

# WESTMOUNT INDEPENDENT

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## Agglo report: Westmount diverts 54% of waste from landfill

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount held onto the same level for waste management and overall elimination from landfill in the annual report of residual material published by the Montreal agglomeration.

In presenting the figures for 2017, Westmount was shown as diverting 53.5 percent of all disposable material to collections of recyclables, organic material (compostable kitchen waste, garden debris and leaves), and household hazardous and construction waste.

Electronics and textiles (clothing) also went out for re-use.

This compares with 53 percent five years ago in 2013 (see story Septem-

ber 30, p. 1).

Total waste generated last year totalled 12,185 tonnes, of which 5,671 was sent to landfill while another 6,514 went to recuperation and re-use.

While the agglo totals include textiles and electronics, these precise figures are not specified in the agglo report, but were provided by Public Works officials. Textiles went to the Salvation Army and electronics to the Electronic Products Recycling Association (EPRA/ARPE).

While the total of material collected from blue bins for recycling was down some 3 percent over 2013, organics from the green bin collection and leaves, rose more than 2 percent.

An additional increase *continued on p. 15*

## Westmount Park School to close for 2 years



Westmount Park Elementary School, located at the southern end of Westmount Park and pictured here October 26, will close for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years. Students will likely be relocated to the Marymount building on Côte St. Luc Rd. near Decarie and the former St. John Bosco Elementary School in Ville Émard, south of the Lachine canal. See p. 12 for story. PHOTO: INDEPENDENT.

## Mayor: AGIL report a consultant's 'opinion' City to prioritize St. Catherine before Dorchester, Tupper lots

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

With the city's posting October 2 of last year's AGIL report on a planning vision for revitalizing the southeast sector, concerned residents now have 75 pages to sift through its technical information, diagrams and recommendations. The report is in French with an English executive summary.

The report, commissioned by the outgoing council on March 7, 2017, had been deferred to the new council for the consideration of ways to integrate commercial St. Catherine St. east of Clarke with the residential area of Dorchester and to examine the development potential of the city's Tupper parking lots in between.

"This will be part of the work for the new Urban *continued on p. 8*

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## New roof defective, then crane permit denied

# All's well that ends well when roof hassle resolved

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

In a long saga of efforts to get a roof over his head, a resident living along the bike path on the south side of de Maison-neuve between Metcalfe and Melville, appears to be headed toward a happy conclusion.

It all began when Jack Martin had his aging roof replaced, only to have the new one spring a number of leaks through the membrane. A battle ensued, followed by the signing of a new contract with another roofer to remove the defective roof and add a new one.

All seemed great until the roofing company told him it had been denied a permit by the city to install a crane over the sidewalk and bike path for the one day of work needed to hoist equipment up and down.

With winter approaching, and not knowing what to do, he contacted Councillor Cynthia Lulham, his district representative, and then Mayor Christina Smith, and, following that, the *Independent*.

"It's very much a threat and a considerable source of stress," he said October 22 in relating his dilemma.

But early the next day, Martin relayed "good news" he had received from Public Works at the end of the work day October 22: his roofer's permit had been approved.

The reason he had been given by the roofer for the initial permit denial, he said, was that the company understood (or misunderstood) that the city had adopted a new "rule" over the summer after he had signed his contract that it no longer granted permits for equipment to occupy public property on the bike path.

But it is not so, corrected Public Works director Robert Talarico. There is no such rule.

### No new rule

The city, he told the *Independent*, had always required that contractors requesting a permit for equipment to occupy and/or block the sidewalk or, in this case the bike path, would be required to present a safety plan for detouring pedestrians or cyclists that could require barricades and a flagman.

What had happened in this case remains unknown, but the city's website clearly states:

"A permit issued by the Public Works

Department is required to occupy a city street or any other municipal property with construction equipment. This restriction includes, but is not limited to, debris containers, cranes and any similar type of equipment. The request must be made in person at the Public Works Department at least 24 hours prior to the installation of the equipment. Guidelines vary from street to street and from season to season."

So now, all that remains for a delighted Martin is for the weather to co-operate.

## Don't miss real estate coverage

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The Independent's reporter ran into Mayor Christina Smith at the Metro grocery store on October 26. Despite a set meeting, she and different poppy vendors had not met earlier, but by chance she managed to buy the first poppy of the day right there from Branch 14 Legion and Royal Montreal Regiment Association member Wayne Davie (left). Also on site to handle the day's business was Private Jesús Aliaga.

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## Independent distribution note

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*dent* in it. As things stand now, houses and duplexes will *also* be getting the *Independent* by mail, but it could be delayed if there is a strike day (or more than one) during a distribution period. If that happens, the mailed version will be late.

(2) *Residents of condos and apartments*, check your lobby. Since Canada Post has been in a strike position, we have been dropping – not mailing you – the *Independent*. If you are not getting it at your building, please call me.

(3) *Readers who pick up the paper around town*: There has been and will be no change to drops to ATMs, dépanneurs, libraries and other waiting areas. These have always been dropped by a private contractor.

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If you have something nice to say, it's a great time to say it. The paper is free to readers because advertisers buy ads. Indeed, the paper exists because advertisers buy ads. We have many loyal advertisers who know the value of the paper, but more evidence can't hurt. We also have prospective advertisers and past ones that we want to entice into our pages, and evidence certainly helps with that effort.

### Complex entity needs data

For instance, we are talking to an entity right now that could buy a lot of advertising in the future. It is a complex institution with many decision-makers. The more resident support that we can show for the *Independent*, the better. Some of its decision-makers live in Westmount; some don't. Some know Westmount and the *Independent* well; some don't.

And there is skepticism out there. Is print dead? Westmount has many organizations that offer services to residents. What is the value of a newspaper if a person can just log on to all those individual websites to find out what's going on and what's available, and what has happened at those places? If you see the value of an edited and curated newspaper that comes to your door, unsolicited-ly, speak up!

And there are questions about language. For practical business and demographic reasons, we choose to publish in English, but we have always worked to make the paper for everyone. At present, according to the 2016 census, Westmount is 18.6 percent French speaking (as measured by language most often spoken at home). Contrary to popular opinion, this number has not increased over the lifespan of the *Independent* (in 2006, it was 19.4 percent), but there are undoubtedly French speakers here (and we value them as readers or prospective ones). While we

have always been open to bilingual or French ads, do French speakers actually read the *Independent*? I know some do, but if you are one of them, we'd love to hear from you. (We have always been open to French letters and, when we publish them, we do so in French.)

And there are questions about age. Are all our readers over 90? We value every one of our readers, but if you are Generation X or younger, please put your age so that we can show this entity (and others) that younger people read the *Independent*.

(By the way, I would be thrilled if teenagers or younger are reading the *Independent*, but I am thinking more of new parents in their 20s and 30s. It is my suspicion, bolstered by countless anecdotes over 11 years in this business, that we first acquire readers when they become parents. In Westmount, at present, it is my guess that this event usually happens in people's early 30s.)

### The pitch, again

Many Montreal-area municipalities and areas the size of Westmount (or larger) do not have a newspaper devoted just to them (e.g. Beaconsfield, Pointe Claire, NDG, Dollard des Ormeaux, Kirkland, Côte St. Luc). In my experience, people don't think that they care about local news until it is well presented to them, free and unsolicited-ly.

Local news can appear silly and petty. But it also matters if you can't park or drive around rationally in your neighbourhood, or if there is a building project (public or private) that could go up in your area that you hate (or love). Or if your government – municipal, provincial or federal – is doing something locally that you hate (or love).

If you think the *Independent* – as an entity separate from government or any other business affiliation – plays a role in informing you, and in listening to you, and you read it, even when you are not looking for information, please write.

Thank you for your support in the past. It has made a difference.

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## Police Report

# St. Catherine/Metcalf becoming risky for car break-ins

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

The corner of Metcalfe Ave. and St. Catherine St. is starting to acquire a reputation as a risky place to park a vehicle.

As reported in the October 23 issue of the *Independent* (p. 18), a Land Rover parked near the corner of St. Catherine and Metcalfe between 6:30 and 10:30 pm on October 15 was broken into and robbed of a designer handbag worth several thousand dollars that had been left in plain view.

Station 12 now reports that on October 23 between 8 and 10 in the evening, a Hyundai parked near the corner of St. Catherine and Metcalfe was also broken into. The perpetrator gained access by breaking a front, passenger-side window. The items stolen included household electronic entertainment items.

"The person in question parked his car on the street and when he came back, he saw that the front passenger window was broken and that the electronic items were stolen from inside," said Laperrière. Nearby video cameras that may have recorded the incident could provide evidence of the identity of the suspect.

### Con artist gets info

As a Westmount woman discovered recently, online con artists know what it takes to trick people into turning over not only money, but also personal information useful for committing acts of fraud later.

After receiving an e-mail on October 8 from a sender claiming Revenue Canada owed her an income tax refund, the woman sent her personal information in the hopes of getting the refund processed.

"She believed that it was true and sent off the information," said Montreal Police Station 12 community relations officer

Stéphan Laperrière. "But then when she got in touch with Revenue Canada afterwards, they told her they never contact people that way. And so she realized it had been fraudulent e-mail."

The woman was told by the federal tax revenue agency to report the incident to the police. As a measure of added protection, she was also told to advise her bank, as well as the Equifax and TransUnion credit bureaus, that she'd accidentally disclosed her information.

"It's important to remember that Revenue Canada does not do this sort of thing by e-mail or over the telephone," said Laperrière. "They get in touch with you by official letter with their letterhead. This is the only way they get in contact with people."

Despite the information breach, there was no evidence the woman suffered any immediate monetary loss. "She verified with the bank," added Laperrière. "But with that information, nothing's stopping the perpetrator from doing something in the future."

### Bike stolen

A homeowner living on a street south of St. Catherine St. who had neglected to lock the garage door was recently robbed of a bicycle when thieves took advantage of the weakness in security.

The burglary took place sometime during the weekend of October 12-15 when the occupants were away.

### House broken into

On Oct. 23 between 10:30 am and 4 pm, another home located south of St. Catherine St. was burglarized by suspects who gained entry by breaking a second floor window.

Although the house *continued on p. 11*



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Grade 6 Roslyn French teacher Geraldine Gras was one of seven teachers who “enjoyed” a mud bath October 15 at Roslyn Elementary School recently as a “reward” for students raising \$15,000 for the Terry Fox Foundation.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### DORCHESTER SHOULD HAVE A BIKE PATH

The AGIL report on Westmount's southeast, which recommends a major reconfiguration of Dorchester Blvd., excludes a bicycle path.

Downtown Montreal has only one east-west path, namely the heavily used de Maisonneuve path. To add capacity, only three downtown streets are possible: René Lévesque, St. Catherine or Sherbrooke. René Lévesque is the only one that already has a bicycle path (the Route Verte east of Berri). With its oversized lanes, Westmount should anticipate that René Lévesque will soon have a connecting path at Dorchester's doorstep.

To modify Dorchester, allocating all the available space for cars and parking, and excluding the safe passage of bicycles, is very short sighted. Let us not repeat this same mistake made on Sherbrooke St. in the 1950s. Cyclists often use Sherbrooke despite it being the most dangerous cycling street in Westmount.

It would also be a lost opportunity for Westmount to showcase its long connection to cycling and commitment to sustainability. Dorchester-Clarke Park [the green space at Dorchester and St. Catherine] lies beside the former Montreal Amateur Athletic Association (MAAA) grounds. The Montreal Bicycle Club, a founding club of the MAAA, hosted many cycling events of the Penny Farthing era and the 1890s world-wide bicycle craze. An 1894 Sarnia-to-Montreal relay race was held to promote the national MAAA

grounds cycling convention. A letter was carried in 33 hours by relay riders petitioning for better cycling roads and signed by all the mayors along the route.

Once the René Lévesque/Dorchester path is constructed, Dorchester-Clarke Park will be the starting point of a modern bicycle path to Berri and continuing on the Route Verte to Quebec City. The status of the park could be marked by a statue of a person riding a penny farthing. It would symbolize a link between cycling's past, and sustainability into the future.

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### NOT CLEAR WHERE COUNCIL STANDS ON AGIL REPORT

Notwithstanding your Editor's Note following a letter published in the *Independent* on October 16 (p. 8), it is not clear that the current city council has disavowed either the specific proposals or the overall approach of the AGIL report regarding the development of the southeast sector. Consequently, I have filed an Access to Information request with the city for all documentation including correspondence, emails etc. between the consultants and any member of the council or staff, particularly those involving the coordination committee, that may have had an impact on the consultant's final report.

RICHARD SCHULTZ, CLANDEBOYE AVE.

### DES RAPPORTS EN ANGLAIS AUSSI SVP!

J'ai remarqué que le rapport AGIL et



The eastern Tupper lot on October 26.

PHOTO: INDEPENDENT.

ses annexes récemment dévoilés au public sont seulement disponibles en français – le rapport AGIL ne contient qu'un bref résumé d'une page en anglais. Les rapports techniques tels que celui d'AGIL méritent une lecture attentionnée, et lire un tel rapport dans une langue seconde est un défi pour plusieurs.

Étant donné que Westmount est officiellement une ville bilingue, que ses services sont couramment offerts dans les deux langues officielles, et que plus de la moitié des Westmountais considèrent l'anglais comme étant leur langue première (selon Statistiques Canada – 2016), pourquoi de tels documents ne sont-ils pas disponibles dans les deux langues officielles?

Je considère que cela démontre un manque de considération envers la population anglophone et que l'administration de la ville devrait s'assurer que tout document présenté au public le soit dans les deux langues officielles.

PATRICIA DUMAIS, AVENUE GREENE

### GILLIES CORRECT ON AGIL REPORT, PRICE NOT SO MUCH

Marilynn Gillies is correct in stating (letter: "AGIL report out, raises greenspace issues," October 16, 2018, p. 8) that the current [AGIL/Dorchester] plan includes some major revisions to the previous reports, does not address the residents' previously stated concerns, and I am sympathetic to her claiming that she had thought certain issues had been resolved were different from shown on the plans.

The [AGIL] report is dated July 10, 2018. There apparently was a meeting Mayor Smith had with certain residents in August [Editor's note: our reporting was "end of July." See August 14, p. 3 – DP], and yet the July 10 report was only actually released to the public on October 2, which I understood to be due to Cllr. Lulham's comment that a revision to reflect the city's preferences before publication was required. [Editor's note: our reporting had then-councillor Theodora Samiotis sending back the report, much earlier. See "Draft Dorchester vision sent back," May

30, 2017, p. 1.]

I don't see any justification for Mr. Price's "impression" that the recently published report, as detailed, is not the current thinking and proposal of the city of Westmount. Upon clarification [over email], he stated that "My basis is the two articles that I cited." ("Preliminary redesign of Dorchester had already been rejected," June 20, 2017, p. 4 and "Posting of AGIL report further delayed, Mayor Smith meets with southeast group," August 14, 2018, p. 3).

The plan does show Dorchester narrowed, no island (admittedly there are options shown in the latter sections of the report) and a reconfigured but still right-angled street configuration that has two lanes going east and the two lanes going west forced to turn north along a new street to arrive at St. Catherine. There is also an entirely revised residential building configuration on Dorchester and a new potential development site shown. There are no explanations within the report.

It is definitely a plan to reduce/discourage the traffic on Dorchester and to minimize the effects of the increased number of cars coming from the Children's development, albeit a revised traffic report was not included.

One thing for sure we agree on is that a councillor or the mayor should accept Mr. Price's invitation to explain the nature and status of the current submission.

KEN LONDON, PRINCE ALBERT AVE.

*Editor's reply:* Would you prefer that I not bring readers' attention to past coverage and past statements of city officials?

The first article that I cited ("Preliminary redesign of Dorchester had already been rejected," June 20, 2017, p. 4) stated that the city's Traffic Advisory Committee, in agreement with a Stantec traffic report, had rejected an original 2016 city proposal to narrow Dorchester and square off of the Dorchester-St. Catherine curve. (See also June 21, 2016, p. 1 for coverage of the original city proposal).

To the best of my knowledge, that rejection by the city's Traffic committee has

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never been rescinded, therefore *it is interesting*. It is not determinative, and my note was deliberately cautious (e.g. the use of the word “impression”). It is the city council that holds all the cards. Council created the Traffic committee and can presumably ignore its rejection. And that era’s city council (i.e. of 2013-17) is no more, as I implied in my note (“an election stands between today and some of these pronouncements”). The current council might disavow all sorts of things done by, or during the tenure of, the previous council, including that rejection. But it hasn’t. By the way, this rejection by the Traffic committee of the narrowing/squaring part of the original 2016 southeast plan is an example of a part of the city rejecting work *that the city itself had commissioned*. Going back to the June 14, 2016 presentation of the original proposal (covered in our June 21, 2016 issue, p. 1), one sees city employees presenting slides of a narrowed and squared-off Dorchester. Nevertheless, Traffic committee members working *for the very same organization* (i.e. the city) rejected much of that material about one year later.

Inside of a double-negative, Ken London strongly implies that he thinks the July 10, 2018/October 2, 2018 AGIL report encompasses the city’s current thinking, “I don’t see any justification for Mr. Price’s

‘impression’ that the recently published report, as detailed, is not the current thinking and proposal of the city of Westmount.” Maybe, but the 2016 proposal was not the city’s thinking in 2017. The city might do to the AGIL report what it did to its own 2016 proposal in 2017.

(Or it might not. That’s why I invited the municipal politicians to speak up, which has started. See p. 1 of this issue).

The second article that I cited (“Posting of AGIL report further delayed, Mayor Smith meets with southeast group,” August 14, 2018, p. 3) quoted a witness to a mayor-citizens meeting, Toby Morantz, as saying that “We were assured the city would be starting afresh.” The mayor has not denied this summary or said that she meant something else, so *it is interesting*. Is it determinative? No. The city council could still implement the AGIL report as is. But that does not change where the debate was as of October 16, 2018, the date of my note.

We can try to remember what has been said already, or we can forget it and repeat ourselves *ad nauseam*. I prefer the latter approach.

The city is a complicated institution. Its various council members and employees do not always agree – and they change over time – and it also frequently hires external consultants to do influential work.

We can speculate about what it “thinks” about, say, a report, or we can stick to uncontested reporting – until there are new facts. I prefer the latter approach.

It seems increasingly likely that this dispute about Dorchester will be a long, protracted debate. It happens. District 8 appears to be almost evenly divided on the issue, voting in a pro-status quo/anti-narrowing councillor (Kathleen Kez) by just three votes in 2017.

Meanwhile, I am guessing that many (or most) of the other eight members of council do not have final views. Nevertheless, because the land is owned by the city of Westmount, and not District 8, they will

all be a part of any decision regarding it.

And we are working in the imperfect realm, and frequently zero sum game, of interest-group politics, not the perfectable one of abstract math, and – absent some grand compromise – it is likely that some people will be going home unhappy.

Making leaps of logic (e.g. the city commissioned a report at one point in time, *therefore* all the council members of today must be for all its recommendations) is not, in my view, helpful. There is no rush. The bulldozers are not poised at Dorchester and St. Catherine. Let’s let the politicians speak and listen to their actual proposals for legislation.– DP.




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Looking southeast at the Dorchester-St. Catherine curve on October 26.

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**AGIL, cont'd. from p. 1**

Planning committee to look at (once appointed),” Mayor Christina Smith reiterated last week.

While the 2017 report as posted is dated July 10, 2018, this results from a few recent edits and tweaks “rather than changes in substance,” she explained.

She said the current council has the option of focusing on some of the report’s conclusions while discounting others. The report, she stressed, “is an opinion and will be part of a broader discussion with the community.”

While some residents have expressed concerns that the planning process might already be under way – specifically over the controversial issue of reconfiguring Dorchester – Mayor Smith told the *Independent* last week that “we haven’t done anything yet.

“Our priority will be improving the design of St. Catherine,” she explained, repeating a need expressed at council meetings. This includes making the street more “livable” and with a focus on outdoor terraces and economic development.

**Kez responds**

And that’s just fine with Councillor Kathleen Kez, of Dorchester, who represents the District 8.

“Let the focus be on St. Catherine. I’m

not happy with the report,” she said. “It doesn’t reflect what we as a group of residents had told AGIL last year that we wanted for Dorchester.”

This included no narrowing or squaring off of Dorchester, no removal of the median, inclusion of a bike path, and creation of public green space north of Dorchester.

“At least the report could have been written in English to make it easier for many residents to grasp the nuances,” she added. “I think residents deserved that.”

**Draft report was returned**

A draft of the AGIL report had been submitted to the city in May 2017 but returned for revisions by then Urban Planning commissioner Theodora Samiotis (see story May 30, 2017 p. 1). She then deferred the revised version to the incoming council (see story September 12, 2017, p. 4). “There was no consensus to move forward with it,” Smith explains.

While many months have gone by since then, the current council agreed to residents’ requests to make the report public and posted it online on October 2. This followed a lengthy review by Smith and city officials as well as a presentation of the report to the general committee of council in June and a meeting with a group of area residents, who stated they

were assured the new council would be “starting afresh” (see story August 14, p. 3).

**Reconfiguring Dorchester**

Regarding Dorchester, the report suggests removing the median and narrowing two-way traffic to provide wider sidewalks and add to buildable land on the north side for greater development potential – to echo the densification of Montreal. No space is allocated to a bike path and the Dorchester-St. Catherine curve is squared off.

Interestingly, rather than recommending the building of houses along the north side of the boulevard as the city had portrayed in initial public meetings starting in 2016, the report depicts residential buildings running north-south in several rows through what is now the parking lots.

Residents have been asking the city for public green spaces and maintaining the same open vista that now exists. The property is owned by the city.

The overall area is currently under intense development, including the former site of the Montreal Children’s Hospital where six towers are to be built immediately east of Atwater, some reaching a height of some 32 storeys. This project is designed to attract an influx of some 3,000-4,000 residents or more (see story March 6, p. 1).

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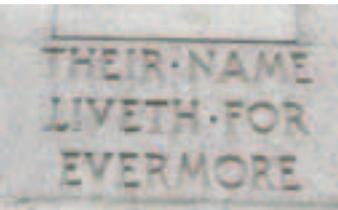
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# Liberal legislator Maccarone says she stands by her election pledges

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Newly-elected Westmount-St. Louis Liberal provincial legislator Jennifer Maccarone is facing a steep learning curve while transitioning into her new life as a member of the Quebec legislature.

"You have to have a riding office, you need a staff, you have to learn to budget for your office," Maccarone, whose previous political experience included chairing the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, said in an interview with the *Independent*.

Beginning the week of October 22, she and 124 other legislators are undergoing several days of intensive training and instruction in all of the functions performed by members. "There's a lot to learn in a very short period of time," she said.

Asked what her objectives will be as a member of the incoming Liberal opposition, Maccarone said she will live up to the commitments she made during the election campaign.

"At this point in time, I can't speak for the party, but my main priority is going to be to ensure that the promises that were made to the voters are either kept or the ones that we know, which we know will be of concern to the community we represent, are going to be looked at so that we can have further dialogue," said Maccarone.

"We know there are things we have to look at from an educational standpoint, we

have concerns related to transportation that we need to address, and we have concerns related to access to health care. All of that remains static."

As the legislature doesn't begin sitting until mid-November, Maccarone said she didn't know yet what the Liberal opposition's orientations will be.

"I think that you will find that we want to be collaborative. But we are in the middle of rebuilding. So it's about re-examining who we are, deciding the best direction we need to go in to make sure that we're reconnecting with Quebecers."

Asked whether interim Liberal leader Pierre Arcand has provided any hints about the future composition of the shadow cabinet, Maccarone replied, "Right now, we have to have a caucus so that we can discuss it. And certainly I trust Mr. Arcand to make sure that the right people are in the right place."

During the election campaign, Maccarone said, among other things, that she stood by the PLQ's commitment to defend the rights of anglophones – including safeguarding of English-speaking school boards, which newly-elected Coalition Avenir Québec Premier François Legault pledged to abolish.

"My understanding of what Mr. Legault said was that it wasn't going to be an immediate priority – but that their plans hadn't changed," said Maccarone.

"So, that being said, it certainly means

come back to us with a list of what was stolen," Laperrière said.

## Car broken into

On October 10 between 4 and 8 pm, a car parked in the driveway of a home on Strathcona Ave. was broken into and searched.

The perpetrator smashed the front pas-



Jennifer Maccarone on August 23.

enger-side window to gain access. While a car break-in is traumatizing, there was at least one good thing, according to Laperrière. "The owner was very smart in not leaving anything valuable in the car," he said, noting that thieves usually target property left unconcealed in cars.



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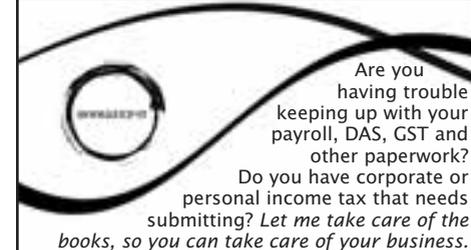
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From left, Dr. Lucy Gilbert; Dominique Dagenais; Jeff Shamie, CEO of the Cedars Cancer Foundation and Westmount city councillor, and Dr Kris Jardon. PHOTO COURTESY OF CEDARS CANCER FOUNDATION.

The Cedars Cancer Foundation's Run for Ovarian Cancer, held on October 14 in the Town of Mount Royal, raised a record \$195,000 at its third occurrence. Founded by Dominique Dagenais, the run aims to raise money and awareness for the Detecting Ovarian and Endometrial Cancers Early (DOVEE) project, a research program based at the MUHC founded by Westmounter Dr. Lucy Gilbert.

This year's run got a significant boost from Sandy, Lisa and Andrea Chamandy, who donated \$100,000 to the cause.

Gilbert, who is also the director of gynecologic cancer services at the MUHC, was at the run to talk about her work.

"There has been virtually no improvement in the early diagnosis or cure rate of ovarian cancer in [the last 30 years]. It's just not acceptable."

Gilbert and her team recently developed a test, in collaboration with Johns Hopkins University, that provides a safe and minimally invasive method of detecting ovarian and endometrial cancers at an earlier stage than was previously possible.

"Although it is not yet available to patients," said the Cedars press release, "it is a critical step toward improving survival rates."

"If a cancer can be detected early, it can be cured," explained Gilbert.

**\$12.5-million renovation  
coming next school year**

**Westmount  
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Westmount Park Elementary School will close for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years in order to execute \$12.5 million in renovations, the English Montreal School Board announced late on October 24.

It is currently proposed that its 700 students will be relocated to the part of the Marymount building on Côte St. Luc Rd. near Decarie that is currently rented by Centennial Academy and to the former St. John Bosco Elementary School in Ville Émard, south of the Lachine canal, which closed in 2012.

Centennial's lease of the eastern portion of the Marymount building ends in June 2019.

Elementary students would be kept separate from Marymount high schoolers.

Parents have been invited to comment on the relocation plan by Tuesday, January 8.

The school will remain one entity, with one graduation.

The school board's press release explained that the "major renovations" will include "roof, interior finishes, accessibility (elevator), mechanical (plumbing, CVAC, sprinklers), electrical (wiring, lights, telecom, fire alarm system, etc.) and exterior (parking, school yard, sidewalks, green spaces and playground, drainage)."

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Nancy Rahal, Carolyn Farhat and Philip Hazan.



Paul Karwatsky and Warren Greenstone.



# Hi, I'm Phil



They write adorable cat books with characters like Philip: the perfect marmalade companion having adventures, in tandem with unique colourful drawings that would emphasize both the swirls and stripes in his strawberry blond coat. Philip is a wonderful fellow, delightful with affection and hysterical antics.

Unfortunately, Philip spent most of his four years surviving on the streets. So now is his chance to be cherished by a loving family in our neighborhood. Phil gets

Smith, Teanoosh Zadeh, Arthur Swift (with Ronda Swift), and Robin Billick (with Vivian Billick); Gloria and Marc Kakon, Sandy Rubin, and the Miriam Foundation's CEO Warren Greenstone.

CTV anchor Paul Karwatsky spoke about the challenges of having children with autism. Fabulous auction items included Stuart Weitzman shoes, a Milos gift card, Christoffe dinner set for 12, a Lysa Lash fur collar, and time with dog specialist Jordan Schachter. Guests departed with a delicious bottle of Milos' My Sister's Olive Oil. The memorable night raised \$70,000 for the Miriam Foundation.

along with everyone, including family dogs and cats. Even though he tested positive in a routine FIV test, he is otherwise healthy, up to date with his inoculations and neutered. Please contact the volunteers at Gerdy's Rescue and Adoptions at [info@gerdysrescue.org](mailto:info@gerdysrescue.org) for more information on him. You can also refer to their website at [www.gerdysrescue.org](http://www.gerdysrescue.org).

As this grassroots animal rescue group is constantly helping animals in distress, we would look to growing the group of neighborhood volunteers and fosters who could be available to offer a temporary home while a pet is awaiting adoption. Being a home foster is very rewarding. There is nothing more heartwarming than knowing that we have helped! Please reach out to them at [info@gerdysrescue.org](mailto:info@gerdysrescue.org) to find out more about the pets in need of temporary shelter.

Your neighbour, Lysanne

## Social notes, cont'd. from p. 13

and Ted Tessler, Robert Leopold, Anna and John Broccolini, and Isabelle Poirier.

Enjoying the stylish soirée were Rosemary and Frank Niro, Anne-Marie St-Laurent and Patrick Elkaim, George Athans, Andrea Lockhart, Frank Motter and Linda Shaw, a scarlet stand-out in satin; Valerie and Daniel Benchetrit, Nadine and Gilles Cohen, Michelle Lipper, Lauren and Mitch Adler, Marney Sobel, Tatiana Londono and David Alter, Andrew Lufty, Roslyn Druckman and Peter Beral, Andrea and Bob Rahal, Caroline Fletcher, Nancy Rahal and Chris Kalogeropoulos, Jessica Scalera, Carolyn Farhat, Mitchell Tessler, Nadia and Tommy Alberga, Sandra Levy, Oscar Sachs, doctors Sean Gilman, Terry



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## Comin' Up

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

"Liberation: The Artworks of Azadeh Azad." Leonidas Culture Chocolat, 318 Victoria. 1 pm to 5 pm.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Art Hive. Free. Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave., 1 to 5 pm. *Continues every Sunday until December 16.*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Deirdre Potash on "Marc Aurèle Fortin

and His Bicycle," presented by the Women's Art Society of Montreal. \$10. Men welcome. Unitarian Church of Montreal, 5035 de Maisonneuve West. 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

► Atwater Library's annual benefit. Guests of honour are Alan Hogg and Grace Hogg of The George Hogg Family Foundation. \$150 online from CanadaHelps and at library. 1200 Atwater Ave. 6 pm.

► CLSC Flu Vaccination Clinic. Victoria Hall. 10 am.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Crafts Sale & Bazaar. Contactivity Centre, 4695 de Maisonneuve. 10:30 am to 3:30 pm.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Artisans Westmount. \$2 or non-perishable food item. Victoria Hall. 10:30 am to 5 pm. Also on Sunday, November 11. 10:30 am to 5 pm.

### To BE LISTED IN Comin' Up

Please send your Westmount event, to: [cu@westmountindependent.com](mailto:cu@westmountindependent.com)  
Be sure to write by Friday at 10 am for inclusion the next week.

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# Daisy

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by Yulia Zaka

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Sun: 11h00 - 12h15
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(at Wood Ave.), suite 129, H3Z 3JB

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[yulia.dance27@gmail.com](mailto:yulia.dance27@gmail.com)

## Classifieds in the Independent

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[www.westendclassifieds.com](http://www.westendclassifieds.com)

Buy locally to sell locally

## Five-year retrospective for Westmount from the agglomeration of Montreal & Westmount Public Works

	2017 tonnes	% diverted	2013 tonnes	% diverted
<b>Total waste generated</b>	<b>12,185</b>		<b>11,196</b>	
<b>Diverted from landfill</b>	<b>6,514</b>	<b>53.5</b>	<b>5,896</b>	<b>53%</b>
Recyclables (blue bin)	2,124	17.4	2,326	21%
Organics (green bin & garden debris)*	2,741	22.5	2,242	20%
Construction, bulk items	1,565	12.8	1,254	11%
Household hazardous waste	36	0.3	30	0.3%
Textiles (clothing)	30	0.25	25	0.2%
Other (electronics)	19	0.16	22	0.2%
<b>Sent to landfill</b>	<b>5,671</b>	<b>46.5</b>	<b>5,300</b>	<b>47</b>

### Waste, cont'd. from p. 1

in organics is expected in the coming years as a result of the city of Westmount's newly expanded pick-ups of compostable waste from medium-sized apartment buildings.

According to Public Works officials, these amounts are not yet available so far from the one district this year where the expanded pick-ups were launched in July (see story August 7, p. 1, "Green bin pick-up starts for 27 medium-size buildings").

## Overheard

October 18 at 6:45 pm:

Man into cell phone at a grocery store on Victoria, "I'm in the heart of Westmount and you are a Westmount business..."

Westmount Park, October 26, 2:30 pm

Woman to young child: "I need to sign a paper before you can leave the school for a field trip. And I did not sign a piece of paper. You can't fool me."



## Craft Sale & Bazaar

Thursday, November 8th, 2018  
Contactivity Centre

4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd W.  
Westmount, corner Lansdowne

10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

(514) 932-2326 or (514) 932-3433

- \* Christmas Gift Section \* Handcrafted Items \*
- \* Hand-woven Scarves \* Home-baked Goods \*
- \* Hand-knit Children's Outfits \* Jewelry \*
- \* Hand-knit Scarves, Hats, Slippers & Socks \*
- \* Books \* Quality 2nd Hand Fashions \* Hot Dog Stand \*

All proceeds benefit non-profit  
Contactivity's services for seniors  
of your community.



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GET VACCINATED IF YOU ARE AGED 75 AND OVER OR IF YOU LIVE WITH A CHRONIC ILLNESS

Like diabetes, an immune disorder or a cardiovascular, respiratory or kidney disease.

Vaccination is available by appointment at our CLSCs  
from November 5 to December 16, 2018

### To make an appointment:



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Seasonal flu vaccine – Montréal-Centre-Ouest

**Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

CLSC de Benny Farm and René-Cassin:

514-484-7878 x. 5593



CLSC Métro, de Côte-des-Neiges and de Parc-Extension :

514-731-8531 x. 5593

### External flu vaccination clinics (without appointment)

#### Victoria Hall

4626, Sherbrooke Street West

November 7

10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

#### CLSC de Parc-Extension

7085, Hutchison

November 10

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

#### Centre communautaire

intergénérationnel

(CCI) Outremont

999, McEachran Avenue

November 21

10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

#### Town of Mount Royal Town Hall

90 Roosevelt Avenue

November 13

10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

#### Montreal West Town Hall

50, Westminster Avenue

November 14

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Vaccination,  
l'âge ne compte pas!

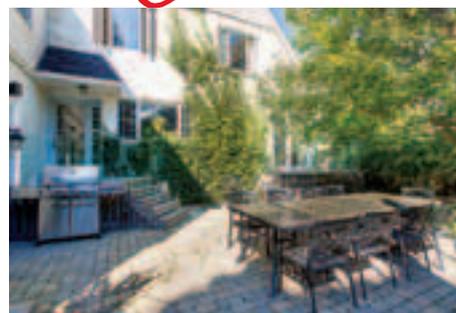
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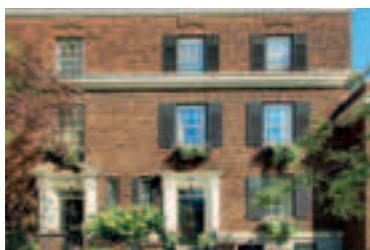
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**NEW**

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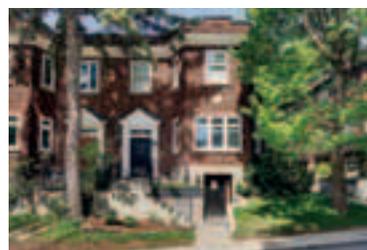
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**NEW**  
**WESTMOUNT ADJ. \$569,000**  
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