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New view from the lookout

The outbound side of the new Champlain bridge, technically the Samuel de Champlain bridge, opened the morning of July 1, the time of this photo, following the opening of the inbound side June 24. The old bridge, visible in the background, will now be dismantled. PHOTO: TED SANCTON.

This issue is the *Independent*'s last one before our usual summer break. We are back in the office, regularly, the week of July 29 to prepare the August 6 issue.

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Sotheby's Québec

French report now online, awaiting translation Indoor pool 'needs study' sends council to next step

By Laureen Sweeney

The consultants' assessment of Westmount's "needs" for a municipal indoor pool is that the city is "right on the line" for being underserved, which resulted in the council deciding in general committee July 2 to go to a feasibility study, Mayor Christina Smith told the *Independent*.

"We all agreed we should go forward,"

she said.

A feasibility study would explore costs, sites, management and other important information that would be required for any decision.

Although the report does not provide recommendations, it lays out options, she explained. Its assessment is that although standards call for one indoor pool per population *continued on p.* 3







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Most of city's \$29-million surplus now appropriated

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council July 2 appropriated \$2.6 million of unappropriated surplus to payas-you-go, the greenhouse restoration project and Urban Planning initiatives, bringing the total amount to \$28.6 million of surplus now allocated to specific projects. This means it cannot be spent in other areas than those for which it is designated.

Most of the amount newly appropriated came from the 2018 operating surplus of \$2.4 million and the main reason for the appropriation, explained Councillor Kathleen Kez, finance commissioner.

The appropriation leaves \$0.4-million of the total \$29-million surplus that can be spent otherwise.

The appropriated surplus was presented as allocated to the following purposes:

• Debt repayment: \$13.9 million,

• PAYG: \$7 million,

City names Flies acting substitute DG

City council has named Urban Planning director Tom Flies to be acting substitute director general in the absence or incapacity of director general Benoit Hurtubise and his designated substitute Jocelyne Dragon, the Human Resources director.

The appointment July 2 follows the departure of the city's assistant director general Sandra Avakian in April and aims to "ensure an effective continuity of the city's operations," the resolution states.

This gives Flies authority to execute the authority and signing privileges of the DG "so there is always someone here to make decisions," Mayor Christina Smith said.

• Greenhouse: \$4.5 million,

- Actuarial deficit: \$2 million,
- Tree replacement: \$0.5 million,

• Municipal elections: \$0.2 million,

• Urban Planning: \$0.5 million.

Jump bikes make way into Westmount

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The distinctive red electric-assisted Jump bikes seen riding through Westmount last week from Montreal are expected to start operating in this city shortly after the Quebec government issues a decree regarding the Highway Safety Code concerning dockless e-vehicle sharing services.

This was expected at the end of last week or this week, city director general Benoit Hurtubise told the Independent July 2. Their launch by the owner, Uber, had initially been reported to coincide with the roll-out in Montreal, though in fact the service began in certain boroughs June 26.

Interestingly, one Jump bike had been seen for a few days shortly after fastened to a pole on Sherbrooke between Roslyn and Grosvenor.

Westmount had been preparing for the launch here by adopting a by-law June 3 concerning dockless e-vehicle sharing services, which designated specific locations where these bikes could be left attached to public stands (see story May 21, p. 1).

Four of these areas are located along the Côte St. Antoine bike path and outside Marianopolis on Westmount Ave. Another 14 are south of Sherbrooke.

They are viewed as being particularly useful for pedalling up the inclines of Westmount and their arrival appears now to coincide with the creation of three new north-south bike paths by the city (see separate story, p. 6). There has been no news concerning the scooters.

Pool, cont'd. from p.1

of 27,000, Westmount does have the YMCA pool. But it functions to capacity, has narrow swimming lanes and limited provision for diving.

As well, the city lacks its own gym, with which it could increase programming for Sports and Recreation. "We could do a lot with a gym," Mayor Smith said.

The full report was posted on the city website in French while waiting the English translation.

In opening remarks at the start of the council meeting July 2, she said the report lays out the pools "in our neighbourhood,"



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Westmounters splash, nosh on Canada Day



Off-duty lifeguard James Sugden, a university student studying business in Nova Scotia, made one of the most spectacular splashes of the afternoon. BY RALPH THOMPSON flops, intentional and unintentional,



Waiting for some of the Canada Day cake.



Canada Day celebrations in Westmount attracted crowds to the recreation centre and the swimming pool. Burgers, hot dogs and beverages were being served outside Mouton Noir Café while lots of water games took place in the pool. The biggest and smallest splashes were judged by lifeguards at the Splash Bash, while the belly

flops, intentional and unintentional, caused a few painful grimaces. Within minutes of the giant Canada Day cake appearing, excited kids were lining up for a bite. "We changed supplier for the cake," said Sports and Rec's Andrew Maislin. "We got this at Provigo on St. Jacques and Cavendish." Councillors Mary Gallery and Jeff Shamie sliced up the cake and served it up to the excited kids...and parents.



Some of the day's divers.



40 new Canadians created

By Ralph Thompson

Forty new Canadian citizens from nine countries were welcomed and sworn in July 1 at Victoria Hall between 11 am and 12 noon. Westmount was one of eight locations in Quebec and 42 across Canada where 1,800 people from around the world became Canadian citizens. Councillor Mary Gallery, commissioner of library, culture, sports and recreation, was the master of ceremonies and Marie Senécal-Tremblay the citizenship judge.

Rania Karazivan, was clerk of the ceremony and RCMP officer Constable Amanda Kent led the dignitaries in and out of the ceremony. Margaret Guest attended from the office of Marc Garneau, minister of Transport and member of parliament for NDG-Westmount. John Donovan sang the national anthem to close the event.

◀ Newly sworn-in Canadians Naghi Hosseinzadeh (rear left) and Tahereh Fazelr Moghaddam and their two children Ayrik (left) and Kourosh.









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Three north-south connector routes Bike paths announced for Redfern, Lansdowne, Claremont

By Laureen Sweeney

Three trial north-south bike paths were officially launched July 2 when city council adopted a resolution to create one northbound on Redfern, another southbound on Lansdowne and lanes both ways on portions of Claremont.

"Lansdowne is a very steep hill, but these three were deemed the safest of all the options, which were looked at exhaustively," said Anitra Bostock, who moved the resolution as commissioner of Public Security.

The aim of the new routes is to connect the east-west bike lanes on de Maisonneuve, Côte St. Antoine and Westmount Ave. and those leading to and from NDG.

Counters and speed monitors will help determine results of the pilot project, in force until November 15.

The lanes are to be designated by the painting of the bicycle image and chevrons, though a few details had yet to be worked out at a meeting of the Transpor-

Register set for July 24 for 500 Claremont

A referendum register on the apartment project slated for 500 Claremont will be open at city hall July 24, it was announced at the July 2 council meeting. It takes place from 9 am to 7 pm.

Residents eligible to sign are qualified voters from the concerned zone, R3-16-01, and those from two contiguous zones from which valid petitions were received, according to the city clerk's office. These are reported as: R2-17-01 and R9-21-01.

A total of 122 signatures will be required to determine a decision by city council August 5 whether or not to proceed to a referendum.





Councillor Anitra Bostock.

tation Advisory Committee July 9, Bostock told the *Independent* last week.

The paths are expected to be in place as soon as the painting can be scheduled, according to city director general Benoit Hurtubise.

How they'll operate

The path on Redfern one-way north will cross Sherbrooke at the lights and use the paved walkway in front of the city hall to join up with the westbound bike lane on Côte St. Antoine. To improve cyclist safety, there will be no parking on the north side of the Côte road between Argyle and Stanton.

The new southbound path on Lansdowne will go from Westmount Ave., to connect with the paths on de Maisonneuve and Glen Rd. The congested block south of Sherbrooke already has only two traffic





Dan Lambert.

lanes and one for parking but the bikes will "follow the flow of traffic," Hurtubise said, and would not require a change in parking.

On Claremont, the bike lanes will be set up on either side of the street between Westmount/NDG avenues and Côte St. Antoine to facilitate access to Marianopolis and connect with NDG routes. These may be marked with the addition of the familiar solid bike lane lines.

While the symbols alone to be used on the narrower Redfern and Lansdowne stretches indicate shared road space by cyclists and drivers, Bostock explained, "We're trying to divert and encourage cyclists to use these shared spaces."

Clarke ruled out

Bostock said Clarke had been an interesting option, but had been ruled out because it is a trucking and fire route, and has a school.

Councillor Marina Brzeski, commissioner of sustainability and accessibility, pointed out that the new paths were "a great plus for active transportation. Lansdowne is a natural choice because it goes all the way down to St. Antoine St. (in St. Henri). Safety is first and foremost and we welcome feedback."

North-south routes in Westmount have been requested by cyclists for several years and will now provide what was characterized as a missing link in Westmount's bike path network. They were recommended in the city Traffic Master Plan of 2013 (see story June 25, p. 1).



Richard Lock.

Richard Lock, who has complained for years about the traffic in his block of Lansdowne south of Sherbrooke, said during question period that this block now "presumably will become one way."

Dan Lambert, president of the Association of Pedestrians and Cyclists, thanked the city for the new paths and asked Mayor Christina Smith if she would be willing to meet with NDG mayor Sue Montgomery to discuss a bike lane on Sherbrooke. "I'm always happy to meet with her," Mayor Smith replied.

Councillor Peart's baby daughter welcomed

The city council meeting July 2 opened with "one very happy update" from Mayor Christina Smith that "Councillor (Conrad) Peart has welcomed a very healthy baby girl, the first baby born 'on council' since Harris."

(Harris Pompili was born 23 years ago to Councillor Cynthia Lulham during her first year in office when she became the first woman ever on a Westmount council to give birth while in office.)

"My spouse, Claudia Perrotte, and I are overjoyed with the arrival of our Madeleine on June 18," Peart later explained. "She is indeed our first. Mother and baby are both doing well. We are really looking forward to the adventures ahead."

Westmount Park found 'shabby, sad' Weeds, dead trees, overgrown bushes among 50 items found by resident group

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

City officials were invited at the July 2 meeting to stroll through Westmount Park with Melville Ave. resident Patrick Barnard and three other residents to check out 50 areas they have identified as suffering from a lack of routine maintenance and cleanup. He then presented the list.

It includes weeds under benches, pools of stagnant water, cracks in cement flower beds, stumps to be removed, missing cobblestones, dead trees and bushes, benches to be painted, a broken sink in the women's washroom of the comfort station, and hedges and bushes to be trimmed as well as the suggested planting of perennials in garden beds.

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"These needs are very evident," Barnard said. The park appeared to look "shabby" and "sad."

He said he and the other three residents had all lived in Westmount many years and have seen "a serious degradation of parks." He also spoke of the need to start soon on re-seeding the field in front of Westmount Park School.

It was almost a year ago that Barnard had presented findings of a similar survey at the council meeting August 6. This had been followed by a reported "blitz" to address routine maintenance of the park (see story August 14, 2018, p. 5).

While a major long-term "restoration" of the park is already under study, Barnard considers the 50 items on the recent list to be basic maintenance.

Parks team being restructured

Councillor Cynthia Lulham, whose commissionership includes parks, had reported at the start of the meeting that the city was "restructuring" its parks committee. A tree inspector had been hired and

the city was in the process of hiring a "parks specialist superintendent" as it used to have.

The Westmount Park's rehabilitation project was later questioned by another person who asked how much of the budget was going into its landscaping though this has yet to be known.

While the project is to unfold in multiphases after public consultations, maintenance would be a factor in landscaping plans, she was told.

Put landscaper in charge

An overall study of the parks' needs and a master development plan is under way by Stantec, an engineering firm. This, Denis Biro of Burton had suggested at the council meeting of June 3, should have been undertaken by a landscape architecture firm that would have been put in charge of its development and implementation.

Lulham said later in the meeting that a landscape architect would be hired in the spring.



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- 3. All gualified voters may request that resolution No. 2019-07-152 be submitted to a referendum poll by signing the register open for that purpose. The register will be open for registration on Wednesday, July 24, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall, located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West in Westmount.
- 4. The number of valid applications needed to require that resolution No. 2019-07-152 be submitted to a referendum poll is 122. If the required number of applications is not reached, resolution No. 2019-07-152 will be deemed approved by qualified voters.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Open letter to Mayor Smith, Cllr. Brzeski re: bikes on walkways, tax late-payment fees

At the last council meeting, I came to present two separate topics. You asked me to table my documents with the registrar, which I did. The subjects were:

1. The right to walk safely on the sidewalks of Westmount Park, and the application of rules requiring cyclists to walk beside their bicycles in the designated areas. Frequenting the park at least three times a week, I can tell you that the result of the initiatives of the city is currently rather mixed and that we frequently observe cyclists still circulating on their bicycles on the sidewalks.

Unfortunately, also on the subject of walking safely on the sidewalks of Westmount, I must mention another unpleasant mishap. On June 26, at around 2:30 pm, on the west sidewalk on Victoria Ave., two young cyclists (16 to 18 years old) were moving fast in the northbound direction. The second brushed my shoulder as he went by. I mentioned to them that sidewalks were for pedestrians. They responded impolitely by raising their middle fingers. I believe that when these offenders have to answer in court and pay fines, the individualism of some citizens will begin to diminish.

2. The second subject concerned accounting administration and the fines claimed by the city to those who paid their taxes on the due date and in accordance with established procedures. Several exchanges took place with officials of the city, and also Mrs. Brzeski. At the council meeting, instead of replying, you asked me to hand in my documents and I would be called to a meeting with someone in authority. It's been over a month now, and I'm still waiting for the call. I point out to council that this is the second time in as many years that the city of Westmount pretends that it has not received our payments.

Serge G. Morin, de Maisonneuve Blvd.

THANKS FOR THE D-DAY EXHIBIT

The exhibit to commemorate D-Day's 75th anniversary at the Westmount Public Library was most adroit and distinguished. Thank you to Mai Jay, information service librarian, and Daniel Miguez de Luca, librarian, for their effort in putting the exhibit together.

Lest We Forget, Nous Nous Souviendrons.

Zeela Kaufman, de Maisonneuve Blvd.

RADIATION SURROUNDS WESTMOUNT PARK

Westmount Park is surrounded by four cell phone towers, one in plain view on Sherbrooke, directly across from the Shaar Hashomyim Synagogue pre-school playground with another on top of my apartment building. An additional two others are situated elsewhere in the city. They all emit powerful electromagnetic radiation (EMF), spreads to well over a kilometer and capable of penetrating brick and concrete buildings.

The microwave radiation generated by the antennae has the potential to cause serious health issues. Symptoms associ-

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The city of Westmount has no idea where these towers exist within its borders because permits are never issued for this type of project. The Quebec Building Code has no provision other than structural safety. Innovation, Scientific and Economic Development of Canada (ISEDC) has *absolute jurisdiction* over all telecommunication infrastructures throughout the country.

Is this not undemocratic when citizens are denied freedom of choice? Public consultations are conducted occasionally, but not widely publicized.

When questioned about health risks, ISEDC refers to Health Canada's Safety Code 6. It originated in 1979 to protect workers on reactor sites in remote regions but never developed to regulate densely populated urban areas with cumulative effects from a proliferation of "gizmos."

Health Canada insists non-ionizing radiation from EMF is not harmful to humans, provided it is kept below a certain level, but admits it does not cover every situation nor regulate the general public's exposure to EMF. So then where is Westmount's Healthy City [Project] that ostensibly exists to protect its constituents? What protective measures can be implemented? What are governments waiting for?

Remember when cigarette smoking was considered fashionable, asbestos was the ideal insulation, and a deep tan from the sun's radiation was looked upon as beautiful? What about pesticides, lead paint, or x-rays? All considered safe at first! Yet it took years, over 40 in the case of tobacco smoke, for governments to realize serious illnesses were indeed caused by exposure to these products.

Scientists worldwide have appealed to the United Nations to study the increase of human ailments associated with EMF. A petition related to this matter is circulating that has so far garnered 100,000 signatures from 178 nations.

The saddest part to this dilemma is no level of government is ready to undertake measures to help citizens avoid health hazards caused by radiation. Must we the citizen take matters into our own hands? ANDREA KLEIN, KENSINGTON AVE.

RIP Nicole Brun



Nicole Brun (left) with Cheryl Glense.

Nicole Brun (née Racouchot) died July 1. She worked for 20 years at the Ritsi women's wear boutique on Sherbrooke near Victoria.

"She will be missed by all at Ritsi," said owner Cheryl Glense. "We were a little family. *Au revoir, mon ami*."

Brun was born in Dijon, France and

Photo courtesy of C. Glense

lived in Paris and Geneva for many years, working as a model and in retail before joining her parents and sister in Montreal. She had no children.

Viewings will take place at the Kane & Fetterly funeral home (5301 Decarie) Saturday, July 13 from 5 to 9 pm and Sunday, July 14, 11 am to 1 pm. – DP





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In Conversation

Heather Black

Painter Maureen Tracey shares her love of Westmount Park at the Gallery at Victoria Hall's *Summer Group Exhibition 2019*. Returning to the community after a 34year hiatus, I spoke to the Metcalfe Ave. resident on her colourful, whimsical paintings and homecoming.

Tracey, who grew up in Victoria village, confided, "As a child I would often beg my

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Tracey returns to Westmount Park



Maureen Tracey with "Evening Glow at the Greenhouse," at the greenhouse.

parents to take me to the park." The greenhouse, in particular, was a favourite respite from the cold. "I loved the banana tree," she said, "and how steamy the greenhouse was even on the coldest days."

She was first encouraged to draw and paint by her mother, artist Melita Tracey. "Then of course, Saturday morning art classes at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts," she explained. Following studies at St. Paul School and Marianopolis College – then a university-level institution – Tracey became an editor for the Montreal Standard's *Weekend* magazine and later marketing director at Peerless Carpets.

"But I've always had a bit of wanderlust," she said. And in the following years her work took her to Oakville, Ottawa, Whistler and Vancouver. There she met her partner, and his native Barbados became a second home. After his death, Tracey packed up and returned to Westmount last year "to be near the park and to start over."

Exhibited Art

Tracey's 12-scene series of *Westmount Park, The Magic Summer* includes the greenhouse, children reading books or watching ducks, and couples at the lagoon. All of these "vignettes" – both large- and small-format – were painted in acrylic on canvas since February. Reflecting her childhood, she said, "I paint how I remembered the park – leaves are large, hills are steep, and colour is everywhere!"

For the series Tracey experimented with technique. "To maintain clear and vibrant tones with acrylic, I paint in the same way I use oils," she said. "I've been influenced by the intense colours of Barbados and I want to share that warmth." That country remains her winter retreat and she continues to exhibit there. "From a love of the greenhouse banana tree to the tropics, I've gone full circle," she said.

Homecoming

Tracey is also delighted to find Montreal so welcoming. "Everyone is smiling, pleasant and friendly," she said. Reaching out to the art community, Tracey joined 12 other Montreal women artists who exhibit collectively as Fuchsia. This included a group show in May at the Complexe du Canal Lachine.

As for future projects, Tracey will participate at Art Westmount in October and at a fall fundraiser for the Old Brewery Mission. "I think it's important to contribute and help build the community we want," she said. The Gallery at Victoria Hall's *Summer Group Exhibition 2019* also includes work by Westmounters Carlos Angel, Hala Farhat, Jaroslava Miler, Lisa Osterland and Tom Thompson. The vernissage takes place on July 10 and the exhibition runs until August 16 at 4626 Sherbrooke St.



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- Bestioles effrayantes (3-6 ans), 10 juillet, 16 h
- Examen de pelotes de hibou (5 ans+), 11 juillet, 16 h
- Heure de conte sensorielle (TSA, 5-11 ans), les
- mardis du 16 juillet au 20 août, 16h • Jardin vert (3-6 ans), 17 juillet, 16 h
- Insectes! (7-12 ans), 18 juillet, 16 h
- À la recherche des fées (3-6 ans), 24 juillet, 16 h Et encore plus! Consultez le westlib.org.

StoryWalk[®] au parc Westmount

Jusqu'au 31 août. Comment attraper un ours qui aime lire d'Andrew Katz et Juliana Léveillé-Trudel. Le StoryWalk® est une activité amusante présentant un livre tout au long d'un chemin dans le parc. Partage tes photos en utilisant le mot-clic #BPWStorywalk.

Ciné-club d'été

Les mardis jusqu'au 30 juillet, 14 h, Victoria Hall. Aucun billet requis. 514 989-5226.

- 16 juillet : The Children Act (2018)
- 23 juillet : Stan & Ollie (2018)
- 30 juillet : Won't You Be My Neighbour (2018)

ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

Les concerts d'été au parc Westmount

Tous les dimanches jusqu'au 11 août, 14 h, parc Westmount, près de l'étang. Concerts gratuits de musique jazz, classique et populaire.

- Le 14 juillet Handmade Journey / Marcel A Trio
- Le 21 juillet Sam Kirmayer Trio
- Le 28 juillet Duo Contra-Danza
- Le 4 août Lady and the Tramps
- Le 11 août Mots et musique

Galerie du Victoria Hall : Exposition

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Du 11 juillet au 16 août. La Galerie est fière de présenter les œuvres de Carlos Angel, Hala Farhat, Jaroslava Miler, Lisa Osterland, Tom Thompson et Maureen Tracey. Lun-ven 10 h - 21 h; sam 10 h - 17 h.

Prochaine séance du conseil le lundi 5 août

Shakespeare en plein air

Les mardi et mercredi 16 et 17 juillet et les samedi et dimanche 10 et 11 août, 19 h, parc Westmount. La troupe Repercussion Theatre présente la comédie Measure for Measure. Représentations en anglais seulement; application web disponible pour suivre en français (theatre. plank.co). Dons acceptés. Apportez une chaise. westmount.org ou repercussiontheatre.com.

SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE

Gravure de vélo gratuite par le SPVM

Tous les jeudis jusqu'au 1er août, 13 h 30 à 15 h 30, Gazebo du parc Westmount. Cliniques de burinage par les agents du PDQ 12. westmount.org

Turcot : fermeture de Greene prolongée

Le passage piéton au niveau de la route 136 demeure fermée jusqu'à la fin juillet pour des raisons de sécurité pendant les travaux. westmount.org.

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TRAVAUX PUBLICS

Travaux routiers : carte interactive

La nouvelle carte Info-travaux vous permet de repérer les zones de travaux routiers et obtenir des détails concernant le projet, sa durée et ses impacts possibles. westmount.org.

Programme de bancs commémoratifs

La Ville offre la possibilité de dédier un banc commémoratif pour un espace vert public à la mémoire d'un être cher qui fut résident de la communauté. westmount.org.

Nouvelles pistes cyclables : période d'essai

La Ville effectue présentement un essai temporaire de trois nouvelles pistes cyclables dans les rues Redfern, Lansdowne et Claremont d'ici la fin de la saison cyclable 2019. La signalisation et le marquage des rues seront effectués sous peu. westmount.org.

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New to Westmount?

Welcome! The City offers its residents a multitude of services and activites. Find out more on the website page for new residents at westmount.org.

LIBRARY

TD Summer Reading Club 2019

Until August 31, Library. Ask for your Summer Reading Club kit at the Children's Desk. This year's theme is The Natural World! Take part in all kinds of activities, including:

- Creepy Crawlies (3-6 yrs.), July 10, 4 p.m.
- Examining Owl Pellets (5 yrs.+), July 11, 4 p.m. Sensory Storytime (ASD, 5-11 yrs.), Tuesdays from
- July 16 to August 20, 4 p.m. • Green Green Garden (3-6 yrs.), July 17, 4 p.m.
- Insects! (7-12 yrs.), July 18, 4 p.m.
- Finding Fairies (3-6 yrs.), July 24, 4 p.m. Find out more at westlib.org.

StoryWalk[®] in Westmount Park

Until August 31. How to Catch a Bear that Loves to Read by Andrew Katz and Juliana Léveillé-Trudel. A StoryWalk[®] is a fun actvity that places a children's book along a path in the park. Share your photos with us using the hashtag #WPLStorywalk.

Summer Film Club

Tuesdays until July 30, 2 p.m., Victoria Hall. No ticket required. 514 989-5226.

- July 16: The Children Act (2018)
- July 23: Stan & Ollie (2018)
- July 30: Won't You Be My Neighbour (2018)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Summer Concerts in Westmount Park

Every Sunday to August 11, 2 p.m., Westmount Park, near the lagoon. Enjoy free jazz, classical and popular music concerts.

- July 14 Handmade Journey / Marcel A Trio
- July 21 Sam Kirmayer Trio
- July 28 Duo Contra-Danza
- August 4 Lady and the Tramps
- August 11 Words and Music

Gallery at Victoria Hall: Exhibition

July 11 to August 16. The Gallery presents works by Carlos Angel, Hala Farhat, Jaroslava Miler, Lisa Osterland, Tom Thompson & Maureen Tracey. Mon-Fri 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sat 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Next Council Meeting Monday, August 5

Shakespeare in the Park

Tuesday and Wednesday, July 16 & 17, and Saturday and Sunday, August 10 & 11, 7 p.m., Westmount Park. Repercussion Theatre presents the comedy Measure for Measure. Freewill donation. Bring a chair. westmount.org or repercussiontheatre.com.

PUBLIC SECURITY

Free bike engraving by the SPVM Thursdays until August 1st, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Westmount Park Gazebo. Bike engraving clinics by Station 12 officers. westmount.org

Turcot: Greene Ave. closure extended

The pedestrian passageway under Route 136 will remain closed until the end of July for safety reasons due to the ongoing work. westmount.org

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Are you moving? Advise Hydro

You wish to open, close or modify your Hydro Westmount account? Kindly notify us at least 7 business days in advance: westmount.org/hydrowestmount.

Work safely close to power lines

Will you be doing work near electrical lines? Take the necessary precautions. Ask Hydro Westmount whether your project requires power line protectors for safety. westmount.org/hydrowestmount.

PUBLIC WORKS

Roadworks: new interactive map

The new online Info Construction map lets you locate work zones and get details about the project, its duration and its impacts. westmount.org

memorial bench in a public park or green space in

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Memorial bench programme The City offers the opportunity to dedicate a

the community. westmount.org

2019 cycling season. Signage and

street markings will be carried

out shortly. westmount.org

Trial period for new cycling paths

The City is currently implementing a temporary

trial of new bikeways on Redfern, Lansdowne and

Claremont Avenues from now until the end of the

WESTMOUNT

Police Report Police make arrest following Prince Albert Ave. car break-in



The car on July 3.

By Martin C. Barry

Police from Westmount's Station 12 have made an arrest and launched an investigation following a July 3 early morning incident when the passenger-side win-



Photo: Independent.

dow of a car parked on Prince Albert Ave. was smashed by a suspect who allegedly stole items from the glove compartment.

Around 7 am, neighbours reported a car alarm going off on Prince Albert between York St. and de Maisonneuve Blvd. Nearly an hour and a half later, the vehicle in question, a Chrysler, was seen cordoned off as Montreal police and Westmount Public Security investigated.

According to a description of the incident provided to police by nearby residents, the suspect was spotted carrying an old tire from a nearby vacant lot out to the street, then using it to smash the car's front passenger-side window.

When questioned by witnesses about his actions, the suspect allegedly told them he had lost his car keys and was breaking into his own vehicle. At this point, a witness called 9-1-1, the police were summoned, and the suspect appeared to leave the immediate area. Witnesses described him as a male around 5' 9" tall.

The witnesses also provided a description and licence plate number for another vehicle that the suspect drove away in and that was later found by the police a short distance away on Prince Albert.

After conducting a licence-plate check, the police were able to determine that the suspect was not the owner of the vehicle that was broken into. As well, they determined that some property in the vehicle had been stolen.

After locating the suspect's vehicle, the police learned from another witness that

it belonged to the son of a Prince Albert Ave. resident. According to Station 12 community relations officer Adalbert Pimentel, the suspect was living in that person's home, where he was finally located.

Although the suspect was identified and placed under arrest, Pimentel said he was allowed to remain free pending the outcome of an investigation. He had not been charged as of late last Friday afternoon.

The car appeared not to have moved at all, or repaired, up to and including the morning of July 8 at press time.

Walking a mile in her shoes raises \$45k



From left, the organizing committee: Westmounter Aline Zafirian, Holly Manderson, Linda Matteo, Nasr Abou Nasr and Normand Deshaies.

Real estate brokers from Royal LePage Village on Monkland Ave. in NDG and its four other offices participated in the fifth edition of Walk A Mile in her Shoes on July 6 and raised \$45,000. Over 200 people attended the walk, barbecue, raffle and afterparty, at which 86 men walked in heels for a mile. The event supported Auberge Tran-

sition, a women and children's shelter in NDG. Its nine rooms are at almost 100-percent capacity, 365 days a year. It must raise between \$100,000 to \$125,000 annually from private funding. "This fundraiser accounts for 25 to 35 percent of their annual fundraising budget," said organizer and Westmounter Aline Zafirian.



BUILDING PERMITS 😭 What's permitted

Council approves 17 building permits July 2, refuses 1

The following 17 permit requests for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the July 2 meeting of the city council. There was one refusal.

Approved

4771 Sherbrooke: to make a revision to permit 2018-00627 by adding a vegetated surface adjacent to the driveway and relocating the retaining wall;

94 Summit Cresc.: to do landscaping in the front yard;

70 Chesterfield: at a Category I house, to replace a garage door at the rear;

9 Burton: to replace two windows and

a door on the rear façade;

50 Forden Cresc.: at a Category I* house, to repair the stone wall in the side yard provided there is no change in materials, details and pattern;

24 Springfield: to replace windows;

15 Melbourne: to replace basement windows, the basement door and a ground floor sliding door provided the windows are clad in aluminum;

549 Roslyn: to replace windows provided the new windows match the original ones;

18 Anwoth: to build a one-storey addition at the rear of the building, modify the side rear stairs and deck and do interior



4260 Dorchester on July 5. The *Independent* has never seen so many permits on one door or at one site.

renovations provided the cladding below the rear ground floor windows is in wood;

7 Thornhill: to replace windows and storm windows provided the windows are

slightly inset from the external face of the brick walls;

4849 Sherbrooke: at a Category I building, the Royal Bank, to replace a sign;

62 Rosemount Ave.: at a Category I house, to create two new garage door openings at the rear of the side facade;

4326 Westmount: to modify a window opening to create a basement door;

4479 St. Catherine: to remove a chimney at the rear provided the same selected brick will be used on the remainder of the side and rear walls of the building;

39 Côte St. Antoine: at a Category I* house, to renovate the front porch and redo the entry sidewalk provided the flower boxes are eliminated from the proposal because their integration affects the original character of the house;

451 Strathcona: to enlarge the garage door opening and install an awning over the front door provided the garage door is in wood and the awning over the window is eliminated;

357 Redfern: to make masonry repairs, replace windows sills and replace the basement door.

Refused

4260 Dorchester: at a Category I house, to revise the permit to allow construction of a larger terrace than that approved August 20, 2018.



QCNA wraps up AGM, Conference & Awards Gala

On June 7th & 8th 2019, The Quebec Community Newspapers Association Conference & Awards Gala took place as well as the 39th Annual General Meeting.

We welcome our new Board: President Lify Ryan, Vice-President Brenda O'Farrell, Secretary-Treasurer George Bakoyannis, Director Nikki Mantell, Director Michael Sochaczevski, Director Ethan Cox, Director Sharon McCully and Director Fred Ryan.

We would like to thank all those in attendance, as well as our workshop leaders, sponsors and partners who helped make this event a success. Congratulations goes out to QCNA member newspapers for their attendance. We also had the opportunity to attend great workshops. The 2018 winners of the Best Overall Newspaper award for can be found on our website at <u>www.gcna.org</u>. It was a great weekend, as we celebrated the hard work our members continue to do to ensure local community news remains accessible and relevant.











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Bensadoun new honorary lieutenant-colonel Robertson replaces Molson as honorary RMR colonel

There has been a change in honorary appointments at St. Catherine St.'s Royal Montreal Regiment (RMR).

Former commanding officer and retired lieutenant colonel Colin Robertson is replacing Andrew Molson as the honorary colonel, and David Bensadoun will be the RMR's new honorary lieutenant-colonel. "There will be a

formal appointment ceremony incorporated into an upcoming regimental activity where Andrew [Molson] will be formally thanked



The RMR's St. Catherine St. armoury on July 5. for his more than 12 years as an RMR honorary, and David [Bensadoun] formally

Shy Charmaine



Breathtaking Charmaine, a delightful Himalayan, has the long fur of a Persian and the colour points of a Siamese. She has such a lovely cream coat with chocolate points, contrasted with large green eyes. Charmaine is a petite three-year-old, very healthy and active, but a bit shy. She has received all her healthcare, inoculations and is spayed.

She is waiting for adoption at the Montreal SPCA and her identification number is A42037253. She is in the "H" adoption category because she is shy and nervous in the cattery. For cats like her with special needs, the SPCA is absorbing their adoption fees for the entire month of July in



order to place them in families as soon as possible. You can call the cat adoption group at 514.735.2711 for more information on her and to drop by to visit weekdays from 12 noon to 7 pm and weekends from 11 am to 5 pm. It is located at 5215 Jean Talon St. West. Its website is www.spca. com and its email is spcapetfinderteam@ gmail.com.

Your neighbour, Lysanne

years. Certainly not one for the spotlight, he has helped and supported the regiment in ways that most folks are not aware of, and I just want to thank him again," said

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introduced to the regiment," according to

personally thank Andrew for his leader-

ship, mentoring and wise counsel over the

"I would like to use this opportunity to

the unit's newsletter, Intercom.

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Weizmann gala raises \$3.8 million – a record for Montreal



Social Notes

Veronica Redgrave

The night of the Weizmann gala, Montreal lived up to its renown as orangeconed-chaos. According to Weizmann Canada's website, "The Weizmann Institute of Science [in Israel] is one of the world's leading multidisciplinary basic research institutions in the natural and exact sciences."

Despite the traffic challenges, Bob Perras' valet team was stellar. Guests quickly entered Windsor station along traditional red carpets that morphed into those reflecting the night's theme: the leitmotif of the chic soirée was the environment.

Tabletops bore creations named Fire, Earth and Arctic, with pebbles, driftwood and bits of foliage-ferns offering an imaginative change from the usual floral arrangements.

Event guru **Danielle Bitton** designed the innovative approach. Citrus' catering was flawlessly delicious. The pre-cocktail offered an abundant buffet of sushi, smoked meat and fabulous roast mushrooms. Guests loved the mini hamburgers nestled in pretty pastel-colored buns.

Weizmann Canada's national CEO, Susan Stern, resplendent in an off-theshoulder red gown, welcomed the sold-out crowd with national manager of events, Jan Goldenberg, in a perfect LBCD (Little Black Cocktail Dress), and Joanne Nemeroff, president of the Montreal chapter.

Guest speaker was **Dr. Einat Segev** who spoke of the sustaining power of the ocean's microalgae. Her fascinating presentation was accompanied by videos. The wall-to-wall screens noted milestones achieved by the Weizmann Institute, famed for *continued on p. 18*



Susan Stern, Mala Crampton, Sylvie Amar, Danielle Bitton, Valeria Rosenbloom, Dahlia Lawee, Laurence Paperman, Joanne Nemeroff, Fil D'Urbano, Linda Assouline, Nathalie Klepatch, Karine Cohen-Scali, Maureen Dym and Claire Webster.



Jan Goldenberg and Peggy Schachter.



Martin and Tina Rosenthal with Alvin Fagen.





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MONDAY, JULY 15 Mid-month city council meeting. City hall. 5:30 pm.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24 Registry opens on 500 Claremont project. See story, p. 6. City hall. 9 am to 7 pm. SUNDAY, JULY 28

Beryl Wajsman, editor-in-chief of *The Suburban*, presents. \$5, registration required 514.937.9474 x 139. Shaar Hashomayim, 425 Metcalfe Ave. 12 noon. **MONDAY, AUGUST 5**

Regular city council meeting. City hall. 7:30 pm.

QUEBEC CLASSIFIEDS

29th Annual Echoes of a Proud Nation Pow Wow. July 13 & 14 – 9 a.m. onward. Just south of Montreal, Kahnawake Mohawk Territory, Routes 132 & 138 (off the Mercier Bridge). Adults: **\$8**; 60+: **\$4**; 5 & under: FREE. Tel. 450-632-8667, www.kahnawakepowwow.com.

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Goldbloom launches book



Social notes, cont'd. from p. 16

Nobel Prize-winning science.

Noted amidst the eleganza were Westmounters **David Levy**, Israel consul-general for Quebec; Cedars Cancer Foundation CEO and Westmount city councillor **Jeff Shamie** and **Daphne Tsadilas Shamie**, fabulous in fuchsia; doctors **Morag Park** and **Terry Smith** (with **Linda Smith**, chic in Chanel), and **David Eidelman** with his wife **Brigitte**.

Other local res included Claire Webster, Marlene and Joel King, Rosalie Jukier and Lewis Dobrin, Jane Silverstone Segal and Hersch Segal, Bill Molson, Dahlia and Philip Lawee, Valeria Rosenbloom, Joelle and Bruce Kent, Carole and Myer Bick, Peggy and Paul Schachter, Stephanie Az-



rieli, Angelina and Tony Loffreda, Dahlia Lawee and Weizmann Chapter member Laurence Paperman and Kerry Kaufman Paperman.

Noted admiring the dining room décor were Lillian Vineberg Goodman and Morris Goodman, the Amar family – Sandie, Émilie, Élodie and Nathalie Amar – Tina and Martin Rosenthal, Alvin Fagen, Armand and Raisa Afilalo, and Sylvia and Ted Quint. The evening was an outstanding success, raising \$3.8 million net of expenses – a record for a Montreal fund-raiser!

Guests left a sense of awe about the amazing discoveries made by the Weizmann Institute of Science, one of the world's leading multidisciplinary research institutions.



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