

Recommendations to be presented

Meeting March 18 to hear residents' thoughts on Westmount Park

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The project to refurbish Westmount Park is moving forward.

A public meeting will be held March 18 at Victoria Hall when recommendations are to be presented from Stantec consultants, Councillor Cynthia Lulham announced at the city council meeting March 2. It takes place at 7 pm.

Reporting back

These recommendations are to be based on the consultants' feasibility study and two public consultations: a survey on residents' park use and priorities as well as feedback from a consultation meeting at Victoria Hall, which is to be posted on the city's website.

"This will be followed by participation at the upcoming meeting on how to move

forward," Lulham later told the *Independent*. "If it's positive, then Stantec will cost out the required work, following which we'll have to go to a landscape architect to prepare plans on specific aspects."

It's at this point that more consultations will take place on specifics such the types of playground, explained Lulham, whose commissionership includes parks.

Future needs

The professional services' contract to Stantec was awarded last year for upgrading the park and determining its future needs (see story April 16, 2019). From its rustic origins in 1898, the park has evolved through the years to now include concrete pathways, a bike path and dog run.

Among known goals already outlined by Lulham are the widening of pathways to provide universal accessibility, repairs

Spring weather means spring cleaning!

Joseph Fitzgerald is often seen outside the SAQ on Sherbrooke near Victoria, where he asks for change. On March 5 at around 10 am Fitzgerald was sweeping the sidewalk. Was he asked to do it? "No, it is a nice day and it looks so messy here," said Fitzgerald. He does, however, offer his services as a handyman and for snow clearing. His email is joseph.fit1969@gmail.com.

PHOTO: RALPH THOMPSON



to the leaky watercourse-lagoon along with automated water circulation and other upgrades depending on costs and the priorities of today's users.

An underground assessment study of the condition of the park including water and drainage systems was awarded May 7, 2018 to T2 Services d'Ingénierie (see May 29, 2018).

Uncertainty raised at council meeting

Could Bill 40 affect St. Léon? Should approval process be delayed?

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A resident of Clarke Ave. across from École St. Léon asked city council March 2 if it was prepared to defer the third and final reading of a resolution to approve zoning variances required to build a three-storey extension designed to alleviate the school's overcrowding.

Already concerned by school-related

traffic on Clarke and Kitchener, Robert Wilkins raised uncertainty stemming from Quebec Bill 40 that replaces school boards with service centres.

Until one is appointed for St. Léon, he explained, it is not known if it would allow for more students to attend the school's enlarged capacity.

"We plan to proceed in the coming weeks or *continued on p. 14*

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Legal services position filled by Saadi

City clerk Brownstein: New assistant director ‘embodies Westmount mission’

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council March 2 appointed Kaouther Saadi to fill the vacant position of assistant director of Legal Services and City Clerk's office.

She has been working in the department for a year as the Legal Services and City Clerk's office assistant, handling claims, contracts, tender allocations and access to information requests, according to department director Andrew Brownstein. This has enabled her to experience how the city functions, he said.

“She embodies our common mission to make Westmount a better place to live,” he told the *Independent*. “Her heart is in the job.”

Saadi is a graduate of UQAM's legal studies program and previously worked in the private sector at a law firm, he said.



Kaouther Saadi pauses after being appointed March 2 by city council.

Gallery at Victoria Hall calls for submissions from artists

The city of Westmount's Community Events office is inviting Westmount artists to send in their proposals for its 2020-2021 season of exhibition at the Gallery at Victoria Hall, according to the city's website. Emerging or professional artists who are

residents or who work in studios in Westmount can apply.

The Gallery at Victoria Hall presents seven art exhibitions annually, including a community youth art show and a summer group exhibition.

Residents can send their “complete proposal” (as explained on the website) by email or mail, or drop it off in person at the Community Events office or fill in an online form.

Proposals are evaluated by the Gallery's selection committee, which is made up of local artists. Selected artists will be offered a solo, duo, trio or group exhibition in the Gallery.

The deadline to apply is Wednesday, April 15.

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Chez Doris shelter marks International Women's Day

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

The Chez Doris day shelter for women celebrated International Women's Day – March 8 – with a roster of events that began with a special breakfast prepared and served by staff from the 5 Saisons gourmet store on Greene Ave. in Westmount.

The breakfast meal included potatoes, scrambled eggs, sausages, fruit cups, yogurt, muffins, croissants, orange juice,

▶Seen here at Chez Doris on March 8 are, from left, 5 Saisons employees Lenz Layug, Peter Tat, Rodolphe Durand, Sonia Moniz, Sébastien Ducas (manager), Jean-Charles Bibeault, Chez Doris executive-director Marina Boulos-Winton, Axel Blasco, Josée Cicconi and Bosiljka Vuksic of 5 Saisons.

chocolate milk and coffee.

“We wanted to honour women on International Women's Day, and that was also one of the reasons why we chose Chez *continued on p. 18*



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City hopes new contractor will improve parks maintenance

BY LAUREN SWEENEY

A contract for the maintenance of most of Westmount's parks and greenspaces was awarded by city council March 2 to a

different service provider for this year and for one year only because “we weren't happy with how it was done last year,” Councillor Cynthia Lulham said. *continued on p. 18*

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No bidder sends Murray Park watercourse back to tender

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

City efforts to spruce up the parks this year will include the “water way” in King George (Murray) Park, Councillor Cynthia Lulham said at the council meeting March 2. The long-standing feature has been out

of operation for three summers owing to a leak in the system.

While a tender to repair it this year had been called at the end of last year, “nobody bid so it has been sent out again,” she told the *Independent* last week.

“We want to make it a circulating sys-

tem so we won’t have to keep filling it except for occasional water evaporation.”

The watercourse was a picturesque waterfall that tumbled down the south-facing rocky wall into a large pond below but has been dry since the summer of 2017. A contract for professional services for the preparation of plans and a tender docu-

ment for reconstruction options and estimated costs had been awarded two years ago (see story May 29, 2018, p. 1)

When the proposed work was deemed too costly at close to \$300,000, it was postponed for 2019 to be reconsidered for this year when an investment in parks has been increased, Lulham said.



The water feature on March 5, looking “upstream.” The evergreen tree in the foreground has been there since at least the early 1980s. An *Independent* team member recalls landscapers eating lunch using its shade in that period.

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Looking “downstream,” children playing at the Murray Park water fall in May 2016, the last year of its operation.

Galerie : appel de dossiers

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23 submissions filed for and against Hillside condo project

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A total of 23 written submissions were received by the city on the proposed condo project to replace the Hillside armoury, which was presented February 11 at a public meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC).

Many contained a number of different comments, pro and con, within the same submission and covered a wide range of opinions, though only two or three expressed outright opposition to demolishing the historic armoury, a Category II building.

The project proposes replacing the 1910 armoury with a non-conforming eight-storey stepped-back condo building of 37 units.

The submissions seemed split between those who favoured the project and those against, though in some cases the submissions seemed based more on wanting an indoor pool or sports facility, which is not allowed in the current residential zoning.

Favourable comments included calling the project a good replacement for the existing “eyesore” and “better than that rundown, scary-looking building.” They called the replacement “stylish,” “a good addition to the neighbourhood” and “very elegant” as well integrating well and providing a need for an aging population.

Of opposing comments, fully six favoured better use of the site for an indoor pool or sports complex. Some expressed

concerns over possible damage or negative impact on the adjacent condo building at 11 Hillside Ave. while others opposed its eight-storey height.

One lengthy submission appeared to come from an architect opposing the architecture, style, and materials proposed in the design. It also expressed the opinion that the project’s benefits to the community did not justify that the project go through the city’s complicated and lengthy steps for non-conforming projects. Benefits are a key component of this process.

The names and addresses for all the published comments were removed.

A copy of comments from the developer was given to the *Independent* at the February 28 deadline but was not included with the others on the city’s website posting as he had expected.

The aim of the letter, Luciano Girlando writes, was to elaborate on some comments made at the public meeting (see story February 18, p. 1). These include presentations that had been made to residents of the area: the annual condo assembly at 11 Hillside on October 16, to the interim director of St. Margaret’s Residence on December 12 and in the same month to the vice-principal of Westmount High School.

Also included are six community benefits that included “replacement of a vacant contaminated building by an upscale residential building” with two underground levels of parking, elimination of the third-storey hydro transformers at the north side and large setbacks from the street.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

READ, BUT VERIFY ENGINEER’S REPORT

The current SCAOPI proposal for 1-3 Hillside, now under review by the Planning Advisory Committee, is dependent of the demolition of the Class II heritage armoury on the site.

To back up this proposal, one that is way beyond the existing permissible zoning, the developer has submitted a structural engineer’s study that concludes the armoury’s structure is too compromised to support any conversion into residential condos.

Has the city undertaken any sort of independent review of the report to verify its conclusions, perhaps by using the bank of outside engineering hours currently at its disposal?

Additionally, the city’s consultant could do a comparative analysis on the feasibility of the developer’s first option, which was to maintain most, if not all, of the existing structure.

DENIS BIRO, BURTON AVE.

FLAG QUERIES

[Looking at the photo below,] just flags, or is there a hidden message? Is this a political point, or am I being too sensitive?

SAM BEITEL, ABBOTT AVE.

Editor’s note: In fairness to the English Montreal School Board and the provincial government, Westmount Park School is under construction. – DP.



WHAT DO LOCAL SHOPPERS WANT?

Over the past several months, I have listened to various opinions and options, and efforts to rebrand the two principal retail areas of Victoria village and Greene Ave., but it seems that the essential component of understanding the two areas is that we have not been presented with any detailed report as to the demand for such areas.

It is clear that certain by-laws are limiting restaurants, bars, etc for reasons the

community can opine on as they did in the survey.

This would identify if in fact it is the rental rates and/or the taxes that are preventing even the normal turnover in the retail environment or if there is just insufficient demand and evident sponsorship that would support such retailers.

We need to understand why, after the investment of hundreds of thousand dollars, UGG and La Canadienne could not make a go of it. The retail brokers I speak to have a relatively general consensus that the prices in the stores are not supported by the community nor offer what the local community wants, excluding bars and restaurants.

That the Victoria village is in a state of dilapidation is obvious, but unless the demand, or lack thereof is identified, to undertake window dressing and branding seems to be a premature investment if it is presumed that it attracts and that the retailers will have the market they need.

Just not sure “If you build it, they will come” is an appropriate urban planning approach.

KEN LONDON, ARCHITECT,
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FAKE GRASS IS NOT GREEN

It is incredible that anyone would write in favour of turning a wonderful natural turf field, the Westmount Athletic Grounds (WAG), into an artificial grass heat sink within a year of 500,000 people marching with Greta Thunberg in Montreal to transform our lifestyles to that of being sustainable.

They could not have been there.

To write such a letter, summarized in the headline by “Fake grass is green” (March 3, p. 6), equals the guff of a politician to the south of us. Not to have mentioned that the materials making up this artificial grass are laced with chemicals is unconscionable. Not to have mentioned that the cost of de-constructing artificial grass at the end of its lifetime

being astronomical is poor accounting. And then replacement is another unmentioned cost on top of de-construction.

So what is being proposed by “Fake grass is green” is an incredible heat sink, chemically laced to impede rot, that would be a great financial burden to de-construct and rebuild, all promoted by one self-proclaimed member of Greta’s generation – but not a representative one, I am sure.

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Redevelopment of western entry**Westmount Park's Lansdowne entrance to be landscaped**

BY LAUREN SWEENEY

City council voted March 2 to landscape the western entrance of Westmount Park at the cul-de-sac off de Maisonneuve at Lansdowne and eastward, an area never done after completion of the recreation centre (WRC) in 2013.

The work will involve a long swath of land at Lansdowne just south of the bike path where the WRC's ventilation shaft is located and extending east to the crosswalk over the bike route. It will include the area where the shaggy dog mosaiculture sits and the land just east of the junior tennis courts.

The work has been held over for some four to five years since the turn-around in front of Westmount Park Church was created after the northbound arm of Academy Rd. was closed for the WRC construction.

"We're going to fix up the western part that's never been done," Lulham explained.

Until now, the "shaggy dog" installed in 2017 has been the only addition to the entrance (see story August 8, 2017).

This year's project being called "the redevelopment of the western entrance to Westmount Park" is part of the city's increased investment in parks, Lulham explains. It is separate from Westmount Park's major refurbishment project (see separate story p. 1).

Enlarge turnaround

Maureen Kiely, a board member of Contactivity seniors' centre that meets at the church, reiterated a longstanding request for the city to enlarge the turning area at the end of de Maisonneuve. It had already been increased slightly during construction (see story September 2, 2014, p. 3) but the turn is still "very, very hard for taxis" dropping off Contactivity members, she explained.

"It needs to be fixed. I think it's a



Looking east at Westmount Park from Lansdowne and de Maisonneuve on March 5, top photo; and west at the de Maisonneuve turn-around and Westmount Park United Church on March 6.

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shame. It's a constant struggle" and serves people with mobility issues.

Mayor Christina Smith explained how the city was reluctant to replace park land

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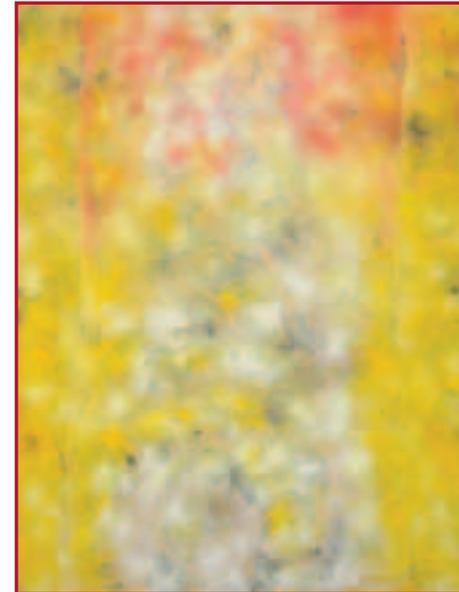
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Sidewalk closed for Metro's work



Construction that has closed the Victoria Ave. sidewalk and eliminated parking spaces near its southeast corner with Sherbrooke is not city work, Westmount director general Benoit Hurtubise told the *Independent* by email February 27. It is related to renovation work at the Metro grocery store, for which the company has a permit to close the walkway. An email requesting details from the store was not returned by press time. Two trucks were seen on site March 5, the date of these photos: one of a general contractor; the other of a demolition company. PHOTOS: INDEPENDENT.

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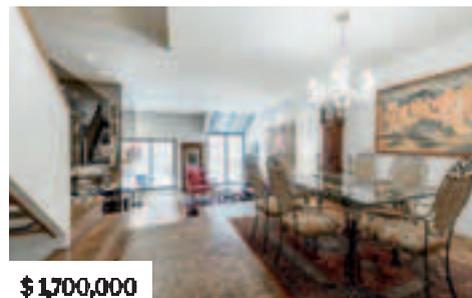
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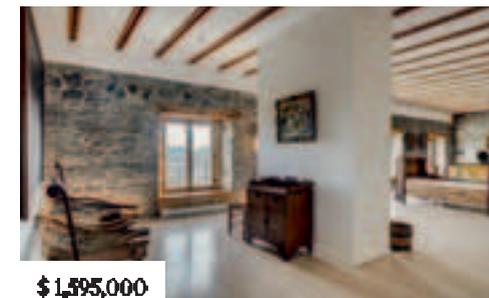
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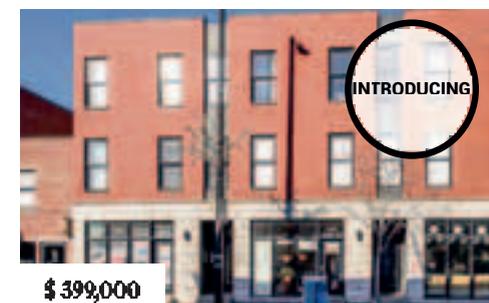
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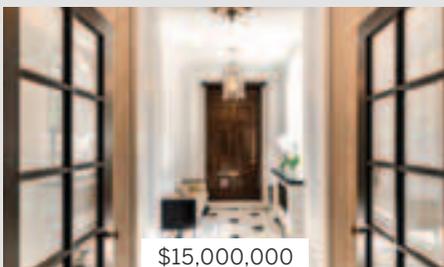
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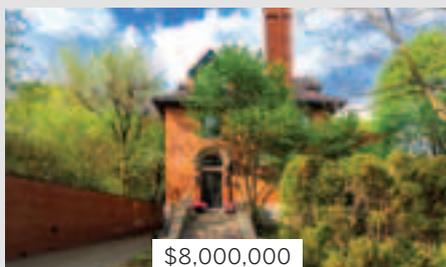
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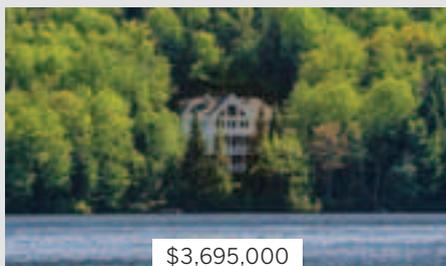
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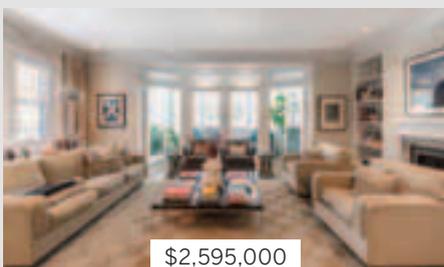
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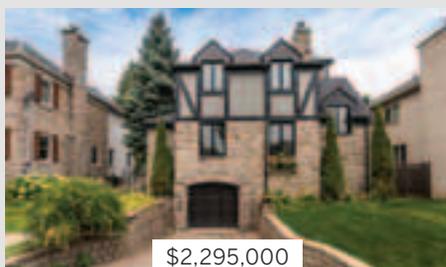
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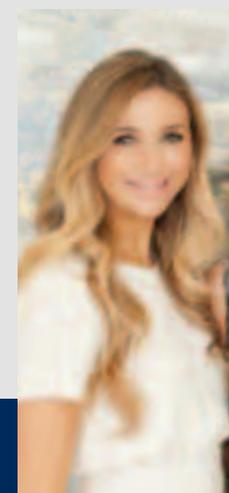


The city's snow clearing crews were vigorously scraping away the remnants of snow and ice from the recent snowfall on Kensington Ave. on March 4.

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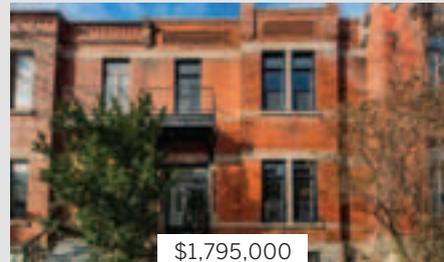


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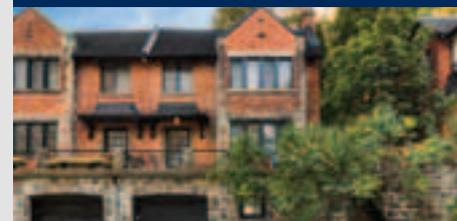
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Some of St. Léon's across-the-street neighbours on Clarke Ave. on March 6.

PHOTO: INDEPENDENT.

St. Léon expansion project**Register applications being assessed**

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Following the deadline February 19 for the filing of applications regarding a possible referendum register on the project to build an addition to École St. Léon, three applications were indeed received but face validation, city clerk Andrew Brownstein confirmed last week.

Names of petitioners are being verified for validation, he explained. After that is determined, a third final resolution of

council's approval of the project would have to be adopted at a subsequent council meeting (see separate story, p. 1).

Only if and when this should occur will it be known whether or not a register would take place and on what date, he explained.

The three eligible zones from which applications were received are R3-23-01 (the concerned one), plus two of the five contiguous zones: R5-34-06 and R9-23-02.

St. Léon, cont'd. from p. 1

month with a final edition (of the resolution)," Mayor Christina Smith declared. "We have fought tirelessly to bring (Westmount residents) back to the school" – those who have been displaced by the lack of space.

She explained how the council had lobbied successfully for the Commission Scolaire de Montréal to invest in an extension to St. Léon as well as to open at least one, and now two, new French elementary schools downtown to accommodate those

students being bussed to St. Léon.

Longstanding needs

Her reaction was quickly echoed by District 6 councillor Mary Gallery as well as Councillor Cynthia Lulham. After 25 years on council and having sent her son to St. Léon, Lulham supported the school's longstanding goals, saying she was very pleased "the government" was putting money into St. Léon, as well as Westmount Park School as important community schools.

Wilkins, however, persisted in his con-

Three steps to challenge zoning changes

In general, there are three steps that residents must successfully go through to defeat a zoning change in their neighbourhood.

1 Petition for a registry via signatures, which the city then validates as those of legitimate voters. The St. Léon change is at this stage. Residents of the affected zone and contiguous ones are eligible to sign at this time, but only zones that meet a certain minimum number of signers advance to the registry stage. For all but the smallest zones, the required number is 12.

2 Garner enough registrants in a registry, which is held at city hall on one scheduled day. The process for establishing the minimum number of registrants is complex.

3 Garner a majority of votes in a referendum.

The city can pull the proposed zoning change at any time, and historically has done so rather than face a costly referendum.

cerns over a final city resolution and its conditions.

"Will council guarantee that this will force the yet-to-be-appointed service centre to comply with the building plan and traffic mitigation measures," he asked, and that no additional students will be allowed.

Councillor Conrad Peart, urban planning commissioner for permits and architecture, replied that the project's application for approval "will stand" along with the traffic conditions.

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The 14th edition of the Women of Action Luncheon was another high-octane event for the Israel Cancer Research Fund (ICRF).

Along with a hard-working committee, Westmounters were great supporters. Honorary chair was local res **Dale Boidman** (there with husband **Nathan**), and co-chairs were **Alana Geller**, partner at Richter LLP; **Leah Moss** (there with husband **Robert Bard**, president Dorchester Wealth Management, and daughter **Abby**); **Michelle Lipper** and **Alana Wexler Schwartz** (with hubby **Howard**).

Committee members for the event were **Shari Gordon Black**, **Kristi de Bonville**, **Jordanna Feifer**, **Jennifer Fellegi**, **Lindsay Hollinger**, **Arlene Lazare**, **Tara McGrath**, **Bonnie Ostrov**, **Jenna Schwartz**, **Arlene Silver**, **Colette Vanasse**, **Julie Wiener** and **Karen Zalter**.

Community honouree
was **Nathalie Hazan**, presi- *continued on p. 17*

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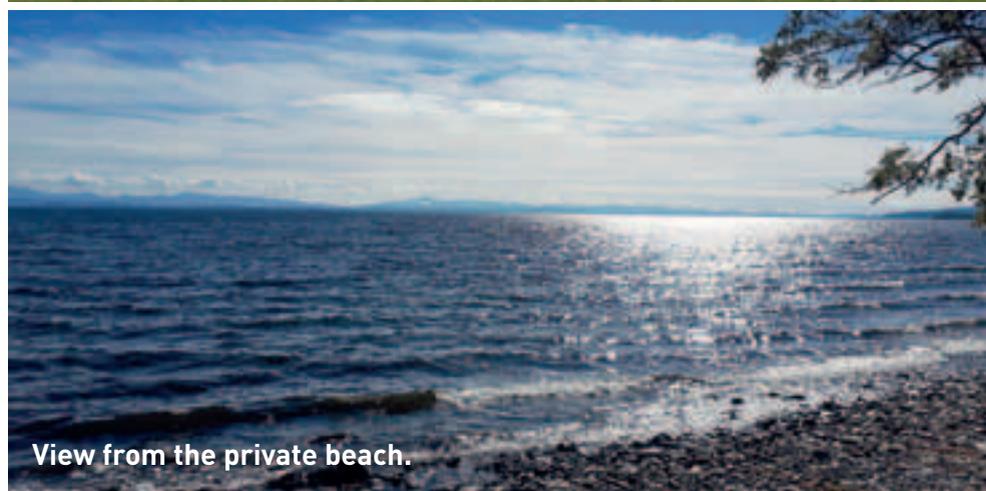
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Monday, April 6, 7:30 p.m.



Parc Westmount : invitation à la présentation publique

Mercredi 18 mars, 19 h - 20 h 30, Victoria Hall. Présentation des résultats de la consultation publique du 13 novembre et les concepts d'aménagement proposés. engage.westmount.org/parcwestmount



Westmount Park: invitation to the public presentation

Wednesday, March 18, 7-8:30 p.m. at Victoria Hall. Presentation of the results of the November 13 public consultation and the proposed design concepts. engage.westmount.org/westmountpark

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Artisans Westmount : appel de soumissions

Participez au salon des artisans les 14 et 15 novembre au Victoria Hall. Date limite pour faire une demande : 31 mars. westmount.org.

Concerts d'été : appel de soumissions

Les musiciens sont invités à soumettre leurs candidatures pour la série de concerts d'été 2020 au parc Westmount. Date limite : 9 avril. westmount.org.

Galerie du Victoria Hall : appel aux artistes

Un appel annuel ouvert aux résidents et aux artistes qui travaillent dans un studio à Westmount. Date limite : 15 avril. westmount.org.

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Summer concerts: call for submissions

Musicians are invited to submit a proposal for the 2020 summer concert series in Westmount Park. Deadline: April 9th. westmount.org.

Gallery at Victoria Hall: call to artists

An annual call for submissions open to residents and artists that work in a Westmount artists' studio. Deadline: April 15th. westmount.org.

Public Security: services for seniors

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Galerie du Victoria Hall : Exposition

Du 27 février au 28 mars : Anna Gedalof et Bruce Roberts. 514 989-5265.

Soirée au pub irlandais

Samedi 14 mars, 19 h, Victoria Hall. Venez prendre un verre de bière et écoutez de la musique irlandaise à notre pub éphémère. Bar payant. Billets requis. 514 989-5226.

Club de lecture en français

Lundi 16 mars, 13 h, Bibliothèque. *Catherine Cusset*. Animé par Gisèle Magny. 514 989-5299.

Conférences du Cercle canadien des femmes de Montréal

Mardi 17 mars, 12 h 30, Victoria Hall. *Everything you wanted to know about Montreal street art* avec Archie Fineberg. 10 \$. 514 989-5226.

Après-midis conférences (14 h)

Mercredi 18 mars, 14 h, Bibliothèque. Grace Powell : *Paris 1900 et le postimpressionnisme* : exposition MBAM. Billets requis. 514 989-5299.

Jazz à la galerie

Vendredi 20 mars, 18 h, Victoria Hall. Venez

écouter un trio de jazz, entouré d'œuvres d'art. Bar payant. Billets : Victoria Hall, Bibliothèque et eventbrite.ca.

Imagine Westmount 2040 - conférence : Construire des villes durables

Mardi 24 mars, 19 h, Victoria Hall. Venez écouter Larry Beasley, urbaniste de renommée mondiale lors de cette conférence gratuite (en anglais). Réservez votre place sur eventbrite.ca.

Ciné-Club

Mardi 24 mars, 14 h, Victoria Hall. *Parasite* (2019). Billets requis. 514 989-5299.

Club de lecture en anglais

Mardi 24 mars, 19 h, Bibliothèque. *Washington Black* de Esi Edugyan. 514 989-5299.

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Mercredi 25 mars, 10 h 30, Bibliothèque. Un atelier rempli de chansons et de science pour les tout-petits (2 à 5 ans). 514 989-5299.

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Samedi 28 mars, 14 h, Victoria Hall. *North by Northwest* (1959). 514 989-5299.

CALENDAR

Gallery at Victoria Hall: Exhibition

February 27 to March 28: Anna Gedalof and Bruce Roberts. 514 989-5265.

Irish Pub Night

Saturday, March 14, 7 p.m., Victoria Hall. Grab a pint and enjoy some Irish music at our pop-up Irish pub. Cash bar. Tickets req'd. 514 989-5226.

French Book Club

Monday, March 16, 1 p.m., Library. *Catherine Cusset*. Led by Gisèle Magny. 514 989-5299.

Women's Canadian Club of Montreal Lecture Series

Tuesday, March 17, 12:30 p.m., Victoria Hall. Archie Fineberg : *Everything you wanted to know about Montreal street art* . \$10. 514 989-5226.

2 O'clock Lecture Series

Wednesday, March 18, 2 p.m., Library. Grace Powell: *Paris 1900 et le postimpressionnisme* – MMFA exhibition. Tickets required. 514 989-5299.

Jazz at the Gallery

Friday, March 20, 6 p.m., Victoria Hall. Enjoy a jazz trio surrounded by artwork. Cash bar.

Tickets: Victoria Hall, Library, eventbrite.ca.

Imagine Westmount 2040 - talk: Building sustainable cities

Tuesday, March 24, 7 p.m., Victoria Hall. Come hear this free lecture by world-renowned urban planner Larry Beasley. Reserve your place at eventbrite.ca.

Film Club

Tuesday, March 24, 2 p.m., Victoria Hall. *Parasite* (2019). Tickets req'd. 514 989-5299.

English Book Club

Tues., March 24, 7 p.m., Library. *Washington Black* by Esi Edugyan. 514 989-5299.

Music and Nature by the Season

Wednesday, March 25, 10:30 a.m., Library. A workshop filled with songs and science for the very young (ages 2 to 5). 514 989-5299.

Saturday Cinema

Saturday, March 28, 2 p.m., Victoria Hall. *North by Northwest* (1959). 514 989-5299.





From left, Josh, Rebecca, Judy and Mandy Wolfe; doctors Graham Pitcher and Livia Garzia; Grandmother Sonia Hazan, Ruby and Ella Telio and Nathalie Hazan.

Social notes, cont'd. from p. 15

dent and founder of Raison d'Art, there with her husband **Philippe Telio**, president and founder of Startup Fest, children **Ella, Ruby and Zack**, and mom **Sonia Hazan**.

Business honourees were local res **Mandy and Rebecca Wolfe**, co-founders of Mandy's, there with mom **Judy Wolfe**, brother **Josh** and Rebecca's husband **Vincento Cavallo**.

Science honouree was **Dr. Livia Garzia**, a metastatic sarcoma investigator at McGill University's Junior Investigator Research Institute, there with husband **Dr. Graham Pitcher**, Sick Kids hospital research associate.

Noted mingling amidst the chicly-dressed crowd were ICRF's CEO **Alexandra Schwartz** (with volunteer sons **Roian** and **Dylan Bonnamie**); president **Jeffrey Bern-**

stein (with wife **Maxine Foldiak**); scientific board chair **Dr. Walter Gotlieb** (with wife **Ariella**); and GM **Sheryl Ramproop**.

Keynote speaker was **Kris Carr**, producer of the Crazy Sexy Cancer documentary and an influential wellness advocate living with stage 4 EHE cancer.

Westmounters noted included **Daphne Tsadilas-Shamie**, **Debra Margles**, pres Michael Kors Canada; **Evelyn Wacjer**, founder of K.I.D.S. daycares, with daughter lawyer **Lisa Vatch**; plastic surgeon **Sandra McGill**; **Erika Ludwick**, **Joyce Schwartz**, dentist **Abraham Wexler** and his daughter **Suzanne Wexler**; **Jillian Zrihen**, Tracey Brooke PR; **Stephen Shiller** with daughter **Alexandra**; **Mia Melmed Goodman**; **Dr. Joanna Choremis**, **Catherine Turner**; **Linda Shaw**; **Jill Aberman**; **Erika Ludwick**, **Melika Event Design**; **Roz Druck-**

man, Annie Santiago and **Dr. Renée Schiff**.

Also seen were **Arielle Dayan-Médalsy**, vp Cedars Cancer Foundation; media celeb **Mitsou Gélinas**; **Jane Brandman**, **Anna Santiago**, **Lynn Nulman**, **Claire Webster**, owner Caregiver Crosswalk; **Jane Siblin**, founder Jeune Montréal; **Brenda Gerwurz** and her mother **Rita Urman**, **Angela Lipper**, sisters **Alexandra** and **Jordana Feifer**, and Scotiabank Wealth Management's **Laurence Levy** and **Marie-Christine St-Yves**.

Main sponsors were Richter, Dorel Industries and Michael Kors. The signature Sunday event raised over \$250,000 for cancer research fellowships under the supervision of doctors **Walter Gotlieb**, **Lorenzo Ferri**, **Marc Isler** and **Hugh Clarke**.



From left, Jane Brandman, Anna Santiago, Debra Margles, Mitsou Gélinas, Josée Zambito, Joanna Choremis, Roz Druckman, Mia Melmed Goodman and Linda Shaw.



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Chez Doris, cont'd. from p. 4

Doris,” said Sébastien Ducasse, manager of the store, adding that he and the staff hope to make it an annual tradition.

“We don’t often get to serve things like croissants, scrambled eggs, fruit and muffins,” said Chez Doris executive-director Marina Boulos-Winton, a Westmount resident, noting that breakfasts at the shelter are usually simpler given budgetary restraints.

Later during the day, the women also

enjoyed a motivational presentation by Marie-Christine Ricignuolo, a single mother with glaucoma who lost her sight shortly after the birth of her son, who was also born with the disorder.

As well, makeovers were provided to 20 women by make-up artists Gretchen Alfonso, Krystina Maltais and Allison Chevalier-Shapiro of the WH Salon in Pointe Claire.

Chez Doris is located on Chomedey St. in downtown Montreal.

Park maintenance, cont'd. from p. 4

As a result, the contract was given to NRC Landscaping at a maximum amount of \$264,995 including taxes. It was actually the only bidder on a one-year option, the other firm submitting a bid was for three years, according to city documents.

The new contractor will basically handle work in all city parks and greenspaces other than Prince Albert square and much of Westmount Park, both of which are looked after by the city’s own Public Works

staff, Lulham said.

This year, the staff will benefit from the winter’s new snow-removal hires along with a parks superintendent Sophie Patry, appointed in October.

Lansdowne Ave. resident John Fretz asked if he could see an inventory of work required by the contractor and was told by city clerk Andrew Brownstein that it was contained in the tender document, which was indeed a public document.



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PUBLIC NOTICE CONCERNING THE RENEWAL OF THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY’S TERRITORY INTO ELECTORAL DISTRICTS

To all the electors of the City of Westmount:

NOTICE is hereby given by Me Andrew Brownstein, City Clerk, that on the 20th day of February, 2020, the *Commission de la représentation électorale* has confirmed that the City meets the conditions to renew the boundaries of the City’s territory into eight (8) electoral districts, each represented by a municipal councillor and delimited in such a way as to ensure a balance in the number of electors in each of them and their socio-economic homogeneity.

The electoral districts are delimited as follows:

Electoral District No. 1**Number of voters: 1 512**

Description: Starting at the intersection of the rear line of the sites facing The Boulevard (southeast side) and the western limits of the city, such limit to the north and to the east, the rear line of the sites facing Cedar Avenue (southeast side), and the rear line of the sites facing The Boulevard (southeast side) to the starting point.

Electoral District No. 2**Number of voters: 1 572**

Description: Starting at the intersection of the western municipal limits and the rear line of the sites facing The Boulevard (southeast side), this rear line, Aberdeen Avenue, Montrose Avenue, Church Hill Avenue, Côte-Saint-Antoine Road, and the municipal limits to the starting point.

Electoral District No. 3**Number of voters: 1 830**

Description: Starting at the intersection of Aberdeen Avenue and the rear line of the sites facing The Boulevard (southeast side), this rear line, the rear line of the sites facing Cedar Avenue (southeast side), the municipal limits, Sherbrooke Street West, Mount-Stephen Avenue, Côte-Saint-Antoine Road, Church Hill Avenue, Montrose Avenue, and Aberdeen Avenue to the starting point.

Electoral District No. 4**Number of voters: 1 856**

Description: Starting at the intersection of the western municipal limits and Côte-Saint-Antoine Road, this road, Mount-Stephen Avenue, Sherbrooke Street West, and the municipal limits to the starting point.

Electoral District No. 5**Number of voters: 1 736**

Description: Starting at the intersection of the western municipal limits and Sherbrooke Street West, this street, Melville Avenue, the extension of De Maisonneuve Boulevard West, this boulevard, Lansdowne Avenue, Glen Road, and the municipal limits to the starting point.

Electoral District No. 6**Number of voters: 1 991**

Description: Starting at the intersection of Melville Avenue and Sherbrooke Street West, this street, the eastern municipal limits, De Maisonneuve Boulevard West, the rear line of the property located at 1 Wood Avenue, the extension of this line, Sainte-Catherine Street West, Wood Avenue, De Maisonneuve Boulevard West, Clarke

Avenue, Sainte-Catherine Street West, Redfern Avenue, De Maisonneuve Boulevard West and Melville Avenue to the starting point.

Electoral District No. 7**Number of voters: 1 923**

Description: Starting at the intersection of Lansdowne Avenue and De Maisonneuve Boulevard West, this boulevard, its extension and this boulevard again, Redfern Avenue, Sainte-Catherine Street West, Dorchester Boulevard West, Hallowell Street and its extension, the southern municipal limits, Glen Road, and Lansdowne Avenue to the starting point.

Electoral District No. 8**Number of voters: 1 774**

Description: Starting at the intersection of Clarke Avenue and De Maisonneuve Boulevard West, this boulevard. Wood Avenue, Sainte-Catherine Street West, the extension of the rear line of the property located at 1 Wood Avenue and this rear line, De Maisonneuve Boulevard, the eastern and southern municipal limits, the extension of Hallowell Street and this street, Dorchester Boulevard West, and Clarke Avenue, to the starting point.

NOTICE is also given that the Public Notice of renewal for the same division is available for consultation at the office of the undersigned, at City Hall, during regular business hours, at the address indicated below.

NOTICE is also given that any elector, in accordance with section 40.4 of the *Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities* (CQLR, c. E-2.2), may, within fifteen (15) days of the publication of this notice, make known in writing his or her objection to the maintaining of the division of the territory of the municipality into electoral districts. This objection must be addressed as follows:

Me Andrew Brownstein

City Clerk

**4333, Sherbrooke Street West
Westmount (Quebec) H3Z 1E2**

NOTICE is further given that, pursuant to section 40.5 of the *Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities* (CQLR, c. E-2.2):

the clerk or the secretary-treasurer shall inform the *Commission de la représentation électorale* that the municipality has received, within the prescribed time, a number of objections that is equal to or exceeds 100 voters (Section 18 of the *Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities* (CQLR, c. E-2.2)). In this case, it required to follow the procedure for the division of the municipality’s territory into electoral districts set out in Division III of the Act.

GIVEN at Westmount, Quebec, this March 10, 2020.

Me Andrew Brownstein

City Clerk

Fire department confirms: bricks fell off Dorchester building

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

An official with the Montreal fire department's Station 76 on Stanton St. has confirmed to the *Independent* that loose brickwork falling off the outer walls of a vacant Dorchester Blvd. row house onto the street caused firefighters to respond to the scene last month and take emergency measures.

Firefighters were called to 4030 Dorchester on February 27 at 11:50 am after receiving a call that portions of the brick façade on the building, which has been unoccupied for an unknown amount of time, were falling off, said the firefighting staff member who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"It was just falling bricks. No fire, nothing else," he said. "The building's been abandoned for a while."

According to the source, Westmount Public Security took charge for watching over the site following the fire depart-



This deteriorating brickwork on the upper façade of 4030 Dorchester Blvd. on March 6.

ment's intervention. He said the city of Westmount's Urban Planning department has also been notified.

On March 6, while a reporter for the *Independent* was inspecting the scene, a Westmount construction and renovation contractor turned up, saying he was interested in purchasing the property.

"It's a nice house that needs some fixing up," said Tony Del Corpo, adding that he refurbishes and re-sells buildings for a living.

The western arm of Weredale Park remained closed to traffic on March 6.

Comin' Up

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

► The Westmount Horticultural Society presents "The Garden as History: What's past is prologue" by Nicholas Hoare. \$7.

Westmount Room, Westmount Library. Tea, coffee & cookies 6:30 pm. Lecture: 7 pm.

► For the Atwater Library CONNECT Project, "So You Think You've Been Hacked?" Advance registration is required: Richard Cassidy at 514.935.7344 or richard@atwaterlibrary.ca. Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater. 1 pm.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

"From Vienna with Debt" – the Montreal Music Collective plays Mozart and Haydn. Westmount Park United Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. Tickets on Eventbrite: \$10-\$30; \$35 at door. 7:30 pm (6:45 pm reception).

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

Women's Canadian Club of Montreal presents Archie Fineberg, author of *Montreal's Street Art Gallery*. Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St. Lunch can be purchased between 11:15 and 12:15 pm. Lecture: 12:30 pm.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

City meeting on Westmount Park. 7 pm. See story, p. 1.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

The Westmount Historical Association presents "Looking at Montreal's Contemporary Architecture of the Last Thirty-Five Years" by Nancy Dunton & Helen Malkin. \$5. Westmount Room, Westmount Public Library. 7 to 9 pm.

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Social Notes

VERONICA REDGRAVE



The débutantes.

Once again, the elegant allure of *débutantes* and their escorts was played out under gleaming chandeliers at the Viennese Ball of Montreal.

Westmounter **Astri Prugger** was president of the organizing committee.

The acclaimed gala, one of the most anticipated of the social season, is the Austrian Society of Montreal's signature event. In a world of hoodies, sneakers and jeans, for one glorious moment the young ladies who were the *débutantes* all wore identical white gowns (designed by Prugger) and twinkling tiaras, while their escorts were clad in white tie and tails.

(Sigh.)

This year's ball celebrated the 150th anniversary of the Vienna State Opera, which opened in 1869 with a performance of Mozart's *Don Giovanni*. The Emperor Franz Josef of Austria and Empress Elisabeth "Sissi" were in attendance.

Courtesy of the city of Vienna, ladies' gifts were lovely *Cirio* pendants inspired by the empress' jewelry. The
Montreal ball was held *continued on p. 22*



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John McGaughey, Astri Prugger and Patrick Corrigan.



Monica Schirdewahn, Hannes Machor, Marc Bissell and Aviva Vetter.

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under the distinguished patronage of the Austrian ambassador to Canada **Stefan Pehringer** and Westmount res **Marc Bissell**, honorary consul general of Austria.

Guest of honour was **Patrick Corrigan**, director general of the Opéra de Montréal. VIP guests entered the 150th anniversary-themed ballroom to the tune of the Strauss Radetzky March. Opera McGill soprano **Elisabeth Boudreault** and alumnus baritone **Jean-Philippe McLish** of the Atelier lyrique de l'Opéra de Montréal sang the national anthems and an aria from Mozart's *Don Giovanni*. They were accompanied on the piano by Opera McGill director **Patrick Hansen**.

Guests were enchanted by charming little dancers who performed to the music of Strauss (junior and senior), their movements gracefully choreographed by their teacher **Sandra Muehlbauer**, owner of dance school Tutu DeLuxe.

As always, the highlight of the evening was when the 12 débutantes were officially presented to visiting dignitaries before opening the ball with their "cavaliers" to the tune of Franz Lehar's "Merry Widow Waltz."

Head table guests were the deputy head



Bernard and Merle Stotland.



Eric and Naomi Bissell.

of mission at the Austrian embassy, **Dr. Hannes Machor**; honorary consul general of Austria, **Marc Bissell**; president of the Austrian Society **Monica Schirdewahn**; CEO of SOS Children's Villages Canada, **Thomas Bauer**; Opéra de Montréal's board chair, local res **Bernard Stotland** with spouse **Merle**, and general director **Patrick Corrigan**; Austrian Airlines representative **Ibrahim Booabdalli** with **Loulia Laroch**, and **Astri Prugger** with spouse **John McGaughey**.

Other guests included Westmounters

Naomi and Eric Bissell, as well as **Elizabeth Wirth**, former gala president; **Elisabeth Canius**; **Maurice Côté**, president Les Grands Ballets Canadiens and regional vp RBC. The evening's proceeds support need-based children's causes and youth initiatives, including the Austrian-founded **SOS Children's Villages**, the Schulich School of Music of McGill University, and L.O.V.E. (Leave out Violence), as well as the Alexander von Humboldt German International School and DSQ (German Language Schools of Quebec).

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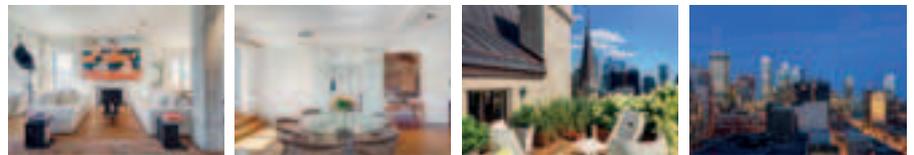


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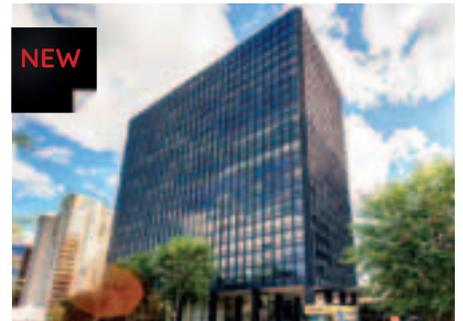
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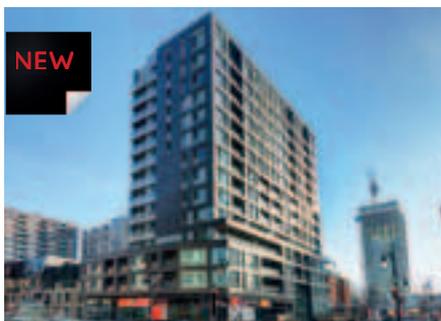
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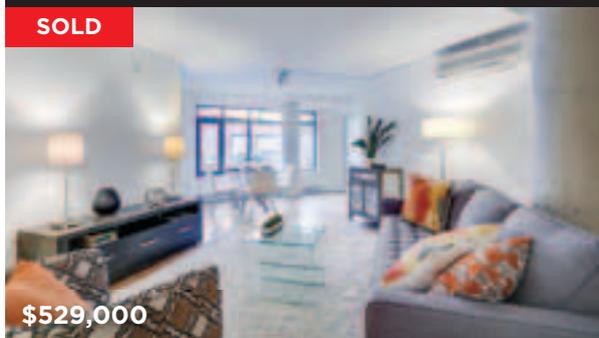


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