss the future of the Agglomeration Council.

Delivering her monthly report to city council last Monday evening, Marks said

Dumont — who has pledged to work for fundamental changes to the municipal agglomeration system — had requested the meeting.

"We made all attempts to meet with the premier before the election and continued awaiting his response," she said. "We're still awaiting his response. And, in the meantime, Mr. Dumont said he would like to better understand what the issues are and what our

suggested solutions are.

"And so we will meet with him and we can only hope that if he is positive towards the ideas that we have — and he seems to have been when they were first presented to him before the election — that he will help to push for fundamental change at the level of the Agglomeration."

Marks said the Liberal municipal affairs

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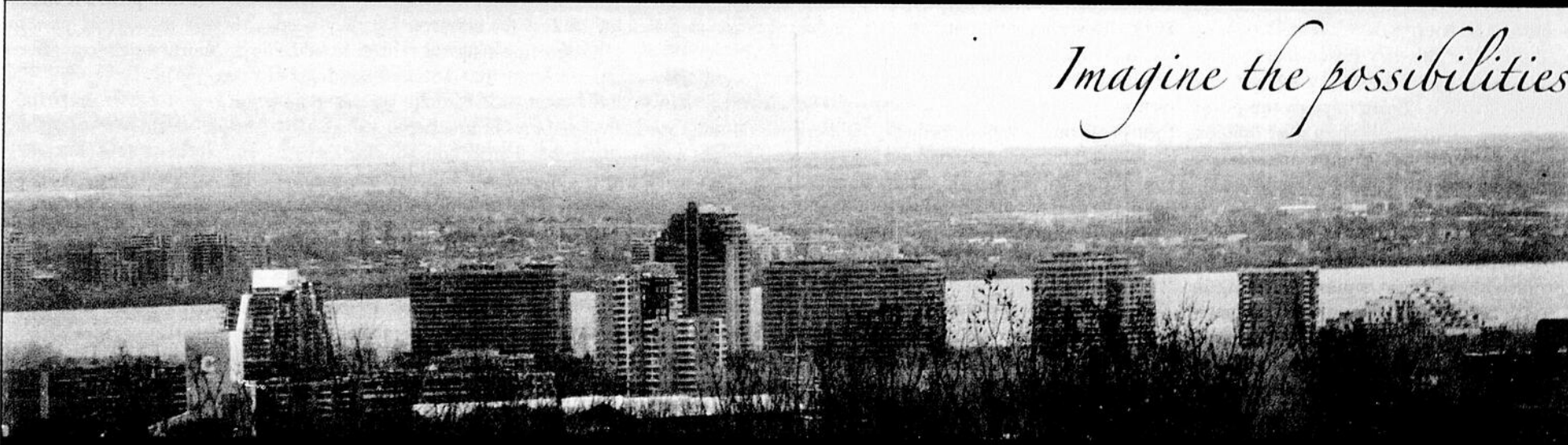
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## Turf war heats up in May



Commentary

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The players—at least the lucky ones whose number is on a team jersey rather than a waiting list—are buying new cleats and stretching their limbs in preparation for a new season of soccer in Westmount Park.

For the next two months, until the mass migration toward cottages and other summertime destinations, there will be regular traffic jams along Melville Avenue as parents drop off and pick up their kids from Westmount's fastest-growing pastime. But as our young people play soccer, the very ground they tread continues to be at the centre of this year's most notorious and best-publicized controversy—the argument over whether the City should install artificial turf on the field to preserve the surface.

The vehement opposition to the plan, as clearly articulated by members of Save the Park, embodies a litany of ecological and aesthetic concerns, while the City insists the current grass surface cannot hold up to the heavy traffic, which in turn prevents sports programs from expanding to meet the increasing demand.

Outside the city, where artificial turf has long been a feature of several playing fields without a peep of protest from residents, this controversy may seem like another petty Westmount thing—up there with parking aprons, dog runs and demergers—where non-residents tend to wonder what all the polite fuss is about.

But it is for this very reason that the turf issue is so important. Here, people actually care about their community to the point where they will not only voice their opinion but organize ad-hoc groups or circulate petitions in order to fight for a cause.

And on the evening of Wednesday, May 16, with kids' shouts and referee whistles audible from across the park, the issue will be discussed in detail at a public meeting in Victoria Hall. Both camps are being extremely reasonable, putting forth their respective arguments in a clear, logical manner, and although it is highly unlikely that the problem will be resolved that night, we are sure to come away with a better understanding of what this means to the park and the community as a whole.



### LETTERS to the editor

#### Quebec women need crisis-pregnancy support

Recently, I got a surprise when I opened my mail to find an unsolicited claim form for voluntary termination of pregnancy - courtesy of the Quebec Government - but quickly realized that the mail-out was part of a larger initiative to increase access to abortion and that I hadn't gotten on the wrong mailing list.

A woman must submit this form if she wants to receive financial compensation for an abortion performed at a private clinic, often for a late-term abortion.

It's hard to believe that Quebec women need greater access to abortion when you consider that there are more than 33,000 abortions performed each year in this province, and that there are no legal restrictions on access to abortion in Canada.

Moreover, abortion rates are at run-away levels in this country: according to Statistics Canada there is one abortion for every live birth. However, with Ontario not providing abortion statistics, the rate of abortion is actually over 50%.

How did we get to the point where there are more abortions than births? Can it really be that so many women either want to end their pregnancies or have medical conditions warranting abortion?

I don't think so. Although the federal government maintains the ruse of medical necessity to justify abortion funding, most abortions are performed for social reasons.

Post-abortion surveys show that many women's reasons for aborting are twofold: they are unable to elicit moral support from their male partners and have difficulty accessing the practical resources they need to continue their pregnancies.

This raises the obvious question of why the government doesn't do something to help these women continue their pregnancies.

Since Quebec's birth rate has fallen below replacement levels, it would make sense to either set up a matching fund or re-direct some abortion funding to crisis-pregnancy support. But, this option isn't even considered because abortion is de facto social policy for women's pregnancy problems.

Abortion funding is a closely guarded secret and with good reason. At a private clinic the price of an abortion ranges between \$750 and \$5000. Factor in overhead and abortion referral services and the costs of elective abortion to an already burdened health care system are truly staggering.

Government may not be able to change the relationship dynamics between men and women that so often drive abortion, but the Department of Health and Social Services has a dual mandate to provide both health and social services to pregnant women, but doesn't.

On what legitimate basis does the health care system continue to deny pregnant women the help that they need? Although the government spends billions on abortion, not one nickel of public funding goes to help women with high-risk pregnancies.

A pregnant woman on welfare doesn't receive any additional money although her needs are greater at this time.

There are no pregnancy-resource centres to help pregnant women access the services that they need, although the system pays for abortion referral centres in addition to abortion services offered through the CLSC and hospital networks.

Of course, there would be no point in setting up pregnancy-resource centres because there aren't any pre-natal services available - other than minimal obstetrical care - and even that is in jeopardy in rural areas.

This funding inequity persists despite the fact that the medical and psychiatric literature recognizes that pregnant women with special needs i.e. those who are young, single, poor, or new immigrants, the physically or intellectually challenged, the mentally ill, those with substance abuse habits, as well as victims of violence, all merit increased support.

The latter group are particularly vulnerable. Numerous studies have shown that, not only does violence towards women begin or escalate during pregnancy, but that murder by a woman's male partner is now the leading cause of death among pregnant women in the U.S.

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One Year Ago  
April 27, 2006

**LOOKING TO MARIO:** "Without support from either the PQ or the ruling Liberals, the island of Montreal's demerged suburbs have turned to a third provincial party—the Action Démocratique—hoping their complaints will be heard about the sorry state of municipal government in the Montreal region. The mayors of the 15 demerged cities met with ADQ leader Mario Dumont last week, after Dumont requested the meeting. 'Our feeling was that there is no one currently from the National Assembly who is speaking out against what is going on,' Westmount Mayor Karin Marks said in a report to city council last Monday evening."

Five Years Ago  
April 25, 2002

**ROASTING TRENT:** "Like a true king's jester, George Bowser was fearless as he skewered former Westmount Mayor Peter Trent. Few people would have gotten away with the sort of risqué comments Bowser made in a monologue last Thursday during a roast at Victoria Hall honouring Trent that was attended by about 200 people. Organized by the Westmount Municipal Association, the event attracted just about everyone who worked closely with Trent over the past few years. Seated in a large easy chair beside Victoria Hall's stage, a glass of red wine in hand, Trent spent much of the evening laughing along with the audience as several members of the Westmount community took the stage to poke fun at him."

Ten Years Ago  
April 24, 1997

**UNITY MOTION:** "It's here! It was only a matter of time before a Canadian unity resolution, which was passed through other cities in the Montreal area, landed in the lap of the local city councillors. The leader of the Westmount Committee for Canadian Unity, Peter Margo, is spurring on residents to convince City Hall to petition Ottawa to ensure their city remains part of Canada. Margo said he's confident there's enough support here to make the resolution pass. Confident enough to reserve the auditorium of Westmount High School for 600 residents he expects will turn out next Thursday night."

Fifty-Five Years Ago  
April 25, 1952

**STILL TICKING:** "Westmount no longer owns the only floral clock in Canada, but come July 1 the famous timepiece will be as big and beautiful as ever. Many people want to know what makes the Westmount clock tick, and does it keep accurate time? 'It's just a matter of motor gears and spindles operating under the ground,' explains E.J. Anderson, Park Superintendent. 'The gears,' he adds, 'are from an old Ford car.'"

# Charest moves to reform aggloms at last



**Civic Alert**

Don WEDGE

"It was my happiest few minutes for some time," said MNA Jacques Chagnon. He was recounting his meeting last week with Nathalie Normandeau, shortly after she had been sworn in again as municipal affairs minister.

Normandeau told him that legislation was already being prepared to reform the aggloms and would be introduced in the forthcoming spring session.

Last week, Jean Charest added his own emphasis by saying that reforms were a high priority. "We will act rapidly on the problems of the agglomerations," he said.

If you collect Charest's promises, this one can be found on the Radio Canada web site by using <tinyurl.com/2mg37q>

Normandeau described the proposed amendments as "major," but they did not convince Westmount mayor Karin Marks. She said at Council on Monday evening that if the minister brought in legislation quickly, then it "would not be major."

Marks added that Mario Dumont has asked to meet the suburban mayors to "better understand" their position, adding that Charest had still not agreed to meet with them.

**Dumont's choice.**

Dumont has given shadow portfolios to each of his MNAs. Martin Camirand of Saint Jérôme will be responsible for municipal affairs. He, too, was unexcited about Normandeau's promise. Camirand promised to first take the proposals to the elected officials of the aggloms to seek their views. He also allowed that if the proposals were accepted, the ADQ promise to abolish the agglom might be dropped.

A native of St Jérôme, Camirand was a member of that city's three-person executive committee until last month. A former science teacher, he has been a municipal councillor since 1999. At first he was on Bellefeuille council until it was merged with Saint Jérôme in 2001. He was recruited late to run for the ADQ in the local Prévost riding after the campaign started. The original candidate was replaced only two weeks before election day.

Camirand beat his PQ opponent, Lucie Papineau, the sitting member, by 808 votes.

While St Jérôme is outside the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal and is no agglom, it shares the Montreal culture and is served by the same major media. The AMT has just started daily commuter trains to serve it. They pass by Westmount's southernmost homes.

Camirand has to be more familiar with the

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This is a law enforcement issue, requiring pro-active prevention, crisis-intervention, and prosecution, but the Canadian legal system continues to treat the twin realities of male coercion in abortion and pregnancy-violence as non-issues.

Montreal municipal situation than the bilingual minister, with her base in small town Gaspésie and few months' experience as a village mayor.

By contrast to the recent council work of Camirand, Dumont has chosen Pierre Brien, a forester and former Témiscamingue MNA, as the municipal specialist in his cabinet.

**La "p'tite fille**

Although she calls herself la "p'tite fille de Maria," Nathalie Normandeau began working in then Premier Robert Bourassa's office when she was 20 years old. Elected as MNA for Bonaventure in 1998, when 30, Normandeau has been a minister since Charest formed his first government in 2003.

Having arguably done as little for municipalities as any previous minister, she was not only re-appointed to the post but made Deputy Premier as well. It confirms the supposition that in the last government, Normandeau was expected to make sure that nothing happened to upset Big Montreal Mayor Gérald Tremblay.

It's not clear how this helped the Liberals in the last election, but if she continues the do-nothing approach into this new mandate, it would help the ADQ.

"I could see more than four suburban mayors supporting Mario Dumont in future," Hampstead mayor Bill Steinberg predicted.

**Landry blames mergers**

While the discontent over the agglom has been tacitly recognized by Charest, Bernard Landry was blunter in his evaluation.

The former PQ leader was interviewed by Maclean's in his Old Montreal office and questioned about statements that the March election results had been affected by the municipal mergers.

Interviewer Philippe Gohier asked him to explain the persistence of the resentment more than five years later.

"Lucien Bouchard's government went ahead with them in good faith and also with the belief it could make them work, but they caused a lot of grief to voters. People in those ridings were angered by the mergers and angered again by the de-mergers or the non de-mergers," Landry replied.

About 20 ridings had been affected, he estimated. While the municipal issue was one element, Landry blamed the "atmosphere of anger and frustration against the least popular government in the history of Quebec."

**Mayors' plan again**

With the success of their new ADQ friends, the mayors will try again with a new set of reform proposals.

"They are nearly ready," Hampstead's Bill Steinberg told me over the weekend. "They will include elements proposed in the past, but also new items. I believe they will help everyone in Montreal and not just the suburbs."

But the suburbs should not expect an easy ride. CDN-NDG Mayor Michael Applebaum

said that some changes might be acceptable but nothing fundamental like the MUC should be expected.

"The suburbs only have 13 per cent of the votes, so it is not possible to think of them having any veto!"

**Civic Studies**

Downer Monday evening's Council meeting was perhaps the unhappiest I have ever attended in Westmount. However sensible the suggestions from the public, the Mayor seemed to knock them down it seemed. The Park turf and the rec programmes are city-wide issues, but attention has become dominated by NIMBY perspectives.

Upper1 Council started well, however, by enthusiastically honouring the entire Dawson women's hockey team and coaches. They dedicated their season to the victim of September's Dawson shooting, playing 33 games and winning them all. Dawson is an important part of Westmount, and we should see more of the college and its students.

Upper2 Soeur Boisvert of Marianopolis College announced that renovations of the new campus on Westmount Ave. were nearly finished. They would begin to move in in mid-May. She thanked council and the neighbours for tolerating the construction inconveniences and invited them to visit later to see the made-over building. Some of its facilities will be available for public use.

Insider Jean-Louis Dufresne, a lobbyist assisting the suburban mayors with their recent dealings with Premier Jean Charest's office, was also considered by Westmount to work on the "communications" over the artificial turf issue.

Sponsor It is back to Big City Hall tonight for an agglom council. Island-wide taxpayers are being asked to subsidize the computer payroll software for Outremont and five other cities. Why?

Spenders1 Among other intriguing items is the purchase of socks - \$268,000. There is also an \$800,000 payment to the organisers of the 2005 World Swimming Championships. Wasn't that to be written off an election expense?

Spenders2 Approximately \$180 million will be authorized in the few minutes the agglom lasts, even if there are pesky mayors asking questions. About two-thirds of that amount will be in loans that the next generation must pay off.

Speaker Gérald Tremblay makes a major speech today to a sold-out Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel on the economic future. It is in part a celebration to mark the 40th anniversary of the opening of Expo 67, which created a new Quebec attitude to the world and world interest in Montreal. Can Tremblay rekindle the flame?

Community activist Don Wedge can be reached at calert@web.net. His columns are archived at www.westmountexaminer.com, go to Opinion.

It is high time that our government - whichever party will form it after the election - took up the moral challenge of providing crisis-pregnancy support to those women who need and want it.

Anything less is paying lip service to equality and denies women real choices.

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minister in the new cabinet, Nathalie Normandeau, who held the portfolio before the March 26 election, has been talking about "tweaking" and making minor adjustments to the Agglomeration Council.

"We don't believe *les petits ajustements* will

make the change that is necessary to make this a fair and equitable structure and one that can lead to efficiency and to a more successful island," she said.

"Because we're not only talking about our 15 (reconstituted) cities. We're talking about something we'd like to see improved — the way decisions are made and the way responsibilities are handled on the island."

At the same time, Marks also reacted to Charest's decision to have just one anglophone minister — Yolande James, the MNA for the West Island riding of Nelligan — in the Liberal cabinet.

"Mr. Charest chose to put aside some very experienced cabinet ministers, who were experienced in their dossiers, but also who had longstanding experience with the anglophone community, and who certainly were willing to stand up when they felt it was

necessary," she said, adding that many of the mayors of Montreal Island's more predominantly anglophone cities took the layout of the new cabinet badly.

"Most of us felt that it was really a slap in the face. It's not whether we speak English or we speak French, because the vast majority of us are bilingual. However, it is a concern that the collective experience of a certain part of our community, anglophones and allophones, have been left out of the centre of influence in the Charest cabinet.

"I think it's something that people are feeling very much once again taken for granted. They feel like we all vote en bloc, and therefore, whatever they do, they can do it without any repercussions ... It is a pretty evident slight to both the anglophone and allophone communities."

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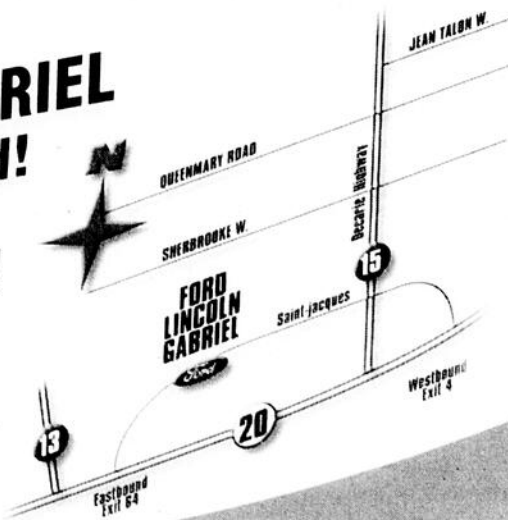
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# Spring Fashion Beauty 2007

## Lightness is what weighs most on their minds

There's great news for all lovers of outdoor sports! The new spring collection will give you a smart urban look, while still keeping you comfortable and as lightweight as possible.

More and more, clothing and accessories created for outdoor activities, bring together beauty and the latest technological advances, to produce comfortable and efficient products.

"It's what concerns us the most in the industry. We're not only looking for performance, but also for the look. Fabrics, colours and cuts are particularly important to female shoppers," explains Germain Gauthier, from the North Face store on Sherbrooke West in Montreal.

In fact, sports clothing has to provide performance, technological advances and be ecological, beautiful and comfortable all at once!

The *Grace* rain jacket, which breathes well, is the perfect example of feminine clothing that has functionality as well.

The *Diad* jacket is an ultra-performing and ultra-compact piece of clothing which respects the reasons it was manufactured for: sports performance.

"People have much less time these days. They are always under pressure. They love



everything that's compact and love leaving to go somewhere with the least amount of weight on them. Whether they are looking for clothes, shoes, tents or backpacks, they are searching for the lightest version."

The *Apex* model is probably the most top-of-the-line and most multi-purpose jacket on the market. It's breathable and extremely comfortable in all weather conditions. "It's an excellent jacket and it's not just a raincoat. It's definitely going to be a very popular piece."

The stretch fabrics of *Apex* jackets make them ready-to-wear pieces, extremely light and excellent for hiking.

For those ecologically-minded customers, the "Bamboo" collection is fast becoming an interesting option. The *A5* series is a mixture of bamboo and cotton. These pieces resist odors and transport better in humidity than a piece of clothing solely made out of cotton. They are ultra soft, as well as being ecological and light. The *@Ri>Weelfleet* polo for men is another great example of very ecological bamboo clothing.

Among the new tendencies in shoes, endurance trainers for paved trails are becoming more and more popular. "They are

seen even more often than hiking shoes. The market is veering more towards lighter, higher performance shoes for paved surfaces. Long-distance comfort is the number one priority," explains Mr. Gauthier.

With regards to accessories, travellers and amateur campers have also been catered to. Always along the same lines of aiming for lightness in everything, the "back track" bags (50 to 70 lbs) and the "double track" bags on rollers (21-25-28) are becoming more and more technologically advanced. The bags can be transformed to become both backpacks and a suitcase with rollers. It's also possible for someone to detach certain pieces and make it a smaller bag. Travellers can find what they're looking for between \$250 and \$350.

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# Navy blue and white will dominate this spring

This spring, don't be surprised to see many of the women around you sporting navy blue, eggshell white and ecru, because they are definitely the colours of the season.

These colours will be joining black and brown, which always enjoy a timeless popularity.

You shouldn't be surprised to also see women dressed in leggings. Extremely popular in the 80s, they are now making a serious comeback, but in a completely different way.

"Women are wearing them under a long tunic or dress. They have to be worn discretely and fashion should not always be followed, unless people are comfortable with a style. She should choose her look according to her

figure and personality and she should always take that into consideration," explains Christine Dugas from the boutique Comme les femmes, at L'Île-des-Sœurs.

With regards to the fabrics used, fine cotton and linen remain the most popular for the season and are also excellent for travellers. A more comfortable look is also becoming the most popular.

"We're seeing a tendency towards comfort. Clothes are esthetically pleasing, yet still comfortable. Skirt pants and longer shirts will be even more in fashion this year. We will no longer be seeing shirts that stop at the navel. Navy looks, with horizontal stripes in red and

blue will become more popular," adds Ms. Dugas.

When it comes to lingerie, femininity, sensuality and voluptuousness will be the most important attributes highlighted. French lingerie is so delicate, refined and advanced and shoppers recognize that.

Pink, fuchsia and soft green will be the popular choices this season. "Lingerie will be very feminine this year. Of course the classics: black, white, lace, flowers and embroidery will remain the basic staples; they are always at the top of the list," explains Diane Côté, the woman who, a few years ago, passionately introduced fine lingerie to customers at the boutique Comme les femmes



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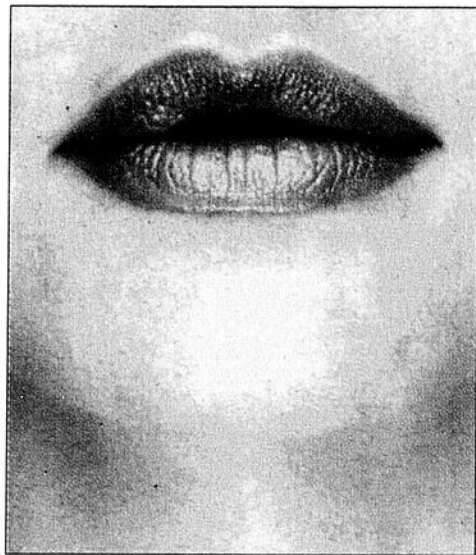
## Make-up: spring into spring with a new attitude

The "nude attitude" is this season's most expressive fashion statement. Natural and transparent shades, the freshness and beauty of natural looks are arriving just as the first lilacs are blooming. Zoom in on the tendencies of this spring's make-up.

To capture the light of day, the face is highlighted with bronze powder, which has always been a favourite trick of the trade. Under sun-kissed skin, the foundation used is always transparent in order to give off the impression of a nude canvas. "Nude" is the way to go this season! Nude is also being favoured for lips this spring, with natural peaches and pinks being the favourites.

The nude attitude started this winter and continues this spring, with colours like chestnut brown, white, yellow, pink and violet in soft hues making their appearance.

A pink attitude is also quite noticeable this season. Bubblegum pink and acid pink will be the showstoppers this spring. One piece of advice: both lolitas and natural beauties should bring out their fake eyelashes. They have come back in full force and don't even try to make an appearance without them.



### Springtime Survey

At Estée Lauder, spring is the time for romance, with natural eyes defined by mascara, a healthy peachy glow and pinkish pouty lips.

At Guerlain, the new arrival of the Terracotta collection makes bronze the star of the show. The idea is to fake a sun-tanned bronzed goddess look with a natural looking powder, resulting in a beautiful gingerbread complexion.

At Lise Watier, their collection "Enchantée", insists on a nude look, even favouring a nude finish on lips.

At Chanel, eyes play on white and black while skin is gloriously natural again and lips are showcased in earth tones and soft pinkish hues.

Lancome suggests that women present themselves as angels with a palate of ethereal colours, soft pastels and romantic earth tones. White gold and silver line the eyes, while bright lips contrast beautifully with the rest of the angelic face.

The "Barbie loves" collection at M.A.C. carries its name well. The fake eyelashes have a theatrical feel and the hues and colours chosen aren't too far removed from the ones you

would see on a doll. Pink attitude is back and updated here.

Finally, pink is the predominant colour at prestigious fashion houses, like Dior and Givenchy, with a variety of pastel incarnations to update the look.



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# Lending a hand in Kenya

Lucas Wisenthal

**E**mily Lecker is not sure what to expect when she travels to Kenya this summer to work as an occupational therapist with the Kenya Working Group.

She only knows that every day will be different and that her work will benefit the residents of Kitere, the village three hours west of Kitsuma where she will be staying.

And she knows for sure that the skills she acquires will allow her to treat her local patients more effectively.

"There are so many people [in Kenya] that need services, and not enough clinicians to provide them," said Lecker, a 27-year-old Westmount resident. "Any help they can get will be beneficial to them, and it can only help my practice here, in Canada, as well."

Lecker, who holds a master's degree in Occupational Therapy from McMaster University, has been with the MAB-Mackay Rehabilitation Centre for two and a half years. Occupational therapy aims to teach people with disabilities—physical and cognitive alike—skills that will allow them to lead fuller, more functional lives. In Kenya, this will entail working in clinics set up by the Kenya Working Group, and visiting people in their homes in outlying communities.

"A lot of these people need surgeries—for example, they may have a club foot or they need some sort of surgery related to a bone deformity or a burn they've received," said Lecker. "Surgery is absolutely essential, but after the surgery there needs to be some sort of therapy to ensure that the surgery

is successful."

Accompanying Lecker will be Michèle Gardiner, 31, a rehab team coordinator at MAB-Mackay. "A lot of (our work) will be assessing the needs of the population, setting up training sessions, setting up clinics, facilitating surgery, providing help after surgery," said Gardiner.

Home visits, Lecker said, are reserved for those with limited mobility. "They can't feed themselves, they can't dress themselves," she said.

But to teach people to be autonomous, equipment is often required, so Lecker and Gardiner hope to bring equipment to Kenya, "and also to show some local technicians, or local workmen, how to make the equipment that we have here in Canada that they don't have there yet."

They will also work in schools, helping children with congenital disabilities learn to operate in a classroom setting.

Christine Boyle, executive director of MAB-Mackay, supports Lecker and Gardiner's endeavour. "I think it's in everyone's interests to have their horizons broadened," said Boyle.

Lecker agrees. She thinks that working with limited resources will compel her and her colleagues to create innovative treatment regimens for their patients. For information on the Kenya Working Group, visit [www.kenyaworkinggroup.org](http://www.kenyaworkinggroup.org). To contribute to Emily Lecker and Michele Gardiner's trip please send donations to:

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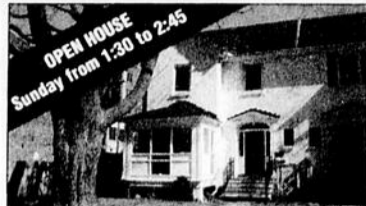
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information for many of the newer residents. The afternoon concluded with special commendations to specific volunteers and, of course, a very special Manoir tea.

**Celebrating the arrival of spring**

Tickets for the annual Westmount Spring Soiree (formerly ball) that will be held on Thursday, May 24 went on sale today, April 26 at Victoria Hall. The festive gala starts with cocktails at 7 p.m. followed by dinner and dancing.

Tickets are \$85 each, payable by cash or cheque, maximum of 10 tickets or one table. Tickets will be on sale tonight from 6 to 8 p.m. at Victoria Hall and then during office hours. For more information, contact Community Events, Virginia Elliott, 514-989-5265.

**Arts for Artists honours Eva Prager**

The Art for Artists auction hosted by the Playwrights' Workshop honoured internationally renowned Westmount artist Eva Prager last Thursday evening at its fourth annual gala fundraiser. The event took place at the Liane and Danny Taran Gallery of the Saidye Bronfman Centre for the Arts.

One of the items up for bids was a sitting for a portrait sketch by Prager. Other Westmount artists of the 50 contemporary artists who donated paintings, photographs, drawings, sculptures, and stained-glass works include Hannah Franklin, Gabor Szilasi, and Doreen Lindsay.

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### Jenish to speak on Thompson

Westmount event organizer extraordinaire Susan McGuire has organized an evening with well-known Canadian writer D'Arcy Jenish who will be speaking about David Thompson and his accomplishments at 12:30 p.m. Monday May 7 at the Unitarian Church.

Thompson is recognized as the greatest North American land geographer of his time who among other exploits established the Columbia basin fur trade. It is rumoured that Jenish's book Epic Wanderer about the life of the explorer is being made into a movie that will star Johnny Depp. Tickets are \$10 each at the door. For more information phone 514-481-3251.



Manoir Westmount's leisure department supervisor Simona Buth presents gifts for outstanding community service to volunteers Marge McConnell (left) and Claire Godon during the Manoir's volunteer appreciation tea event.

her new spring line. For more information phone Reynaud at 514-315-5791.

### Growing food on your balcony

As part of the Atwater Library lunchtime series, Vikram Bhatt will present Growing Food on Your Balcony or Rooftop, a discussion about urban agriculture on Wednesday, May 2 at 12:30 pm. Timed for the start of the planning season, Ghatt, a McGill University professor of agriculture who has studied urban agriculture around the world will give participants the basics in how and why they can start their own food producing garden in a space as small as a balcony or a rooftop.

Admission, as always, is free. Coffee will be served and participants are encouraged to bring their lunch and enjoy it during the presentation. For more information, contact Tanya Mayhew at 514-935-7344 or tmayhew@atwaterlibrary.ca. The library is located at 1200 Atwater Ave.

### WEST: Women of Westmount fashion soiree

Emerging Westmount fashion designer Caroline Reynaud launched her commercial line of women's fashion at a six a huitte Women of Westmount gala last week at her atelier located at 10223 St. Laurent Boulevard. The haute soiree included a fashion show of

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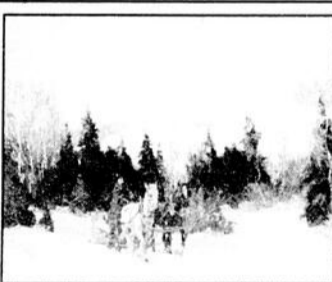


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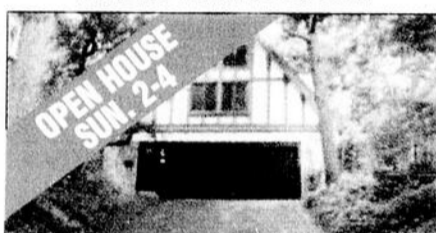
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> Daniel Bartlett

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On Friday, John Dinsmore, president of the Fraser-Hickson Institute, wrote a letter to Mary Leslie, president of the ALCC, thanking her for the decision to admit card-bearing Fraser-Hickson members at an annual fee reduced by \$10. The news comes more than a month after the NDG library closed its doors on the corner of Somerled and Kensington avenues.

Lynn Verge, executive director of the ALCC, said the Westmount library's community wanted to show their solidarity

and support for the Fraser-Hickson's members by offering them a reduced annual cost. Both institutions, along with the Jewish Public and Montreal Children's libraries, formed the Montreal Association of Independent Libraries in 1997.

"We want to support the Fraser-Hickson Institute and try to extend our services to their members while they're closed," Verge said.

"We realize our location is far away from many Fraser-Hickson members but we do have a large English language collection — most of our library materials are in English — and we are centrally located on the metro and on major bus routes. So even though we may

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The Atwater Library helps out Fraser-Hickson members. Photo: Daniel Bartlett

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AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné à tous ceux qui peuvent être concernés que le règlement 1348 intitulé "RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER LE RÈGLEMENT 1315 SUR LA DÉLÉGATION DE POUVOIRS À CERTAINS FONCTIONNAIRES DE LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT" a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance générale tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 23 avril 2007.

Ce règlement a pour objet, notamment, d'augmenter à 15 000 \$ l'autorisation de certaines dépenses déléguées au directeur général et à 5 000 \$ celle qui est déléguée aux directeurs de service.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur conformément à la loi.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter ledit règlement et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier, 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, Westmount, Québec, du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 26 avril 2007.

## NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1348

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law 1348 entitled "BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW 1315 ON THE DELEGATION OF POWERS TO CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a general sitting held at City Hall on April 23, 2007.

The object of the said By-law is, among other things to increase the authorization of certain expenditures delegated to the Director General and Department Directors to \$15,000 and \$5,000 respectively.

This by-law comes into force according to law.

Any interested person may consult the said by-law and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Quebec, from Monday to Friday during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Ce règlement a pour objet, notamment, de modifier l'article 1 du règlement 1323 en ajoutant les mots « à la personne qui y a droit » omis par inadvertance.

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The object of the said By-law is, among other things to amend Section 1 of By-law 1323 by adding the words "pertaining to debt financing" that were inadvertently omitted from the text.

This by-law comes into force according to law.

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## AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1340

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné à tous ceux qui peuvent être concernés que le règlement 1340 intitulé "RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER LE RÈGLEMENT DE CONSTRUCTION 1296" a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance générale tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 23 avril 2007.

Ce règlement a pour objet, notamment, de modifier l'article 2.5 du règlement en imposant l'installation et l'entretien des systèmes de gicleurs dans tous les bâtiments construits après le 8 octobre 1987, incluant les habitations unifamiliale et bi-familiale.

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## NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1340

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law 1340 entitled "BY-LAW TO AMEND BUILDING BY-LAW 1296" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a general sitting held at City Hall on April 23, 2007.

The object of this by-law is, among other things, to modify Section 2.5 by imposing the installation and maintenance of sprinkler systems in any building constructed after the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 1987, including One- and Two- Family Dwellings.

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## ARTS & BOOKS

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be quite a distance away, hopefully we may partially fill the void."

For Dinsmore, the ALCC's "generous action" is most appreciated at this trying time for the NDG library.

"It is a sisterly or brotherly gesture of friendship and support," he said. "I think that it demonstrates the conviction that all libraries — and not the least the private sector libraries like the Atwater and ourselves — feel how important it is for people to have access to books."

At a recent NDG borough council meeting, three residents expressed their concerns over a lack of library services in the borough. In response, Marvin Rotrand, city councillor for the Snowdon district, said the Fraser-Hickson's board of directors has refused to accept the Borough's annual offer of \$200,000 for the next two years.

Dinsmore said the board has yet to accept the offer because it wouldn't be enough to uphold the library financially.

"That doesn't close the gap, they know that doesn't close the gap, and it's not merely a solution to the problem," he said. "It really, as I suggest, is a road to nowhere because you don't know what's going to happen in two years time."

The annual fee reduction applies to all Fraser-Hickson library-goers who have renewed their membership since January. Costs will be \$25 for adults, \$15 for students and \$10 for seniors. Half-year memberships are also available for \$10.

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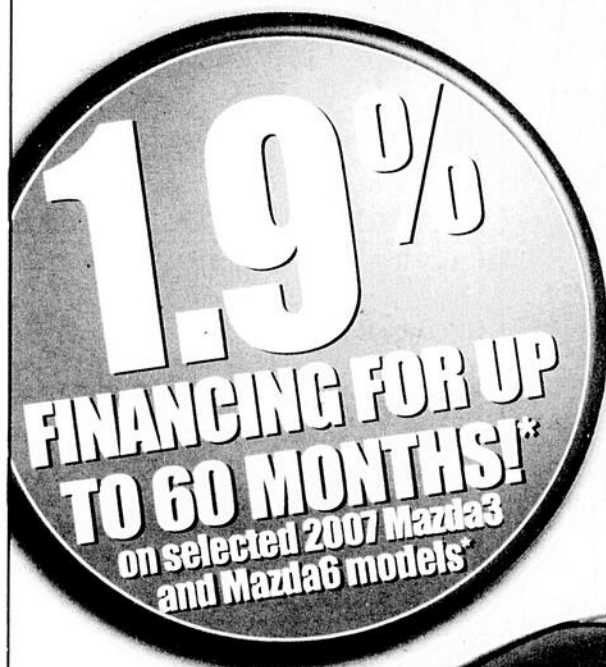
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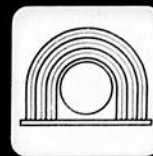
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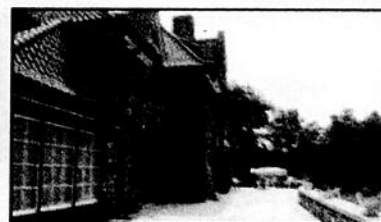
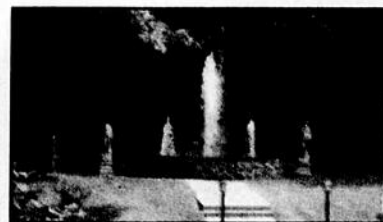
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