

Lone arena/pool bid close enough to go, city says

Pomerleau bids \$36.4 million with taxes, a 'historic moment'

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

It took only a single tender bid from general contractor Pomerleau Inc. to apparently seal the deal on the arena/pool project.

While final details of both cost and design have yet to be negotiated, the lone bid opened December 16 at city hall was "close enough to budget to say we have a deal," Mayor Peter Trent told the *Independent* after an immediate two-hour analysis.

The proposed design was so exciting, he said, "it's going to knock the socks off

Westmounters."

The bid of \$36.4 million includes the design-build consortium's professional fees as well as some \$4.4 million in taxes for a net total of about \$32 million. The city also expects to recover \$1.4 million in a goods-and-services rebate for municipalities, which would cover other professional fees, Trent explained.

The tender specs had called for \$31 million for construction and related fees based on a 2010 budget. The overall project budget of \$37 million provides for contingencies and other costs.

"I'm saying we're bang on budget with a lot of negotiating still to do," Trent said. "If we're off by half a million or so, that's inflation on the 2010 dollar. Wait till you see what we're getting for the money."

The Pomerleau design provides many more continued on p. 8

A grinch stole this wreath



The holiday grinch, it seems, passed by Kathryn Osborne Design's Greene Ave. store, making off with a designer wreath Osborne had hung on the front door. Made of artificial red berries, the distinctive wreath was created by floral expert Jean-Pascal Lemire. It was stolen during the early hours of December 12. "We have never had a wreath stolen before," said Osborne, noting that previous wreaths were natural "and no one ever bothered."

Story: Martin C. Barry

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SEE YOU IN 2012!

This is our last issue of 2011. We're back in the office on January 3, to prepare for the January 10 edition.

Taxes up 3.3 percent in \$93-million budget

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount taxpayers face an overall increase of 3.3 percent in taxes under the city's \$93.4-million budget for 2012, adopted December 19. More than half will go to pay the city's share of regional and island-wide agglomeration services.

This adds \$374 to the tax bill of the average single-family dwelling, bringing it to

\$11,686. The city bases these figures on the new average 2012 valuation of \$1,160,782 for this type of home.

Because the three-year property evaluation roll for 2011-2013 goes into its second year of phase-in for the coming year, the value of this single-family dwelling has increased 6.3 percent while the tax rate drops, though amounts of valuation changes will dif- continued on p. 5

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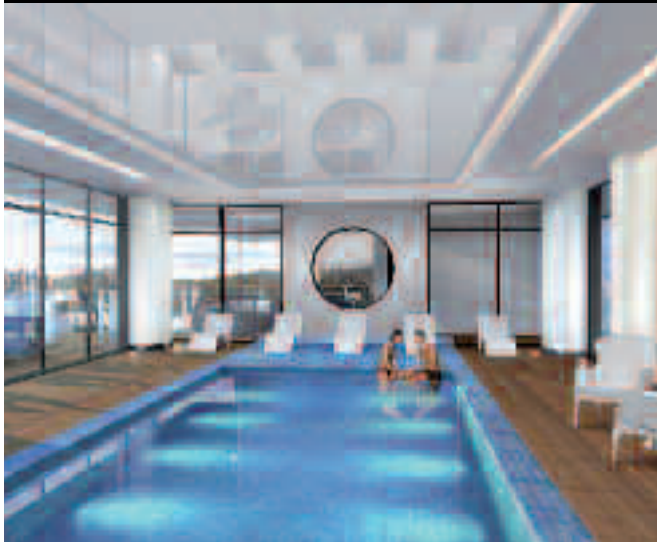
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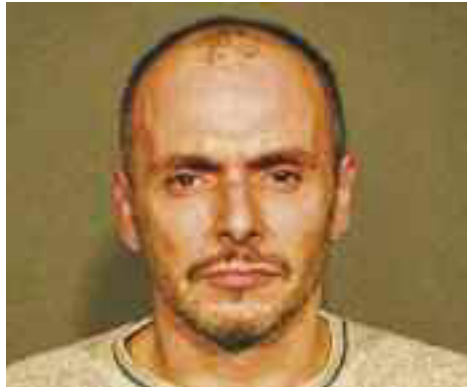
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Westmount bank robbery suspect arrested

BY DAVID GOLDBERG

Station 12 police announced the arrest of a man suspected of committing at least 15 armed robberies throughout Montreal, including two bank hold-ups in Westmount.



Police arrested the suspect, Paulo Austinho Teixeira, 45, on December 9 outside of the Jolicoeur Metro station. Station 12 constable Nicholas Cecyre-Gauthier had a hand in the arrest.

“The suspect had been identified, and

Constable Cecyre-Gauthier, through his investigation, managed to locate the suspect at the Motel Sunrise on St. Jacques in NDG,” said Constable Guylaine Julien. “His room was put under surveillance, and he was tailed to the Metro station, where the arrest took place.”

It is alleged that Teixeira was responsible for the hold-up that took place at the National Bank at 4084 St. Catherine St. on December 5 (See December 13, p. 7).

During that crime, the suspect showed a bank teller a black handgun that was tucked into his inside jacket pocket. Police also say the suspect committed a second hold-up at the Laurentian Bank, 4848 Sherbrooke St., on December 8.

“He used the same MO in that hold-up,” said Julien. “And an hour later, he committed another robbery at a Royal Bank branch in Verdun.”

Police say the suspect’s hold-ups took place in banks and other businesses in Westmount, Verdun, LaSalle and NDG.

For now, Teixeira has been charged with 15 counts of armed robbery. Police say other charges may follow.



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“Our target was 100, but we were pleased to come so close,” he said.

Plourde, along with other station personnel, also distributed gifts to patients at the Montreal Children’s Hospital on December 18, describing it as “a very special and moving occasion.”

Greetings of the Season and Best Wishes for the New Year to all my clients and friends!

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In the community

Local Sherlock Holmes club weighs in on new film

BY SUSAN RUTH FITCH

Forty members of Westmount's Sherlock Holmes society, The Bimetallic Question, were the guests of Warner Brothers Pictures at the December 14 Cinéma Scotia Banque Montréal première of *Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows*.

Following the film, members gathered at the Kitchener Ave. home of Wilfrid de Freitas and wife Susan Ravdin for eggnog, gourmet delicacies, and conversation on the somewhat controversial action-hero interpretation of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's esteemed crime-solver.

While most society members enjoyed both the first 2009 film *Sherlock Holmes* and the present sequel, de Freitas points out that for serious readers of the canon, the films have essentially "nothing to do with" the original Conan Doyle novels and stories.

Authentic Victorian dress

Many Bimetallic Questioners attended the première in authentic Victorian dress, and Ravdin wondered if the movie's scenes in which Holmes, Watson, and co-

horts are menaced in a forest by black-uniformed soldiers with heavy artillery might be more in place in a World War II film than a Victorian adventure. Still, she endorses *Game of Shadows* as a "rollicking good ride."

The society's membership spans readers of all age groups, with its youngest members probably being those enthusiastic enough to embrace Robert Downey Jr.'s irreverent rough-and-tumble Holmes as "their" Sherlock Holmes.

Whoever one's favourite on screen Holmes might be, society treasurer Paul Billette cites a recent media poll finding that nearly 125 years after his creation, Sherlock Holmes is today our "third most recognizable" media personality, after only Mickey Mouse and James Bond.

"I thought the movie was very entertaining," said long-time member Nancy Walkling "even if it did have more violence than I'm used to. I'd like to see it again to work out all the plot details and twists and turns."

Partly based on Conan Doyle's 1893 Holmes adventure *The Final Problem*, *Game of Shadows* takes place, for the most part, away from London, and eventually leads Holmes to Switzerland and that famed and apparently fatal encounter with Professor Moriarty at the Reichenbach Falls.

"Conan Doyle wanted to lay the Holmes character to rest," Bimetallic Questioners Florence Belfer notes, "but the public wouldn't let him. They asked for more Holmes stories and finally he relented. He had to bring back our favourite detective."

While Sherlock Holmes societies exist around the world, it was Westmount's own local Bimetallic Question members who, in 1991, erected a commemorative plaque at the Reichenbach Falls reading:



From left, Westmounters Wilfrid de Freitas, Ines Herten-Greaven, Mac Belfer, Florence Belfer, Paul Billette, Chris Herten-Greaven and Nancy Walkling. Front row: Susan Ravdin. Photo: Susan Ruth Fitch

"At this fearful place, Sherlock Holmes vanquished Professor Moriarty, on 4 May 1891."

Founded in 1979 by de Freitas and friend David Dowse, the Bimetallic Question holds regular bimonthly meetings at the Westmount Public Library, where visitors interested in all things Sherlockian, Doylean, and Victorian are always welcome.

More information about the society's activities can be found at www.bimetallic-question.org.

Susan Ruth Fitch is a writer and a member of The Bimetallic Question.

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Holiday tolerance for parking

The city won't be ticketing for time-related parking violations over the holiday period from December 23 to January 3 inclusive, Public Security officials announced this week. That includes cars parked over 1-, 2- and 4-hours as well as overnight.

Parking meters will remain in effect, however, with the exception of Christmas Day and New Year's Day, which happen to fall this year on Sunday when meters normally aren't in force anyway.

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Budget up

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fer from case to case.

The new tax rate per \$100 of valuation will be 1.0070 for residential properties of five units or less, 1.3333 for apartments of six units or more, and 3.9731 for non-residential properties, said Councillor Tim Price in delivering the budget speech.

“The major change from last year that will affect taxation rates is the average increase in Westmount property values,” he said. The audience of a dozen was larger than usual at a budget meeting due to the presence of at least three arena plan critics.

The city's overall budget is up 3.9 percent over 2011, resulting from a 3.6 increase in the agglomeration portion and a 4-percent hike in “controllable” local costs, which rise to 4.5 percent with the inclusion of debt service and financing, pension requirements and pay-as-you-go funding for capital works.

While 83 percent of the budget will be funded by property taxes of \$77 million, Price said the city will boost the cost of parking meters on the eastern border to \$3 an hour from \$2, consistent with Montreal's rates on Atwater.

The city will also appropriate \$1.2 million from accumulated surplus.

One interesting aspect of the coming year's expenditures, he said, is that employee costs, including benefits, will consume more than 50 percent of \$30.1 million of the city's so-called “controllable” expenditures.

Price underlined the city's commitment to sustainability, saying this has been incorporated into each departmental budget. As well, another priority is building up the pay-as-you-go funding for capital works projects by \$500,000 a year with the goal of eventually paying for all asset-based improvements from the operating fund. This brings the 2012 amount to \$4

Four streets up for reconstruction in 2012 Capital works projects to cost city \$6.7 million

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

If you live on Upper Roslyn, Belfrage, Lansdowne Ridge or Prince Albert between de Maisonneuve and Sherbrooke, it's your turn to have your street reconstructed in the coming year. That means new infrastructure, including street lighting and rebuilding of the roadway from the base up.

Those are the streets outlined in a list of projects planned for 2012 under the city's capital works program, adopted December 19, along with the operating budget.

Included in the many special projects are the interior refurbishing of Centre Greene, removal of a grow house in the greenhouse complex, landscaping of the bike path as well as at Summit Woods, reconstruction of the water main on Sherbrooke from Clarke to Greene and \$1.7 million in upgrades to the Hydro Westmount network.

Capital works cover all major work that increases the city's asset base, including implementation of the master traffic plan and second-phase restoration of the two Westmount Park cannon.

The price tag for the 2012 work is \$8.3 million of which \$1.6 million is expected to be paid out of the government's gas tax subsidy. Of the remaining \$6.7 million, \$4

million.

“We're also looking to repay the city's debt of \$38.3 million as at December 31, 2011 by \$4.6 million,” he said. This is in line with long-term projections.

The council also adopted a three-year capital works program (see above).

Tax bills are due March 1 and June 1.

million is slated to be paid through the municipal operating budget (pay-as-you-go) and \$2.7 million by borrowing.

A separate amount of \$19 million has been allocated to the Westmount Recreation Centre (arena/pool project) for expenditures that may occur in 2012. Of this amount, \$12.7-million would be offset from the \$20-million infrastructure grant.

But Councillor Tim Price, Finance commissioner, said the remaining cost of this project would not likely have any effect on tax bills until 2013, with full effect in 2014 when a \$200 addition is expected to kick in on the average tax bill.

For those interested in the traffic master plan, amounts of \$75,000 for 2012 and \$50,000 for each of the following years have been designated for implementation of its recommendations.

All projects listed have to be approved by council as they occur. Items for 2013 and 2014 are considered to be a wish list and are likely to be substantially changed closer to the time.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FENCE RAISED TOO LATE

In the early autumn of 2008, I raised at council the necessity of increasing the height of Westmount's dog run fencing to prevent dogs from jumping out and into traffic, causing death or injuries to themselves, and/or damages and injuries resulting from cars trying to avoid them.

Since then, apart from ever more imaginative reasons for inaction, nothing has been done.

Until now. Ten days after the death of Mr. Patton's dog, all the earlier excuses for inaction have been swept away: funds were found, the citizenry who were supposedly outraged at the prospect of their parks being covered in fencing have been placated, Public Works has been directed, and a new fence, albeit a temporary snow fence, has been built – six feet of protection for the dogs in the run and the traffic outside it.

I am saddened that it took the death of a companion animal for council to take the

Correction

The website associated with Carolyn Melmed's Improving Study Skills business ("Getting kids organized," December 13, p. 24) was incorrect. It should be www.improvingstudyskills.com.

action that should have – and could have – been taken three years ago.

But, I am happy that a similar event is unlikely to occur again.

Now, for the future. The promise first made last summer that new "metal" fencing will be erected at all dog runs, was reiterated. There has not been, however, any confirmation that this new fencing will be at least four feet high. Five feet would be preferable, but four feet is the absolute minimum. Anything less, say three feet and some inches, would be a repeat of what we have now, and a total waste of taxpayers' money, and a once-in-a-decade opportunity.

I would therefore hope that council will state publicly that the new dog run fencing, whenever it is built, and whatever it is made of, will be at least four feet high.

PAUL CREIGHTON, ARGYLE AVE.

STOP THE BARKING

The *Independent* reported on tickets issued by Public Security to residents for their dogs' excessive barking, disturbing the peace and tranquility of the neighbourhood (see stories December 6, p. 22 and December 13, p. 13). I'm glad to read this.

Currently there is a problem of at least one dog barking at night in my neighbourhood (Kensington/Redfern/de

Maisonneuve/St. Catherine). It seems that the owner(s) puts the dog(s) in the backyard at different times (anywhere from 10:30 pm to about 4:30 am), and the dog barks to be let in.

Sometimes the barking is brief; mainly it's intermittent. Many times the barking has woken me up. If I close my windows and run a fan, it masks it. But taking this preventive measure isn't pleasant.

Perhaps dog owners don't fully realize that when their pet barks outside at night it's extremely disturbing. Even if their dog barks just a few times, in the still of the night, the sudden, piercing noise can wake people up – not unlike a car alarm.

Barking at night is completely preventable, and a responsible owner would make sure their pet didn't disturb others (at any time of day, but especially at night).

I suggest that if you don't want to walk your dog, at least muzzle it when you put it in the yard at night so it won't disturb your neighbours.

How would you like to be routinely woken up because of someone else's noise disturbance?

The next time I'm disturbed by the barking, I will report it to Public Security, even if I haven't figured out the source. But I write this letter first, with the hope (perhaps naively) that all dog owners, including the one(s) in question, would be more courteous to their neighbours.

SUSAN KAZENEL, KENSINGTON AVE.

WHY MUST DOG OWNERS CARRY TWO IDs?

The very small stamped characters on Westmount's metal dog licence tags are so difficult to read that the city now compels dog walkers to also carry a supplementary dog licence card.

Why is it that the city does not require its purchasing department to seek competitive bids for plastic dog licence tags that would be much easier to read and possibly less expensive to purchase?

JOHN DOREY, VICTORIA AVE.

SALTING STREETS EXCESSIVE

I woke up on December 17 to a beautiful morning. The sun was shining and temperature in mid-Westmount was around -7° C. I looked out the window and thought "Wow, we have even got a slight amount of snow," as the streets were white. The inevitable disappointment came a bit later as we went out for a car ride. There was no snow, and the white stuff on the streets was salt.

I wonder why the decision to salt the streets in Westmount was taken? The weather was clear in the evening and the forecast for the morning sunshine, with the temperature well below the freezing point. In those conditions you simply do not have any slippery conditions.

I moved to Montreal from Finland last spring. Finland has 78,000 km of public roads, and salt is used on about 17,000 km of them. Salt used yearly in Finland is approximately 80,000 tons. According to Eco-engineering, the city of Montreal uses approximately 70,000 tons of salt a year. Think about it – almost the same amount as one Nordic country with winters quite similar to Montreal, longer though.

I fully understand the use of salt for safety reasons. However, it is not needed once the temperatures go below -5° C. Normally in Finland that is the limit after which sand is used if considered necessary. At extremely cold weather like -20° C and below, the friction is almost as good as in summertime. I have experienced weather here in last February when the temperature was close to -20° C and water was flowing in the streets as they were so heavily salted.

I sincerely hope that this issue can be taken into consideration as excessive salt usage is damaging our cars, the streets and, most importantly, nature.

SAMULI VUOKILA, THE BOULEVARD

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Correcting the record

One of the other free-distribution newspapers that circulates in Westmount has published accusations about the *Independent*.

It is correct that the *Independent* made an offer to purchase a rival and that the offer was declined. It is untrue that anyone at the *Independent* told advertisers that the rival was going to close or that a deal

was in the works.

"It's pretty normal for competitors to talk, but it's fairly unorthodox to publish and comment on those deliberations in a newspaper," said publisher David Price.

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To Russia with love: Toumanovs protest recent elections



From left, Westmount residents Maria and her brother Artashes Toumanov took part in a protest December 10 at the Russian consulate on du Musée Ave. against what they consider to be "widespread fraud in the parliament elections in Russia," which took place December 4. The siblings were born and raised in Moscow and moved to Canada with their parents in 1999. Because they hold dual citizenship, they can vote in Russian elections. Artashes Toumanov estimated that about 100 people took part in the protest and said by email "I went to the protest to voice my disgust toward massive theft of votes taken in the open, after dozens of reports of fraud started to surface on the internet the day of the election, which only escalated in the following few days."

Photo: David Eberts

Letters...

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IN REPLY TO KNUTTALL RE: 'ANTI-SQUIRRELISM'

Although I may be regarded as less intelligent than my brother crow or raven, I would draw to your attention the fact that whilst you spend your time running up and down my neighbour's Carolina poplar, where you appear to live, I spend my time providing beautiful brown appetizing eggs.

Indeed, I am a productive member of Westmount society and merit such help in finding my way home as I may, from time to time, require.

MRS. RHODE ISLAND RED

Editor's note: Skip Knuttall is a squirrel and Mrs. Red is a chicken. Both are Westmount residents.

CITRUS SALE A L'ABRI EN VILLE FUNDRAISER

Thank you very much for sending a photographer to our citrus distribution on December 5 at Mountainside United

Church. The picture in the *Independent* (December 13, p. 6) was very nice. However, the caption and the description of the picture were erroneous and misleading.

While we fully appreciate Mountainside United Church for providing L'Abri en Ville with the space to distribute the citrus fruit we sell, the church does not conduct the fundraiser. The sale is organized by the volunteers and staff of L'Abri en Ville, many of whom work long hours to canvass many people in order to sell the oranges and grapefruit.

This is a major fundraiser for L'Abri en Ville, which could not be done without the support of our many volunteers and customers and our supporting congregations of which Mountainside United Church is one.

Finally we are particularly grateful to the Concordia Stingers hockey team, whose help has been invaluable. We do appreciate your newspaper's attention to this event.

CAROL DE KOVEN, CITRUS SALE
VOLUNTEER, L'ABRI EN VILLE

Editor's note: We're happy to correct the record, but we received different information.

Starbucks deliverer fined \$267

A food services company was issued a \$267 ticket December 7 for making a delivery at the Starbucks outlet on Sherbrooke near Claremont at 12:41 am. Public Security officials said they received the disturbance complaint from a nearby resident.

Spaniel taken to SPCA

A dog without a licence tag was taken to the SPCA December 9 after the owner could not be reached at a phone number listed on another tag it wore, Public Security officials said. The black spaniel had been picked up by foot patrollers when it was found wandering around Claremont and Somerville at 6:49 pm.



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Municipal Services 2011 Holiday Period

During the holiday season, the City of Westmount has modified its operating schedules for services and municipal buildings as outlined below:

Administrative Offices

Administrative offices in City Hall, Hydro Westmount, Public Works, Public Security (including the Parking Permits office) and in the Westmount Arena will be closed:

December 23 to December 27
December 30 to January 3

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These facilities are open to the public according to the following hours:

December 19 to 23 - 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
December 24 - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
December 25 - Closed
December 26 to 30 - 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
December 31 - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
January 1 - Closed
January 2 to 6 - 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Westmount Public Library

Closed from December 24 to December 26, and from December 31 to January 2.

Victoria Hall Community Centre

Closed from December 23 until January 3 inclusively.

Skating Rinks at the Arena

The rinks for hockey and general skating will open to the public according to the holiday schedule available on our Web site. The Arena will be closed December 25 and January 1.

Collection Services

Please note that collection of kitchen waste, recycling and garbage will take place according to the regular schedule throughout the holiday season.

Arena: four rejected

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plusses at less cost than the previous Lemay architectural plan, he said. These include a more compact design, more usable space, reduced impact on the site and a \$500,000 process for obtaining a silver-level rating in LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design).

Trent also revealed for the first time that the Lemay architectural design had pushed the total project to some \$40 mil-

lion, which the city could not accept and contributed to the shift to a design-build approach.

Among those witnessing the tender opening was Lansdowne resident John Fretz, who in the early stages had presented his own design. He came, he said, because “I wanted to see it first hand. I felt it was a historic moment.”

He expressed some surprise and disappointment to discover only one bidder though he was pleased it was someone “as experienced” as Pomerleau.

The Pomerleau-led consortium was one of only two teams that made it through to the final qualifying round November 2 out of the six initially vying to bid on the project.

The other finalist was SNC-Lavalin, which officially withdrew its intention to bid on November 28 “for business reasons,” Trent said. This came after both groups had met earlier with the city to gain additional insight into the project.

One well-placed industry source who asked not to be named, told the *Independent* a week earlier it was “no secret” that Pomerleau would bid and probably be the only one. Some of the firms that did not qualify, he said, were “upset and disappointed, but not surprised,” given the “the way the industry works” and that the Pomerleau team includes CIMA engineers already familiar with the project.

He said very low points had been accorded for the design component of some with award-winning architectural partners.

The four consortia that did not make the cut were led by Decarel, Giffels, Magil and Opron – all well-known firms – which Trent said had lost out based on the city’s stringent design evaluation.

Pomerleau was the general contractor that built Westmount’s library extension opened in 1995. The firm also recently built the double-rink Vaudreuil-Dorion sports complex and Côte St. Luc’s recent intergenerational centre.

Interestingly, Trent added, Pierre Pomerleau, its president, lives in Westmount, and his son plays inter-city hockey for Westmount.

Despite the approaching holiday season, a detailed evaluation of the submission and negotiations with Pomerleau concerning cost and design were slated to get under way December 19 so a final design could be presented in a few weeks and allow work to start in February, Trent said.

The bid respects the city schedule for completion by the start of July 2013.



City Clerk Mario Gerbeau, left, opens the arena/pool bid from Pomerleau Inc. December 16. Presiding at centre is city director general Duncan Campbell beside city purchasing agent John Camia.

New design lessens impact, shoots for silver LEED

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The ink was not yet dry, so to speak, before the lone Pomerleau arena/pool bid was undergoing the microscope in a back room at city hall.

“Give us a couple of hours,” said director general Duncan Campbell after the arena/pool bid was opened and results proclaimed by city clerk Mario Gerbeau before an audience of Sports and Recreation staff, other city officials, press and at least two members of the public known for their interest in the arena project.

And at the end of the time, a noticeably jubilant Mayor Peter Trent told the *Independent* that the submission had passed the initial legal requirements of conformity. It was being studied in terms of price, scheduling, work plan, composition of teams and proposed architectural design.

Design had been “stickler” in the initial disqualification of four of the six original consortia during the first phase of the selection process, Trent said.

At first glance, he said, the proposed design contained many positive elements missing from the former Lemay model. “We’re getting so many more plusses.”

One is opening up even more parkland than the one acre originally proposed by putting the two ice rinks underground. Another is building and operating in such a way as to certify for the environmental LEED silver rating.

Highlights of the proposed plan, he said, also include a more compact design based within the same 100,000-square foot area, more usable space, and larger multi-

purpose rooms and teen centre. It also puts a green-roof cover over the parking area at Lansdowne and de Maisonneuve with trees and a garden.

The design lessens overall impact on the site and opens up vistas by reducing the size of the above-ground pavilion, giving it a peaked roof and reorienting it north-south rather than east-west. It also sinks the pool changing rooms so they too may have a green roof.

The design positions the main entrance off St. Catherine at Academy Rd. and Arena Drive. The only access off Lansdowne is a driveway to the parking area, Trent said. “There’s not even a drop-off. We’ve listened to the people,” he said in reference to Lansdowne residents concerned about potential traffic generated by the project on that side of the site.

The design is expected to be further tweaked in meetings with the Pomerleau group before its presentation to the public.

Motorcycle wipes out on sand

A motorcyclist was unharmed December 11 when the motorcycle tipped over on a patch of sand at Abbott and St. Catherine, Public Security officials said. The accident at 5:46 pm was witnessed by a patroller, who stated the driver turned the corner to be suddenly confronted by a small pile of sand. It was not known who had left the sand on the street.

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Early arena reaction at a glance

Comments on the arena/pool bid from some of those at city hall for the tender opening December 16:

Peter Trent, mayor: "We now have an ecstatic mayor. An over-the-moon mayor!"

Patrick Martin, project chair: "I'm very glad Pomerleau's involved. They built the Vaudreuil-Dorion double-rink complex that's very energy efficient. So they obviously have the teams in place."

Jean-Pierre Picard, WMA president: When taxes are excluded from the bid, "it looks somewhat close to the target, so I

think it will go ahead, which is the right thing to do. At some point the council has to make a decision."

John Fretz, Lansdowne resident: "I felt a let-down in the room. I guess that's because there was not another option and the bid wasn't cut and dried. I had been anticipating three bidders. But I'm reassured it's Pomerleau. He's had all this experience. My only hope is that moving forward the mayor will make us part of the dialogue, be open and say 'Here's the problem,' if and when there is one."

Niche Decor fundraiser benefits Share the Warmth and Auberge Shalom



Niche Decor, which specializes in vintage and pre-owned household furnishings and accessories from a recently opened shop near Westmount on St. Antoine St. and a nearby shop on St. Jacques in St. Henri, held a fundraiser on December 7 for two causes close to owners Lori McGuigan's and Westmounter Lynn Majdell's hearts: Auberge Shalom and Share the Warmth. Among those attending were several Westmounters. From left: Jeff Hood, Gary Majdell, Majdell, McGuigan, Bill Rusedski and Kim Mendelson.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

Bill Molson joins Lockwood

Westmounter Bill Molson recently became a member of Lockwood Financial's advisory board.

Molson is currently a partner with hedge fund advisor Saguenay Strathmore Capital, and is also president of Invico En-

ergy II and a managing director of Invico Energy III.

Lockwood is a mining advisory firm involved in investment and merchant banking. It is located at 1 Westmount Square.

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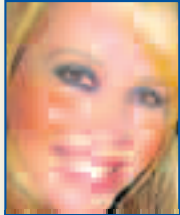


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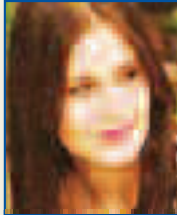
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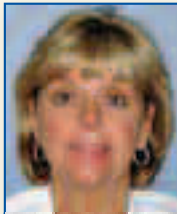
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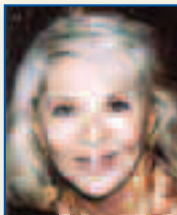
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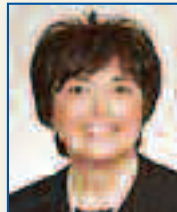
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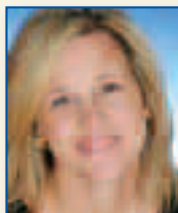
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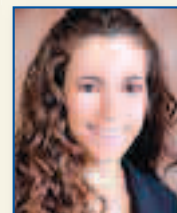
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Partying and fundraising at Le Windsor for CCAC



*Social Notes
from Westmount
and Beyond*

VERONICA REDGRAVE

The Colorectal Cancer Association of Canada (CCAC) held an elegant fundraiser at Le Windsor November 15.

President of the CCAC, lawyer **Barry Stein**, greeted guests with his wife **Anzie** and guest emcee **Lorraine Cordeau**.

Westmounters noted arriving in the chic crowd included **Therese and Michael Brownstein**, **Julia Brownstein** and **Eric Ouaknine**, **Mose Persico**, and **Tina and Stan Leibner**.

Guests enjoyed a delicious cocktail-dînatore sponsored by Quebecor, and a live silent auction. The evening also featured a *couture* fashion show, sponsored by Eleventh Floor Apparel (EFA), which premiered the Lundstrom Collection in Quebec. EFA exec **Tamar Matossian** flew in from Toronto to oversee the glam show produced by **Hans Koechling**, with accessories from Anzie Jewellery and Brown Shoe Company.

In fact, shoes were a stand-out highlight at the event. Fashionista-clad ladies, almost all wearing haute frocks in black, balanced on stellar stilettos. **Carolyne Gratton** wore a fuchsia sequined pair (far sexier than Dorothy's in *The Wizard of Oz* but equally magical), **Jill Shpritsler Ray** wore designer Christian Louboutin pumps with their notice me-branded red soles. Other ladies wore Lady Gaga mile-high heels in leopard, black and or accented with blingy crystal. Fabulous!

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Westmounters Michael and Therese Brownstein.

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Lorraine Cordeau and Tamar Matossian.

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Foundation of Greater Montreal awards Atwater Library \$15K to start eBook service



From left: Marina Boulos, president and CEO of the Foundation of Greater Montreal; Westmounter Richard Pound, chair of the foundation's board; Aude McDermott, Atwater Library manager; and Lynn Verge, the library's executive director.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Daoust

The Atwater Library was awarded a \$15,000 grant on December 15 from the Foundation of Greater Montreal (FGM) as part of its Capacity Building Grants Program.

The public library, situated on the corner of Atwater and Tupper, was among six non-profit organizations to be awarded

the first-time grants.

Its winning application in the sector of education was for funding for an eBook service to increase services to its membership, according to Chantal Vinette, director of FGM's communications and marketing department.

The library's website acknowledges the

grant and informs members that it will be offering "eBooks early in the New Year. We've contracted with the leading supplier of digital books to libraries in North America, OverDrive."

According to the foundation's news release, the six winning applications came from more than 200 grant requests.

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Environmental writers Taras Grescoe, author of *Bottomfeeder*; Westmounter William Marsden, author of *Fools Rule*; and Holly Dressel, co-author with David Suzuki of *More Good News* will be participating in the discussion.

This is one of four events in the series, which celebrates "Montreal and its authors." It also includes a dramatization of several scenes from Westmounter Claire Holden Rothman's *The Heart Specialist*.

The *Montreal Review of Books* is published by the Westmount-headquartered Association of English-Language Publishers of Quebec (AELAQ), which, along with the Quebec Writers' Federation, are sponsoring the series. Visit www.aelaq.org for more information.

Fitness class for cancer patients at Y

An aerobics, stretching and muscle toning class for people of all ages and at all stages of cancer diagnosis and treatment will be offered at the Westmount Y in January.

The free 10-week program is led by Catherine Heaton, a certified Y fitness instructor and stage 4 ovarian cancer survivor.

For more information, call 514.843.1666 or 514.934.1934, extension 42314. Registration forms are available at the Westmount Y (4585 Sherbrooke St.) and the Cedar CanSupport resource centres.

Winter camp Jan. 2

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AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que, lors de sa séance extraordinaire du 19 décembre 2011, le conseil a établi comme suit le calendrier de ses séances ordinaires pour l'année 2012 :

le lundi 16 janvier à 20 h;
le lundi 6 février à 20 h;
le lundi 5 mars à 20 h;
le lundi 2 avril à 20 h;
le lundi 7 mai à 20 h;
le lundi 4 juin à 20 h;
le mardi 3 juillet à 20 h;
le lundi 6 août à 20 h;
le mardi 4 septembre à 20 h;
le lundi 1^{er} octobre à 20 h;
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le lundi 3 décembre à 20 h.

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DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 21 décembre 2011.

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that Council determined the schedule of its regular sittings for the year 2012, at its special sitting held on December 19, 2011:

Monday, January 16, at 8:00 p.m.;
Monday, February 6, at 8:00 p.m.;
Monday, March 5 at 8:00 p.m.;
Monday, April 2, at 8:00 p.m.;
Monday, May 7, at 8:00 p.m.;
Monday, June 4, at 8:00 p.m.;
Tuesday, July 3, at 8:00 p.m.;
Monday, August 6, at 8:00 p.m.;
Tuesday, September 4, at 8:00 p.m.;
Monday, October 1, at 8:00 p.m.;
Monday, November 5, at 8:00 p.m.;
Monday, December 3, at 8:00 p.m.

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A Westmount dog owner who has received "multiple" warnings and fines since 2003 about dog violations was issued a \$75-ticket December 11 for once again allowing her dog to go off-leash, Public Security officials said. Officers arriving at the Melville Ave. field in Westmount Park stated it took the woman fully six minutes to retrieve and leash the black Lhasa Apso. Her explanation: "you can't teach an old dog new tricks."

Happy new year



9 Lives

LYSANNE FOWLER

Well, here we are, turning the page from 2011 to 2012.

I have worked with a number of animal rescue organizations this year, both in the context of 9 Lives and on a personal basis, and I have learned a lot. What I learned was most important, though, was that I could do more in a small way.

This year, I helped organize small fundraising events for the rescues and did outreach in our community. I was so pleased that Westmounters participated every time. It was very motivating.

As you know from this column, I am now fostering a family of kittens, and that has also brought me great joy. I hope that

the kittens will all be placed in Westmount families soon!

For the new year, I would like to add another series of events that I hope will be useful to Westmounters. I have spoken to our neighborhood veterinarians, and we are planning on organizing information sessions on pet health issues on a regular basis, as evening forums, for presentations and discussions. The program will be available shortly, and I hope you will be able to join us.

My fellow volunteers and I will continue to bake goodies and make coffee, hoping that you will join us throughout 2012.

From my family to yours, wishing my Westmount neighbours, faithful readers, the best of health and posterity in the new year.

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A tale of two châteaux

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times...”

With apologies to Charles Dickens, this isn't about the châteaux of revolutionary France, but rather two specific châteaux here – the Château Westmount Square and the Château Westmount.

The Château Westmount on de Maisonneuve Blvd. at Victoria Ave. is a long-term residence for people, mostly senior citizens, who've lost physical or psychological autonomy.

The Château Westmount Square is a luxury high-rise condominium building on St. Catherine St. near Greene Ave.

It seems that the staff at the condo



Château Westmount “never” gets phone calls from people mistaking it for Château Westmount Square, insists Château Westmount's executive director.

building has more often than not answered phone calls made by those who mistakenly think they're calling the Château Westmount.

“We've received wrong phone calls,” said Jean-Yves Savoie, who's been the concierge at Château Westmount Square for the past 10 years. He estimates it happens around a dozen times annually.

Some real estate ads have identified Château Westmount Square as “Château Westmount.”

While there seems to be no problem with deliveries at the door or with the mail, according to Savoie some people will also call Château Westmount Square, mistaking it for part of Westmount Square, since both occupy the same street block.



“Château Westmount and Château Westmount Square is especially confusing for some people,” says Château Westmount Square's concierge.

Mailloux finishes contract with Westmount



Jean-Yves Mailloux, who has been working since 2008 as a part-time management consultant with the Public Security Unit in training and

strategic planning, left December 16 at the end of his contract. It had been extended to help the department transition to new leadership over the last year. “I believe that the stage has been set to serve the citizens well for many years to come,” he said.

City: Sewer dig ‘bodes well’ for new arena

With the installation of new sewer and water mains completed December 2 along Arena Drive and St. Catherine came an interesting by-product “that bodes well” for the building of the new arena/pool project.

The deep excavation work required to lay the sewer was so straight-forward that it confirmed technical studies and soil testing in the area, said Councillor Patrick Martin at the December 5 meeting of city

council.

Martin, who is commissioner of Utilities and chairs the new recreation centre's steering committee, later explained that the digging went quickly, using only an excavator throughout the entire length of the sewer line, which turns west at St. Catherine, going north of the north sidewalk to connect with the St. Catherine sewer near Lansdowne.

“But Château Westmount and Château Westmount Square is especially confusing for some people,” he said. “A few times, now and then, there are phone calls and they think we are a senior citizens' building, and we are not.”

Meanwhile over at Château Westmount, a spokesperson insisted they are

never confused for Château Westmount Square.

“Never, and I'm being very honest with you,” said Zara Pilian, Château Westmount's executive director, adding that she didn't see how anyone could mistake a nursing home for a luxury condominium building.



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AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1418

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné à tous ceux qui peuvent être concernés que le règlement 1418 intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT VISANT À IMPOSER ET À PRÉLEVER UNE TAXE ET UNE COMPENSATION POUR L'EXERCICE FINANCIER 2012** » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount lors de sa première séance extraordinaire tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 19 décembre 2011.

L'objet de ce règlement vise à :

- imposer et prélever la taxe foncière générale sur tous les immeubles situés sur le territoire de la municipalité, basée sur la valeur imposable portée au rôle d'évaluation;
- imposer le paiement d'une compensation pour services municipaux aux propriétaires des immeubles ou terrains situés sur le territoire.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur en date de ce jour.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter le règlement sur le site Web de la ville : www.westmount.org et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 21 décembre 2011.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1418

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law 1418 entitled “**BY-LAW TO IMPOSE AND LEVY A TAX AND A COMPENSATION FOR THE 2012 FISCAL YEAR**” was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at its first special sitting held at City Hall on December 19, 2011.

The object of this by-law is:

- to impose and levy a tax on all taxable immovables in the territory of the municipality, based on their value shown on the assessment roll; and
- to impose the payment of compensation for municipal services on the owners of immovables or lands situated in the territory.

This by-law shall come into force today.

Any interested person may consult the said by-law on the City's Website: www.westmount.org and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, this December 21, 2011.

Mario Gerbeau
Greffier de la ville / City Clerk



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	BUDGET 2011 \$	BUDGET 2012 \$	NOTES	REVENUES
REVENUS				
TAXE FONCIÈRE GÉNÉRALE				GENERAL PROPERTY TAX
Résidentielle (1 à 5 logements)	47,728,300	49,320,400		Residential (1 to 5 units)
Immeubles de 6 logements ou plus	6,207,600	6,382,400		Apartments (6 or more units)
Immeubles non résidentiels	20,677,500	21,367,600	(1)	Non-Residential Properties
Provision pour Contestation et Construction	(250,000)	(250,000)		Provision for Contestation & Construction
Taxe foncière générale	74,363,400	76,820,400		General Property Tax
Autres revenus - taxes sur terrains vacants	371,000	383,600		Other - Taxes On Vacant Lots
Taxe foncière générale totale	74,734,400	77,204,000	(2)	Total - General Property Tax
PAIEMENTS TENANT LIEU DE TAXES				COMPENSATION IN LIEU OF TAXES
Gouvernement du Canada	145,300	145,300		Government of Canada
Gouvernement du Québec	2,171,000	2,265,000		Government of Québec
Autres (programmes en compensation - bonification)	1,100,600	1,100,000		Other (Compensation programmes - Allowance)
Compensation provenant de la taxe de vente du Québec	542,400	806,400		Compensation - Quebec Sales Tax
Compensation pour services municipaux	70,000	70,000		Compensation/Municipal Services
	4,029,300	4,386,700		
AUTRES SERVICES				OTHER SERVICES
Activités récréatives	613,000	293,000	(3)	Recreational Activities
Bibliothèque	78,000	83,000		Library
Stationnement	2,425,000	3,000,000	(4)	Parking
Recouvrables et autres revenus	80,500	79,300		Recoverable and Other Revenues
	3,196,500	3,455,300		
AUTRES REVENUS DE SOURCES LOCALES				OTHER REVENUES FROM LOCAL SOURCES
Droits sur les mutations immobilières	2,500,000	3,000,000	(5)	Duty on Transfer of Immoveable
Amendes	2,452,000	2,225,000		Court Fines
Intérêts sur les dépôts à court terme	15,000	15,000		Interest on Short-Term Deposits
Intérêts et pénalités sur les arrérages de taxes	125,000	125,000		Interest/Penalties on Tax Arrears
Licences et permis	253,000	400,000	(1)	Licences and Permits
Autres revenus	12,700	12,700		Other Revenues
	5,357,700	5,777,700		
SUBVENTION DU QUÉBEC À LA BIBLIOTHÈQUE				QUÉBEC LIBRARY GRANT
	66,800	66,800		
SERVICES RENDUS ET TRANSFERTS				OTHER REVENUES AND TRANSFER PAYMENTS
Traitement des matières secondaires	285,500	280,000		Recycling and Refuse
Recouvrables - Service Incendies MTL	200,000	200,000		Recoverable from MTL Fire Department
	485,500	480,000		
DISTRIBUTION D'ÉLECTRICITÉ				UTILITY OPERATION
Revenu brut	27,827,600	29,112,000		Gross Revenue
Coût d'opération	26,864,000	28,366,900		Operating cost
Contribution nette	963,600	745,100	(6)	Net Contribution
REVENU TOTAL				TOTAL REVENUE
Affectation de l'excédent accumulé	1,000,000	1,247,100		Appropriation of Accumulated Surplus
REVENU TOTAL APRÈS AFFECTATION	89,833,800	93,362,700		TOTAL REVENUE AFTER APPROPRIATION

Notes explicatives – Explanatory Notes

(1) Des projets de construction importants pourraient entraîner une variance négative aux revenus de taxation et positive aux revenus de permis. Important construction projects could lead to negative variances in taxation revenue and positive variances in permit revenue.

(2) Calcul : taxe foncière de 2011 (74,73 M \$) + augmentation de l'agglomération (1,73 M \$) + augmentation des autres dépenses (0.74 M \$)
Calculation: 2011 General property tax (\$74.73 million) + agglomeration increase (\$1.73 million) + other expenses' increase (\$0.74 million)

(3) Revenus inférieurs pour les activités liés à la piscine et à l'aréna fermés à compter d'avril 2012 durant la construction du nouveau centre des loisirs. Lower user-pay program fees due to the closed swimming pool and arena starting in April 2012 during the construction of the new recreation centre.

(4) Une année complète aux tarifs établis en 2011 et augmentation des tarifs de parcomètres à \$ 3 / heure dans le secteur est, près de Montréal.

A full-year impact of rates established in 2011, and increase in parking meters' rates to \$ 3 / hour in the eastern sector closest to the City of Montreal.

(5) Augmentation des droits de mutation basé sur le marché immobilier. Increase in transfer duties based on the real estate market.

(6) Tarification de Hydro-Québec pour l'achat d'énergie et réseau électrique vieillissant. Hydro-Quebec rates for purchasing energy & aging network.



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DÉPENSES	BUDGET 2011 \$	BUDGET 2012 \$	NOTES	EXPENDITURE
ADMINISTRATION GÉNÉRALE				GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
Législation - conseil	432,300	432,300		Legislation - Council
Gestion financière et administrative	2,831,700	2,965,000	(1)	Finance and General Administration
Greffe	818,000	911,100	(2)	City Clerk
Ressources humaines	705,800	720,900		Human Resources
Édifices administratifs	249,700	256,500		Administration Buildings
	5,037,500	5,285,800		
SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE				PUBLIC SECURITY
Édifice de la police	27,600	24,400		Police Building
Sécurité publique	3,013,300	3,187,400		Public Security
	3,040,900	3,211,800		
VOIRIE				TRANSPORT
Administration	1,334,300	1,420,500		Administration
Voirie municipale	2,432,800	2,520,900	(3)	Streets and Sidewalks
Enlèvement et transport de la neige	3,371,400	3,327,700		Snow Removal and Disposal
Éclairage des rues	551,500	505,200		Street Lighting
Circulation	596,100	633,200		Traffic Control
Stationnement	172,700	166,800		Parking Lots
	8,458,800	8,574,300		
HYGIÈNE DU MILIEU				SANITATION SERVICES
Entretien des réseaux d'égouts locaux et d'aqueduc	2,064,300	2,042,500		Local Water & Sewer System Maintenance
Enlèvement des ordures et matières secondaires	1,476,800	1,475,800		Refuse Collection and Recycling
	3,541,100	3,518,300		
ZONAGE ET MISE EN VALEUR DU TERRITOIRE	1,087,300	1,143,400		ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
LOISIRS ET CULTURE				SPORTS AND RECREATION
Administration	863,500	819,000		Administration
Centres communautaires	767,900	847,400		Community Centers
Aréna	711,400	736,600		Arena
Piscine	224,000	218,200		Swimming Pool
Programmes de récréation	396,800	273,600	(4)	Recreation Programs
Parcs, terrains de jeux et serres	2,434,500	2,784,800	(5)	Parks, Playgrounds and Greenhouse
	5,398,100	5,679,600		
BIBLIOTHÈQUE	2,309,500	2,467,700		LIBRARY
Provision et autres	900,000	1,090,800	(6)	Provision and Other
DÉPENSES MUNICIPALES CONTRÔLABLES	29,773,200	30,971,700		CONTROLLABLE MUNICIPAL EXPENSES
AUTRES DÉPENSES				OTHER EXPENDITURES
Service de la dette et autres frais de financement	4,576,700	4,593,200		Debt Service and Other Financing Costs
Avantages sociaux futurs	2,208,000	2,327,100	(7)	Future Fringe Benefits
Réserve et éventualités	516,000	516,000		Provision and Contingencies
Recouvrables	239,000	237,900		Recoverables
Immobilisations imputées au Pay-as-You-Go	3,500,000	4,000,000	(8)	Pay-As-You-Go Capital Expenses
	11,039,700	11,674,200		
COMMUNAUTÉ MÉTROPOLITAINE DE MONTRÉAL	896,500	859,200		MONTRÉAL METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY
QUOTE-PART AGGLOMÉRATION	48,124,400	49,857,600		SHARE - AGGLOMERATION
TOTAL DES DÉPENSES APRÈS AFFECTATION	89,833,800	93,362,700		TOTAL EXPENDITURE AFTER APPROPRIATION

Notes explicatives – Explanatory Notes: (1) Conventions collectives et addition d'un demi employé pour les subventions et la continuité d'exploitation avec le début du projet de système financier. Union agreements and addition of half an employee for subsidy management and business continuity so as to start the new financial system project. (2) Charges juridiques et déductibles d'assurance. Legal expenses and insurance deductibles. (3) Budget additionnel pour l'entretien des rues et trottoirs. Additional budget for repairs & maintenance of streets and lanes. (4) Moins de programmes de récréation liés à la construction du nouveau centre récréatif. Less recreation programs due to the construction of the new recreation centre. (5) Relève des travaux publics. Public works in charge. Budget additionnel pour l'entretien des parcs et terrains de jeux, ainsi que pour les arbres. Additional budget for parks & playgrounds' maintenance as well as for city trees. (6) Augmentation de la provision pour les événements non contrôlables. Increase in provision related to uncontrollable events. (7) Augmentation du coût des régimes de retraite. Increase in pension plan costs. (8) Stratégie de payer comptant les immobilisations. Pay as you go strategy.

Adopté par le conseil de la Ville de Westmount le 19 décembre 2011

Adopted by the Council of the City of Westmount on December 19, 2011.

‘Lock it or lose it’ campaign under way

Motorists who leave parcels, cell phones and other articles in plain view in parked cars can expect to receive an advisory pamphlet on their windshield in the commercial areas starting last week, according to Public Security officials.

The crime prevention measure is part of a holiday crackdown in which foot patrollers have been assigned to help reduce a rash of thefts from cars over recent months. Posters will also be placed in municipal parking lots.

Announced at the December 5 council meeting by Public Security commissioner Gary Ikeman, the pamphlet is called “Lock it or lose it.” It has been produced in 1,000 copies to resemble a parking ticket. But on closer inspection, recipients will find an il-

lustrated reminder about the importance of keeping all items hidden or locked in the trunk.



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PROGRAMME TRIENNAL D'IMMOBILISATIONS – CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM 2012-2013-2014

Municipal	2012		2013		2014	
	Net ⁽¹⁾	Brut – Gross	Net ⁽¹⁾	Brut – Gross	Net ⁽¹⁾	Brut – Gross
Catégorie de projets – Project Category						
1. Bâtiments – Buildings	\$ 640,000	\$ 640,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 770,000	\$ 770,000
2. Chemins – Roads	\$2,290,000	\$2,290,000	\$2,625,000	\$ 2,875,000	\$ 2,620,000	\$ 2,620,000
3. Parcs – Parks	\$ 375,000	\$ 375,000	\$ 290,000	\$ 290,000	\$ 280,000	\$ 280,000
4. Véhicules – Vehicles	\$ 525,000	\$ 525,000	\$ 505,000	\$ 505,000	\$ 535,000	\$ 535,000
5. Divers – Miscellaneous	\$ 370,000	\$ 370,000	\$ 205,000	\$ 205,000	\$ 235,000	\$ 235,000
6. Informatique – Information Systems	\$ 321,000	\$ 321,000	\$ 331,000	\$ 331,000	\$ 340,000	\$ 340,000
7. Réseaux d'aqueduc et d'égouts – Water & Sewer Networks	\$ 460,000	\$2,075,000	\$ 275,000	\$ 1,710,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Total municipal	\$4,981,000	\$6,596,000	\$5,131,000	\$ 6,816,000	\$ 5,280,000	\$ 5,280,000

Hydro Westmount	Net ⁽¹⁾	Brut – Gross	Net ⁽¹⁾	Brut – Gross	Net ⁽¹⁾	Brut – Gross
8. Projets majeurs – Major Projects	\$1,542,500	\$1,542,500	\$1,550,000	\$ 1,550,000	\$1,550,000	\$ 1,550,000
9. Véhicules – Vehicles	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000
10. Projets municipaux – Municipal Projects	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000
Total Hydro Westmount	\$1,717,500	\$1,717,500	\$1,775,000	\$ 1,775,000	\$1,830,000	\$ 1,830,000

Grand Total	\$6,698,500	\$8,313,500	\$6,906,000	\$ 8,591,000	\$7,110,000	\$ 7,110,000
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Financement – Financing:

PAYG provenant de la taxation - From taxation	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$ 3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$ 3,500,000
PAYG provenant de l'excédent cumulé - From acc. surplus	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	TBD	TBD	TBD	\$TBD
Subvention (taxe sur l'essence) - Gas Tax Grant		\$1,615,000		\$ 1,435,000		
Subvention Summit Circle Grant				\$ 250,000		
Dette - Indebtedness	\$2,698,500	\$2,698,500	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Total	\$6,698,500	\$8,313,500	\$6,906,000	\$ 8,591,000	\$7,110,000	\$ 7,110,000

Centre des loisirs de Westmount - Westmount Recreation Centre	\$6,333,333	\$19,000,000	\$10,697,227	\$18,000,000	-	-
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Subvention fédérale & provinciale – Federal & Provincial Grant

\$12,666,667

\$ 7,302,773

(1) Budget net = Budget brut moins subvention, si applicable / Net budget = Gross budget less grant, if applicable

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ECS hears from Deak on how girls thrive



JoAnn Deak, psychologist, educator and author of *How Girls Thrive*, spoke to parents of ECS students November 30 about brain development in girls and young women, and what parents and educators can learn from this research about building self-esteem. Deak conducted a workshop the next day for teachers.

Photo courtesy of ECS

The Priory helps out at Toy Tea



Photo courtesy of The Priory

The Priory School choir and grade 4 class participated in the annual Toy Tea held at Ogilvy's Tudor Hall on December 7. The event raises money and collects brand new toys for children of battered women and other children's charities. Priory students from left: Alexandro Koutroubis, Vicky Wang, Mary Roper, Soraya Barin, Natasha Ryan and Nina Egger.

Properties to love ... and live

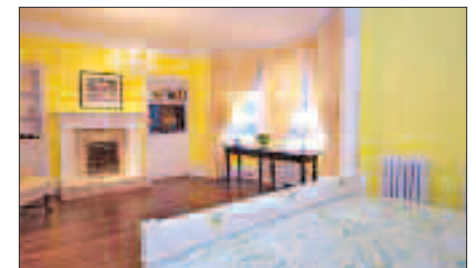
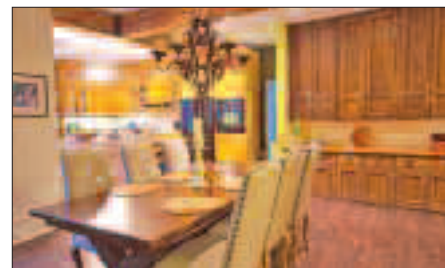
WESTMOUNT
57 Av. Windsor – \$1,250,000



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