

# WESTMOUNT INDEPENDENT

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June 12-13, 2012

Deadline for flood claims: June 13

Last wall standing

## Mismanagement alleged, city outlines flood action

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

An action plan to study and resolve a recurring problem at many Westmount

homes of flooding by sewage water was unveiled at the city council meeting June 4 as Councillor Cynthia Lulham alleged years of "mismanagement of the issue."

In the wake of heavy rain May 29, the city hired a consulting hydraulics engineer June 1 to provide a virtual modelling of the sewer capacity along St. Catherine, director general Duncan Campbell said.

To help document what had happened, a phone survey also has taken place and the city is now asking for residents' cooperation during a door-to-door survey in certain areas. Camera inspections of some entry drains will also take ..... place. *continued on p. 24*



The last wall of the old arena comes down June 8. For photo montage, see p. 10 and 11.

Photo: Westmount Independent

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Mayor intervenes to help retain Greene landmark

## Nicholas Hoare bookstore gets stay of execution

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A stay of execution of at least six months was announced this week for a Greene Ave. landmark, Nicholas Hoare Books. It had been slated to close at month's end owing largely to a hefty rent increase following the sale of the building. Instead, the lease has been extended

another five months after the building owners allowed the store more time to reinvent itself, said Hoare, who founded the book chain and wholesale business bearing his name.

"In a community-spirited effort to keep our Westmount store open, the mayor of Westmount, Peter Trent, ..... has personally intervened *continued on p. 20*

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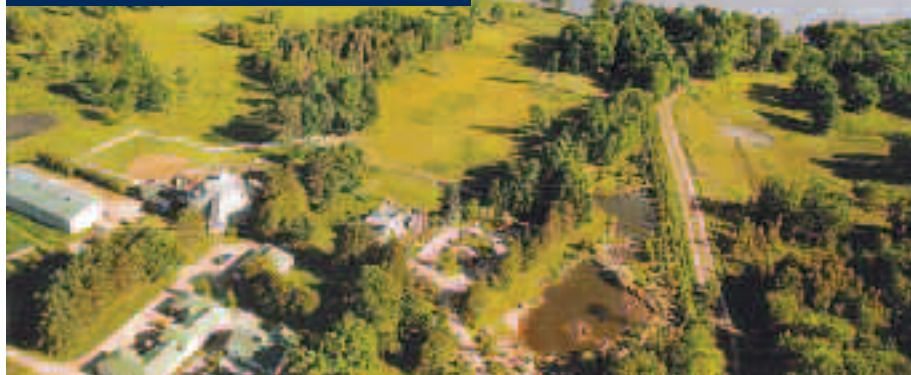
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## Found dangling from balloon string

# Residents, city workers rescue crow snared in tree

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A combined effort of residents and city workers led to the rescue June 1 of a crow that had become tangled in a balloon string caught in a tree outside 27 Burton, Public Security officials said.

While still unable to walk properly June 5, the bird was described as “better than he was” by veterinarian Allan Gilmour, a resident of the street who took the crow back to his Animal Health Clinic in NDG.

A fledgling, the crow was subsequently sent to Le Nichoir, a wild bird rehabilitation centre in Hudson.

“It looked like he had muscle and nerve damage from hanging upside down,” Gilmour explained. Twine attached to the knot on the balloon, all that remained, had become wrapped around the crow’s leg, he

said.

A neighbour had alerted Gilmour to the bird’s plight. When he arrived home from work, he found the crow flapping around and dangling out of reach from a branch. Residents tried to reach the bird using a ladder and a pole – to no avail, he said. “We even had the stupid idea of putting the ladder on the roof of an SUV, but came to our senses.”

When Public Security arrived on the scene at 5:48 pm, they found the bird “in distress” and about 20 people gathered around. “They were wonderful,” Gilmour said of officers.

They arranged for Public Works to bring around Hydro Westmount’s bucket truck – the “cherry picker” – and Paul Corbière, the night service person at Public Works and a former parking inspector,

brought the crow down.

While Gilmour said balloons can be problematic for turtles and fish that like to eat them, “this is the first time I’ve seen a balloon-related issue.”

At Le Nichoir, the crow is being integrated into a new family of other crows under rehab, Gilmour said. They are to be released together as a family toward the end of the summer.

“Too much time will have elapsed for

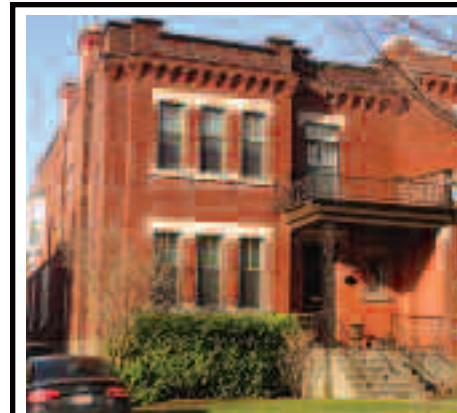
me to release him back to his family in Westmount, which I had hoped to do,” the vet explained. “They would perceive him as an intruder and kill him.”

Nevertheless, Gilmour said, the bird’s family knew he had taken the injured one into his house and came around the next day in large numbers looking for it. “Crows have long memories,” he added. Just not quite long enough, it appears, to await the rehabilitation process.



Crow is treated by Dr. Allan Gilmour, left, and Dr. James Drooker at the Animal Health Clinic. Inset: Crow stands with bandaging surrounding his leg.

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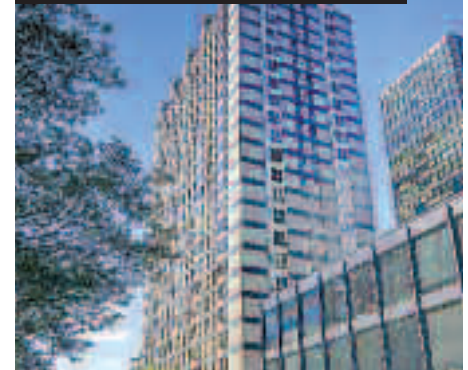
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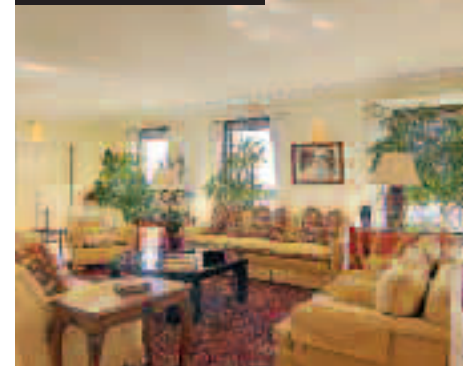
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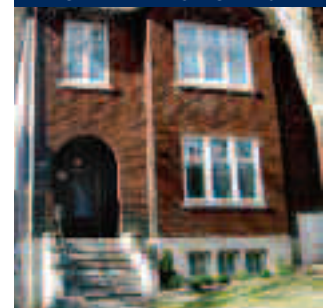


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BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

# NEWS FROM CITY

## Sound barrier picks up traction

# Council mandates start of bid for study

After three decades, the Westmount sound barrier project along the rail and highway transportation corridor appears to be gaining traction in the long journey toward becoming reality.

City council at its meeting June 4 au-

thorized the city administration to "immediately start" negotiating a feasibility study agreement with the Quebec government and railway parties so "corrective measures" could be in place before reconstruction of the Turcot work begins in 2014.

The timing is ripe for Westmount to proceed to this phase, explained city director general Duncan Campbell. The reconstruction designs for the Turcot project have been finalized and the Quebec Transport ministry (MTQ) appears open to mit-

igating environmental and noise impact.

The Turcot plans were presented to city council in general committee May 22 by MTQ representatives.

The resolution states that Westmount had been advised by railway officials to expect a "significant increase" in commuter rail traffic and that studies by Westmount and the MTQ showed current sound levels from the Ville Marie Expressway exceed the permissible level of 65 decibels especially east of the ..... Westmount Athletic *continued on p. 9*

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## Urban Planning public consultations called for June 20

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Public consultation meetings will take place June 20 on two draft by-laws. One is to rezone street level occupancies in five south-west zones for commercial-only use. The other is to integrate a conservation strategy for Category 1\* heritage buildings and address the relation of garages to streetscape, landscaping and sustainable development.

Both meetings were announced at the city council meeting June 4 to take place at city hall, starting with the rezoning by-law at 7 pm, followed by the 1\* buildings and garages at 7:15 pm.

The rezoning by-law covers proposed new regulations requiring only commercial occupancy on the street level of all buildings in five commercial zones other

than current usage. These zones stretch along both sides of Sherbrooke from the Esso service station at Grosvenor west to the city limits, and south down Victoria to just below Somerville (see story May 29, p. 1).

The draft by-law concerning 1\* buildings provides descriptions of important heritage-defining elements of these 48 buildings that would need to be conserved, explained Councillor Cynthia Lulham in tabling the by-law.

The provision governing the location of garages provides a more flexible guideline based on the street than previously required, when the policy was that garages should be out of view. Because "this didn't always work out," she said, the new directive for building garages will be dictated by how others are positioned on the street.

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# COUNCIL, JUNE 4

## Council tables anti-mask by-law, 'new tool' for police

City council June 4 tabled an expected by-law aimed at preventing the wearing of masks during public protests and demonstrations as well as requiring people involved to provide police with their itinerary.

This is similar to conditions in Montreal's by-law, which came into force May 19 and was requested by the legal department of Montreal police, according to city clerk Mario Gerbeau.

"Every time we have a new tool, it's good news for us," said local Station 12 police commander Stéphane Plourde.

The draft tabled by Westmount, however, excluded a unique provision that had been contained in the original draft that proposed regulating the conditions under which demonstrations could take place outside the residences of politicians in office (see June 5, p. 3).

This was omitted to allow for further study, Mayor Peter Trent told the *Inde-*

*pendent* after the meeting. "We decided – for now – to go with what Montreal had."

Since many politicians at different levels of government choose to live in Westmount, such a provision would also help protect the neighbourhoods in which they live, advocates say.

But Plourde said police have already started adopting a policy in this regards for the recent student protests.

### Protests will close Victoria

"We are now closing off the block on Victoria between Westmount Ave. and The Boulevard where both [Premier] Jean Charest and [Quebec Education minister] Michelle Courchesne live," he said.

He also said that Montreal police had obtained *continued on p. 26*

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## WHERE WILL CITY-MONITORED WATER USE END?

One has to question city council, which is proposing that its citizens can only water their lawns three days a week and only at an hour designated by the city.

This proposed by-law is an infringement on our collective rights and cannot be tolerated. I do not condone waste of any type, but where does this stop and what might be next? That I can only shower on odd numbered days if I live on the west side of the street? That my shower can only be three minutes in duration? Or that I can only do laundry on days that start with the letter “t”?

Please be more realistic! This proposal is an unenforceable absurdity. Are you going to send the “water police” to check citizens’ back yards nightly to make sure they are not watering them illegally? And what about the wastage that we cannot see? More water is lost through leaking city water pipes in a week than is consumed by all the collective lawn watering in a month.

Let’s get the city’s house in order before we start legislating what we citizens may and may not do.

Please stop interfering in our daily lives and start focusing on more urgent and immediate problems, like fixing our roads and infrastructure, timing our traffic lights

to improve traffic flow, eliminating bureaucratic waste and reducing our taxes, etc.

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## DRIVE-THRU PARK AT SUPERHOSPITAL?

I would like to echo Carola Gurband’s concerns as published in the May 22 edition (“More inspiring landscaping needed for superhospital,” p. 6) and comment on one aspect of Julie Paquet’s response to her letter.

She wrote “The design of the site has focused on creating spaces filled with natural light, relaxing gardens for our patients and easy traffic flow through the complex.” The last part of that sentence is quite telling in that it is the predominant aspect of the landscape design.

In front of the Children’s Hospital and the proposed Shriners’ pavilions is an enormous ramp looping down to the underground parking levels. It suddenly appeared in the last edition of the landscaping of the site. The play area for children is tucked out back of the complex on a slip of land facing the rebuilt Turcot.

The centre piece of the park is a large surface parking lot forming a second substantial barrier. Then, nearer the railroad, is another down ramp and a subsidiary drop-off roadway, and the whole park is



Page 6 of a document that can be found at <http://assets.muhc.ca/redesign/docs/Public-info-session.pdf>

Image courtesy of Roger Jochym

encircled by a large ring road.

The design does not seem to realize it is in an urban area and that a golden opportunity to create a significant park exists. It gives the impression of being a drive-thru park.

The heat sink capability of all that combined area of hard surfaces is detrimental.

Why did not the designers lead all vehicular traffic upon entering the site to the first underground parking level and incorporate the drop-off zones for the different pavilions at that level. Thus the ground level would be freed for a true parkland with a human sensibility of enjoyment.

ROGER JOCHYM, LEWIS AVE.

## WORRIERS SHOULD CARRY RADIATION METERS

Megan Durnford exaggerates the health risk associated with RF radiation from Hydro Westmount’s watt-hour meter installed at her house by quoting the radiated power level in microwatts per square meter instead of microwatts per square centimeter.

[In reference to the May 1 article and Megan Durnford’s letter June 5, p. 8, which mentions the Hydro Westmount meter “was emitting bursts peaking at 7,310 microwatts per square meter, pulsed approximately every 30 seconds,”] 7,310 microwatts per square meter is only 0.731 microwatts per square centimeter and that

was a peak power level. The average power level would be considerably less.

Furthermore, the measurement was taken at a distance of one meter away from the watt-hour meter and the actual exposure to a person located about 10 feet away would be approximately 10 times less.

If some people want to spend their lives worrying about radiation, they should get a scintillometer to measure the surprising level of radioactive emissions from the bricks in the walls of all Westmount houses and buildings, which we have lived in for years in happy ignorance of a possible health risk that is probably of the same insignificant order of magnitude as that posed by the new watt-hour meters.

JOHN DOREY, VICTORIA AVE.

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Construction to be viewable online in real-time

## Council okays excavation checker, \$1M for rink extension

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Who needs a TV program when you can watch in real-time what's happening at the arena/pool construction site?

"We expect to have a webcam installed on a street pole," Councillor Patrick Martin told the city council meeting June 4. "And before you go to bed at night, you'll want to see what has been going on at the Westmount recreation centre."

Major changes are evolving quickly at the site, he reported. At that time almost half the piles were in, demolition of the old pool and arena was nearing completion and a new perspective was emerging.

"Now we see the vista," he noted – an indication of what the view through the park from St. Catherine will be like with the ice rinks going in under ground.

It will be 18 months until completion of the new arena, he said, and a "rolling two-week schedule" will provide residents with a heads-up on what to expect next. This is expected to be posted on the city

website and bulletin boards.

Also at the meeting, council approved a total expenditure of \$24,720 for professional services from Inspec-sol for supervision of contaminated soil from the excavation. The amount is based on an hourly rate of \$75 for 3 hours a day for 80 days plus contingency and applicable taxes.

Removal of material will be undertaken "under extremely controlled environmental conditions to ensure it goes to the right place and not somewhere else," Martin explained.

In other project news, council also approved the appropriation of \$1 million from the year-end operating surplus of \$3.7 million for 2011 to cover the cost of extending the second rink to 200 feet, said Finance commissioner Tim Price. Some of this is expected to be defrayed by donations (see May 15, p. 1).

### Lost woman driven home

An 84-year-old woman who appeared disoriented and lost at 4877 Sherbrooke near Prince Albert at about 4:04 pm June 2 was driven home by public safety officers who traced her address to Westmount One. This is the seniors' residence at 4800 Côte St. Luc, adjacent to former Fire Station 2 at The Boulevard and Victoria.

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At a packed session of city council June 4 that lasted close to three hours, more than 20 residents took their turn at the microphone to question council on a wide array of topics. Shown at the mic, from right to left in speaking order, are: Michael Schwartz, Shelley Kerman, Sidonie Kerr, Tony Moffat, Paul Marriott and Bertha Dawang.

## Street fest to feature Vic Village art walk



From left, artist Branka Marinkovic, Avenue des Arts owner Pierre Le Gourriérec and artist Lacey Jane Wilburn worked together to organize the Victoria Village Art Walk.

For the fourth year, artists from Westmount and beyond will be participating in the Westmount Street Festival this weekend through a contribution of their own: the Victoria Village Art Walk.

Taking place on Victoria and Somerville avenues on June 16 and 17, the Art Walk will feature more than 60 artists from Westmount, greater Montreal and other parts of the province.

Avenue des Arts and the Visual Arts Centre will be holding several art demonstrations on June 16 at 1 pm.

On June 17 from 10 am to 3 pm, pets will get a chance to have their portraits drawn while getting their nails clipped in front of the Montreal Veterinary Hospital, 324 Victoria. Proceeds are to go to the non-profit organization AnimEscale. – MCB

## Advice from one artist to another



Strolling past the West End Gallery during the Greene Ave. merchants' sidewalk sale event on June 9, four-year-old Sarah Becket couldn't resist asking artist Richard Long for some advice on how to draw the face of her toy doll. Start with the eyes, he told her, then work downward to the nose and continue with the rest of the face. The Greene Avenue Merchants' Association reported a strong turnout, given the excellent weather on both days.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

## Red sticker means wrong garbage

If your garbage is still sitting uncollected at the end of the day, chances are it may have a telltale red sticker on it.

If so, it means the city's hired contractor was not allowed to pick it up, said Councillor Theodora Samiotis at the June 4 council meeting. It might be a TV set, propane tank, computer equipment, cardboard boxes or construction debris – anything prohibited from landfill for which alternate disposal means are available.

The stickers will include the phone number of Marina Peter, the city's environmental coordinator, who will explain why the labelled item was left behind and how it can be safely disposed. —LS



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## Sound, vibration targeted

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Grounds (WAG).

Moved by Councillor Theodora Samiotis, the resolution also states that the entire cost of the study and resulting sound barrier construction be borne by the MTQ.

"Up until now, the talks have been at the political level," Campbell explained after the meeting. "With this resolution, we'll be entering the administrative phase."

The resolution was announced as a new business item during emotional pleas

by residents of Bruce and Prospect over the noise, vibration and accelerated speed of commuter trains. "People have no more patience," said one.

The plans for rebuilding the Turcot interchange and some of the expressway had to be finalized first, Samiotis explained.

David Schachter of the Westmount Train Action Group (WTAG), who lives at 4700 St. Catherine (the "POM"), said noise from the commuter trains reaches 100 decibels, which the MTQ states is unacceptable for cars.

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# More moments of demolition, June 1 to 8



June 1.

Photo: Robert J. Galbraith



Water sprays down the dust at the site of a remaining arena wall near St. Catherine St. June 6.

Photo: Richard Rochester



June 8.

Photo: David Asch

## Joy ride or theft?

Three youths were spotted making off with an unlocked bicycle left near the soccer field fence along Academy Rd. June 2 just after 5 pm, Public Security officials said. When the boy riding it fell, the trio abandoned the bike and fled. Officers said it was not known whether the youths were planning to steal it or just taking it for a joy ride. The bike belonged to an employee of Sports and Recreation, who had left it unlocked.

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## 15-year-old fined for drinking

A 15-year-old Nuns' Island girl was issued a ticket for \$118 June 2 for consuming alcohol in Westmount Park at 8 pm, public safety officers report. She was found drinking from a large bottle of beer.

## Quiet work on Sunday

The work site gate was found open at the Westmount recreation centre June 3, a Sunday when all appeared inactive, Public Security officials said. A foreman, however, was found in the trailer preparing for Monday.

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# Backdoor burglaries come in three

BY ISAAC OLSON

Police at Station 12 are looking for possible connections between two backdoor break-ins that, occurring about 48 hours apart, led to one lost dog and several pieces of missing jewelry.

Similarly, a thief used the back door of a gift shop to rob unsuspecting employees of their personal possessions.

On the afternoon of June 3, the resident of an apartment on Hillside left the home's patio door open and the screen door unlocked. This allowed a burglar or burglars easy access, explained Constable Adalbert Pimentel. Two solid-gold rings were reported stolen.

"The particular thing about this story is there was a dog in the residence and, I don't know what kind of dog it was, but, because the door was left open, the dog left," said Pimentel. "Luckily, Public Security found the dog sometime later." (For story, see p. 33.)

Pimentel said a break-in while a dog is in the home is extremely rare because small dogs will make a lot of noise and, with larger dogs, it's "self explanatory." With or without a dog, Pimentel said it is important to always lock windows and doors before leaving.

The next step, he noted, is even if heading out to run some quick errands, to always engage a security system whenever one is available. A victim on Lexington near Shorncliffe left the house for two hours on the morning of June 5 and opted to not turn on the home's security. Somebody threw a rock through the window, unlocked the door, entered the home and left with jewelry.

Fingerprints and other clues are being examined in this case but, as of press time, Pimentel said there are no suspects. Either

way, he concluded, "you should always engage your alarm system, even if you're leaving the home for a short time. If you leave your home for a half hour or three days, it's the same thing. A robbery only takes three minutes."

On June 6, between 2 and 3 in the afternoon, somebody walked in the rear entrance of Zone, a gift shop on Sherbrooke west of Claremont. The thief stole a phone and wallet from employees storing their belongings in a back room. The suspect then walked out through the front door. Police are still reviewing the surveillance camera footage so a description was unavailable.

## How to stop that smoke detector

Somewhere outside 3714 The Boulevard an alarm was heard ringing May 29 at noon. It sounded like a smoke detector, Public Security officials said. But because it was traced to a construction container and buried somewhere in the debris, it was impossible to stop. Contractors could not be reached and were finally left a message at 2:20 pm. The heavy deluge of rain that fell later that afternoon was believed to have shorted out the alarm, which was found silenced at 7:25 pm.

## Hedge too bushy

The owner of a hedge on Prince Albert was advised to prune a hedge that had grown halfway over the sidewalk near Burton Ave. June 2, Public Security officials said. The hedge was described as obstructing passage.

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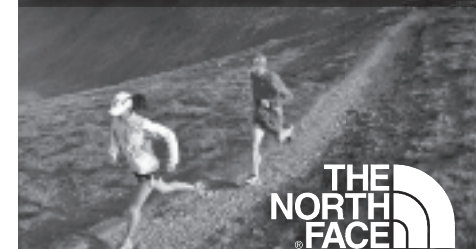


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## Resident found guilty of feeding wildlife

BY LAUREN SWEENEY

Westmount resident Larry Klepper was found guilty in Montreal municipal court June 6 of feeding wildlife. The widely reported case was heard February 28 this year over unpaid tickets that had been issued by Westmount Public Security in March 2011.

These were issued, as were a number of previous ones going back several years, under By-law 257, which prohibits the feeding of birds, rodents and other wildlife.

Enforcement of the by-law has been given high priority in efforts to curb a proliferation of rats – especially in Westmount Park – and to prevent peanut shells, in particular, from being picked up by children with allergies (see December 2, 2008, p. 1).

The recent ruling is separate from the court action still pending in Superior Court where the city is seeking a second injunction against Klepper to stop feeding wildlife. This hearing has been scheduled for February 4 and 5, 2013, city clerk Mario Gerbeau said last week.

A countersuit against the city by Klepper for \$65,000 in moral and exemplary damages is expected to be heard at the same time, Gerbeau said. Klepper is claiming in court documents that the city is discriminating against him and that he was not in a mental or physical condition to sign a October 2010 agreement not to feed wildlife.

The city's latest injunction attempt was launched in March 2011 after Klepper was ticketed for allegedly feeding wildlife after signing the October 2010 agreement to settle the city's first injunction request in June 2010.

## Party guests asked to leave

A complaint of loud music and yelling at 12:30 am from a house party on Roslyn Ave. brought public safety officers to a home near Côte St. Antoine June 3. The party toned down initially but complaints continued, and a 24-year-old host was told a ticket would be issued for \$146. Police finally asked the rowdy guests to leave, which they reportedly did just before 2 am.

# Game! Set! Fetch! – the making of *Wimbledog*

BY LAUREN O'LOUGHLIN

Catherine (Katie) Ekers, 84 and a resident of Kensington Ave., was thrilled when her book *Wimbledog* was launched on Amazon April 27. The book tells the story of Shellie, a mongrel dog and her owner Auntie E., as they triumph against



*Katie Ekers and her 14-year-old dog Emily, seen here enjoying fine weather on the balcony, May 19. Ekers' e-book *Wimbledog* was released on April 27.*

the odds and make it to “the most coveted canine tennis championship of them all: *Wimbledog*.”

Ekers first wrote the book 15 years ago. “The first chapter is true,” she said. It describes how she took her dog out for a late-night walk after attending a party. The ground is frosty, and she slips and breaks her ankle. Later, faced with the challenge of walking her dog with her leg in a cast, Ekers decided to teach her dog to play tennis. They would go to Mount Royal, whereupon Ekers, using a tennis racket and ball, would serve the ball and the dog would

catch it in mid air, then return the ball and lay it back down on the tennis racket. “This dog adored walks. So what do I do? I thought, I’ll teach her how to play tennis, ... and by June she was getting pretty good. People would stop and say ‘she is fantastic!’”

One day, as Ekers made her way home to watch the annual lawn tennis tournament *Wimbleton* on television, she had an epiphany. “Something clicked, and I thought – ‘*Wimbledog*! A *Wimbleton* for dogs! It was so much fun doing the research, I did it all at the Westmount Library,” she recalled.

Ekers produced a hard copy of the story with carefully selected images depicting everything from the lay-out of the canine tennis courts to the portraits of the various competing dogs. Her work, neatly assembled in a spiral bound hard cover album, remained unknown to all but her closest friends until about two months ago when Ekers ran into an acquaintance while walking on Mount Royal. “We were talking about *Wimbleton*, and he stopped and said ‘I’d like to see that book of yours ... you can publish it for nothing you know?’ So off I went to edit and rewrite it and [now] there it is – it’s in cyberspace,” she

said.

Ekers’ career began at Ogilvy’s in 1949, where she became advertising and public relations manager, and vice president of the landmark Montreal department store. Later in her career, she became a freelance writer and is now retired and lives with her dog Emily.

*Wimbledog* is available on Amazon in a Kindle edition. The book appeals to a broad audience, from older children to tennis or animal enthusiasts of all ages.

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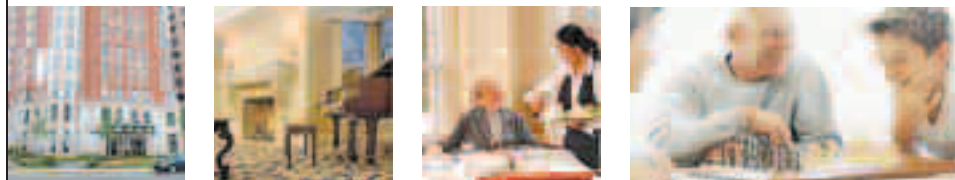
## Teens visit local 'farm'



A group of teens in an environmental leadership program called C-Vert gathered in the garden of Westmounter Marci Babineau on May 30. They were given a tour of the garden of vegetables, fruit trees, chickens and bee hives that Babineau keeps on her property. The program is part of the Claudine and Stephen Bronfman Family Foundation. The group gathers on Wednesdays after school and provides 14- to 16-year-old youths from inner city neighbourhoods unique environmental learning opportunities. For more information: [www.c-vert.org](http://www.c-vert.org).

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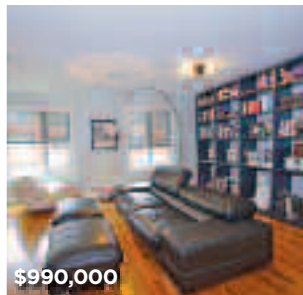
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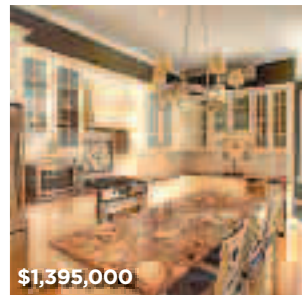
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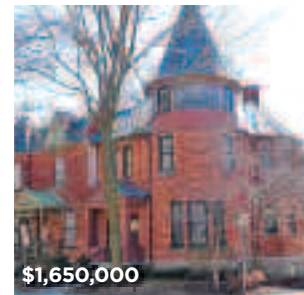
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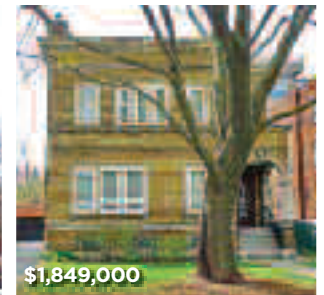
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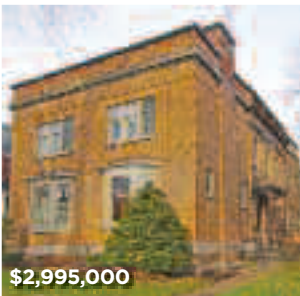
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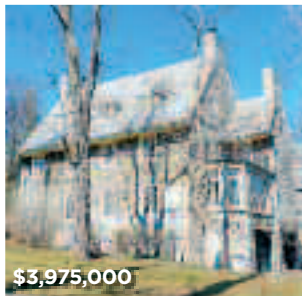
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The Greenes and Atwaters (Lucy Huntingdon Greene married Edwin Atwater) designed Hallowell for development and then sold off the land to Dame Lily Macaulay, wife of Charles Cushing, for \$9,144 or 30 cents per square foot. This was 332 feet of frontage on Hallowell with the land reaching back to the lane between Hallowell and Bruce Ave. By then, the Atlantic and NorthWest Railway Company owned the land on the south border of Hallowell and was in the process of laying tracks on what is now the Canadian Pacific Railway right-of-way.

Various efforts were made to develop the land: Albert Delorimier bought the

land in December 1891; A.W. Fauteux tried to set things up in June of 1892; Pierre Thibus Cantara bought it in February 1893; and finally Adolphe Paquette, contractor, purchased a modest 77 feet of frontage along the middle of the single-block street in November 1893 and set about the construction of four elegant duplexes. The houses were built by 1895 and Paquette sold off two of them to James Frederic Jenkins (Nos. 65-67 and 69-71), and one more to George Franklin Johnston (Nos. 73-75), but kept 61-63 as his own.

Sadly, only a year later, Paquette died insolvent, and the sheriff of Montreal was called upon to sell the property to the main creditors, the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada Superannuation & Provident Fund Association, in October of 1897, mainly for the accumulated costs that had accrued since Paquette's death.

The pension fund held on to the duplex for 17 years, renting it out until finally selling it to Alice E.M. Scott in March 1914 for \$6,500. It appears that the building had fallen into disrepair at the time. It was sold without warranty but the fund agreed "to finish the repairs now being made thereon."



61-63 Hallowell St.

Scott purchased the next two duplexes – 65-67 and 69-71 Hallowell – a month later and held on to the three buildings until

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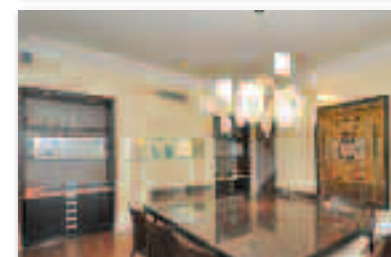
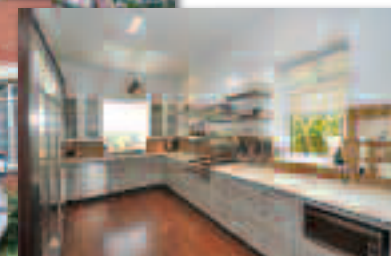


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# Hallowell house history

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sold all three buildings to Arthur Rose for “\$1 and other good and valuable considerations.” He held on to them for only four months before turning two of them (61-63 and 65-67) over to Mr. & Mrs. Hermann Buthmann (Ella Schroeder) for \$8,750, with a \$4,500 mortgage owing to Wilder-Birmingham Realty Company at 5 percent.

The two buildings were sold to Effie Scott, wife of A. Murray Thomson, in March 1950, this time for \$10,000. By then, the Buthmanns had paid off the \$4,500 mortgage and accepted a \$7,000 balance of sale from Scott, again at 5 percent and covering a period of five years. As it turns out, Thomson died and Scott very quickly sold the two properties to Ruth Rosenberg, wife of Hare Ben Albert (from whom she was legally separated), for \$13,000, taking over the balance of sale owing to the Buthmanns.

The next deed in November 1956 splits the two properties and 61-63 Hallowell went to Alfred Jolicoeur for \$14,000, thus more than the amount paid for the two of them six years before. Rents were declared at \$80 per month for 63 Hallowell and \$75

per month for 61 Hallowell.

Jolicoeur took two mortgages, one from Mr. & Mrs. Léo Bourbonnais (\$6,000) for three years at 6.5 percent, and \$4,000 from the vendor for eight years at six percent.

Suddenly it appears the duplex became something of a “hot potato,” selling to Amédée Lemieux, a notary, who paid \$16,000 in May of 1957; she sold to William Phelan, a manufacturer, in December 1958 for \$17,000 plus two months of free rent at 63 Hallowell. Some 18 months later, in June of 1960, he transferred ownership to J.H. Larivière, superintendent, for \$18,976.44, again holding two mortgages including \$1,000 to Lemieux and another \$8,000 to Lydia and Eva Beaulieu. Larivière had lived at 63 Hallowell since October 1959.

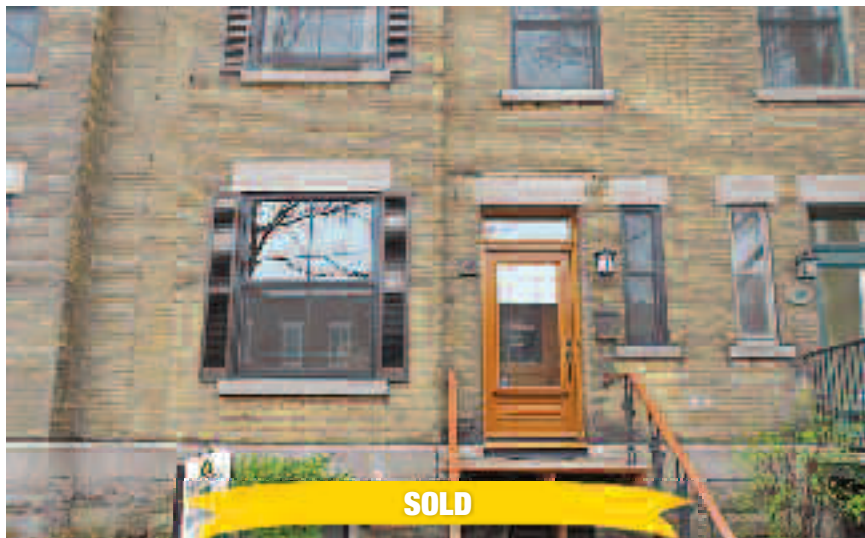
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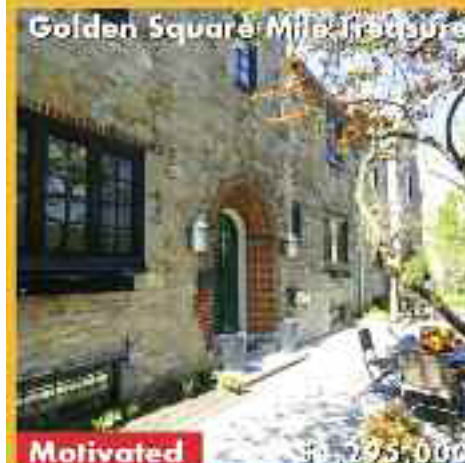
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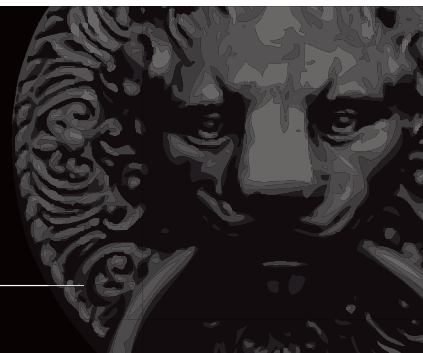
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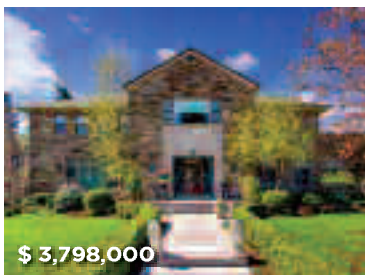
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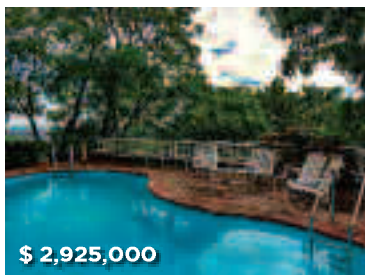


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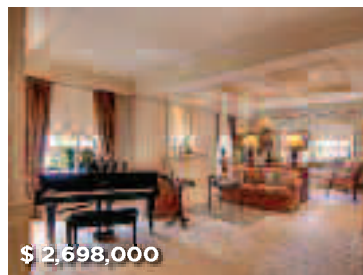
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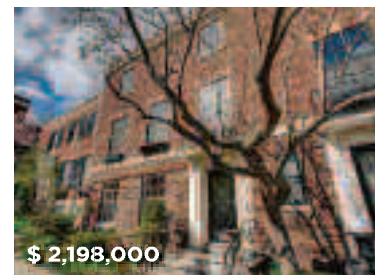
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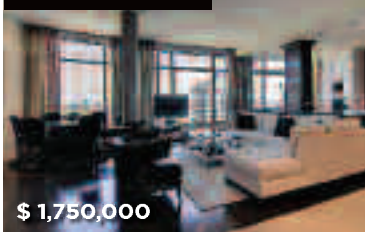
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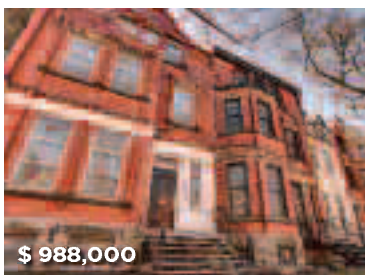
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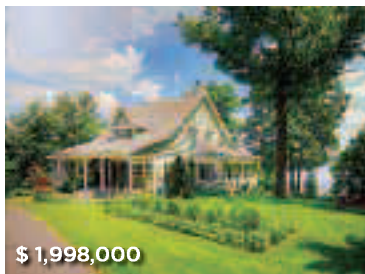
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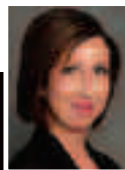
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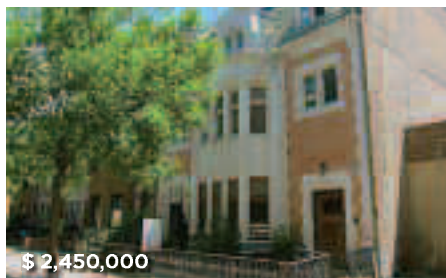
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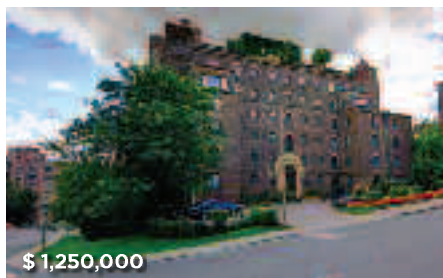
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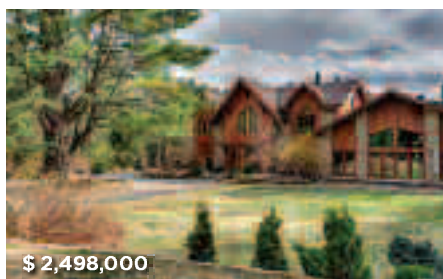


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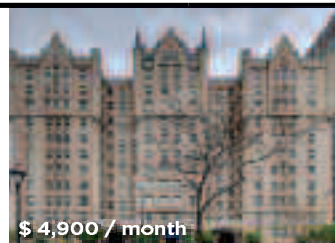
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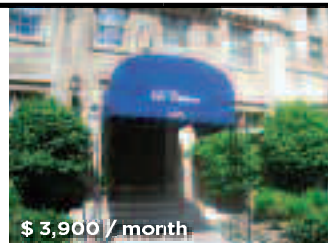
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## Nicholas Hoare: future up to customers

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to spearhead a stay of execution," he stated in announcing the change in plan.

The store, which has been on Greene for four decades, will also retain its staff.

The pending closure had been announced in March as part of downsizing the retail arm of Hoare's business in which only the more lucrative Toronto outlet would remain (see March 20, p. 1).

The decision now to remain open is a three-way experiment, Hoare said, to try to retain the store for its cultural contribution to the community.

"We are therefore throwing down the gauntlet. Since we have been operating the store pro bono for quite some time ourselves, it is now our customers' call, not ours, as to whether we stay or leave in January," he stated.

The building owners, his landlords, "have also agreed in principle to a new long-term lease thereafter if our customers return in full force to vindicate our decision to remain open. Otherwise, we'll close January 1."

Trent said he had received requests from residents wanting the store to remain open and that he worked with Hoare to try to find a solution. "I shared with him some business advice that I think helped break the logjam."

And as far as Hoare is concerned, Trent pulled "the rabbit out of the hat."

It was just over two years ago that Trent brokered a deal with the developer of the new condos at 1250 Greene that would enable Les 5 Saisons, another mainstay retailer on the street, to occupy the ground floor of the new building once completed.

A year ago he also intervened with the SAQ on the proposed closure of its two retail liquor outlets serving eastern Westmount. Since then, the branch at the Pepsi Forum has remained open while only the one at Westmount Square was closed.

Hoare said he had received 590 emails from customers in Westmount and around the world concerned by the store's pending closure, which was part of a downsizing that included shutting down his retail outlet in Ottawa at the end of April.

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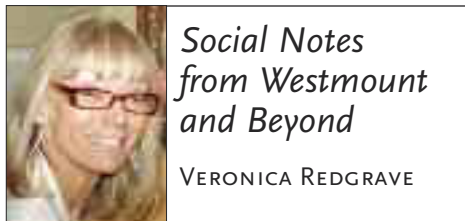
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*Social Notes  
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VERONICA REDGRAVE

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It started over 20 years ago, when Epstein met with **Phyllis Lambert**, founding director of the CCA, to discuss pursuing graduate work in architectural history – which he did. After completing a master's degree in Georgian architecture at London's Courtauld Institute of Art, Epstein



*Geoffrey Harling, Will Tretiak and Eric Caron.*



*Clarence Epstein, Mary Kay and Frederick Lowy.*

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moved into ecclesiastical architecture, specifically in Montreal. His doctoral thesis, completed in 1999 at the University of Edinburgh, resulted in the book.

Lambert, who wrote the preface, wel-

comed guests arriving at the private reception. Over 100 copies were quickly sold.

Held on a glorious evening, the event attracted many Westmounters including

Clarence's wife **Karen Beaulieu** (spring bright in fuchsia) with their charming little girls **Olivia** and **Marlo**, **Jonathan Goldbloom**, **Nicole Small** and ..... **Charles Porteous**, **Alwynn** *continued on p. 23*

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Also seen in the packed room were Mary Kay and Frederick Lowy, president

of Concordia University, Bina and Leonard Ellen, Hanka Hornstein and her son Mark, Carolyn Renaud, Lillian Vineberg, Diane and Sal Guerrera, Denis Brott, Jacques Desrochers of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, and Mirko Zardini, director of the CCA.

## Humour for hope raises \$60K for Cedars



Westmounter Valerie Laidley-Price, right, and Marcelle Lavoie-Meterissian were two of 350 attendees at Humour for Hope, which raised \$60,000 for the Cedars Breast Clinic at its May 30 event at Concordia's Oscar Peterson Hall.

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Jonathan Goldbloom, Rhoda and Robert Vineberg, and Karen Beaulieu.

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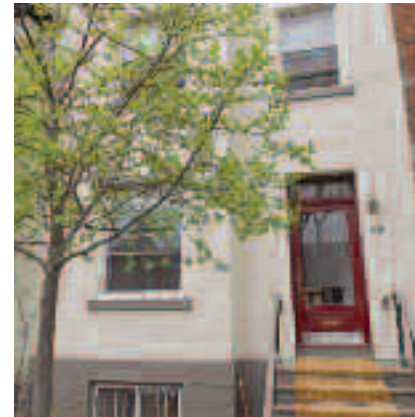
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# Part of Montreal Children's Hospital to remain in Westmount after move to superhospital

BY MARLENE EISNER

As part of the new MUHC superhospital going up at the site of the former Glen Yards, the Montreal Children's Hospital will be relocating there and consolidating its services. The *Independent* struck out to learn if the services in the only building under the Children's umbrella that is located in Westmount will also move. The answer was no.

The Gilman Pavilion, located on Atwater Ave. south of Dorchester, houses the pediatric dentistry and adolescent medicine clinics of the Children's.

As per the mandate of the McGill University Hospital Centre (MUHC), all tertiary and specialized care currently available to adolescents at the Gilman will move to the site of the new super hospital.

"The rest of the services provided in dentistry and adolescent medicine will remain at the Gilman," said Lisa Dutton, manager of public relations and communications at the Children's.

Dutton also said that for now, there are no plans to sell the building, but she was unable to confirm who its owners are.

"Construction at the Glen is scheduled



The Gilman Pavilion of the Montreal Children's Hospital, located in Westmount on the west side of Atwater Ave. south of Dorchester, will keep its adolescent dentistry and adolescent medicine services when the Children's moves to the MUHC Glen site in 2015.

# Flood

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As well, the city will be looking downstream at the capability of collector sewers in St. Henri to handle effluence.

Lulham urged all affected residents, like herself, to file their claims from the recent rain storm and sewer backup within the 15-day deadline, which is Wednesday, June 13.

## Suggestions ignored

To a packed council audience that included many flood victims, she related how water had gushed up from drains to fill her basement at St. Catherine and Irvine with more than two feet. It was the fourth time in six years it had occurred despite many of her own corrective measures and suggestions to the city for solutions.

"To date nothing has been done," she charged.

"I have been on council over 16 years and have always supported our administration. Today, I express my utter disappointment in Westmount's administration and Public Works department. You have grossly mismanaged this issue and caused unnecessary damage, stress and financial costs to the residents of St. Catherine St., Abbott, Hillside, Metcalfe, Irvine, Park Place, Redfern, Melville and Lewis.

"How will they be compensated for their losses – will it require a class action suit against the city?"

Flooding, Lulham said, devalues property, raises insurance rates and requires property owners to declare it in selling their houses.

The council had met with Public Works officials before the public meeting, as had been called for by Utilities and Public Works commissioner Patrick Martin, among other council members (see June 5, p. 1).

When a visibly angered Lulham concluded her statement, Mayor Peter Trent said, "That very much sets the tone."

Pamela Layton, who manages the apartment building at the southwest corner of Abbott and St. Catherine, presented council with a petition signed by 46 residents urging action.

Last August, after enduring her fourth flood in five years, she said a Public Works official told her a study of the situation had been commissioned. "I kept waiting and waiting," she said.

She also said she wanted to install a green roof, which helps absorb rainfall, but the city was not offering any incentives. "I've spent seven work days trying to clean

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to finish at the end of 2014," explained Julie Paquet, communications manager for the new MUHC site.

"Then there will be a commissioning period when all through the winter and spring we will put in our employees, train them, make sure equipment is running ... and we will treat our first patients in 2015."

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## 7 tickets for beer in parks

Public safety officers issued tickets to seven people for drinking beer in two city parks over the Victoria Day weekend starting with a group of four in Murray Park on May 18. The young men and women came from Montreal and Dollard des Ormeaux. A 17-year-old, as a juvenile, was ticketed \$118. The others, aged 19 and 20, received tickets for \$217.

Three others from Montreal and Lachine were fined for drinking in Westmount Park May 20 at 9:56 pm. One was also 17, the others, 18 and 19.

# problems outlined

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my basement. I've had it up to here. You've got to come up with some kind of relief," she told the council.

"We have to do something very, very quickly," Trent said.

## Findings from Saskatoon, FCM

Lulham, who had represented Westmount over the weekend at the annual conference of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) in Saskatoon discovered that city had been proactive in

storm water management and installed retention tanks lower than the lowest basement in two vulnerable areas.

As well, a presentation by Infrastructure Canada outlined the need for municipalities to upgrade infrastructure to meet weather changes and a new storm frequency.

What were once "once-in-50-year storms" are now "once-in-25-year storms," she said. And on average, storms that occurred once in 25 years are now happening every seven.

In Westmount, the sewer main along

St. Catherine was installed more than 100 years ago for a less built-up community. Interestingly, Lulham later said, no flooding had been reported to date at houses in the de Casson area, where the city had rerouted the sewer network away from the collector at Atwater and Sherbrooke.

That main no longer had the capacity to handle Westmount's discharge after the building of the new housing development on the site of the former military establishment off Atwater near Delavigne, just outside of Westmount.

## Many calls over outage

"Multiple calls" were reported to have been received by Public Security May 22 around 6 pm when the power went out in lower Westmount. Many came from the large apartment buildings that included 4300 de Maisonneuve, 220 Lansdowne and 200 Olivier. All customers were reported reconnected by 10 pm.

The blackout was caused by "a surcharge of power from the Hydro Quebec feed that tripped one of the circuit breakers at our Olivier substation," said city director general Duncan Campbell.



Ville de Westmount

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### AVIS PUBLIC ASSEMBLÉE PUBLIQUE DE CONSULTATION PROJET DE RÈGLEMENT 1432 LE MERCREDI 20 JUIN 2012 – 19 h 15

À TOUTES LES PERSONNES INTÉRESSÉES PAR LE PROJET DE RÈGLEMENT N° 1432 INTITULÉ « RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1305 SUR LES PLANS D'IMPLANTATION ET D'INTÉGRATION ARCHITECTURALE »

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné par le soussigné, greffier de la Ville de Westmount, de ce qui suit :

1. Lors de sa séance ordinaire tenue le lundi 4 juin 2012, le conseil a adopté par résolution le projet de règlement n° 1432, intitulé « RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1305 SUR LES PLANS D'IMPLANTATION ET D'INTÉGRATION ARCHITECTURALE ».
2. Conformément à la *Loi sur l'aménagement et l'urbanisme* (L.R.Q., chapitre A-19.1), une assemblée publique de consultation aura lieu le **mercredi 20 juin 2012 à 19 h 15**, à la salle du conseil de l'hôtel de ville de Westmount située au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest.

Cette assemblée publique de consultation a pour but d'expliquer le projet de règlement n° 1432 dont l'objet vise à :

- intégrer une stratégie de conservation des bâtiments de catégorie 1\*;
  - modifier la section 5.2.9 afin de mieux aborder les rapports entre les garages et le voisinage, l'impact sur l'aménagement paysager et le développement durable.
3. Au cours de cette assemblée, la personne qui préside expliquera le projet de règlement et entendra les personnes et organismes qui désirent s'exprimer.
  4. Le projet de règlement ne comporte aucune disposition propre à un règlement susceptible d'approbation référendaire.
  5. Le projet de règlement s'applique à l'ensemble du territoire de la Ville de Westmount.
  6. Toute personne intéressée peut consulter ce projet de règlement et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, du lundi au jeudi de 8 h à 16 h 30 et le vendredi de 8 h à 13 h.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 12 juin 2012.

**Mario Gerbeau**  
Greffier de la ville

### PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING DRAFT BY-LAW 1432 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2012 - 7:15 p.m.

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED BY THE DRAFT BY-LAW NO. 1432 ENTITLED "BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 1305 ON SITE PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMMES"

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

1. At its regular meeting held on Monday, June 4, 2012, Council adopted by resolution the draft By-law No. 1432 entitled "**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 1305 ON SITE PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMMES**".
2. In accordance with *An Act respecting land use planning and development* (R.S.Q., chapter A-19.1), a public consultation meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at 7:15 p.m.**, in the Council Chamber of Westmount City Hall located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West.

The purpose of this public consultation meeting is to explain the draft By-law No. 1432, the object of which is:

- to integrate a conservation strategy for category 1\* buildings;
  - to modify section 5.2.9 to better address the relation of garages to streetscape, the impact on landscape as well as sustainable development.
3. During this meeting, the person presiding will explain the draft by-law and will hear every person or body wishing to express an opinion.
  4. The draft by-law contains no provisions making it a by-law subject to approval by way of referendum.
  5. The draft by-law concerns the whole territory of the City of Westmount.
  6. Any interested person may consult this draft by-law and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, from Monday to Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, June 12, 2012

**Mario Gerbeau**  
City Clerk

# Anti-mask by-law differs from Bill 78

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authorization at the end of May to enforce Quebec Bill 78, which governs, in part, the wearing of masks and requires organizers to provide police with an itinerary eight hours ahead.

This authority to enforce the provincial legislation came through special delegation of powers to eight sergeant-detectives, Plourde said. Before this, the Montreal force had been able only to enforce the Montreal municipal by-law. Deciding under which law a person might be

charged would likely be made after a demonstration, he said.

Like Montreal's, the Westmount by-law would prohibit participants in or present at "an assembly, parade or gathering" from covering their faces "without reasonable excuse" by means of a scarf, hood or mask.

It also calls for police to be informed of the "exact venue or route where applicable" though no advance time element is involved as in Bill 78.

### **Bill 78 different**

The provincial law requires organizers

of events involving 50 people or more to file an itinerary, and the means of transportation to be used, at least eight hours ahead. Violations can bring fines ranging from \$1,000 and up to \$125,000 (for associations). This law also contains many other provisions related to the student protest and is entitled "An act to enable students to receive instruction from the post-secondary institutions they attend."

Westmount's by-law calls for the same fines as Montreal's. These range from \$500 to \$1,000 for a first offence; \$1,000 to \$2,000 for a second offence, and \$2,000

to \$3,000 for subsequent offences.

Trent, who is president of the Association of Suburban Municipalities, said he expected other suburbs "to follow Westmount's lead."

In Westmount's case, being surrounded by Montreal, to not adopt it would make it "a lightning rod" for demonstrations, he told the council meeting.

Called "By-law concerning the prevention of breaches of the peace, public order and safety," it is scheduled to be adopted July 3 and to go into effect July 10.



**Ville de Westmount**  
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## AVIS DE DEMANDE DE DÉMOLITION

### À TOUTES LES PERSONNES INTÉRESSÉES :

**AVIS PUBLIC** est par la présente donné que la Ville de Westmount a reçu une demande du propriétaire du bâtiment situé au **42, chemin Belvedere** pour un permis de démolition de ce bâtiment.

Ce projet implique une démolition substantielle du bâtiment original. Comme les travaux touchent plus de 50 % de toutes les façades principales, le projet doit être soumis à l'examen du comité de démolition. Ce projet consiste en l'ajout d'un troisième étage inclus dans un toit en pente ainsi qu'une addition en forme de «L» dans le coin nord-est du bâtiment existant.

Tous les documents pertinents concernant cette demande de démolition, incluant les plans, peuvent être consultés durant les heures d'été, soit du lundi au jeudi entre 8 h et 16 h 30 et le vendredi de 8 h à 13 h, au bureau de la directrice du Service de l'aménagement urbain de la Ville de Westmount situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount.

Toute personne qui veut s'opposer ou faire des commentaires à l'égard de la délivrance d'un permis de démolition doit, dans les dix (10) jours de la publication de l'avis public ou, à défaut, dans les dix (10) jours qui suivent l'affichage de l'avis sur l'immeuble concerné, faire connaître par écrit son opposition ou ses commentaires au greffier de la ville à l'adresse suivante :

Greffier de la Ville  
Ville de Westmount  
4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest  
Westmount (Québec) H3Z 1E2  
Téléphone: (514) 989-5318

Toutes les personnes qui auront déposé une opposition ou des commentaires par écrit à l'intérieur de ce délai seront avisées de la date, de l'heure et de l'endroit où se tiendra la séance publique du comité de démolition au cours de laquelle cette demande de permis de démolition et le « programme préliminaire » pour la réutilisation du sol à être dégagé seront considérés. Ces personnes (ou leurs représentants dûment autorisés par écrit) pourront être entendues par le comité de démolition au cours de la séance publique.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 12<sup>e</sup> jour du mois de juin 2012.

Mario Gerbeau  
Greffier de la ville

## NOTICE OF DEMOLITION APPLICATION

### TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that the City of Westmount has received an application from the owner of the building situated at **42 Belvedere Road** for a demolition permit of this building.

This project involves substantial demolition of the original building. As the demolition work exceeds 50% of all main façades, the project must be submitted for consideration by the Demolition Committee. This project consists of adding a third floor included in a sloped roof as well as an "L" shape addition to the northeast corner of the existing building.

All relevant documents concerning this proposed demolition, including plans may be consulted on any working day, Monday to Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in the office of the Director of Urban Planning Department of the City of Westmount located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount.

Every person wishing to oppose or make comments on the granting of a demolition permit must, within ten (10) days of publication of this public notice or failing such notice, within the ten (10) days following the posting of the notice on the immovable concerned, make his/her objections or comments known in writing to the City Clerk at the following address:

The City Clerk  
City of Westmount  
4333 Sherbrooke Street West  
Westmount, Quebec H3Z 1E2  
Telephone: 514 989-5318

All persons who shall have filed objections and/or comments in writing within the said delay shall be notified of the date, time and place of the public sitting of the Demolition Committee at which the said application for the demolition permit and the "preliminary program" for the reutilization of the vacated land shall be considered. All such persons (or their representatives duly authorized in writing) may be heard by the Demolition Committee at the said public sitting.

GIVEN at Westmount, Quebec, this 12th day of June 2012.

Mario Gerbeau  
City Clerk

# Final-game high

## Hockey Beginnings

INGRID KOVITCH-DANNENBAUM



20 minutes at a stretch.

The outcome didn't matter a whit, and probably no one even noticed that *the green team totally destroyed the yellow team!*

More important was the post-game celebration, complete with trophy bestowal, five-course meal and official awards ceremony. In addition to the standard honours at such events, B. was inspired to introduce several new laurels. These included, among others:

- The "Best Wipe-out on Network TV" Award. (With three news clip appearances to our credit, there was more competition for this award than one might imagine).

and

- The "I Would Beat up an Old Lady for Ice Time" Award. (Ditto, re: unexpected competition).

There were also written tributes from the team to our coaches. They were lauded and thanked – excessively, in my opinion – for their dedication, encouragement, patience, and infinite wisdom (!?!). Mystified, I noted that some of these expressions of gratitude were addressed to B. (Believe me I checked. And double-checked).

Some ladies were grateful to "finally be able to understand the conversations at Christmas dinner." Others, for being taught to "play (sort of) hockey!"

But mostly we were grateful for the sisterhood, sportsmanship and camaraderie. And for the luxury and good fortune to share our weekly dose of Just Plain Fun with such an awesome group of like-minded zealots.

It would be safe to say that the program was such a success that it will continue next year ... somewhere!

You go girls. Game on.

*Westmounter and hockey player Ingrid Kovitch-Dannenbaum helped start "Beginner hockey for women," a new program being offered by the Sports and Recreation department.*

## Pless to receive honorary doctorate of science from Western

Lansdowne resident Dr. Barry Pless is to receive an honorary doctorate of science from the University of Western Ontario in June, where he will be delivering the convocation address. Pless is professor emeritus of pediatrics, epidemiology and biostatistics at McGill University.

Alas! Our final ice time of the year!

Rigorous training completed, we could now bask in glory while competing for the much-coveted Dollarama Cup.

Using a complicated draft formula, including variables such as age, slapshot speed, body mass index, number of prior convictions and favours owed, B. had spent the previous week painstakingly dividing us into two perfectly balanced teams. Or perhaps he had just used the Sorting Hat.

We would play for the full hour and a half. This meant that there would be no bubbles drills (not even backward), nor loafing-under-the-guise-of-stretching. Best of all, there would be no chalk talk.

With each passing week these white-board theory sessions had become ever more tedious. And perplexing. B. had delusionally progressed from simple sketches of "breakouts" to elaborate diagrams so full of arrows, swooshes and swirls that they looked not entirely unlike satellite views of global weather systems as seen from outer space.

We had also secured real goalies! One was an ingratiating husband, hoping to earn sufficient points to permit a golf trip with his buddies the following month. The other was an unsuspecting brother-in-law, ambushed at the airport upon his return from Australia. Expecting to be taken for lunch after his 18-hour flight, he was instead ferried to the arena and unceremoniously propped up in nets. (Lunch aside, coffee might have been good. But at least he had an excuse.)

### No more 'fraidy cats

Watching the hotly-contested game, I noted with great satisfaction that we no longer resembled frightened cats skittering about the ice. With the exception of a few gratuitous dives, many of us were able to remain upright for the bulk of the play. The swarm was occasionally forsaken in favour of "positions," and the din of on-ice gossip was periodically interrupted by the unmistakable thwack of a stick actually making contact with a puck.

Moreover, between our adopted mantra of "expect to score every time you shoot the puck," and the jet-lagged zombie between the posts, we were able to prevent the scorekeeper from napping for more than

## Police seek crossing guards

Local police Station 12 is looking for on-call crossing guard candidates to work in the neighbourhood for the next school year. The work pays \$13.04 an hour.

Anyone wishing to apply may do so at the station on Stanton St. Information is also available at 514.280.3210.

## Electrical saws stopped on Sunday

The use of noisy saws was stopped on May 27 at three locations after neighbours complained about the illegal use of such equipment on a Sunday, Public Security officials said. The work was on Lansdowne, Thornhill and Westmount Ave., where ceramic tiles were being built.



Ville de Westmount  
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### AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1431

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné à tous ceux qui peuvent être concernés que le règlement n° 1431 intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 726 DE LA CIRCULATION** » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance ordinaire tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 4 juin 2012.

L'objet de ce règlement vise à augmenter de 45 \$ à 90 \$ les amendes relatives aux infractions suivantes :

- stationnement en face d'une entrée privée;
- stationnement dans une zone réservée aux personnes handicapées sans le permis requis;
- arrêt sur la voie publique le long d'un véhicule arrêté ou stationné (stationnement en double).

Ce règlement entre en vigueur en date de ce jour.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter ce règlement sur le site web de la ville : [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org) et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, du lundi au jeudi de 8 h à 16 h 30 et le vendredi de 8 h à 13 h.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 12 juin 2012.

### NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1431

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law No. 1431 entitled "**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 726 CONCERNING STREET TRAFFIC**" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a regular sitting held at City Hall on June 4, 2012.

The object of this by-law is to increase from \$45 to \$90 the fines related to the following offences:

- Parking in front of a private driveway;
- Parking in a zone reserved for handicapped persons without the required permit;
- Stopping on the roadway alongside a stopped or parked vehicle (double parking).

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](http://www.westmount.org) and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Monday to Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, this June 12, 2012.

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# Hallowell history

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ovations, since by December of that year they had re-rented 63 Hallowell for \$300 per month, and they were able to sell the whole duplex to James William Mathewson for \$53,000, more than double what they paid eleven months earlier.

James Mathewson moved into 61 Hallowell and maintained the duplex for ten years before selling to Darrell Finlayson and Peter Thrasher in January 1984, again for "\$1 and other good and valuable considerations," but by now the city was able (through the transfer tax declaration) to determine that the value of the consideration was \$103,600.

This was the beginning of the next "rush" of sales of the duplex: Darrell Finlayson and Peter Thrasher sold to Johanne Lépine, Judith Zelles and Jean Beaulieu in July 1985, for \$130,000; they sold to Mary M. Hughes in August 1986, for \$187,400; she sold to Joe Czenze, a police officer from Ontario, in July 1988, for \$240,000; he sold in January 1989, to Albert Yan-Loi Shu, a designer, for \$299,000. By then the two-storey upper unit was being rented for \$1,400 per month, and the lower unit included two bedrooms in the basement, so was also a two-storey unit.

The market peaked in 1989 and started spinning downwards to the point that Mr. Shu was only able to sell in the spring of 1992 for \$225,000, to Georges Younes and Maro Akoury, and by then the rent of the upper unit had dropped to \$1,225 per month.

While most duplexes in Westmount were being broken up into condominiums or at least being sold as co-properties, the duplex status of this property was maintained throughout the 1990s and the couple put it on the market in January 1996, finally selling it three years later to Christian Bilodeau and Roshanak Rostami in May 1999, for \$250,000, an increase of

only 11 percent over the space of seven years. The vendors had taken over the upper unit and rented out the lower for \$900 per month.

Less than a year later, the duplex was back on the market again, and in March of

2000 the couple sold to two couples, Abraham Kaufman and his wife, Miriam Fleischman, and Herman Fleischman and his wife, Esther Kleinberger, for \$289,000. The lower unit still was being ..... rented, now for \$895 with *continued on p. 30*

## 61-63 Hallowell St. list of buyers

Date	Buyer	Price
7 May, 1872	Thomas Allen Stayner	land
28 Apr, 1890	Greene-Atwater family	land
24 Dec, 1891	Lily M. Macaulay (Cushing)	land
25 Jun, 1892	Albert E. Delorimier	land
4 Feb, 1893	A.W. Fauteux	land
25 Nov, 1893	Pierre Thibus Cantara	land
18 Oct, 1897	Adolphe Paquette	land
2 Mar, 1914	Grand Trunk Railway Superannuation Fund	transfer
17 Feb, 1942	Alice E.M. Scott	\$6,500
12 Jun, 1942	*Arthur Rose	*\$1
3 Mar, 1950	*Hermann Buthmann and Ella Schroeder (Buthmann)	*\$4,375
12 Jul, 1950	*Effie Scott (Thomson)	*\$5,000
10 Nov, 1956	Ruth Rosenberg (Albert)	\$13,000
22 May, 1957	Alfred Jolicoeur	\$14,000
29 Dec, 1958	Amédée Lemieux	\$16,000
16 Jun, 1960	William M. Phelan	\$17,000
22 Jan, 1974	J.H. Raymond Larivière	\$18,976
20 Dec, 1974	J. Logan Connolly & Tanina Kusiak	\$21,000
31 Jan, 1984	James William Mathewson	\$53,000
17 Jul, 1985	Darrell Finlayson & Peter Thrasher	^\$103,600
11 Aug, 1986	Johanne Lépine, Judith Zelles & Jean Beaulieu	\$130,000
15 Jul, 1988	Mary M. Hughes	\$187,400
11 Jan, 1989	Joe Czenze	\$240,000
30 Jun, 1992	Albert Yan-Loi Shu	\$299,000
31 May, 1999	Georges Younes & Maro Akoury	\$225,000
17 Apr, 2000	Christian Bilodeau & Roshanak Rostami	\$250,000
11 Oct, 2002	A. Kaufman & M. & H. Fleischman & E. Kleinberger	\$289,000
6 May, 2003	Chester Chi Wa Lo & Jennifer Keav Taing	\$408,000
11 Aug, 2005	James Yang & Rosa Yao	\$450,000
16 Mar, 2012	Linda Christensen	\$512,500
	Kenneth Sun & Renée Hughes	\$807,600

\*Sale involved 61-63 Hallowell and 65-67 Hallowell; price quoted here is half the price for the two duplexes.

^Price declared as \$1 and considerations; the price quoted here is the declared value for municipal transfer tax purposes.

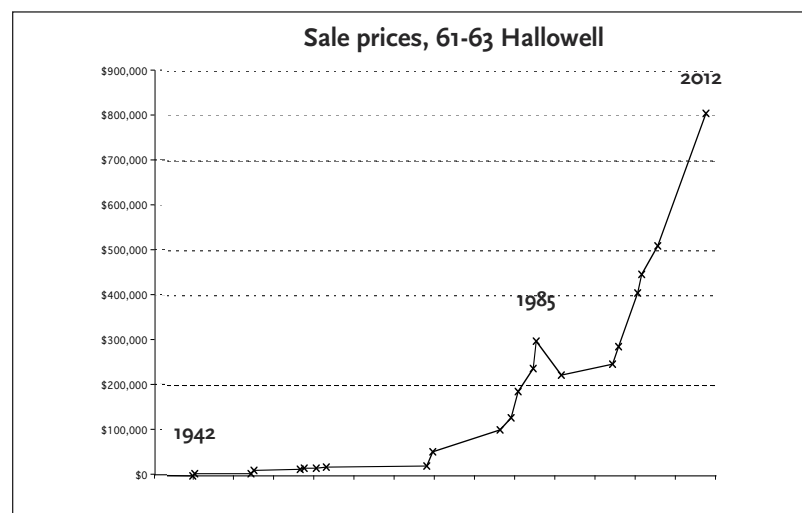
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**PREMIER PROJET DE RÈGLEMENT 1434**  
**LE MERCREDI 20 JUIN 2012 – 19 h**

À TOUTES LES PERSONNES INTÉRESSÉES PAR LE PREMIER PROJET DE RÈGLEMENT N° 1434 INTITULÉ « *RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1303 CONCERNANT LE ZONAGE – ZONES C5-20-01, C5-20-02, C5-20-03, C5-20-04 ET C5-20-05 (USAGE COMMERCIAL)* »

**AVIS PUBLIC** est par les présentes donné par le soussigné, greffier de la Ville de Westmount, de ce qui suit :

1. Lors de sa séance ordinaire tenue le lundi 4 juin 2012, le conseil a adopté par résolution le premier projet de règlement n° 1434 intitulé « *RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1303 CONCERNANT LE ZONAGE – ZONES C5-20-01, C5-20-02, C5-20-03, C5-20-04 ET C5-20-05 (USAGE COMMERCIAL)* ».
2. Conformément à la *Loi sur l'aménagement et l'urbanisme* (L.R.Q., chapitre A-19.1), une assemblée publique de consultation aura lieu le **mercredi 20 juin 2012 à 19 h**, à la salle du conseil de l'hôtel de ville de Westmount située au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest.

Cette assemblée publique de consultation a pour but d'expliquer le premier projet de règlement n° 1434 dont l'objet vise notamment à permettre seulement un usage commercial au niveau de la rue (sous-sol et rez-de-chaussée) dans tout bâtiment, nouveau ou existant dans les zones C5-20-01, C5-20-02, C5-20-03, C5-20-04 et C5-20-05.

3. Au cours de cette assemblée, la personne qui préside expliquera le premier projet de règlement et entendra les personnes et organismes qui désirent s'exprimer.
4. Le premier projet de règlement comporte des dispositions propres à un règlement susceptible d'approbation référendaire.
5. Le premier projet de règlement s'applique aux zones concernées C5-20-01, C5-20-02, C5-20-03, C5-20-04 et C5-20-05.
6. **LE CROQUIS DES ZONES CONCERNÉES :**  
Le croquis des zones concernées est reproduit ci-contre.
7. Toute personne intéressée peut consulter le premier projet de règlement n° 1434 et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, du lundi au jeudi de 8 h à 16 h 30 et le vendredi de 8 h à 13 h.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 12 juin 2012.

**Mario Gerbeau**  
Greffier de la ville

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING**  
**FIRST DRAFT BY-LAW 1434**  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.**

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED BY THE FIRST DRAFT BY-LAW NO. 1434 ENTITLED "*BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 1303 – ZONES C5-20-01, C5-20-02, C5-20-03, C5-20-04 AND C5-20-05 (COMMERCIAL USE)*"

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given by the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Westmount, of the following:

1. At its regular meeting held on Monday, June 4, 2012, Council adopted by resolution, the first draft By-law no. 1434 entitled "*BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 1303 – ZONES C5-20-01, C5-20-02, C5-20-03, C5-20-04 AND C5-20-05 (COMMERCIAL USE)*".
2. In accordance with *An Act respecting land use planning and development* (R.S.Q., chapter A-19.1), a public consultation meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Council Chamber of Westmount City Hall located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West.

The purpose of this public consultation meeting is to explain the first draft By-law no. 1434, the object of which is, among other things, to permit only a

commercial use at the street level (basement and ground level) in any existing or new building located in zones C5-20-01, C5-20-02, C5-20-03, C5-20-04 and C5-20-05.

3. During this meeting, the person presiding will explain the first draft by-law and will hear every person or body wishing to express an opinion.
4. The first draft by-law contains provisions making it a by-law subject to approval by way of referendum.
5. The first draft by-law concerns zones C5-20-01, C5-20-02, C5-20-03, C5-20-04 and C5-20-05.

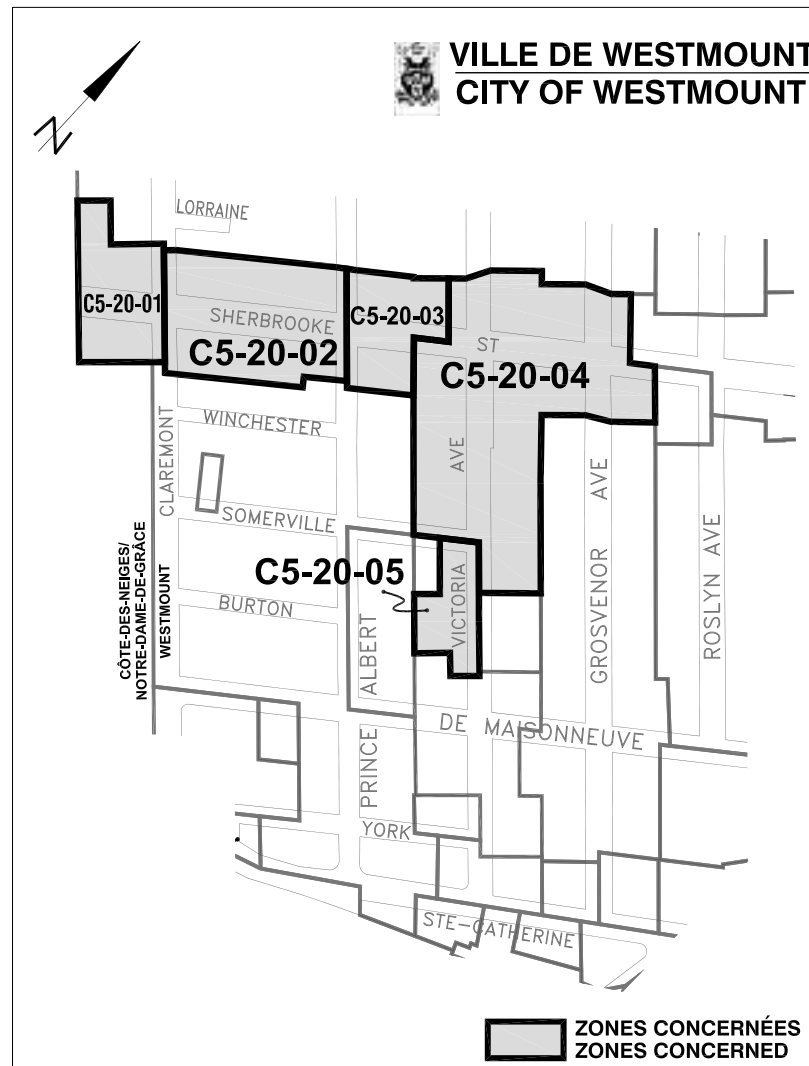
**6. SKETCH OF THE CONCERNED ZONES:**

The sketch of the concerned zones is reproduced herewith.

7. Any interested person may consult the first draft By-law no. 1434 and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, from Monday to Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 14

A program celebrating **Bloomsday** Montreal with moderator Dana Hearne, who will speak on the importance of Nora Barnacle in James Joyce's life and writing; Gus O'Gorman to perform readings from *Ulysses*; and singer Beverly McGuire, 12:30 pm at the Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater. Free.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

**Public consultation meetings** at city hall on two draft by-laws: one to rezone street level occupancies in five south-west zones for commercial-only use, 7 pm; the other to integrate a conservation strategy for Category 1\* heritage buildings, 7:15 pm. See story, p. 4.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

Westmount Historical Association presents "**Hockey in Westmount** and the Ross Trophy" with Mike Deegan, director of Sports, Recreation and Community Events, 7 to 9 pm in the Westmount Public Library. Info: 514.989.5510.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

**Fête de la St. Jean** by the city of Westmount, 5 to 10 pm in Westmount Park. Activities, cake and bonfire, and refreshments for purchase. In case of rain: Victoria Hall. Info: Community Events 514.989.5226.

## Hallowell

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a lease ending in September. Neither couple moved into the premises but they upped the rent to \$1,400 a month by the time they sold to Chester Chi Wa Lo and his wife, Jennifer Keav Taing, in October, 2002, this time for \$408,000.

The next sale took only seven months, as the couple — who lived at 1081 St. Urbain Street, Apt. 108, in Montreal — transferred the house to James Yang and Rosa Yao, who lived in Apt. 508 of the same building. The price was \$450,000 and still only one rent was in force, for the same \$1,400 per month.

The market continued to climb and the house was put back on the market in 2004, asking either \$635,000 for the entire property or \$285,000 for the ground floor/basement; Linda Christensen opted to buy the entire building for \$512,500 (after being on the market for almost a year), signing the deeds on August 11, 2005. Apparently she moved in upstairs and rented the ground floor/basement, though no leases were in effect when she put it back on the market in June 2010, asking \$949,000. It finally sold without legal warranty in March this year, for \$807,600, to Kenneth Sun and Renée Hughes. By then Linda Christensen had moved out and was renting the upstairs unit for \$2,300 a month, but the lower unit was still empty.

The duplex has always faced the Westmount Athletic Grounds, which started off in the late 19th century as the playing fields of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association. This has given it a sunny, pleasant view from all floors, and the cul-de-sac has offered privacy for the residents.

*Andy Dodge is a residential real estate appraiser. His email address is andy@andydodgeassociates.com.*

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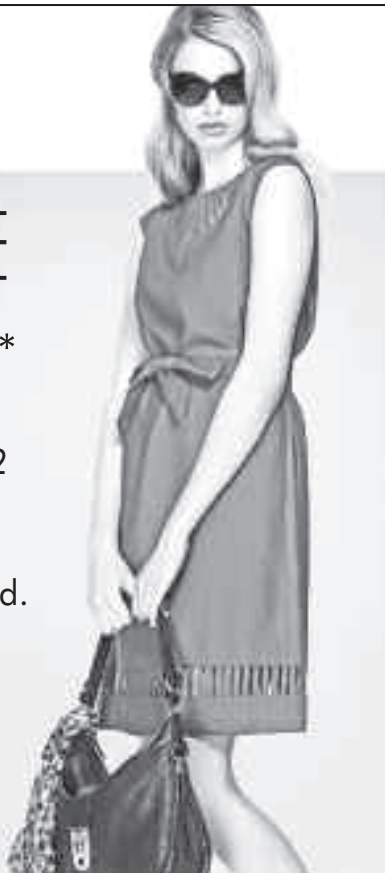
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## Feature story

## Lyme disease on the rise in Montreal

By ROBERT J. GALBRAITH



Dr. J. Marc Vaillancourt of the Westmount Animal Hospital holds Fouphe, June 8. He says that instances of ticks on pets, particularly dogs, have increased by 300 percent over the last few years. Not all ticks carry Lyme disease, but some do.

Westmount veterinarian Dr. J. Marc Vaillancourt says that the possibility of you or your pet contracting the debilitating inflammatory disease known as Lyme disease has skyrocketed in the Montreal region over the last few years.

The disease is caused by the bacteria *borrelia burgdorferi* and is transmitted by the black-legged tick (also known as the deer tick) as it feeds on human or animal blood or if an infected tick is handled (in its removal, for example) improperly. If the disease is not at first properly diagnosed, it can lead to a debilitating symptoms that include first a rash, then headaches, fever, chills, swollen joints and pain. If not properly treated quickly, it can lead to arthritic, neurological and cardiac problems.

This explosion in tick numbers is due to more temperate winters that favour tick reproduction and a boom in the bacteria's principal hosts or vectors, mainly deer and mice, according to Patrick Leighton of the Uni-

versity of Montreal's faculty of veterinary medicine. And says Vaillancourt, it is a very real and growing threat to humans as well as pets in Westmount.

"This spring, we have had 20 to 25 cases of ticks on pets so far," said Vaillancourt. "This is many more cases of seeing ticks than I'm used to. We never used to have this many. It has been incredible, with a 300 percent increase of cases over the last few years.

"Besides humans, the bovines, equines, canines and also mice can suffer the same symptoms from Lyme disease," he explained.

Preventative medication is available for pets against Lyme disease. Pets show similar symptoms as humans.

"In the cases we see, some originate when people vacation in the United States or cottage in the Eastern Townships. [Some even come] from the Montreal area, including Westmount."

Lyme disease was first recognized in the community of Lyme, Connecticut in 1975, when a group of school children fell victim to an outbreak of juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. But it wasn't until 1982 that the cause of the disease was realized. It is believed to have originated in Europe and brought to this continent, hitching a ride on someone's pet, most likely a dog.

The first instance of the disease in Canada was in southern Ontario, along the shores of Lake Erie in the early 1980s. Since then, Lyme's has become established in Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, as well as much of southern British Columbia.

Lyme disease cases are skyrocketing in Vermont, New York and Maine. In 2008, there were more than 29,000 cases reported in the US, with the majority of them in the northeastern states, according to the American website [www.inquisitr.com](http://www.inquisitr.com).

"Presently, a preventative vaccine for dogs and antibiotics for humans are available," acknowledged Vaillancourt. "But it is best to take preventative measures before you get the disease. When walking in the woods, it is suggested that humans wear high boots or at least tuck their pants into their socks. If you bring your dog along, check the dog's skin for the presence of ticks. You should wear rubber or latex gloves when searching your pet for ticks, or removing a tick," he said. "If a tick is found, it must be removed and identified for the disease. It is important to test the tick for LD, which is done in a lab."

The Public Health Agency of Canada has a form to fill out and address to which a dead tick can be sent.



A blood-filled deer tick that was removed from a dog host with a specialized pair of tweezers.

Photo from the archives of Robert J. Galbraith

If you detect a tick on yourself or your pet, it is important not try to burn it off with a match head, coat it with Vaseline or pull it out with your finger nails, as some might believe. These techniques can cause the tick to regurgitate its stomach contents, included the Lyme bacteria, into the host, therefore making the situation even



The writer's dog Pippy bounds carefree through a field in the Eastern Townships, oblivious to potential deer ticks which may be lurking in their favourite habitat of warm damp areas in brush and other vegetation.

worse.

Also, you may want to reconsider having your pet sleep on your bed, especially after being in areas ticks inhabit.

For more information, visit [www.hospitalveterinairewestmount.com](http://www.hospitalveterinairewestmount.com), the Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation at [www.canlyme.com](http://www.canlyme.com) or the Public Health Agency of Canada at [www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/id-mi/lyme-eng.php](http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/id-mi/lyme-eng.php).

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# Fidgi, the toddler



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She is a very bright girl, who is friendly and naturally dominant.

At 100 pounds, this stunning beauty is charming and has her basic obedience down pat. But her dominance is also her Achilles heel. If she is intimidated or spooked, Fidgi's response can be to act out.



Fidgi

## Spaniel sets out on its own – again

A spaniel living on Rosemount Crescent that has been the subject of many loose-dog reports over the last year was found on the lam again June 4 on Mount Pleasant by someone who took it to the Public Works yard. It was quickly identified by Public Security, and the dog made it home safely once again, along with another \$75 ticket for its owners.

Usually this takes the form of growling, coupled with a show of her pearly whites.

Trainers assure Fidgi's behaviour is not due to an aggressive streak but a sort of "undesirable display" of her dominance given her youth and her personality.

Underneath this behaviour is a gentle soul who listens well. And the good news, the growling tendency can be modified through training – basically working with Fidgi to show her what is appropriate and what isn't – and sticking to your guns.

Fidgi is good with dogs and cats, and is on the whole an excellent companion. She enjoys walks and is trustworthy when left at home alone.

Have you seen enough tantrums to make you scream? Don't like to see the little human ones flailing their tiny limbs on the ground? Fidgi pales in comparison. Contact Sophie's Dog Adoptions to enquire about adopting Fidgi at info@sophiesdogadoption.com or 514.523.5052.

And, people, patience! Sophie asks us to remind our readers to please allow up to 48 hours for call or emails to be returned.

## Dog found after break-in

A public safety officer was flagged down June 3 at 11:40 pm by a woman walking along Hillside holding a dog she had found. Twenty minutes later a resident of the street called searching for the 16-year-old house dog that was reported to have escaped when an apartment on the street was broken into and a door left open by the burglar.

## Three dogs, one ticket

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# Xena rescued after Family Day

MARTIN C. BARRY

A female Doberman pinscher, whose existence until recently consisted of making puppies while chained up, has a new lease on life thanks to the efforts of some Westmounters.



Xena with Lysanne Fowler, May 27, on a rest stop while travelling to the dog's foster family in St. Jérôme.

Photo courtesy of Lysanne Fowler

When two staff from the K911 animal ambulance service took part in Westmount's annual Family Day in May, they told Lysanne Fowler about two-year-old Xena.

K911 had spotted Xena for sale on the Kijiji website. She was owned by a man in Little Burgundy, who had already sold several litters of her offspring.

"She was nothing more than a breeding machine to him," Fowler told the *Independent*, while adding that Xena was kept chained in a basement and hadn't been outside since last October.

While the owner tried to drive up the

price, in the end he agreed to sell Xena for \$250.

The guys at K911 then entrusted Xena to Fowler, who let her loose for a while in the Westmount Athletics Grounds dog run.

Staff at the Little Bear pet supplies boutique furnished a soft velour collar, a leash, a water bowl and a few toy balls. Xena was driven to a foster home in St. Jérôme and is now up for adoption.

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*On the Market*

# York St. home originally built for spice merchant and family

BY JOANNE PENHALE

Some of the red-orange bricks used to make this 1894 sub-divided home in Westmount's southwest have animal prints baked into them.



*One of two apartments on the second floor opens into this double room.*

"The old way of making brick was they baked them in the hot sun, in the fields," said seller Wanda Potrykus, as she pointed out some rabbit-sized paw prints on the home's side. Animals would have likely run across the bricks.

Other history embedded in the side of the house are horizontal scratches from the comings and goings of swaying horse-drawn wagons.

The owner since 1996, Potrykus lives on the main floor of the 27,000 square-foot house, which also has an unfinished basement.

A decade ago, she was visited by an elderly woman introducing herself as Emily-Anne, the granddaughter of home's original owner, spice merchant James Patterson; and who as a child lived in one of the upstairs apartments with her parents.

Seeing the original dining room, Emily-Anne shared a memory of her grandfather, Potrykus recalled. "He would be sitting there in front of all these beautiful tea cups with the tea pots in front and he would taste the tea and then spit it out. Sort of like they do wines."

"This house has always had a wonderful feel to it," Potrykus said. Its facade shimmers in the late afternoon sun, she said.

The verandah's original carved wood needs attention, Potrykus explained. The double door entrance, in tiger oak, is original, as are ornate mouldings in the 20-foot-long living room and other main floor rooms. Several original rounded corners in the home, Potrykus noted, are a legacy of when builders didn't know how to create squared corners.

The small kitchen on the main floor, Potrykus admitted, is ill-conceived – with cupboards too high for even a tall person.

Potrykus said the home was very well-built, but badly looked-after in the 1940s

when it held rooming houses. She said she's taken pride in "repairing the bones" of the home.



*Two mature maple trees stand in front of this 1894 turreted home in Westmount's southwest.*

Each of the three apartments has two bedrooms, and none are adjacent to one another. Potrykus noted the original stairwell, which once opened to a balustrade from which bedrooms were accessed, now separates the two upstairs apartments.

Westmount lost the original plans for the home in an archival fire in the 1920s, Potrykus said.

An ornamental turret – accessible through the second-story balcony if one has a sturdy ladder and strong arms – was once used by tenants as a meditation room, Potrykus said.

The York St. home is listed by agent Alexandre Sebe of Sutton Realty, at \$999,000. It can be sold as an entire home or as separate units with undivided co-ownership. The lot size is 403 square metres; yearly taxes are just over \$7,000.

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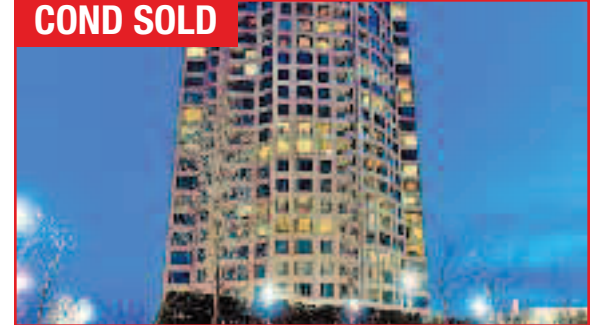
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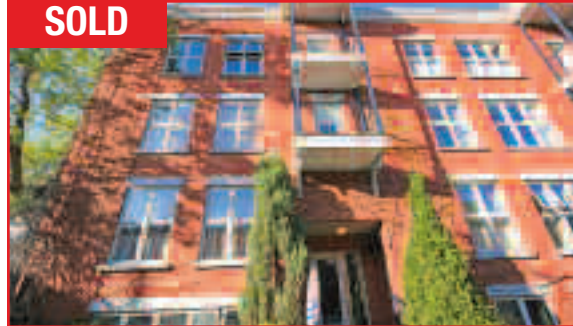
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