



On December 6 after sunset, Greene Ave. was lit up for the holidays. The ground remained devoid of snow, and the temperature was 3 degrees C.

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# WESTMOUNT INDEPENDENT

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December 8, 2015

## No tax hike for 2016

*Most tax bills to remain unchanged in \$, Trent says*

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

With more than a week to go before the city adopts its 2016 budget December 14, Mayor Peter Trent took the unusual step last week of announcing a tax freeze for all categories of taxpayers: residential and commercial.

“If you did not make any improvements that led to an extra hike in your property

valuation for next year, you will pay the same taxes you did in 2015,” he said.

The owner of the average single family dwelling would pay the same tax bill of \$12,669, he explained. To make this happen, the city will reduce the tax (mil) rate to compensate for the annual phasing in of increases in the valuation roll on which the average single family dwelling will be assessed at \$1.489 million.

This is the first tax freeze since 1999, he said. “It’s actually a reduction if you factor in inflation.”

“We can afford to have a tax break,” Trent said.

The city’s agglomeration share is to increase only slightly by 0.8 percent, he pointed out (see story December 1, p. 3).

As well, the city’s surpluses will allow it to increase capital works funding, make

“bullet payments” on the debt and still set aside enough to pay off loans coming due in several years as well as the Westmount recreation centre.

“I wanted to announce the tax break as soon as we knew, so people would know well before the holidays,” he said.

The tax increase for 2015 was 2 percent.

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## Residents seek more dialogue over Metro parking lot project

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A group of Grosvenor residents whose homes back onto a proposed condo/Metro store complex at Sherbrooke and Victoria has requested an opportunity to express their concerns directly to the developer, a spokesperson for the group said last week.

“We’ve dialogued with the city, the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) and

at a meeting of the neighbours,” Marina Brzeski told the *Independent* December 1. “Now we would like to dialogue with the developer.”

A proposal by Jacob Attias, who developed the condo/5 Saisons project at 1250 Greene, calls for 80 condos in a building of undetermined height at the site of the existing Metro parking lot, ..... grocery store and Laurent- *continued on p. 19*

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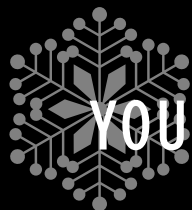
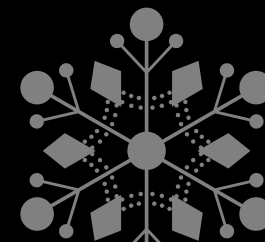
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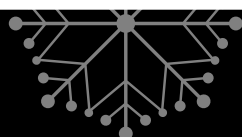
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# Trent concerned Charbonneau report could lead to too much red tape

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Mayor Peter Trent said last week he worries that recommendations in the Charbonneau Commission report on ways to prevent corruption and collusion in the construction industry could push smaller municipalities such as Westmount out of tendering competition. The report was released November 24.

As it is, he said, since more government safeguards have been put in place as the inquiry proceeded “we’ve been getting fewer and fewer bids.”

If this keeps up, “it will be such a complex process that no one will want to bid unless it’s for a more lucrative contract.”

A dearth of quotes from suppliers was evident at the November 2 council meeting; only one to supply the rental of a snow removal truck and de-icer with operator for the winter season; one for the city to purchase a new 2015 John Deere grass cutter; one to supply a new salt box; and one for the city’s purchase of two new 2016 Ford Transit 250 cargo vans.

“For those who question the [\$45-million] cost of the Charbonneau report,” he suggested, “the true cost will be felt in the reduction in the number of contractors bidding, as many will not tolerate all the hoops they now have to jump through.”

He said he was “still concerned that those who cheat on price will also cheat on

quality. And I don’t think Charbonneau looked into this very important aspect of collusion.”

Trent said there were “a number of structures and controls already in place that failed to stop the corruption,” such as the Quebec Municipal Commission, the Union of Quebec Municipalities (UMQ) and the Director General of Elections, “so let’s not add to the number of structures.

Let’s make what we actually have do something.”

He also noted the Charbonneau commission recommended even more structures to do surveillance on local elected officials. As for the suggestion of limiting the terms of mayors, “What about councillors?” he asked.

At a meeting of the .....  
UMQ executive Trent at- *continued on p. 24*

## Remax Westmount celebrates new location



There was a festive mood at Re/Max Westmount at 1225 Greene Ave. on the evening of December 3, as staff, clients and friends gathered to celebrate the opening of the real estate brokerage’s new home in a completely refurbished building, while marking the holiday season at the same time. During the cocktail, champagne and canapé event, guests got a glimpse of Re/Max Westmount’s modern new interior decor. It was conceived by Greene Ave. interior designer Odile Cloutier, front right, who stands with Re/Max Westmount’s owner Patricia Ciancotti, front left. There were some 200 people reported to attend the party.

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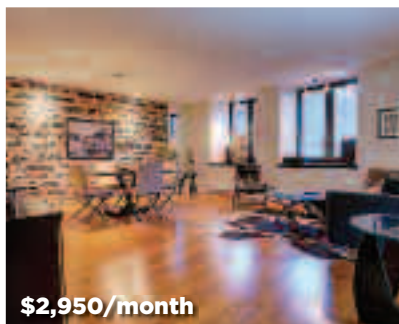



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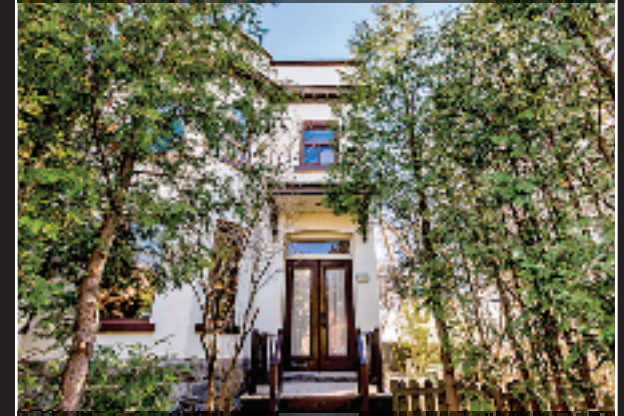
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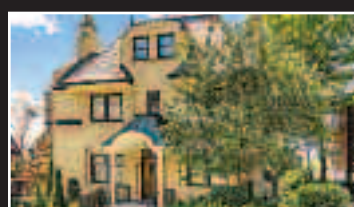
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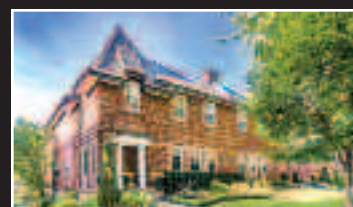
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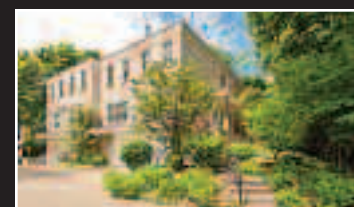
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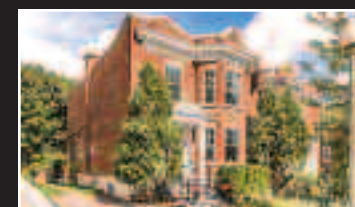
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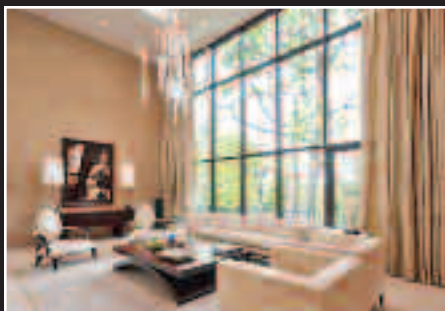
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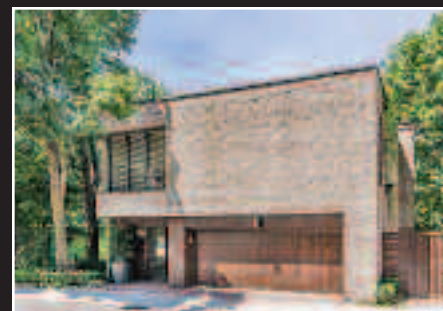
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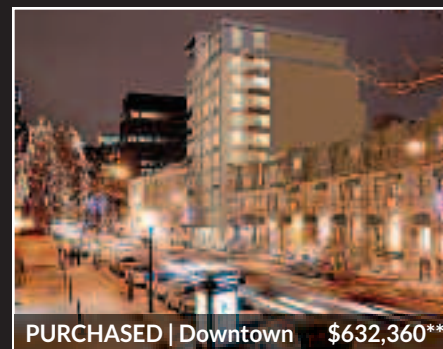
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### STICK TO PUBLISHING

It has been said that “freedom of the press is really the exclusive preserve of the person who owns it.” David Price has proven that dictum once again with his two-page extravaganza: “The Force may have woken up but I’m hitting the snooze bar,” (December 1, p. 6). Really David: the Star Wars industry, that most Westmountois of topics. Snooze button indeed. And I thought the “beer banter” was irrelevant.

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### CITY SPENDING QUESTIONABLE

In responding to Thomas LaPierre’s excellent question on property taxes, (“2016 property tax up – should be down,” November 24, p. 8), Mayor Peter Trent accused him of not having read his June letter (December 1, p. 9). I can only assume Mayor Trent did not read my letter of June 7, 2013, published in this paper, where I criticized the city for deciding to spend \$100,000 on a poorly located dog run (in

the centre of Westmount Park).

I proposed that the city instead spend on repairing the ceiling at Victoria Hall and renovating the greenhouse, which I wrote was held together “with duct tape and tarpaulin.” The mayor and council ignored that suggestion, allowing the conservatory to be severely compromised while exposing visitors, including the many visiting children, to possible serious injury from falling glass. The conservatory is now belatedly shut down after a pane of glass did fall out.

Yet, the comfort of dog paws was deemed more important when council decided to surface the new run with \$50,000 in special gravel while planning to spend an additional \$100,000 on this gravel to resurface the Westmount Athletic Grounds and King George (Murray) Park dog runs to make dogs more comfortable.

It appears that priorities are seriously awry here. Instead of criticizing a resident and blaming others including a member of council (“Trent, Martin disagree over lack of greenhouse action,” October 27, p. 8) for his own failure to set ..... appropriate priorities, the *continued on p. 23*

### Guest column

## Good news: Quebec won’t fund move of Neuro to Glen

BY JAMES FARQUHAR

Westmount and NDG will not have to put up with further construction of large buildings on the MUHC’s Glen site after all. As an NDG resident, I couldn’t be happier. And we’ll be saving \$220+ million.

The Quebec government now says it will not finance a new building on the McGill super-hospital site to replace the Montreal Neurological Institute. This is contrary to what McGill has been saying for years.

Going back to the 1990s, the McGill University Hospital Health Centre (MUHC) has said that the “Neuro” will move to a new building. The Neuro also includes the Montreal Neurological Hospital. The new Neuro building would have been built at the Glen Yards site near Vendôme Metro.

A new building would have cost at least \$200 million, according to calculations based on the square footage and cost of the new MUHC building at the Glen site.

Quebec is also turning down plans to pay for a move of the Allan Memorial Institute – the psychiatric outpatient buildings of the Royal Victoria Hospital. This would have cost \$20 to \$40 million for a new medical office building.

The MUHC can always apply for funding for the projects in the future, according to Health ministry spokesperson Joanne Beauvais in an email of October 27.

Contrary to MUHC publicity, plans to relocate the Neuro and the Allan “were not part of the Glen Yards project approved by cabinet,” she wrote.

“If the MUHC judges that these projects are pertinent, it is up to the MUHC to update them and submit a formal request to the Health ministry.”

“Funds will have to be unblocked in the (2013) Quebec Infrastructure Plan to carry out this kind of project, and dozens of other projects are competing for the available funds,” she wrote.

This announcement comes as a contradiction to what MUHC officials are still saying about the Neuro.

Even in October, a McGill spokesman said that a building for the Neuro, on the Glen site, was definitely going to happen.

Speaking for the Neuro, Dr. Sandra McPherson wrote in an October 27 email, “The Neuro is currently planning its relocation to the Glen site.

“This work is to fulfill the April 2012 Task Force (the Neuro, McGill and MUHC) decision to maintain a single location for the Neuro – the combined Institute and Hospital, with the preferred

option that it move to the Glen site to be adjacent to the new MUHC hospital.”

Dr. McPherson wrote that the Quebec Health ministry “representation endorsed the decision.

“The future Neuro has been earmarked for the Westmount portion of land.”

The current Neuro building is downtown, across University St. from the Royal Victoria building. The Neuro has built several new wings. About 60 percent of the current Neuro building has been added since the year 2003.

Yet Dr. McPherson wrote: “Despite the ages of the buildings, patient care has evolved to the extent that existing infrastructure is limited in its ability to accommodate the new technology required to provide the best care for our patients.

“In addition, the Neuro needs to be next to a full-service hospital as this is an important element that leads to the creation of leading edge clinical treatments.”

However, in 2011, Neuro doctors publicly opposed a move to the Glen of the out-patient services. The opposition was expressed by Tom Gevas, associate director of the Neuro at the time, in the *Gazette*.

At that time the MUHC estimated that a new building for the Neuro out-patient services alone would cost \$110 million. Besides these services, the current Neuro, with 270,000 square feet, has four operating rooms, 85 patient beds, and seven advanced-technology brain scanners. It has its own intensive care unit.

The Allan Memorial Institute contains 109,000 square feet in two buildings. It is the home of most MUHC psychiatry out-patient services, but has no beds. Most of it has been built since 1960.

It is newer than many psychiatric units across Canada. Psychiatry does not require high technology, just office space. Using calculations for the cost of new medical office buildings from the internet, a replacement building would cost between \$20 and \$40 million. The MUHC had announced, earlier this year, that it would try to move the Allan services to the Montreal General Hospital by 2017. This was according to a deadline set by a government-appointed inspector of the entire MUHC operations, in a report this past spring, based on the MUHC’s own plan. However, in October the Health ministry now says that moving the Allan has not been approved by cabinet.

*Dr. James Farquhar is a psychiatrist at the Douglass Hospital.*

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The cause of a rupture in the water main on Sherbrooke at Redfern November 28, a Saturday, was not known since this portion was reported to be in good condition, Public Works officials said.

No residents were left without water supply during the day-long repairs, they said.

Water was discovered leaking onto the street around 4:22 am closing it to traffic, according to Public Security. – LS



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# Workshop on changes to Tupper lot set for Jan. 19

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Residents of Westmount's southeast sector south of Dorchester are being invited to a city workshop Tuesday, January 19 to help shape the development of the Tupper parking lot area for integration into their neighbourhood. The land belongs to the city.

The idea is to hear their ideas and feedback for the type of development they envision to re-connect their residential enclave with the commercial strip of St. Catherine St., District 8 Councillor Theodora Samiotis said last week.

The north and south sides of Dorchester became fragmented in the early 1960s when the city expropriated residential properties on the north side for the widening of the street into a boulevard (see story June 1, 2014).

The consultation process began with a survey of residents in May 2014. After that, the city turned its attention to studying the impact that future development might have on existing city infrastructure such as sewers, water mains and electrical supply, Samiotis explained.

"We're now ready to move forward. The

workshop is the next step in the consultation process," she explained.

Stemming from the workshop, "We hope to create a task force of engaged stakeholders to work with the city on design recommendations" to be presented to the public in the spring.

The area in question extends east-west from Atwater to Clarke and south of Tupper St. and/or Tupper lane, to Dorchester.

### Zoned to 3 storeys

The Tupper lot is currently zoned (R6-24-08) up to three storeys in height and allowing for residential development (single-family dwellings through multi-units and seniors' residences), municipal buildings and a commercial parking lot.

While the initial survey of residents did not generate the number of replies and information the city had sought, she said, comments focused more on respondents' concerns about traffic and lighting than the type of development wanted.

But the need to narrow Dorchester and restore it to a more residential street was underlined, she said. This could help eliminate one of the obstacles to integrating the south and north sides, she suggested. "I



Map shows how the Tupper parking lot area west of Atwater, south of Tupper, comes between the residential enclave south of Dorchester and commercial St. Catherine St. at the top of the map. Darkened buildings are those having important heritage value. Image courtesy of city of Westmount

know from experience how hard it is to cross Dorchester with a stroller."

Inviting residents of the "south of Dorchester" neighbourhood, Samiotis wrote November 20 that objectives of the project include not only creating a link between their community and St. Catherine but also incorporating walkability into the new design.

The meeting is to take place at 7 pm at Centre Greene.

## Calling it 'Sodo'

People living in the residential enclave "South of Dorchester" are now calling it "Sodo," according to Councillor Theodora Samiotis. This name comes from the location and is modelled on the SoHo district in New York City.



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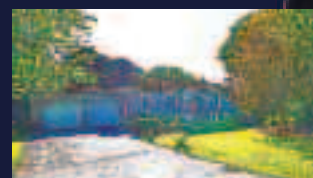
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## Heritage rating, traffic reported concerns

# Westmount weighs in on proposed re-development of former Children's Hospital

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

While only the southwest corner of the former Montreal Children's Hospital complex at Atwater and Dorchester lies in Westmount, city officials have already been consulted by a committee looking into the disposal of the building, according to Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier.

Now, in the wake of its announced sale November 24, she said the main concern the city expressed to the committee was that the original entrance to the building at the corner of Dorchester – a 20-foot high colonnade and portico – be preserved. The city gives it a Category I heritage rating.

Poirier said she had also met on the subject with her counterpart for the Ville Marie borough in which most of the hospital is located.

No plan has been announced for the site, though a mixed condo/commercial use has been touted and early news reports even cite a downtown baseball sta-



Looking northeast at the former Montreal Children's hospital campus at Dorchester and Atwater on December 4.

Photo: Westmount Independent

dium as an option.

"We'll wait and see," Poirier said. "I don't think we have much at stake since just a

tip of the property lies in Westmount. It's the only area over which we have a voice."

Despite Westmount's "peripheral" posi-

tion, District 8 Councillor Theodora Samiotis said the city wants to ensure that any new development does not generate more traffic than already exists.

### Zoned for 9 storeys, multi uses

The Westmount portion of the property is zoned (C-11-24-10) for a maximum height of nine storeys. It permits many residential, commercial, medical and community uses.

The colonnade entrance to the three-storey part of the complex at the northeast corner of Dorchester and Atwater was built for the original Western General Hospital in the late 19th century before it was expanded and used by the Montreal General in 1924 and then the Children's in 1956.

The territorial divide with Montreal cuts diagonally across Atwater from Dawson College and through the southwest corner of the Children's building before abruptly jutting back to the west ..... side of Atwater (see city *continued on p. 20*)

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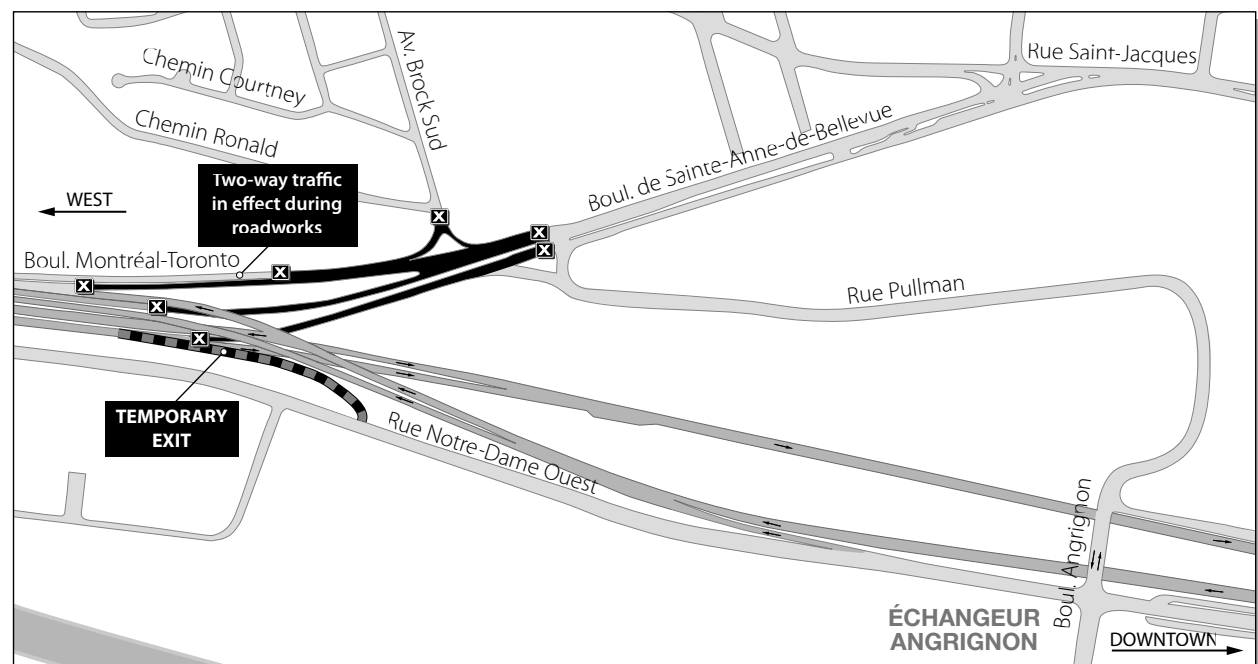
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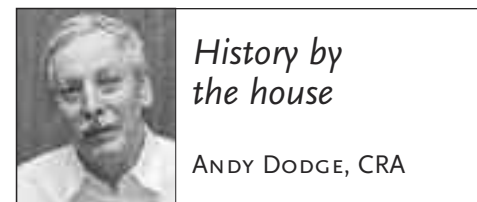
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- **From A-20/Rte-138 East toward boul. de Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue**
  - Temporary exit towards Notre-Dame Ouest, boul. Angrignon and Rue Pullman
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  - Rue Pullman, boul. Angrignon and rue Notre-Dame Ouest
- **From boul. de Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue toward Rte-138 West**
  - Rue Pullman, boul. Angrignon, rue Notre-Dame Ouest, av. St-Pierre, rue Patrick and rue Clément



# 576 Côte St. Antoine built by Isaac Collins



## History by the house

ANDY DODGE, CRA

*The lead source of the information derived for this column comes from the deeds of sale, including the naming of owners' professions or livelihoods.*

The oldest street in Westmount could not be fully developed until early in the 20th century thanks largely to what is now known as the Long Depression (1873-1896), which stalled the burgeoning community early in its life.

Westmount gained its independence from Montreal in 1874 just after the stock market crash of 1873 (May in Vienna, Austria, and September on Wall St., New York). Speculators and landowners were working hard to get a toehold in the new community, mainly in the eastern part of what is now Westmount, where trolleys and horse-drawn carts from Montreal were attracting business and settlers.

To the west, Western Ave.'s extension was planned but stalled, though Richard

Warminton, who had built the lovely house that still stands at the corner of Côte St. Antoine and Claremont Ave., began thinking about the two stretches of farmland below his house. Joseph Hurtubise and Jackson Rae sold their farms to Warminton and a colleague, Campbell Bryson, in late 1873 and by 1877 they had designed subdivisions for development on the hill stretching below Côte St. Antoine.

### Greene loan

The two took out a \$97,800 loan with Edward Kirk Greene and George Augustus Greene to develop the land but got into difficulty as the depression continued, eventually turning over the loan to La Banque du Peuple, which had been established (in 1835) mainly to promote Lower Canada's French-speaking population, but stepped into Westmount on more than one occasion. In 1888, the bank sold most of the land to Thomas Campbell Bulmer, a bookbinder and stationer, who lived on Côte St. Antoine, for \$30,000. Bulmer is credited with much of the vision that was needed to develop this part of Westmount.

He immediately sold a small stretch of land fronting on Côte St. Antoine at the corner of Prince Albert Ave. to T. Hugh Vallance, a draftsman and proprietor of W.C. White Boiler Works and presumably the father of Hugh Vallance, a prominent architect in Westmount. Still, try as they might, nothing appeared at the corner until Vallance's estate sold the land for \$2,842.50 or 25 cents per square foot to another developer, Isaac Collins, in April 1910.

Collins is credited with building Verdun city hall and the plant of the Montreal Biscuit Company, according to one source, "and many residences in Westmount." By then Westmount was riding high with building permits all over town, and the house at 576 Côte St. Antoine was built by September 1910, when it was sold to James Mattinson for \$10,000.

Mattinson, the manager of Laurentian Laboratories and honorary secretary of the Wholesale Druggists' Association, brought up a family of four children in the house. He died in 1934, and his wife died ten years later, leaving son John James Edward Mattinson to live in the house through the 1950s. He died in 1959, by which time one brother and one sister had also died; the only heir was Annie Emily Mattinson, still said to be a resident there.

### From Holland to Domtar

In January 1959, she sold to Monique Martel, wife of Gaston Houle, a journalist from whom she was legally separated at



576 Côte St. Antoine, photographed December 2.

the time. Annie Mattinson was willing to absorb a \$16,000 balance of sale on a total price of \$22,500; the six and a half-percent mortgage was passed on a year later to Edgar Morison Holland, an investment dealer who paid \$28,000 for the house, almost 25 percent more. In the space of 13 more years the price grew another 33 percent to \$37,500, by the time Holland passed the house on to the Theodore Röhaly family (she was Margaret Bandi), under whose ownership the price quadrupled in the next nine years to \$150,000, the price paid by Domtar Ltd. in August 1982.

It appears the price paid by Domtar was either too much or they made an error in judgement; the house was immediately put back on the market asking \$155,000 and turned over to Roman Serbyn the following January for \$112,500. Serbyn, a native of Ukraine, was professor of history and a specialist in Russian and eastern European history at the Université du Québec à Montréal.

Three years later, in June 1986, the house was picked up by well-known local architect Robert Moscovic and his wife, Marilyn Rabinovitch, who set about renovating the house after purchasing it for \$227,000 – a relatively modest price at the time. In 1990, he turned over his half of the house to her; in 1993 she defaulted on the mortgage and Montreal Trust sold the property to a Russian couple, Boris Verkhovskiy and Svetlana Novosclav, who moved in from Calgary and paid \$325,000 in August 1993.

Robert Klein, a well-known photographer and illustrator, and his daughter-in-law-to-be Kathleen Alix, a lead designer at Buffalo Jeans, bought the house six years later for \$370,000, then sold it in 2001 to a

trust named Fiducie Monty and Monty Inc., whose principals included Jean C. Monty, president of BCE Inc, and his wife, Jocelyne Bélanger, for their son, Jean Sébastien Monty.

The next buyer, in October 2005, was Dr. Rolf Loertscher, nephrologist (kidney specialist) at the Lakeshore General Hospital. He and his wife stayed there only three years before selling to Andreas Soupliotis, a former Microsoft specialist who now operates Ayuda Media Systems. The final sale price cleared the \$1-million mark for the first time; the latest evaluation (2014) is \$1,267,000.

### History of 576 Côte St. Antoine (since construction)

Date	Buyer	Price
8 Sep 1910	James Mattinson	\$10,000
12 Jan 1959	Monique Martel,	\$22,5000
1 Apr 1960	Edgar Morison Holland investment dealer	\$28,000
11 Jun 1973	Margaret Bandi	\$37,500.00
31 Aug 1982	Domtar Ltée	\$150,000
6 Jan 1983	Roman Serbyn, professor	\$112,500
30 Jun 1986	Robert Moscovic & Marilyn Rabinovitch	\$227,000
21 Jan 1993	Montreal Trust Co. Judgement	
26 Aug 1993	Boris Verkhovskiy & Svetlana Novosclav	\$325,000
26 Aug 1999	Robert Klein, businessman & Kathleen Alix, designer	\$370,000
28 Nov 2001	Fiducie Monty & Monty Inc.	\$629,000
12 Oct 2005	Rolf Loertscher, physician, & Ziba Aalamian, nurse	\$865,000
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High-speed pumping of hydrocarbons at the northwest corner of the Home Depot parking lot at Westmount's southern border was well under way December 4 as part of the Turcot project (see story November 24, p. 3). Photo below, looking south from Hydro Westmount, shows how the machinery has been installed on Glen Rd., blocking it to all car traffic except for access to and from the utility just north of the Ville Marie expressway.

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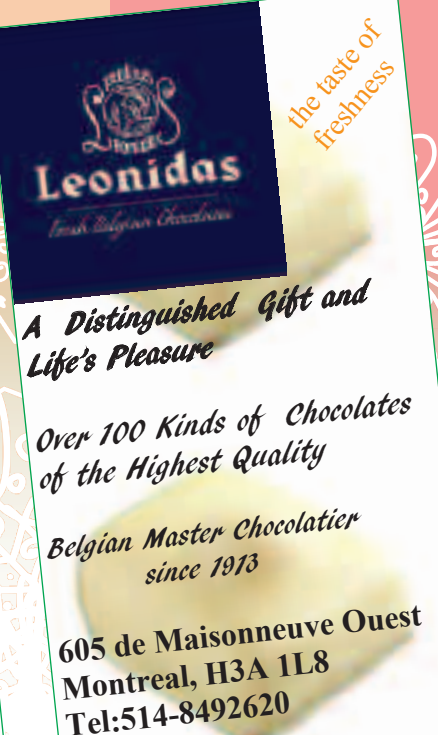
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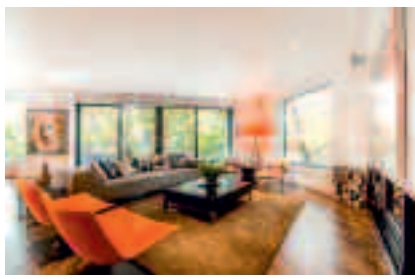
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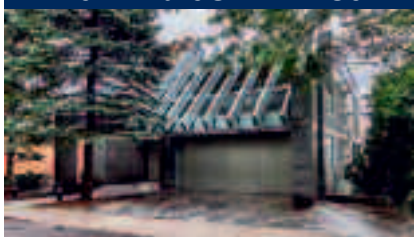


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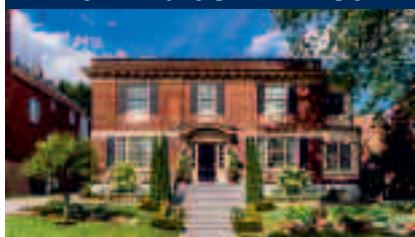
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## Batshaw Children Needing Homes

## Felix likes school, has great sense of humour

A long-term foster home is being sought for 11-year-old Felix, a Caucasian child who is full of curiosity about the world and asks questions constantly. He loves to read a variety of books, comics and magazines as well as enjoying video games like most of his peers.

Felix also spends time in imaginative play and still loves his toys, creating scenarios with his action figures, Lego blocks and vehicles.

Felix is currently residing in a group home, where he initially needed a lot of support with his emotional and behavioural struggles. He has made great progress and connects well with the adults in his life, able now to express his emotions using words rather than behaviours.

He always displays a quirky sense of humour and loves to make people laugh. He

thrives on routine and structure, and still needs help to adjust to any changes in his life. Preparing Felix ahead of time for any new activity or event really helps him to cope well.

While he really likes other children, Felix is still learning how to connect with them. He has a tendency to encroach on another child's space because he is still in the process of acquiring social skills. He has learning delays, but has benefitted from a specialized school program and he enjoys school.

Felix is in need of a long-term, one- or two-parent foster family, able to provide routine and to help him continue to reach his potential.

For more information about Felix, please call Batshaw Youth and Family Centres at 514.932.7161, extension 1139.

## Cars found to be blocking driveways

After two complaints November 27 to Public Security for parked cars blocking driveways, officials issued a warning for drivers to take special care – especially in snowy conditions. "Check for depressions in the sidewalk or tracks in the snow indicating a driveway," said Public Security director Greg McBain.

In the two reported incidents, one resulted in a car being towed on Lansdowne Ridge and the driver getting a ticket for

\$191, including towing charges, and the other had blocked the driveway access at the Westmount Florist, 360 Victoria. Because of its positioning, it could not be towed away without causing damage so was not.

To prevent damage to car side mirrors and doors by snow sidewalk plows, drivers are also advised not to park over the curb which, when built up with snow, McBain said, "may be difficult to notice."

Season's Greeting

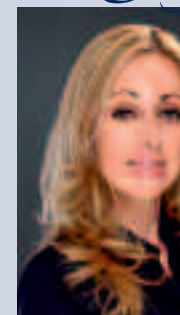


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# Habs loge auction to benefit Batshaw Foundation



Several Westmounters were getting ready to launch Batshaw Youth and Family Centres Foundation's first ever online benefit auction. Seen here December 3 on the steps of Batshaw's headquarters on Weredale Park, were from left: the foundation's vice president Janet Faith, president Karma Hallward and board director Liana Thibodeau. They were helping to host an event in which the prize will be a private loge at the Bell Centre worth \$8,000 and seating 12 for a Montreal Canadiens vs. New Jersey Devils match on January 6. The opening bid is \$2,500. The auction closes at 5 pm on Thursday, December 10, and all proceeds are to support Batshaw Foundation programs for Montreal children and youth who have suffered abuse and neglect. To place your bid, go to <http://batshawfoundation-2015.eflea.ca/> and see tabs "Auction Info" and "View Auction."

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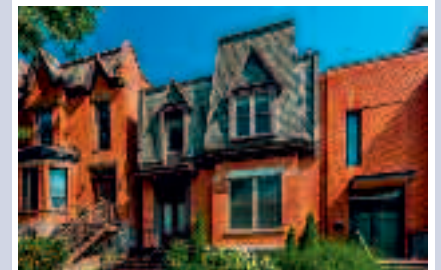
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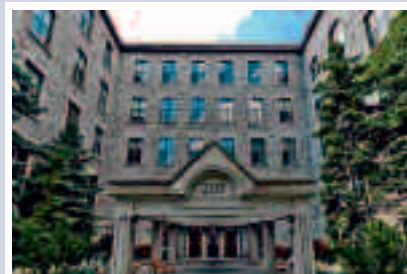
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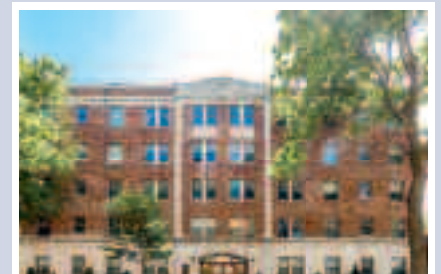
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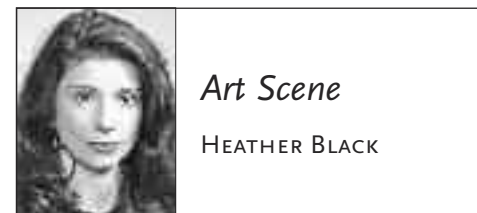


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# Bruneau, Krausz: Dreams, myth and reality



Art Scene

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inate Han Art, while Krausz's magical landscapes and sensitive portraits fill Galerie de Bellefeuille.

### Bruneau at Han Art

The exposition *Kittie Bruneau: A Mini Retrospective* features large-scale works from 1975 to 2015. Inspired by dreams, travel and art, colourful shapes and lines – not unlike a child's painting – dominate her work. Painted in acrylic on canvas, her playful yet ambiguous imagery conspires

to hold the viewer's attention.

Red forms against a blue background dominate the dreamlike "Femmes totem." Painted in loose brush strokes, a woman on horseback jousts with another on a fish. Archetypal symbols reference desire and conflict. In "Les oiseaux et Nijinsky," dancing figures are overlaid with rhythmic lines and four hearts painted in blue, brown, yellow and red. Lively and dramatic, the spirit of Russian dancer Vaslav Nijinsky is evoked.

For the colourful "Gauguin en Gaspésie," Bruneau combines home, travel and art. Rich in symbolism, a mask-like face, outlined in orange, is suspended between a pink horse, a blue serpent and flower-like forms. Evoking both Gauguin and Picasso, Bruneau invites viewers into

the world of art and imagination. This interesting exhibition continues until Sunday, December 20 at 4209 St. Catherine St.

### Krausz at Galerie de Bellefeuille

The exposition *Peter Krausz: Drawings and Paintings 2010 – 2015* features drawings on mylar and landscapes rich in theme. In "Persephone's Island #2 (Spring)," myth and the power of the seasons prevail. Painted in egg tempera on treated panel, the lush green fields of Sicily evokes fresh April rains. In "Survey #17," bands of yellow and viridian green fields create a bold and graphic composition.

Often painted in transparent layers of yellow, gold, green and purple, Krausz's landscape are luminous. In "Et in Arcadia Ego No. .... continued on p. 17



Kittie Bruneau "Femmes totem"

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**Art Scene cont'd. from p. 16**

8," a mountain rises from the earth, its foliage illuminated in dawn's first light.

In contrast, the rugged mountain peaks of "Temporale No. 5" form a horizontal band across the composition. Painted in a dramatic golden light against purple storm clouds, the mountain is majestic yet menacing.

Krausz's portraits of the elderly "T.K. on Ridgewood" and "Y.K. at Maimonides" capture the reality of aging. Drawn in a loose but controlled line in *conté* on mylar, these strong yet sensitive images reflect Krausz's skill and artistic versatility. This beautiful exhibition continues until Monday, December 14 at 1366 Greene Ave.

**Authentic exploration**

Art, like imagination, converts ideas to symbols. Bruneau's work reveals a rich inner world conveyed with childlike enthusiasm and adult conviction. Krausz's imagery conveys the life cycle and evokes man within nature. Although established, both artists continue to evolve

and explore new compositions, materials and techniques. To echo author Saul Bellow: "Imagination...It sustains, it alters, it redeems!"



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## Westmount Youth Orchestra turns 20

# Two Westmount-based youth orchestras flourish

BY JOANNE PENHALE

Youth orchestras are climbing major scales in Westmount.

The Westmount Youth Orchestra is celebrating 20 years since a young Westmounter created it, and members of the Westmount-based Institut Suzuki Montréal are performing Sunday, December 13, and planning a tour to China.

Jean MacRae is the artistic director of the Westmount Youth Orchestra and directs two of its three ensembles in Victoria Hall each Saturday. “I love working with the kids,” said MacRae, a professional violist and violinist. “It’s fun to excite their passion about the music and to see how much the music brings to their lives.”

The Westmount Youth Orchestra was started in 1995 by Westmounter Salim

Nakjavani, who was 18 and wanted to play in an orchestra close to home with local friends, MacRae said.

Mark Simons, who grew up in Westmount, was the original conductor of the orchestra, which now has 145 members and has grown from one ensemble to three, MacRae said. The junior string ensemble, directed by Aman Joshi is for musicians 6 to 11 years old; the Dolce Musica string ensemble is for more advanced musicians up to 14 years old; and the 70-member Symphony Orchestra has members up to 24 years old who play strings, wind, brass and percussion instruments.

All three ensembles performed on December 6 at the Oscar Peterson Concert Hall. In celebration of the orchestra’s 20th anniversary, MacRae said, its past members and staff, including Simons, were included in the performance. The orchestra played “Toy Symphony” and excerpts from *The Messiah* and *The Nutcracker*, she said.

### Institut Suzuki Montréal

In mid December, the three youth string orchestras of the Institut Suzuki Montréal will perform in the concert hall at Marianopolis College.

Dragan Djerkić directs the junior, intermediate, and advanced orchestras, which combined have 90 members. Each member takes private weekly lessons with Djerkić, Vera Mirković, Ellen Cogut, or Iona Corber. Each orchestra also practises weekly at Marianopolis College.

Djerkić started the violin school in 1980, he said, naming it after German-trained Japanese violinist Shinichi Suzuki, who encouraged children to learn music first through hearing it at a young age, and then repeating it, just as young children acquire language.

“What we’re doing here is old-fashioned,” Djerkić said, adding unlike today’s fast-paced, multi-tasking society, students



Westmounter and Marianopolis student Peter Sypnowich, 16, practices violin on December 1 in the Grand Blvd. studio of his violin teacher, Dragan Djerkić, the director of Institut Suzuki Montréal. Sypnowich will perform with 14 other members of the school’s advanced orchestra, along with two youth string orchestras and a ballet company from Ontario in China this March under Djerkić’s direction.

focus on one thing for a long time. “Progress comes so slowly, it’s almost invisible.”

The 15 members of the school’s advanced string orchestra, which includes cellists, violinists and violists, are performing in five cities in China in March, along with two youth string orchestras and a ballet company from Ontario. Their two-hour repertoire, Djerkić said, will include mostly classical songs, as well as Gypsy, country, traditional Chinese and Argentinian music. Orchestra members have a \$60,000 fundraising target through the crowdsourcing website [www.gofundme.ca](http://www.gofundme.ca) for the Chinese tour; they have raised more than half their goal.

The Institut Suzuki Montréal concert is at 2 pm on Sunday, December 13. Tickets are \$15 for adults. See [montrealsuzukiviolin.com](http://montrealsuzukiviolin.com) for details.

The Westmount Youth Orchestra performs next on March 27, MacRae said. [www.ojw.ca](http://www.ojw.ca).



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# Grosvenor residents cite concerns

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ian Bank including multi-level underground parking (see story September 8, p. 1).

Brzeski, a communications professional who lives on Grosvenor, said the owners of 18 row houses on the west side of Grosvenor (354 to 392) would essentially back onto the wall of the complex.

They are concerned over loss of sunlight, real estate values, privacy, 25 backyard trees and about underground damage to their homes. All were key points from a survey of some 28 property owners.

But “aside from NIMBY,” Brzeski said, there are wider concerns that include a potential increase of traffic generated by 80 new units, “visible” emergence of rodents, a loss of the Victoria village character and the survival of some small shops losing

business during the construction period.

“Our key message, though, is our concern that the development will go through without some of the concerns taken into account from the community,” Brzeski said.

## Meeting held Nov. 30

A presentation on the issue was detailed November 30 at a general meeting of some 25 property owners and others at the Westmount Public Library. Also attending were a handful of WMA representatives including John Fretz of Sherbrooke St.

He said aerial photos showing the impact of shadows from a building of various heights were “very impressive and showed someone had done their homework.”

As “an interested observer,” he said, what sparked his interest was a discussion on how the city might use its proposed new type of a “spot zoning” tool in this

project and apply “vague” variances from the regular zoning of the area in regards to such things as heights. These were raised by Grosvenor residents at a public consultation meeting October 22 (see story November 5, p. 1).

Brzeski said the group had obtained two detailed estimates from a structural engineering firm (one for a geotechnical study of the site, another for a pre-construction survey of our properties), to accompany discussions regarding concerns over the unstable nature of the clay soil on which the foundations of their more than 100-year-old foundations rest.

“I would like to see property owners and other legitimate stakeholders meet with the city’s Planning Advisory Committee throughout the approval process in the same way that a developer meets and negotiates with them,” she said.

“We believe early consultation is critical.

Westmount is unique in the quality and pooled knowledge and expertise of its residents, and the municipal government has a golden opportunity to leverage this strength.”

The Grosvenor Group of Neighbours, as they are calling themselves, had met November 25 with city Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier and councillors Theodora Samiotis, Urban Planning commissioner, and District 5 representative Christina Smith, who lives on the east side of Grosvenor.

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Row houses on the west side of Grosvenor immediately south of Sherbrooke back onto the current Metro property. Photographed December 4.

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plan, p. 20).

The city is already feeling the impact on traffic from the Turcot Project on its south border as well as on the west side from the new super-hospital. This is expected to increase if the proposed Provigo/seniors' complex gets built at the junction of Claremont, de Maisonneuve and St. Catherine.

The Gilman Pavilion for MCH pediatric dental and other services remains in use at 1040 Atwater south of Dorchester.



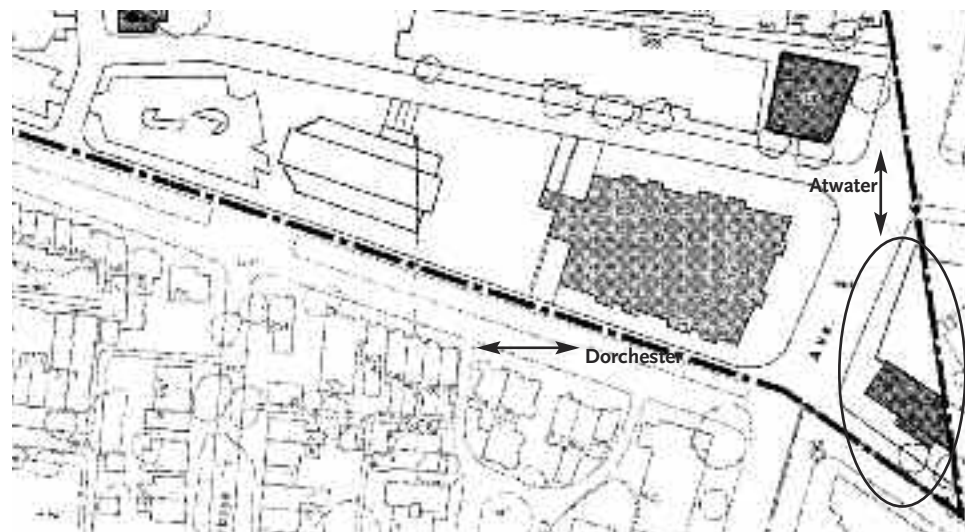
A June 2012 photo of the Gilman Pavilion on Atwater south of Dorchester. Photo: Independent files

**Part of bike path closed**

The announced closure December 7 to 10 of a section of the de Maisonneuve bike path means cyclists will be asked to walk their bikes "for a short distance" between Clarke and Redfern, Public Security officials said.

The official closure listed on the city website is between Metcalfe and Clarke but infrastructure work related to Hydro Westmount is reported to be taking place at the intersection of Kitchener.

On the other hand, westbound cyclists who are comfortable cycling with the regular traffic flow will be able to do so.



Circled portion shows the site's Westmount portion, according to the city's "Character Area" 24.

**Patrollers keep an eye out for B&E suspect**

Public safety officers reported three sightings in the early hours of November 27 of a person walking around Westmount between 1:30 am and 3:30 am. The individual had once been stopped on suspicion of breaking into vehicles, Public Security officials said. He was spotted in the area of Dawson College.

The next day at 3 am, he was followed on Grosvenor, north of The Boulevard, frequently turning around to look at the patrol vehicle before leaving Westmount. He was dressed entirely in black and carried a black "school bag."

**Third week for bag of flyers**

A resident of Upper Lansdowne was reported to have called Public Security November 26 to complain about receiving a bag of unwanted flyers for the third consecutive week. Officials said the company was issued another \$76 ticket. The house has a no-circular sticker.

**Gas leak closes Victoria, Sunnyside, evacuates homes**

A gas leak outside 693 Victoria November 30 closed off portions of the street as well as Sunnyside between Victoria and Grosvenor, Public Security officials said. It occurred just before 10 am when an excavating contractor hit a three-quarter-inch gas pipe. Five houses were evacuated. The streets were re-opened by 11 am.

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## Teen chef Assayag shows off his 'chops' on TV



Thirteen-year-old Noah Assayag, who recently competed on Food Network's Chopped Canada Teen, is seen here in his home on November 28.

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

A 13-year-old Westmounter with aspirations to one day become a chef was among four contestants competing recently in an episode of the Food Network program *Chopped Canada Teen*.

Noah Assayag appeared in a segment that aired on November 28. Although he was one of the younger competitors, he has a decade of cooking experience and more than five years of culinary training under his belt.

Assayag has taken cooking instruction at

the Académie Culinaire in Old Montreal under Chef Daniel Trottier.

In the segment which was taped in Toronto last summer, Assayag and the other contestants were invited to prepare an appetizer, an entrée and a dessert within a set time. While the judges were initially impressed with his skills, before the program was over he ended up being "chopped."

"My only dream is to become a chef – I've never really thought otherwise," Assayag, who attends Selwyn House, says of his immediate ambitions in life.

## Westmount bests 'Impact'



On November 14, the Westmount Soccer Club's U9 boys played a friendly post-season game against the Montreal Impact's elite pre-academy U9 team. The Impact started strong, but Westmount quickly gained momentum. With the score tied 3-3 at the start of the second half, both teams fought hard to take the lead. Ultimately, Westmount came out on top with a score of 5-3. "It was a real team win for Westmount, with great performances on offence, defence and in the net," said one parent. Coach Denzil D'Sa attributed the win to "great teamwork!" In the 2015 season, the Westmount Soccer Club had teams for boys in U15, U13, U11 and U9 divisions, and girls in the U13 and U10 divisions. Information about the club is available at [www.westmountsoccer.org](http://www.westmountsoccer.org). The regular season runs from May to September.

Photo courtesy of Jennifer Bogert

## Comin' Up

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

The city of Westmount, Congregation Shaar Hashomayim and Temple Emmanu-El-Beth Sholom are having a Hanukah ceremony at city hall, 5 pm to 6:30 pm. Reception to follow. Info: 514.989.5226.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

The Faith in Nature Centre at Westmount Park United is hosting a "Climate Café" musical evening, including local musicians, artists and film makers, 7.30 pm at 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. Free. Info:

514.937.1146 or [westmountparkuc.org](http://westmountparkuc.org).

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

Special budget meeting, city hall, 7:30 pm. Regular council meeting at 8 pm.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

Westmount Historical Association's (WHA) "December Social," with speakers councillor Cynthia Lulham and WHA president Doreen Lindsay. 7 pm at The Gallery at Victoria Hall. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Info: [www.west-mounthistorical.org](http://www.west-mounthistorical.org).

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# TRENDSSETTERS

## TORRANCE RAGUENEAU

BY VERONICA REDGRAVE

*In the 80s, I used to stop by Thursday's on Crescent. At the time, the restaurant was like an English pub in the sense that there was always someone there you knew, and with whom you could share a glass of wine. You could pop in alone. It was a fun place. Fast forward 30 years (can it be?). I was recently invited to lunch there. Surprise! It is now a Paris-style bistro, and I noted the owner was pretty cool. Turned out Torrance Ragueneau is a Westmouter. As he had on an amazing white shirt with coloured button holes, I thought readers might like to meet him. Like many men today, he is interested in style. Here's a man's point of view for a change.*

### STYLE

*How would you describe your personal style?*

I never have that much time to think about it, what with taking time with my son, who's five, and taking care of Thursday's, my restaurant. But while I like to be comfortable, my clothes have to be "chic-ish."

*What is your favourite way of dressing?*

Again, I am always on the go, so comfort is important. I do like shirts that have a different look. Of course, in Montreal, weather is a huge influence.

*On week-ends, what do you like to wear?*

Jeans, but not with tears and holes. I love New Balance shoes. Polo shirts are a go-to item, and I also like the Polo Collection by Ralph Lauren. My wife is in fashion, so it goes without saying that there is a sense of style in what we all wear!

*What do you think of today's fashions?*

For me "less is more," so I am not a big fan of all that layering. The way European men and women dress is classic. As my parents are from Europe, I guess I have that in my genes.

*If you had a choice, where would you live in the world, money being no object?*

I love Montreal, but it would be between Montreal and Madrid, considering our winters here.

*What is your favourite flower? Do you have flowers in your home?*

Yes, we always have flowers in our house. I love hortensia and also gladioli, which not only have strong colours but have a strong presence.

*Who would you invite to a dinner party if you could invite anyone from any era?*

My grandparents, my great-grandparents and my great-great-grandparents. I am a family guy. Oh, and maybe a chef.

*Who are your favourite chefs?*

Alain Ducasse, Cyril Lignac and Jean-François Vachon.

*Favourite dishes? And when you cook, what do you like to cook?*

I love the basics. A simple *spaghetti aglio e olio* (garlic and oil) is magnificent – particularly in Italy, of course. I like to cook *boeuf Bourguignon*. When I have the time, it is fun to go Montreal's markets with my family to buy the ingredients.



Torrance Ragueneau photographed November 27 at 2 pm in Thursday's bar.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

## Mail carrier turns dog-catcher

A Canada Post carrier found a golden retriever November 25 at Clondeboye and Dorchester, Public Security officials said. Public safety officers answered the call at 5 pm and took the dog to the station. The owner called looking for it and picked it up at 5:40 pm. The resident of Hollowell was advised to obtain a licence.

## Cars collide at Greene/de Mais.

A two-car collision at Greene and de Maisonneuve November 30 sent one driver to hospital as a precaution, according to Public Security officials. It was not reported how the accident occurred before public safety officers were informed at 10:57 am. One car had to be towed; the other was driven away.

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## Sûreté de Québec goes to suspect's home

# Public Security pursues 'erratic' driver to highway

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Public safety officers tried without success to prevent an erratic driver from continuing on his way through Westmount during the early hours of November 28, Public Security officials said.

Westmount patrollers used emergency flashers in attempts to stop the driver and kept the car in sight as it drove along Dorchester and René Lévesque boulevards and onto the westbound Ville Marie ex-

pressway, where the Sûreté de Québec (SQ) took over.

The man was suspected of driving while under the influence, said Public Security director Greg McBain in describing how the incident unfolded.

It was at 4:50 am at a red light on St. Catherine St. at Metcalfe that the car, a black Chrysler Infiniti, came to the attention of a patroller, he explained. The car appeared to be parked in the middle of the street, the driver "face down" over the steer-

ing wheel as if asleep.

As a patroller approached the car, the driver "awoke," did not lower his window to speak to the officer and drove off east-bound. Montreal police were called and the car was followed by two Public Security vehicles using emergency lights "to try to attract his attention," McBain said.

The car continued to drive erratically along Dorchester and onto René Lévesque, outside the Westmount sector, narrowly missing hitting another.

The Public Security cars kept following him, relaying his position and licence plate to police.

When the car turned onto the St. Marc approach to the westbound Ville Marie, however, officers were connected with the SQ whose officers patrol the autoroute, highway 720.

"At 5:20 am, we were advised that the SQ had sent a car to the suspect's house," McBain said. The end results were not known.

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mayor should accept full responsibility for both the successes and failures of his leadership. "The buck stops here" should apply to him.

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### DEVIL IS IN DETAILS

Regarding By-law 1489, council is seeking permission to unilaterally accept to review a project under the SCAOPI Process, prior to requesting any input from the community, and they have placed a non-referendum clause on this proposition.

In fact, it adds discretionary power to council to prior approve the parameters of a project by accepting trade-offs for special circumstances and therefore rewrites the scope of responsibility of review for both the Planning department and the Planning Advisory Committee. Acceptability would therefore only be evaluated and limited with respect to what council deems reasonable and acceptable.

The continuity and value of the Westmount community is an essential component of our efforts today. The precedents set today will have significant impact on the decisions made in the future by subsequent administrations.

Part of it is the "me too" phenomena and part is the increase in real estate taxes as a result of the first project putting an upward strain on the valuations of neighbouring properties. In many cases, as the value of their property goes up, the owners decide to sell.

Le Canadienne [at 4920 Sherbrooke St.], which was allowed to undergo much more demolition of the original facade than I personally believe was necessary, has now broken the continuity of the block and may serve as a precedent for the adjacent facades. Future administrations may never be aware of the history as to why such permission was granted.

The self perpetuating process of one special project being used as the reason for the adjacent project to seek special consideration is something council should consider seriously. If each project is required to have its own preliminary approval before entering into the SCAOPI process, then the evolution of the developments would by definition respect the evolution of the community.

The city has an urban plan with the zoning defined, and properties are bought and sold based on such by-laws. That a resident

who bought a house reasonably understanding the eventuality of a four-storey adjacent development, which the city may now propose to accept as a trade-off a higher and denser portion of the property, seems to be something rather important. A change in permitted occupancy or classification is equally important.

This new type of legislation requires greater dialogue, not simply after-the-fact consultation as a necessary malediction, failing which the heavy stick of the refer-

endum process becomes a tail-end lever that invariably leads to acrimony, as evidenced with the Proviso proposal on Westmount's border.

Council should be required to submit for review to all residents a summary of the project proposed to be evaluated under the SCAOPI process, and such review should be subject to a referendum.

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tended November 27, he said fully 17 of the report's recommendations were highlighted for special attention.

Some were already in practice by Westmount, such as not disclosing the names of people serving on contract award committees or ensuring the confidentiality of suppliers who pick up tender call documents.

Others were simply "common sense," such as support for whistle-blowers.

Another recommendation to encourage municipalities to use products used in other jurisdictions such as Ontario might be a good move but not on the condition they are "approved" by a Quebec public markets board since the price of "approved" products seems to rise.

One recommendation of interest "that made some sense," he said, was aimed at encouraging municipalities to hire more employees by allowing their costs to be eligible for inclusion in government grants, which is not so now.

The city experienced this with the Westmount recreation centre, Trent said. It was able to include the cost of a project manager from Genivar but not for Mike Deegan's salary as the city's on-site manager at the time.

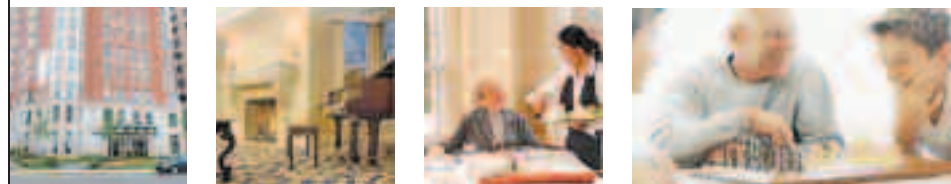
## Kennedy awarded by Montreal Dental Club



Dr. Samuel Michael Kennedy was honoured with a lifetime membership in recognition of a lifetime of achievement and contribution to the art and science of dentistry by the Montreal Dental Club November 20. The annual honorees' gala took place at the St. James Club. Kennedy has been a Westmount resident for over 60 years and practising prosthetic dentistry in the community for over 45.

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# Jane Goodall fundraiser brings message



## Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

the world that the then relatively unknown animal knew how to make – and use – a tool.

Long-time Westmount resident **Jane Silverstone Segal** hosted a fundraiser for Goodall's institute on October 21. With her husband **Hersch Segal**, they had a reception featuring vegetarian food. Hersch is the brilliant retail guru behind Le Château, and Jane's brains direct the success of Westmount's Oink Oink shop on Greene Ave.

She wore wonderful "look-at-me" ruby-red sequined pumps à la Dorothy's famed slippers in the *Wizard of Oz*. ("From Le Château of course!" she told me.)

The sold-out eve had ..... tickets at \$350, \$500 and *continued on p. 26*

Preparing to attend a reception for **Jane Goodall**, I must admit I felt a little frivolous putting on my favourite fragrance. After all, I was meeting a woman who for 55 years sat silently with chimpanzees, which she studied up close and personal in Gombe Stream National Park, Tanzania.

"I watched this dark shape use a leafy twig as a tool to pick up termites." With that sentence many years ago, she showed



Franco Rocchi, left, and Jane Silverstone Segal.



Jane Goodall, left, and Jordan Schacter.

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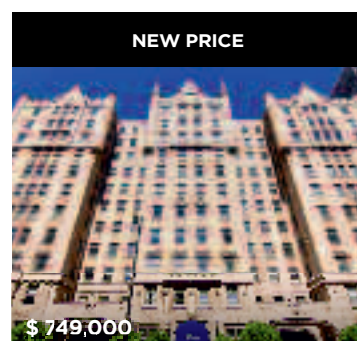
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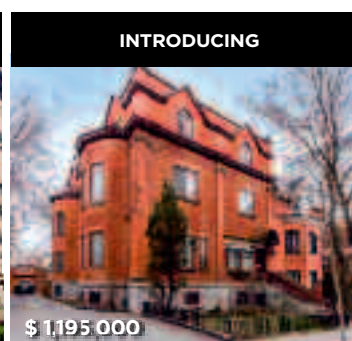


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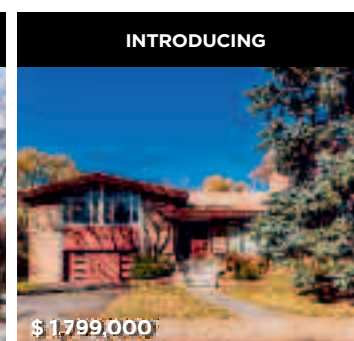
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## Social Notes cont'd. from p. 25

\$1,000. Attending from the Jane Goodall Institute of Canada were CEO **Andria Teather** and **Tara Allman**, manager, annual giving and events.

Seen admiring the Segals' shelves overflowing with colourful toys of all sizes were Westmounters **Dominique Bertrand** and **Jacques Maurice**, **Erica Diamond** and **Richard Stern**, **Kathryn Osborne**, **Annie Tobias**, **Moira** and **Michael Pesner**, **Jordan Schacter**, **Maureen** and **Jack Dym**, **Susan** and **Dan Lavy**, **Richard Stern**, **Avi Markovitch**, **Dana** and **Bill Bell**, **Linda Smith** and **Jennifer Burdon**.

Noted from Le Château were **Emilia Di Raddo**, president, and VP **Franco Rocchi**.

Model **Brad Koenig** and his agent **Diane Lang** enjoyed the fascinating eve as did **Marisa Barth**, **Dimitri Hazepondatris**, and **Marina** and **Joel Ostrov**.

Over the cocktail chatter, Goodall stood up on an upholstered bench in stocking feet and started to speak softly to the crowd, which then fell utterly silent. She explained her concerns about life on the planet. Then she gave little pant-hooting sounds as chimpanzees do in greeting and quietly disappeared "into the mist."



From left: Victoria Foote, Andrea Teather and Tara Ellman.

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Moira, left, and Michael Pesner.

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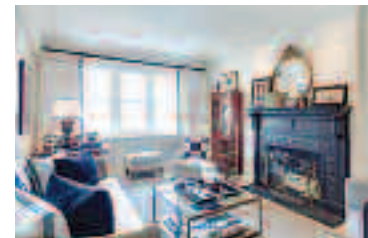
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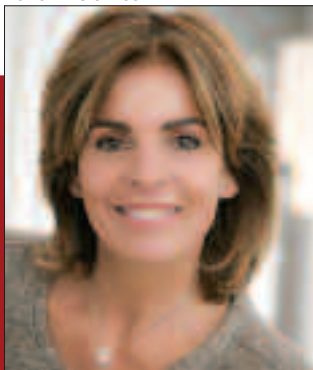
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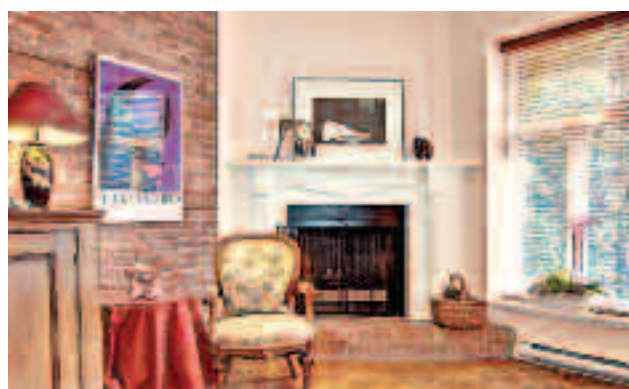
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