

Do not come to my house, speak to my children: Mayor Smith

‘Respect free speech,’ but condemn incivility: Cllr. Shamie

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

At the opening of the city council meeting May 1, Councillor Jeff Shamie reflected on the need to keep public discourse respectful.

While he did not refer to any specific examples, he stated that in terms of free speech, it’s “important to reach out” to others to explain that people can disagree but it comes down to “respect in public discourse” where people can voice their opinions and concerns in the decision-making process. “We’re allowed to have differences at least at council meetings.”

Though he did not point to specific or recent experiences, Mayor Christina Smith said at the start of question period that what Shamie was referring to was “not just striking workers coming to my house.”

“You can meet me at city hall,” she explained. “I’m very accessible. But do not come to my house on a Sunday night (as recently occurred) and talk to my children. I talk to people on the street but do not come to my home.”

She later told the *Independent* that on the Sunday to which she referred, someone displeased with city actions had come to her door, spoken to her children and “terrified” them. “It’s scandalous.”

There are at least three people, one of whom she has a restraining order against, she said, who come her house over a variety of issues with the city.

Westmounters celebrate King Charles’ coronation

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Viszla puppies mostly grown!



Last year (June 21, p. 26), Westmounter Shana Rotstein shared photos and stories of the 10-puppy litter birthed by her dog Pax, a Vizsla. The sporting breed is of Hungarian origin and is highly regarded as a companion. Proud mother and nine of the 10 mostly-grown puppies re-united for their one-year birthday, April 29, at the Percy Walters dog park downtown. The day before, Penny – the only puppy from the litter kept by Rotstein – won “Best puppy in breed” at the Club Canin Rivière-Sud de Montréal’s dog show.

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Report ‘not existent’?

Masters swimmers seek second city report on indoor pool

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

After a year – and fresh from winning their sixth Masters swim club provincial championship – a group of Westmount’s YMCA swimmers attended the council meeting May 1 to repeat previous pleas for an indoor pool and for the city to release a second report it had mandated on the issue. The first was a “needs assessment,”

the second was on “feasibility” (possible sites and management).

“In May 2022, I was here to ask about the funding given to an architectural firm to follow up” on the first report, said Conor Sampson, a member of the Masters’ board. He has since gone through access to information to try and obtain it without success, he explained.

“I thought it had al- continued on p. 10

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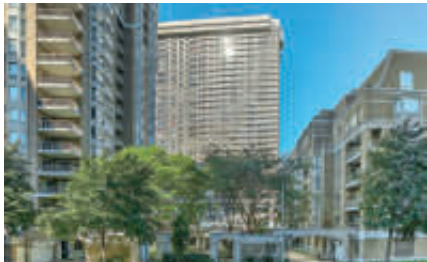
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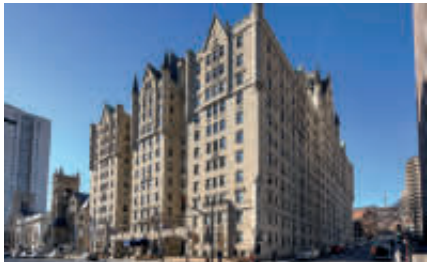
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2 accidents on Sherbrooke last week

Public Security patrollers encounter irate drivers

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

When Public Security stopped to assist at two different car accidents on Sherbrooke St. last week, one driver at each scene was found to be so agitated and aggressive that police were called to intervene.

At the scene of the first on April 29 at 5:08 pm in front of Westmount Public Library, a public safety officer noticed heavy damage on the door of a Subaru where two men were talking on the street. One was described as acting very aggressively and pointing to the damaged car. As a result, he was told sit in the patrol car to calm down while police from local Station 12 arrived.

It turned out the damage had been caused when a car going east had hit the Subaru door as the driver was opening it to disembark, Public Security officials said. No other details were recorded.

In the second accident May 2, a Public Security patrol car was flagged down outside 4857 Sherbrooke near Victoria at 3:32 pm. While there appeared to be no injuries and "light" damage to the bumper of one, two drivers were involved in an argument where a woman aged about 25 appeared to be shaken by the attitude of a man in his 50s described as "irate."

The patroller gave them a joint accident report form to fill out but the man kept saying his insurance would go up. Meanwhile, a "witness" was described as interfering. Police were called to assist with filling out the accident form. It turned out that one of the drivers did not have "the proper paper work."

City council, PSU target 5 school sites for May safety campaign

A joint city council and Public Security campaign was planned to take place May 10 to 18 at five elementary schools. Council

members will join Public Security personnel assisted by police at the various selected sites to remind drivers and parents to observe reduced speeds and no-parking zones and to take special care when dropping off and picking up students.

Locations and times are:

- Westmount Park School: May 10, 7:45 am to 8:05 am;
- Ste-Marcelline: May 11, 8 am to 8:20 am;
- The Study: May 12, 7:40 am to 8:05;
- Akiva: May 17, 4 pm to 4:20 pm;
- St. Leon: May 18, 3 pm to 3:20 pm.

Worksite at de Mais./ Prince Albert generates 4 tickets at \$1,317 each

A contractor working at the construction site of condominiums at 4898 de Maisonneuve and Prince Albert was issued four tickets at \$1,317 each April 4 to May 3. All concerned permit violations regarded occupying the public street, Public Security officials said.

The latest one May 3 occurred at 2:02 pm when an excavator was seen at work involving the loading and unloading of material on Prince Albert. All four tickets resulted from either a lack of safety precautions for pedestrians, cyclists and cars or up-to-date permit times as well as other specified regulations or the lack or improper permits. Documentation of all permits is accessible on the city data bank to Public Security patrollers.

While in all cases the tickets were issued to contractors, Public Security, working with the city's Engineering department, will be looking at other ways to solve the issue.

It is recognized that "there is nowhere" for work parking, said Public Security director Greg McBain.

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Contract for new LED lights approved for tennis courts

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council May 1 approved the purchase of new LED lighting for the city's clay tennis courts at Westmount and King George (Murray) parks at an approved cost of \$71,438.74, including tax credits.

Moved by Councillor Jeff Shamie, whose commissionership includes Hydro Westmount, the resolution stated that the city had published a notice March 7 announcing its intention "by mutual agreement" to a supplier identified as Pro Ballast inc.

This was described as "the only supplier that can offer the products for the purchase of LED lights." The contract, therefore, was awarded by invitation "at its bid price" of \$71,438.74 including tax credits and a maxi-

mum of \$78,234.74 including taxes.

While the LED lights went without explanation, Mayor Christina Smith added that (as she had mentioned at the meeting April 17), the new LED lighting for tennis courts was expected to prevent light from shining into bedrooms. She suggested it could pave the way for use at the Westmount Athletic Grounds for night soccer use of the field there (see story April 25, p. 10).

Baldun appointed as mayor's executive assistant

City council May 1 appointed Lina Baldun to the position of executive assistant in the mayor's office on a permanent basis effective May 2. She has been working in the role on a temporary basis since October 18, 2021 following the departure of Anne Renaud. While Baldun was not in the room for the appointment, Mayor Christina Smith described her "a person of high integrity who is very devoted to her job and public service."

Grosvenor work to begin

Work on the reconstruction of Grosvenor between Westmount Ave. and The Boulevard is expected to start May 22 and last five months. On the other hand, such times of major work can vary and depend on weather, preparations and other variables.

The project was to "officially" begin May 8, however, with the installation of the temporary water supply, according to Shawn Aloysius, assistant director, Engineering. This will also require a road closure, he said.

"Access for local residents living within the construction zone on Grosvenor, between Westmount Ave. and The Boulevard will be maintained for a large portion of this construction project, however all other non-local traffic will need to be detoured.

"The detour signalization plan that will be in place was created by a sub-contractor specialized in traffic and mobility analysis."

Anyone following a specific project can now check out details as they progress on the city's new interactive map for major projects. This can be found at www.westmount.org/roadwork and then searching the Info Construction interactive map.

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Mechanical engineer turned librarian

Morin retires after 18 years at Westmount Public Library's reference desk

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A familiar figure at the reference desk of the Westmount Public Library, Benoît Morin will be retiring after 18 years on May 12.

This is where he has made up one half of the duo of reference librarians, with Mai Jay. They have experienced first hand the evolution of the library's move into technology.

"We have many more questions concerning help needed for people using their devices to access the library's increasing array of eBooks, magazines, and audio material in both English and French," he said.

Morin is also in charge of buying the library's French books and audio-visual material as well as leading the French book club. "You always have to be on top of what's new and exploring it," he said last week.

One interesting aspect of Morin's career, however, is that he didn't intend to be a librarian. "I'm an engineer," he explained – a mechanical one at that.

"As it happened, I had worked as a

special care counsellor with handicapped people for more than 10 years after getting my engineering diploma. I just did not feel engineering was for me. At one point in my life, I felt I needed a career change."

He had always loved books as well as reading and libraries, "so I went back to school and got my degree in library science" from the University of Montreal. The combination of his backgrounds, one might say, fits with the library's evolution into technology and his current work.

He started in Westmount on May 25, 2005. "Over the years, Benoît also took care of the French book club for adults and provided help in programming and providing interesting talks in French and author lectures with French Canadian authors," according to library director Anne-Marie Lacombe.

"Since 1964, the Westmount Public Library has had a librarian position dedicated to provide French services to patrons. We believe in the importance of providing quality collections in both French and English," she said.

Perfectly bilingual, "Benoit has been in

charge of the collections development of the adult French collections, as well as its audio-visual collection."

Accessibility project

In fact, Morin's interest in working with handicapped persons also underlines a library project this year to introduce a new hearing system as part of the city's accessibility objectives. "This is to help people in our book clubs who were having problems with hearing issues while discussing books around a large table."

Following meetings with a non-profit charitable group called Hear Entendre Québec, the library this year has introduced a system using headphones that Morin predicts will be used for movies and other areas in the future. "So far, we've had positive feedback."

While a replacement to Morin has not yet been announced, Lacombe said, "We will miss Benoît's kindness and commitment to helping others and his sense of humour."

► Benoît Morin in front of the library's reference desk last week. COURTESY OF WESTMOUNT PUBLIC LIBRARY



'Pool dome' idea generates discussion on city's needs

Mayor Smith, Councillor Peart: Finances and staff lacking to move major projects along

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city is facing the same challenges when it comes to moving along major projects such as building an indoor pool as it now faces for work required in many of its buildings, the city council meeting heard May 1.

The issues were explained after Rony Cukier proposed a removable dome for the city's current outdoor pool and asked what had happened to his suggestion from a year ago (see story p. 1).

Councillor Conrad Peart, as commissioner of infrastructure, urban planning and architecture, replied that the idea had been passed on to the administration for study.

"There has been a lot of turnover of staff and there hasn't been the human resources or finances to take this project on," Peart stated. "We have many other things to handle," he said adding, "It's a poor answer

but I'm trying to be as frank and open as possible."

He said the suggestion had been passed along to the administration that also had been frustrated by not having the required resources to move these projects along.

In current mandate

Mayor Christina Smith continued with Peart to list some of the major projects that required project leaders, and other human resources to carry out research and move projects forward in the council's current mandate.

Some examples of projects they mentioned were use of the abandoned train station, re-development of St. Catherine just west of Atwater and improvement of the city's playing fields.

It was also stated that the same issues involved needed work on many city buildings including the library and Public Works buildings.

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‘PEOPLE OF CHINA’
EXHIBIT AT LIBRARY

Though it has become increasingly difficult to read a major newspaper without there being an article dealing with the conflict between China and the West, after having visited China a number of times, it’s important to note that the person on the street is no different from us.

They take walks. They sit on benches. They eat in restaurants. They ride their bikes. They love their families.

Okay, perhaps one difference is that they play more mah-jong than we do!

One of my finest memories was taking a full-size bus from Chengdu to Kunming, about 850 km [in southern, central China]. The only passengers on the bus were my wife, one of my sons, myself and one other person. At one point, we stopped for lunch and we all sat at the same table with the bus driver. When the bill came at the end of the meal, it was given to the driver. It was his treat!!! Incredible.

All of this is to inform readers of the *Independent* that I have a small photographic exhibit depicting the people of China at the Westmount Library.

SAM BEITEL, ABBOTT AVE.

TIME TO QUESTION RMR
ARMOURY SALE IS NOW

At the May 1 city council meeting, I asked the three following questions concerning the upcoming sale of the Royal Montreal Regiment (RMR) armoury:

1. Will Westmount residents be informed *before* the final agreement is signed

with the federal government for the sale of the RMR armoury? *No positive response was given.*

2. Will there be a buy-back clause in the sales agreement should the Department of National Defence and the federal government decide it is no longer needed? *“Yes” was the answer, but no price was given.*

3. What property taxes would the federal government pay to Westmount? *The answer was “en lieu of taxes,” which is a special, lower tax rate than residents pay.*

I have several additional concerns after hearing these responses.

Was a long-term or short-term lease (10, 20 years) considered, since the city might want this property for its own use in the future (sports and recreation, Public Works office space...).

I fully support keeping the RMR in Westmount, but will it stay here in perpetuity?

The RMR armoury is an important heritage building, designed by the prominent architecture firm of Ross & Macdonald (both Westmount residents), responsible for Toronto’s Union Station, Montreal’s Dominion Square building, the Château and Gleneagles apartments, etc., in a unique style for an armoury. It sits on land adjacent to Westmount Park and the Westmount recreation centre.

[In the past] McGill University sold off many buildings for short-term gain, which it undoubtedly could make great use of now in the crowded downtown core. Westmount is also a dense city, with no room for additional municipal buildings in the future. So why is council hurriedly follow-

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ing this path? I am very disturbed by this action, which will affect Westmount’s future development.

CAROLINE BRESLAW, GROSVENOR AVE.

WHERE IS THE ARMOURY
ASSESSMENT WORK?
TRANSPARENCY?

When one sells one’s house, one needs to have some idea as to how much it is worth. The municipal evaluation is one tool; however, as Andy Dodge’s column in this paper has shown, this is rarely the market price, and consequently the prudent seller takes the time to get the property professionally assessed.

While I don’t think that the city should be selling the RMR (Royal Montreal Regiment) armoury in the first place, if it is going to sell it, then council’s responsibility is to have the property professionally appraised. After all, the current municipal evaluation of the building is about the same as my semi-detached, which makes no sense. Consequently, at the May 1 council meeting, I asked the mayor for details of these professional assessments, and was told that they had a number of them, and that “I will get you that.”

A few days, later, having not received anything from the city, I inquired and was told that I had to make a formal request for “access to information.” I’ve been there before – the previous request that I made to council was for the two heritage studies that were commissioned by the city as part of the procedure for giving the Goode house its protection under the Cultural Heritage Act. Back then, I was told the same thing – I had to go through the same procedure, “access to information.” I’m still waiting.

Am I missing something – is not council meant to be responsive to citizens, so that they share and participate in the democratic process of municipal governance? But don’t worry – the mayor has promised to tell us the price – after the deal is signed. As for the professional assessments – maybe I’ll see them sometime this year after it’s a *fait accompli*, or maybe not. It’s really sad.

JON BRESLAW, GROSVENOR AVE.

SECRECY UNACCEPTABLE FOR
GOVERNMENTS ON ARMOURY

At Westmount city council’s meeting on May 1, three concerned residents asked questions about the proposed sale of the Royal Military Regiment armoury (4625 St. Catherine) and the land on which it sits to the Department of National Defence, which I believe is the lessee in a 99-year emphyteutic lease that terminates in 2024. As reported in the *Indie* (April 25. p. 1), the

sales amount would be made public only after the deed is signed, possibly in a matter of days.

At the meeting, I asked (via the online form, as I was unable to attend the meeting either in person or online) why the secrecy, pointing out that both parties to the sale are governments, and thus servants of the people, and wondering if it is even legal for council to approve the sale of this high-value property behind closed doors. I also asked what alternatives to an outright sale had been explored and rejected, and for what reasons.

In her response (see the video of the meeting on the city’s website), Mayor Christina Smith referred to earlier in-person questions on the same topic. Regarding secrecy, she had said, “...I can understand why it would be perceived that it wasn’t all done within the public domain because that obviously sometimes can’t happen, but it was done with the best intention of keeping the RMR within our community.”

Regarding alternatives, the mayor suggested that everyone on council had been asking the same questions, repeatedly, in a long process that started before she became mayor. She also suggested that the armoury, like other city buildings, needs major work and investment, and offers limited opportunities for other uses that the city might put it to.

The implication of needing work and investment is that the building maintenance has not been adequately performed by the lessee, which I understand to be in contravention of the requirements of an emphyteutic lease.

So why is the city not requiring the lessee to bring the building maintenance up to date, prior to a sale? And again, why the secrecy, which is illegal [in my opinion] according to Quebec’s Cities and Towns Act (CQLR c C-19, para 322: “The sittings of the council shall be public.”)?

I call upon the city administration to delay the execution of any sale of this property, until the above issues have been adequately sorted out. And I call upon other Westmount residents who share my concerns to contact me at henry@olders.ca.

HENRY OLDERS, LANSDOWNE AVE.

PIT BULLS ACCOUNT
FOR DISPROPORTIONATE
SHARE OF ATTACKS

I take issue with the May 2 “A-dog-tions” column (p. 18), because it features a pit bull, “Chubby.” Chubby is available for an “adult home,” a flag indicating the dog may not be safe around children. It further states that Chubby has a need for “help” with “anxiety towards other dogs on leash.” Unspoken is the warning that off leash, Chubby [may present] a heightened risk to other dogs.

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Given the statistics on animal attacks by pit bulls, including those raised from birth in loving homes – pit bulls account for 91 percent of dog-on-dog fatalities – I find the promotion of pit bull adoptions in this newspaper concerning, especially considering that the A-dog-tion column withholds pertinent information from potential adopters, in particular: Does Chubby have a history of aggression toward animals or humans? Readers have a right to full disclosure.

Reliable studies tell us that, amongst other unsettling facts, “when attacks come from unfamiliar dogs, the pit bull was responsible for 60 percent and 63 percent of all injuries and ocular injuries, respectively.” Considering there are about 400 breeds of dogs, that is an astronomical figure. Sources for this and other pit bull-related statistics that are highly relevant to this issue are available at dogsbite.org.

BARBARA KAY, KENSINGTON AVE.

Editor’s reply: A quick search online led me to your March 26, 2019 column “When pit bull defenders attack,” where you wrote “Our objective is phased-out breeding of the pit bull-type dog altogether.” Until that day comes (if ever), the breed is legal, present in the world and can be presented as such.

I am not a dog person, but reading your letter, it looks to me like columnist Lysanne Fowler included a lot of pertinent information. Talking to her, I learned even more, including that Chubby is not a pit bull at all and, unsurprisingly, that it is Lysanne’s practice not to include dogs that have bitten people or other dogs.

Regardless, when it comes to actually adopting any dog, readers should do their own due diligence, as they would in a similar way with any advertised product or service. Granted, the A-dog-tions piece is content (not an advertisement), but it is a *column* (different from news coverage), where it is normal to find opinions. Even so, I make it my business to notice that Lysanne works with very reputable shelters. I think if any of our readers read the Chubby column, went to the Montreal SPCA and began its adoption process, they would have had all the relevant information to make an informed choice about whether to adopt this dog or not. Please also see Lysanne’s response on p. 20. – DP.

Château zoning proposal

CLARITY NEEDED ON BY-LAW, TAX DISCUSSION

I concur with Councillor Peart in his declaration that “it is essential to separate fact from speculation or misinformation” (April 25, p. 7).

Claim: He has been misquoted with useful context omitted.

Fact: In his email to me on 4998 [de

Maisonneuve, the Château Maisonneuve], Councillor Peart did provide a detailed explanation of the two main factors driving a tax bill – property assessment and the tax rate distribution. At the end he concluded “All this to say, however, is that the property owner [Creccal] is likely to see a significant reduction in their tax bill in the range of \$150-300K – depending upon the final assessment by the Agglomeration of Montreal. The impact is primarily due to the lower residential rate.”

Then he added “If one owner’s tax bill is lowered, then the tax bill of everyone else must rise to fill the void.”

There is no equivocation here. Perhaps he has since re-thought it, claiming now that Creccal may actually see an increase in the tax bill. Will Creccal’s tax bill be going up or down? If it is going down, Westmount residents will be picking up the tab.

Claim: “Inaction [by the city] leaves the owner with no options.”

Fact: False. Creccal has the clear option of renovating and upgrading the four floors while keeping them commercial. Sure, there is lower demand for office space post-COVID, but tenants are visibly shifting first to new buildings and then to freshly renovated office space. In fact, Creccal is marketing its Westmount Square property as just that. My eye surgeon moved his clinic there to the fifth floor, which is now undergoing renewal. He left an old facility on St. Catherine.

Claim: “Westmount is fully built”

Fact: False. The councillor should re-familiarize himself with the housing concept previously proposed for the Tupper parking lots [in southeast Westmount], a huge tract of land entirely owned by the city. About four years ago, Councillor Peart, together with the rest of council, rejected this concept consisting of three- to four-storey housing along Dorchester and five to six storeys backing onto the commercial buildings along Tupper and further west.

A preliminary design was made public in 2016 (*Independent*, June 21, p. 1). Then AGIL, an urban planning company commissioned by the city in March 2017, developed a detailed design of the proposed development. The report was publicly released on October 2, 2018, but then quickly abandoned for a reason totally unknown to our community.

If council is truly committed to increasing the housing stock, perhaps it should start here, on city property.

Sadly, council persists in misinformation on the proposed by-law change. A big question remains. Why?

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SO, COUNCILLOR PEART DOES HAVE AN OPINION ...

I read Councillor Peart’s April 25 column (p. 7) about Château Maisonneuve with interest and surprise. In it, he addresses many of the arguments raised against the project (and some he seems to have invented) and expresses his opinion on them and a clear preference for approving the project. Yet, on April 11, Mayor Smith wrote that “I will not comment here on the arguments put forward by [the *Independent’s* editor] Mr. Price against the project itself. The council must follow a well-established procedure before it makes and communicates its decision.”

Which is it?

In fact, as I have noted before, councillors can and do express their opinions about projects before they are presented to council all the time. Sometimes they run for or against a proposal. Sometimes they participate in the public debate about issues that arise during their mandates. What is, and should be, out of place is for council to shield their opinions until it is too late for citizens to influence their votes and leave them only with a *fait accompli* that they must organize against to defeat.

They should also be transparent about *when* they will be making their decisions, which I note that, despite both private and public requests, most of them still have not done.

Councillor Peart also makes the inflammatory (and false in my view) claim that an argument against the project is that “[t]his will change the character of the neighbourhood” and responds “Any notional reference to ‘character’ could only allude to that of its future occupants. It’s difficult to interpret this as anything but exclusionary.” I challenge Councillor Peart to point to what he is referring to – I certainly haven’t read that opinion in this paper. And for the record, I am not concerned about who lives in my part of Westmount, just how many people do.

I’d also note that a city where the typical house price is 2.35 million dollars is necessarily exclusionary to a lot of people who might want to live here.

Councillor Peart is all for increasing Westmount’s population density. But if that is such an important goal, why is the city sitting on a piece of land (the Tupper lots in southeast Westmount) whose development could provide non-exclusionary low-income housing (which Château Maisonneuve is *not* proposing), increase the tax base, and spread out the density? Or is it only Vic village that must support this goal, even though we’ve been subjected to 15 years of non-stop construction, and even

though most of the affected citizens who have chosen to publicly state their opinion have said that they are against it? *Do our opinions not count in forming theirs?*

They don’t seem to, but they should. In fact, Quebec’s municipal law *presumes* that those who live contiguous to the proposed project *will* be impacted by such construction (whether it’s inside or outside). That’s why we need to be consulted and why we ultimately can vote against it if it gets that far.

For Councillor Peart (and Mayor Smith) to continue to minimize the impact of this construction on the neighbourhood is galling. In fact, that most of us are against this project shouldn’t come as a surprise. One only needs to look at the photo of what the worksite on Prince Albert (May 2, p. 21) looked like for *months*, under this council’s watch. We’re supposed to trust their word for whether something will be a nuisance or not?

I don’t think so.

P.S. Dear Graham Wight – In case you were wondering [after your May 2, p. 20 letter], this is *my opinion*, which I have the right to express in the public forum, just as you have the right to express yours, regardless of who I’m married to.

CATHERINE MCKENZIE,
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Editor’s note: Catherine McKenzie is the wife of the *Independent’s* editor. – DP.

Update

CLLR. PEART PROVIDES TWO REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPHS

Councillor Conrad Peart wrote May 5 to replace the two paragraphs that follow the “How did we get here?” subhead in his column of April 25 (p. 7). The new text is:

How did we get here?

At the time of construction, regulations stipulated a minimum dwelling unit of two habitable rooms – including a bedroom and combination living area. The count of such units could not exceed 25 percent of the total. Remaining units must include four habitable rooms. While it specified a minimum bedroom size, it did not prescribe unit floor area minimums.

In 1986, a by-law re-write established a minimum dwelling unit floor area of 550 sq. ft., including two habitable rooms. The count of such units could not exceed 40 percent of the total. Remaining units must be at least 700 sq. ft. in floor area and include an additional habitable room. This requirement, reiterated in the 2001 re-write and still in effect today, forced the building into non-conformity. This, while having no potential for application elsewhere in this specific zone, comprising a single lot and building.

Police Report

Police urge restraint after Westmount/Belmont shoving incident

By MARTIN C. BARRY

A confrontation that nearly brought two men to blows on a usually quiet upper Westmount street should be a reminder to all of the necessity to use restraint even in tense situations, says a spokesman for the Montreal police department.

"If ever there is a delivery truck or some kind of heavy equipment blocking your entrance, try to avoid a confrontation with the other person," said Station 12 community relations officer Cst. Mike Yigit, commenting on the incident last week.

"An option could be to call the police," he continued. "And perhaps also avoid honking."

The incident in question took place around 8 am on May 1 outside a home near the intersection of Belmont and Westmount avenues where some construction activity was under way.

According to Yigit, a male resident found a plumbing services truck blocking his driveway. After honking to draw the attention of the truck driver, the driver turned up, but reacted with anger at the extent of the other man's protestations.

"So, a verbal confrontation occurred, and

then one pushed the other," said Yigit. "And then they started to push each other, until finally the police were called." In the end, he added, "no one wanted to press charges, but with the pushing it could have degenerated into something more serious."

He pointed out that in recent years, with the rise of home delivery companies like Amazon that drop off packages on doorsteps, it has become increasingly common for people to find a right of way blocked momentarily by service vehicles.

"It's perhaps a matter of analyzing the situation before honking," Yigit said, not-

ing that Amazon or Canada Post delivery drivers typically take less than a minute to complete a drop-off. "Turn up the radio for a bit, relax, to avoid a confrontation," he suggested.

Investigation, patrolling continue

Although there were no home burglaries reported in Westmount up to last Thursday, following a series of them in recent weeks, Cst. Yigit said investigators at Station 12 are actively working to solve the most recent break-ins that took place at homes in upper Westmount.

Outlining some of the preventive measures taken by the police, he noted that at least two police cruisers are always on the road, patrolling Station 12's territory (all of Westmount and part of downtown Montreal) on a 24/7 basis.

"There could be more, but the minimum we could be is two cars," he said. Although Station 12 closes overnight, Station 15 downtown takes over responsibility during those hours for Westmount. He also pointed out that patrols are conducted on a regular basis by Westmount Public Security.

Professional obligations coincide with city meetings

Back after tax deadlines and 'in fighting form': Cllr. D'Amico

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Residents of District 1, who may have been concerned not to see Councillor Antonio d'Amico at the three recent council meetings, may be interested to know he is "back and still in fighting form," he told the *Independent* last week.

"I survived," he added outlining some of the challenges he faced this year as a CPA – chartered professional account.

"This year, in particular, we had three different tax deadlines that not only coincided with council meetings but were compounded by the remote working of government tax people," with whom he needs to connect with on behalf of clients.

"You no longer have the same kind of interaction with people working in a silo," he explained. "We try to be effective but it's been complicated" by waiting for downloads, information on installments added

to the wrong year and people on cell phones whose batteries die during long waits on hold.

Tax deadlines with which he deals include those not encountered by the rank and file of taxpayers, including "those dealing with US and other tax deadlines, and various deadline extensions and labour issues that this year all seemed to come at the same time."

'Birds of Westmount' website launched



A merlin in King George (Murray Hill) Park on April 12 quietly takes flight in pursuit of unsuspecting prey.

PHOTO: RALPH THOMPSON.

Westmount Independent photographer and columnist Ralph Thompson has created a website with photos of Westmount

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Earth Day clothing swap draws the sustainably fashionable

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Westmounters with a penchant for second-hand clothing and fashions got an opportunity to indulge themselves on Earth Day April 22 when the city of Westmount held its first-ever clothing swap at Victoria Hall.

Emily Gamble and Rachel Conover, who are community events coordinators with the city, felt it was about time someone made concrete efforts to match the spirit of sustainability associated with Earth Day, while having some fun at the same time.

“I guess the goal of it was to have a way for the community to come together and do something that is Earth Day-minded, that involves a bit more action,” Gamble said.

She described clothing swaps as “a good way to *continued on p. 10*”

► Seen here during the clothing swap in Victoria Hall on Earth Day (April 22) from the left are Westmount city councillor Elisabeth Roux, Sports and Recreation department coordinator Claude Danis, library assistant director Donna Lach, community events technician Melissa Denis-Daigneault, and community events coordinators Emily Gamble and Rachel Conover.



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Clothing swap, cont'd from p. 9

meet people, to meet your neighbours,” while saying they also provide participants with the assurance that the items they contribute are being sustainably recycled, instead of ending up in a landfill for trash.

“Basically, it’s a sustainable way to give things a second life,” added Conover.

All the clothing and accessory items laid out on tables and in wheeled coat racks in the main auditorium at Victoria Hall were provided mostly by Westmounters who had registered beforehand.

After dropping the clothing off, they returned on the afternoon of the event to browse through the items others con-

tributed and to pick out whatever they liked.

While Gamble and Conover were the swap’s instigators, there was nothing stopping them from casting an eye on some of the items that had been brought in.

“There are some beautiful coats,” Gamble admitted. “Yeah, really beautiful coats,” Conover agreed, while also noting that the offerings included some adorable little girls’ princess costumes, as well as a few formal women’s evening gowns.

Since the swap’s rules allowed anyone who contributed clothing to take back something of more or less equal worth,

Gamble hoped to leave by the end of the day with something eye-catching, although “we’ll see what’s left,” she said.

“As a swap, it’s not necessarily one for one,” Donna Lach, assistant director for Westmount Public Library and community events, pointed out. “Emily and Rachel’s idea was to be giving for re-use, recycling and re-purpose. The idea is not to bring five and you want five back. Their idea is to welcome everyone.”

According to Lach, an estimated 400 people attended the event and leftover items were being donated to a shelter.

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Indoor pool, cont'd from p. 1

ready been made public,” Mayor Christina Smith replied. She also stated that space and money were among items involved in building an indoor pool. “I hope we can find a solution.”

The first study had found city was “right on the line for being underserved” by an indoor pool (see story July 9, 2019, p. 1 and October 15, 2019, p. 1).

Councillor Kathleen Kez stated the (second) report had been posted on the city’s website under “major projects,” but Sampson explained that it was the first report that had been posted (see story July 9, 2019, p. 1).

indoor pool in Westmount – stage 2: functional and technical program and assessment of proposed sites,” and had been called by Councillor Mary Gallery at the time as “the next important step on the way in making a decision on a potential pool.”

A second questioner, Rony Cukier of Rosemount Ave., suggested that for an estimated \$2 million the city could cover the existing outdoor pool with a removable dome and generator for heating as an interim measure. This had been an idea proposed many years ago when the current pool was being discussed.

See also story on p. 5.

Info not existing?

Sampson later told the *Independent* he had applied for this second report and others through access to information (on October 9, 2022). The reply by Legal Services October 25, however, stated that “no such information existed in the city Sports and Recreation files.” The reference to Sports and Recreation was questioned by Sampson since, to his knowledge, the report did not involve this department.

“If there is no report, then I want ‘my’ money back,” Sampson said referring to the \$42,000 to \$99,000 mandated to TLA Architects Inc. in the council resolution adopted November 2, 2020.

This second report was called “a new

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Maccarone to reveal citizen and youth council members this month

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Westmount–St. Louis Liberal provincial legislator Jennifer Maccarone expects to have recruited at least 15 residents of her riding for some new citizen and youth advisory councils by the time she and her staff reveal the names of the members in May.

Maccarone announced the creation of the councils in March. Anyone living in the riding and who is from 15 to 24 years of age could apply to become a member of the youth council as late as April 23, while anyone 25 or older could apply for the citizen council.

In an interview with the *Westmount Independent*, Maccarone said she hadn't set a fixed limit on the number of people who will sit on each council. "It'll really be dependent upon the citizens," she said.

"It's going to be their committee, and so it may vary. I doubt we'll have 50 people who register. But – you know what? – I don't think we'll be limiting ourselves to 15. If a sixteenth person says they want to

join, we won't be saying 'no.' The goal is to be as inclusive as possible."

Beyond the age criteria, she said there were no other conditions for becoming a council member. "There's no real minimum requirement, but of course it would be good to have people that are interested in a good constructive debate and conversation around the table."

"The goal is to want to influence positive change in the riding and make sure that I know what the citizens are hoping to see and what their concerns are so that I can bring their voice forward," Maccarone said.

According to electoral rules, riding associations are set up to handle matters of a political nature, including the nomination of candidates for elections, in all electoral districts.

Although Maccarone acknowledged that the Westmount–St. Louis Liberal Association fulfills this function, she said its purpose is largely partisan, while the youth and citizen councils will be non-partisan.

"The discussions that will be had at both of these councils will not be Liberal Party of Quebec discussions," she said. "They will be discussions that are larger than that. So, anybody, regardless of what their political affiliation is and who wants to influence positive change, will be taking part."

While noting that an announcement on the composition of the committees should be made in May, she said they will be meeting a minimum of six times a year, in person, online or in hybrid mode, depending on how the members wish to proceed, and on whether they feel additional meetings are necessary.

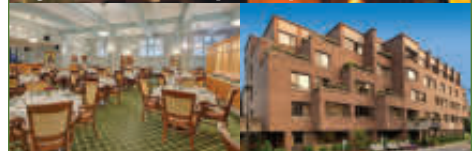
"I don't think it will ever be more than once a month, because people are exceptionally busy right now," she said. "Nothing is set in stone in that we can't change anything to adapt to what the citizens would like to see."

"The goal is really outreach, to make sure that people have a forum to make their voices heard, as well as to demystify what my role is."

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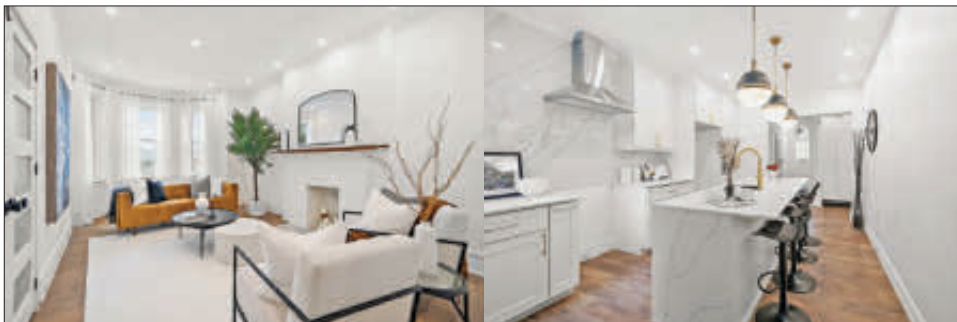
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La date limite pour le 2^e versement de l'impôt foncier est le 26 mai. Les paiements sont acceptés par la poste, par voie électronique ou en personne. Veuillez noter que l'horaire d'été pour les bureaux administratifs de Westmount entre en vigueur le 23 mai et l'hôtel de ville fermera à 13 h le 26 mai. **westmount.org**

Garden Waste Collection
Place your yard waste at the curb in paper bags or loose in an open container by 7 a.m. on your collection day. Visit **westmount.org** to consult the collection schedules.

Belvedere depot: modified schedule
The garden waste depot will be open to landscape contractors with a City permit Monday to Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 7:30 to 11 a.m. **westmount.org**

Sports and Recreation activities
Sign up now for summer activities. Consult the guide at **westmount.org**.

City offices closed Monday, May 22
Westmount's municipal offices will be closed for the Victoria Day holiday on May 22. The Library will be closed Sunday and Monday. Green waste and garbage collections will take place as usual.

Property taxes: second installment due Friday, May 26, 2023
The deadline for the 2nd property tax installment for 2023 is May 26. Payments are accepted by mail, by electronic transfer or in person. Please note that the summer office schedule for Westmount's administrative offices will come into effect on May 23 and City Hall will close at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 26. **westmount.org**

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Club de films documentaires — Unarchived (2022)
Mercredi 17 mai, 19 h, Bibliothèque. Avec Elizabeth Montour, chercheuse dans le domaine

Club de lecture pour ados (13 à 17 ans)
Judi 25 mai, 17 h, Bibliothèque. *We Have Always Lived in the Castle* par Shirley Jackson. En anglais. Inscrivez-vous à **westmount.org**.


Journée familiale le 27 mai
Samedi 27 mai, 10 h à 17 h, parc Westmount. Fêtez l'arrivée de l'été à Westmount avec des activités et des jeux tout au long de la journée. Venez rencontrer vos voisins et les groupes communautaires du quartier.

Ciné-club — The Duke (2020)
Mardi 30 mai, 14 h, Victoria Hall. Inscrivez-vous à **westmount.org**.

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LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY EVENTS



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Library: repair work underway
During the work, please use the Westmount Park entrance, or the fully accessible entrance via the Conservatory. Thank you for your understanding.


Documentary Film Club — Unarchived (2022)
Wednesday, May 17, 7 p.m., Library. With Elizabeth Montour, researcher in First Nations cultural material. Register at **westlib.org**.

Book Club for Teens (13 to 17 yr olds)
Thursday, May 25, 5 p.m., Library. *We Have Always Lived in the Castle* by Shirley Jackson. Registration required. **westlib.org**.

Film Club — The Duke (2020)
Tuesday, May 30, 2 p.m., Victoria Hall. Register at **westmount.org**.

Family Day May 27
Saturday, May 27, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Westmount Park. Celebrate the start of summer in Westmount! Enjoy games and activities throughout the day. Meet your neighbours and local community groups.

Friends of the Library Book Sale
Saturday and Sunday, June 3 & 4, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Victoria Hall. Find quality used books at great prices.



Caddell, Task Force present \$25k cheque to fight Bill 96



A cheque was presented to lawyer Michael Bergman, left, on April 12 by Task Force president and Westmounter Andrew Caddell.

PHOTO COURTESY OF TASK FORCE ON LINGUISTIC POLICY.

The Task Force on Linguistic Policy has met its initial goal of raising \$25,000, enabling it to engage Bergman and Associates to take Bill 96 to court, it announced by press release April 20.

The group is headed by Westmounter Andrew Caddell.

“This is a remarkable achievement,” Caddell was quoted as saying, “which shows the importance of the Task Force in Quebec’s political landscape. We raised this money with small personal donations since last September, with some larger donors helping us over the finish line.

“This is a clear sign of our organization’s grassroots appeal to all Quebecers and our confidence that the community will support the fight for linguistic rights.” While other specialized lawsuits challenging Bill 96 are before the courts, the Task

Force aims to deal with aspects affecting Quebecers’ day-to-day lives. Lawyer Michael Bergman is expected to launch proceedings by late May. According to the group, people and entities affected by the bill include:

- Plaintiffs acting as public interest litigants,
- Canadian citizens who did not go to school in English in Canada (i.e., non “historic anglophones”),
- Businesspeople or corporations between 25 and 49 employees,
- Permanent residents in Quebec who will no longer be eligible to receive communications in English from Quebec after six months; and
- Disabled persons who will suffer increased hardship.

In Ahuntsic-Cartierville Villa Sainte-Marcelline parents protest outside Collège Ste-Marcelline

BY JENNIFER BALL

Two peaceful rallies were organized by parents to protest the fact that a second offer to buy the Villa Ste-Marcelline buildings and land on Upper Belmont was refused by the Congrégation des Soeurs de la Villa Sainte-Marcelline, which owns the school’s campus. Parents are worried that the school is going to close.

Rallies took place on May 5 and May 6 outside Collège Ste-Marcelline – a separate school that is located at 9155 Gouin Blvd. in Ahuntsic-Cartierville – after parents had been invited by the board for an information session on May 1 and May 2. Parents are now expressing that it has been eight frustrating months of negotiation and still there is uncertainty about the future of the school.

The protest took place despite a May 4 message sent to the parents from Sister Teresa, director general of the Congrégation, asking them not to do it.

Her statement, in French, read, “Indeed, unless a serious buyer is found, the Villa will unfortunately have to close its doors in June 2024. This situation is already very painful for us, and unfortunately a lot of false information and rumours are currently circulating about it, creating confusion and worsening the situation. A communiqué from the Marcelline community will be sent to set the record straight and give the correct information about the current situation...”

“That being said, the Collège and Amitié [Saraguay seniors’ residence, which is nearby] are in no way involved and we sincerely regret that this demonstration will voluntarily disrupt the traffic around the Collège and the residence at the end of

class and make the parents, the Collège staff and the [Amitié] residents pay for it.

“We remind you that the Collège’s future is not in any way compromised by the possible closure of the Villa [school in Westmount] and that if there are any rumours to that effect, please be advised that they are completely false.”

Parents weight in

Parents were willing to talk, but they all wanted to remain anonymous for the sake of their children currently at the Villa Sainte-Marcelline. The first parent source said, “We do not have time now to find a solution! If they had given us more time, we could have saved the school... We are still not giving up, but we are really saddened.”

The second parent source said: “What if we receive a spot at another school? What do we do? Do we take it? We really love this school and we chose this school...”

“What do we do if we have two children and one of our children gets a spot at another school and the other one is here [at Villa]? We are not just dividing siblings. We are dividing friends and that really runs deep...”

The third parent source said, “We feel abandoned by the Congrégation and we feel like our kids are being put in the streets... Our plan was 20 years and our kids are very sad. It has been a real roller-coaster. Even the kids that left are sad because they wanted to be here.”

The fourth parent said, “Sister Teresa said the school will close in June 2024 unless we have a really serious offer. It went from needing \$12-13 million to save the school, to ‘We just want money.’”



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Female-majority squad defies industry's norm

Villa Maria robotics team wins regional 'Rookie' award



BY JENNIFER BALL

Teamwork and a robust blend of programming, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, and computer science make Villa Maria's robotics club hum.

The team is made up of 12 students and present on April 26 were teacher Katie McClung, and students Camille Massue, Imogen Prince, Emma Joubert, Jude Dubois and Amelia Monaghan.

Students Dalia Vadish, Jiani Luo, Michelle Ruoying Li, Yuqing Zhou, Susie Ko, Vnita Mach, Andrea Orozco Estrada had other commitments.

McClung is a teacher at Villa Maria in science and technology. The students say she gives them the space to find their own solutions while guiding and mentoring them. The school is located at 4245 Decarie in NDG near the northwestern corner of Westmount.

The Festival de robotique regional, which ran from March 28 to April 1 in Three Rivers, awarded Villa Maria's robotics team the Rookie award.

Subsequently, the team went on to compete in Houston, Texas for the FIRST Championship robotics competition. It was held April 19 to 22 and sponsored by big players like Disney, Google and United Therapeutics.

Prince said "I think that we came really far from our first competition, which was in December, where our robot worked twice and we pushed the entire event an hour behind because our robot kept breaking down on the field.

"Just the fact that we had a working robot [at The festival de robotique regional] – I was so proud of us for that."

Monaghan said that the experience at the FIRST Championship was a good one. "It was definitely a learning experience for

all of us. We got to meet lots of teams that are super experienced, which was really like an incredible thing and it gave us a lot of ideas for next year."

Massue said "We've had a lot of challenges and a lot of problem solving was required, but I think we've learned a lot and that obviously in the future, we'll know not to re-do the same mistakes we did."

To compete in these competitions, the robotics team have had to digest hundreds of pages of restrictions for what they cannot use in building their robot and there is no guidance on what makes a winning design.

Robotics blends programming, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering and computer science principles to develop autonomous machines that perform a wide range of dull, dangerous, and/or complex tasks.

Villa Maria's design *looks* dangerous. While it is not exactly dismantling bombs, their "Villaciraptor" – their take on a velociraptor dinosaur – appears to be ravenous.

What, besides the blended-skills, have they learned from the whole experience? Dubois said "Well, there's a lot of theory, so there's a lot of team building. We lived in a house together for six days as well, so we got to know what everyone's strengths are."

Joubert was the team's "drive coach."

"I would be there with the team that was driving the robot and I would help with strategy and tell them what to do and kind of guide them on the field..."

"Usually, other drive coaches are much older and getting them to listen to us, to hear our input and to really include us in the conversation was great."

According to Zippia, a career expert website, 4.4 percent of robotics systems engineers are women and 95.6 percent are

The Villa Maria robotics team on April 26. From left: teacher Katie McClung, Jude Dubois, Camille Massue, Emma Joubert, Imogen Prince and Amelia Monaghan.

men. At Villa Maria, it curves distinctly away from that trend: nine girls, two non-binary students and one boy.

Massue said "I always talk about that with everyone..."

"...I think it's also the goal of most of the

team to change the view that students in the school have on robotics. Even I, before coming here, I was like 'Oh robotics: it's like coding in a dark room for hours.' Then I realized the thing I love the most about this club is the social aspect."



The Villa Maria robot that competed in Houston, Texas, as seen April 1.

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Westmount youth group profile

Sparks, Embers (fka 'Brownies') work to include, learn STEM

BY JENNIFER BALL

The Sparks and Embers meet weekly at St. Matthias Anglican Church, on Church Hill and Côte St. Antoine. On April 4, children's aprons were donned and safety knives wielded for a vegetable-prep session, although science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) activities were just as likely to have been on the agenda.

In Girl Guides, the age categories are as follows:

- Sparks (ages 5 to 6),
- Embers– the name was changed from “Brownies” in January 2023 to be more inclusive (ages 7 to 8),
- Guides (ages 9 to 11),
- Pathfinders (ages 12 to 14),
- Rangers (ages 15 to 17),
- Adults (ages 18+).

Laura Jackson (adult volunteer) co-leads the group meetings with Avery Jane and during a telephone interview on March 31, she indicated the Girl Guides are not co-ed but the association has made many changes since the guiding movement was established in Canada in 1910.

“We are quite accepting and open to any members that identify as nonbinary and we also accept trans girls. I know that a lot of people think that Girl Guides – because they’ve been around for so long – have this whole history and super-strict policies and such, but we are extremely current and we accept all types of kids.”

Girl Guides is a worldwide organization for girls, dedicated to training them in good citizenship, good conduct and outdoor activities.

Jackson said the organization has adapted to implement a lot of science-related activities and STEM. “It is totally up to them to decide what they’re interested in. We’re not going to discourage anything, even if it is known historically as being like stereotypical.”



Group photo, with ‘raspberries’ blown and pouts thrown in for free. At St. Matthias Church April 4 were, from left: Astrid Waschke, Laura Jackson, Celine Tian, Maya Tal, Grace Tindall, Avery Jane, Lana Cary-Brown, Eva Cary-Brown and Zihui Yi.

Jackson said participation “gives them a different learning environment outside of school, which I think is super important ‘cause I know some kids don’t really necessarily always function well in a classroom environment.”

Also unchanged, since 1927, is Girl Guide cookies vending. “The cookies are still a classic thing. I just took my unit out last week to go door to door selling cookies,” Jackson said. “Most of the cookie money that we do get goes right back into programming. That is buying supplies or payment for outings.”

Grace Tindall, Maya Tal and Astrid

Waschke were willing to participate in the *Indie* profile.

Tindall is 9 and an Ember. What draws her to the weekly event is that “I like the games and I like earning badges.” Last year, she got “a badge for snowshoeing.” An activity, she said, she shared with her sister and mother.

Waschke is a Spark, and she is 6 and a half. Sizing up the reporter, she was a little reticent at first but then she quickly opened up about her entire family history from her grandparents through to her eldest sister and her sister’s boyfriend.

The appeal of Sparks is “I like spending

time with my teacher. I made her little charms like a moon rock. One of my talents is that I can make things out of clay by my own hands. I made dinosaurs and my mum helped me.”

In the summer, she has plans to “help the earth and pick up garbage and have a lemonade stand.”

Tal is 8 and an Ember. “It is fun! This year, I am going to go to camp and I am happy to do that. We sold cookies last week and I want to go on to be a Girl Guide.”

Celine Tan asked the *Independent* if “I would forget about them after I left?”

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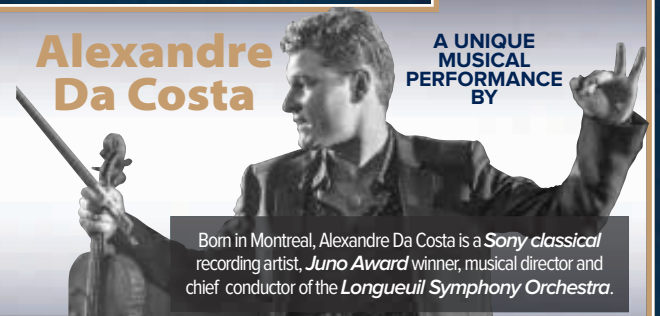
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LYSANNE FOWLER

This is Juicebox from the Montreal SPCA. From the photograph, you can tell he is a small, brown, mixed-breed dog. That is all you need to know at first glance. You will find out more from his information page on the shelter website and then through the adoptions coordinators when you drop by to visit him.

Juicebox is an adorable seven-year-old,

Juicebox



very healthy, up to date with his inoculations, neutered and microchipped.

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Please do go the Montreal SPCA website at www.sPCA.com, head to his information page from his identification number, 524450738, and refer to the daily agenda on the right-hand side of the page to select the day of your visit as the shelter opens every day at 10 am for adoptions. It is located at 5215 Jean Talon St. West, Montreal H4P 1X4. Please do not hesitate to find out more about Juicebox and consider adoption for this cute little fellow.

Not a pitbull

I was advised by our editor that a pit bull-ban militant has chosen to target me as having presented a pit bull in last week's edition of my column. Let me be clear: the large young adult dog I featured last week was not a pit bull and the shelter that took him in for adoption has confirmed that he was happily adopted by a wonderful family who will give him a better life than the one



9 Lives

LYSANNE FOWLER

Such a beautiful and regal grey-and-brown tabby, such a pretty face with the classic gold-tone eyes in contrast to her brown-and-black long-haired look. Pretty as can be but also most affectionate, Pandora is a lovely companion to family and other cats.

She is presently at the Montreal SPCA cattery, in a temporary foster family home. The members of the family report that she is affectionate and playful, keen on companionship. She is a quiet girlie who is sensitive to her environment, also enjoying good snuggles and interactive games.

Pandora is six years old, up to date with her inoculations, spayed and microchipped. You can find out more about Pandora by searching for the Montreal SPCA website at www.sPCA.com, then aiming for the

he had before surrender.

You know me well. I have been in your home every week for 17 years. You have met me on the street, you have spoken to me on the phone, you have emailed me. I have never shown prejudice towards any animal, any breed or presentation of breed of animal, and I will not be bullied into doing so. I have been rescuing animals since I was a little girl and I do not show animal-breed specific racism. I do the work that is required of me as there is a great need.

This is my opportunity to stand proud for the work of the rescues and shelters that do the heavy lifting every day and every night, the horrible circumstances they witness and move forward from.

I hope you will be reassured that I stand as you do, that I will not discriminate on the basis of looks, health, age, gender, provenance. We are Westmount, we do rescue.

Your neighbour,
Lysanne

Pandora of hearts



cat section, searching for her information page (with notes from her foster family) by her identification number, 35984080, then filling out the information form for the adoption coordinators to get back to you online shortly, with more information about her and to make arrangements to discuss adoption.

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Social Notes

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Galerie 203 arrives on Greene

feuille, whose internationally-connected *eminence grise* presence has attracted art collectors for 40 years, the tiny thoroughfare now boasts new go-to destinations for art aficionados.

Galerie 203 held a fun launch on April 20. Complete with red carpet, it took over the former Tony's Shoes location. Owner **Corinne Asseraf** welcomed arrivals.

Life comes full circle. Corinne once worked across the street at Salon Olivier's

(now closed) make-up counter.

Her opening event was Tik Tok-worthy: great art, great food and great guests.

The art ranged from Keith Haring works to "a VIP politician's antique desk" now transformed with street art-style neon slashes and topped with a miniature Queen Elizabeth II statue, complete with Her Majesty's iconic black handbag and matching black shoes.

A diamond-studded Marilyn Monroe

work shimmered sexily beside a piece labelled "I've always been famous. Just no one knew it yet." (Irony or selfie satire? You decide).

At the eve's end, folks converged on trays of mini cannelloni, proudly sitting *Godfather*-style amidst the pretty pastel macarons. The biting wind did not deter sartorial style.

Most arrived coatless, the better to show catwalk-ready clothing. No under-the-radar



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Social notes, cont'd from p. 21

Succession stealth-wealth here. No elastic-waisted pants or the wear-everywhere ubiquitous leggings (aka as tights).

It was “COVID’s over: it’s showtime!”

Ladies were chicly dressed in leathers (one gold gilded), Prada prints, bare-backed dresses (the better to show tattoos), smart spring shifts à la Jackie Kennedy, and of course gallery-cool black. Handbags noted included “the” Birkin as well as some just shown in the European collections.

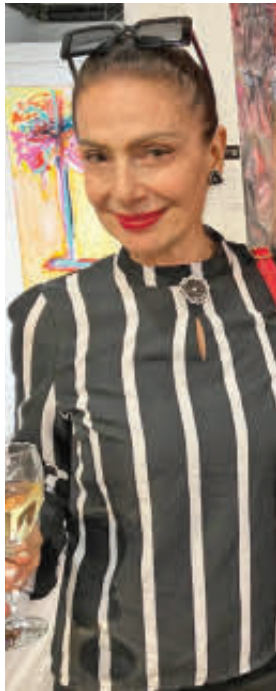
(How, I pondered, did these über-fashionable folk find the latest and the greatest so fast?!)

Noted in the packed space were artist **Marnie Grundman**, former city councillor and current general manager for Westmount’s two merchant associations **Cynthia Lulham**, **Salone Aouizerats** and dad **Eric**, **Geneviève Roy**, **Duncan MacDougall**, **Kate Hubley**, **Étienne Jarry**, **Serge-Jean Laviolette**, **Mimi Surada**, **Katina Goulakos**, **Rimma Orenman**, **Nicolas Lopez**, artists **Honey Solarz Greenbaum** and daughter **Susan**, **Ronnie Cantor**, **Sylva Balassanian** (aka singer Lady Sylva), **Joy Berkson** and **David Touchette**.

Pascale Bourbeau Péladeau brought two tiny curious guests. Her charming sons, **Henri** and **Gabriel**, were fascinated by all the bright colours. Never too early to learn about art.



Geneviève Roy, Duncan MacDougall and Kate Hubley.



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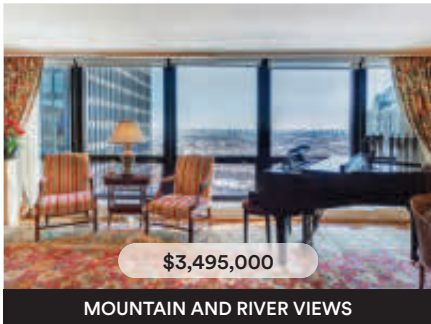
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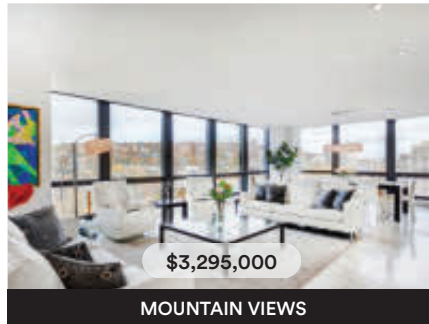
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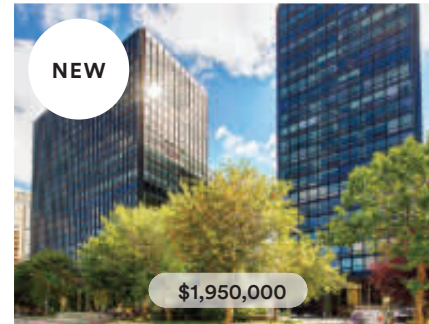
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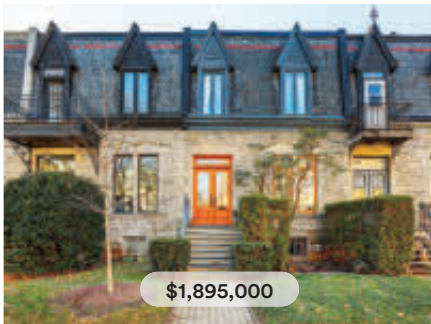
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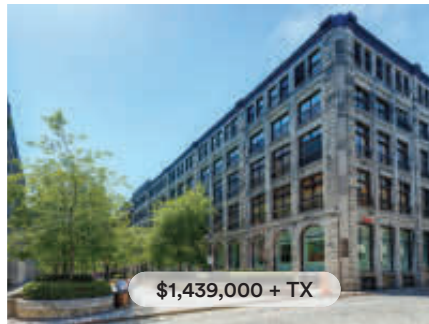
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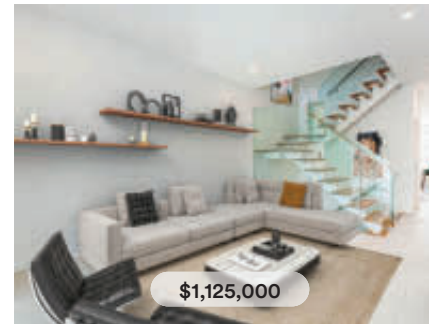
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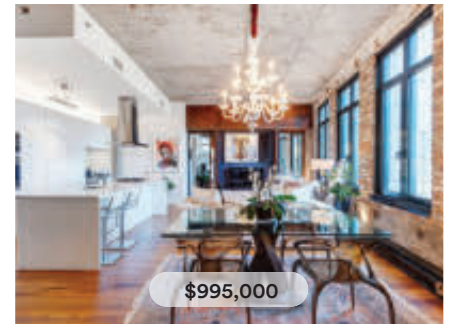
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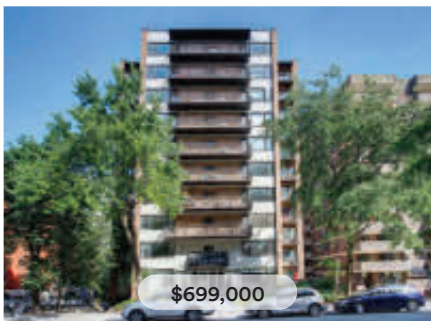
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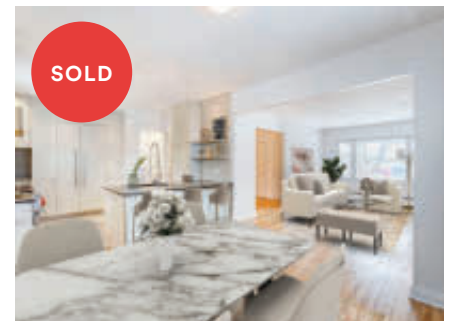
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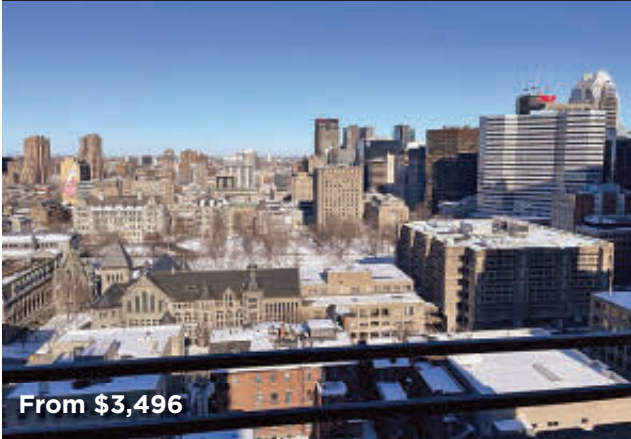
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