

City to plant 200 trees – contract includes maintenance, guarantee

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council September 8 purchased 200 trees to be planted this fall as part of a contract that contains new, far-reaching maintenance and guarantee specifications, according to Councillor Cynthia Lulham, whose commissionership includes parks.

The contract was awarded to Les Entreprises Rose Neige for a maximum of \$258,642, the lowest of four conforming tender bids.

“While we’re still taking trees down,” she explained, the new ones are to replace those and others. These include two dead trees on the Dorchester median that were the subject of a question submitted to the virtual meeting by Patricia Dumais of Greene Ave.

One of the two, she explained, is a large one that has the potential to cause serious injury to a passer-by. She reminded the

council of a large city poplar that had fallen in 2006 during a violent rain storm killing the driver of a car on Côte des Neiges Rd. Gabriel Rossy was 27.

Dumais was assured by Mayor Christina Smith that both trees were scheduled to be removed.

Lulham, who had moved the resolution, said she was “most happy” with the new contract because it is not only to plant so many new trees but also to provide a two-year survival guarantee and “very specific” regular maintenance requirements such as watering once or twice a week, weeding, mulching, and other measures as required.

First time

It’s the first time these specifications have been written into such a contract, she told the *Independent*, adding that they had come from the city’s new arborist Stéphane Galaneau. *continued on p. 19*

Cardinal points



Passers-by have wondered recently why three umbrellas were hung upside down on an Arlington Ave. tree. Was it to catch bird droppings from landing on the scooter? Decoration for a party? The occupants must have gotten tired of being asked, because a small sign was attached to the tree on September 5 explaining that the umbrellas were an F. D. S. (feline defence system), which was in place “to protect a cardinal nest from hungry cats.”

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Larue to head Urban Planning

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council September 8 appointed an Urban Planning director to fill the vacancy left by the departure of Tom Flies in July. Michel Larue begins work October 13.

“We’ve appointed someone with extensive experience,” said Mayor Christina Smith. “I would like to typically shake hands with him and have his photo taken.” But because of the videoconferencing meeting, this did not happen though he had been introduced through Zoom to the council members at their general com-

mittee session immediately before.

An urban planner by profession, Larue has over 26 years of experience, said Councillor Cynthia Lulham, urban planning commissioner for zoning, economic development and parks, in moving the resolution.

More recently, Larue has been director of urban planning for Terrebonne and before that for Blainville, both on the North Shore, and has worked with many South Shore areas and projects. He is a well-known, internationally competitive lawn bowler and member of the Westmount Lawn Bowling and Croquet Club.



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Kovac, Du win Creative Arts Foundation writing contest

Westmounter Edward Kovac and Mariapolis student Roselyne Du are among a group of nine young people to win an essay writing contest organized by the Creative Arts Foundation of Canada.

“The result of this project [will be] the creation of a professionally edited and printed book [*The Quarantine Diaries*] that explores each participating student’s unique, real story based on their feelings, thoughts and experiences under quarantine during the COVID-19 pandemic,” said a press release.

It was part of the foundation’s ongoing “Tell your story” project in collaboration with the Chamandy foundation

“Students were selected on the basis of introductory essays outlining what their actual stories would be about,” foundation chairman Gefei Zhang told the *Independent* by email. “Based on the essays they wrote, we asked students to write in diary form. Our team worked with the students to guide them and also to illustrate their writing. We selected a few [diary] entries per student to publish in the book that will be

out December 2020.”

The contest was open to all young people 12 to 17 living in Canada, but the winners were all from Quebec.

When asked about his topic, Kovac replied, “My essay was about how I dealt with my grandfather’s death (he died of COVID-19).”

Du’s subject was harder to summarize: “It’s hard to give you a specific answer because my essays cover multiple events that I experienced during quarantine. However, they all mostly focus on finding and appreciating the good in times of crisis.”

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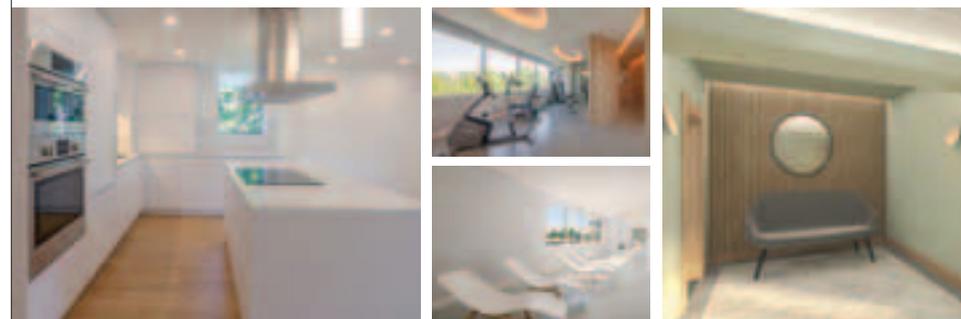


Roselyne Du and Edward Kovac on Victoria Ave. September 11.

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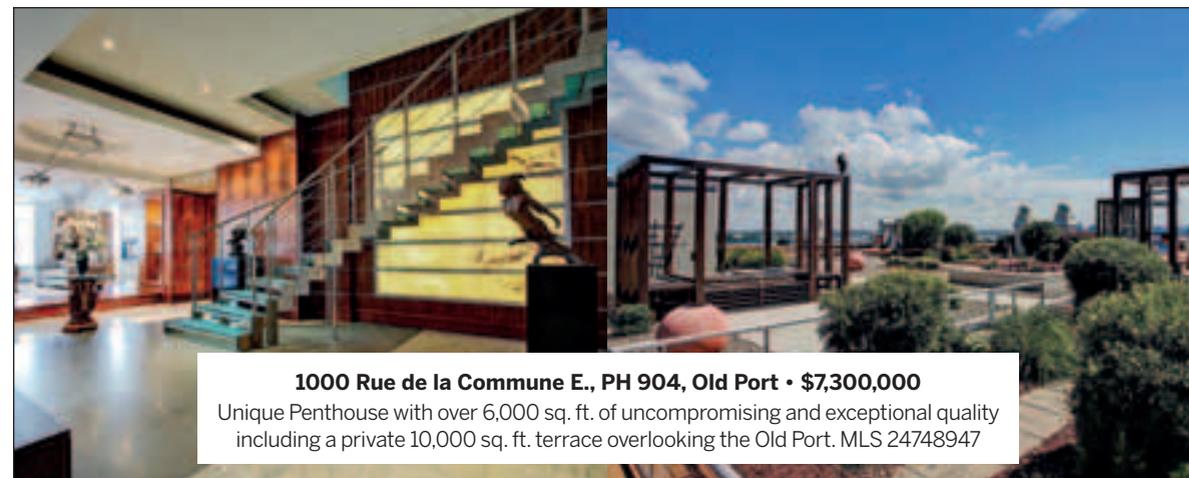
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Library's 1995 addition prepared for masonry work to roof

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A black tarpaulin-type covering was placed around the roof parapet of the south and east sides of Westmount Public Library's 1995 addition September 10. This is in conjunction with an inspection and masonry repairs, according to city director general Benoit Hurtubise.

The library's roof and masonry repairs were listed in this year's capital works budget. Deterioration of the brick had initially been raised with the city in 2018 by Burton Ave. resident Denis Biro as showing signs of water infiltration. On June 3,

2019, Biro told the council meeting he feared that because it appeared the condition of the brick and flashing was not being tended to at an early stage, it was getting "worse and worse."

It was evident there had been previous re-pointing of the area below the flashing, he explained, so the problem had been given some attention at an earlier time (see story June 18, 2019, p. 6).

Mayor Christina Smith replied that the council was aware of the lack of maintenance to city buildings, which led to a special funding for buildings in the 2020 capital works budget.

Condition of the brick and possible water infiltration is shown in this photo from June of last year.



A black tarpaulin-type covering was installed on the parapet of the 1995 wing of Westmount Public Library September 10. Arrows added by the *Independent*.

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Lawn bowling club winds down 'unusual' season

BY LAUREN SWEENEY

As this summer has been for so many organizations, the Westmount Lawn Bowling and Croquet Club has faced a bevy of pandemic restrictions in order to keep active.

But although unable to play competitively against other clubs, it has kept going and is now set to play a final club match September 26, with pick-up play continuing as weather permits.

No 'social aspect'

"It's the social aspect that couldn't take place," explained president Bruce St. Louis. "The social side is a big component but we're hoping next year to be able to resume those activities."

In fact, whether play could actually take place at all this season was uncertain right to the year's delayed start on June 15, he said.

That's when the green light was received by the Quebec government but without use of the clubhouse, except for

washroom facilities.

Membership also declined to half. The usual 80 lawn bowlers were reduced to 43 while last year's 34 croquet numbers dropped to 15.

Some non-returning players were seniors; others counted on the social aspects after games.

Because the facility is a municipal one, the club was also bound to adhere to Quebec restrictions governing those installations, St. Louis explained.

Attendance records

As a vital role in monitoring and controlling any potential outbreak, "we had to take attendance at every match and keep a permanent record for possible contact tracing."

And while it was certainly a very different year, once the late start was overcome and members were acquainted with mask and social distancing protocols, "the bottom line is that I'm not aware of a single member who fell ill from COVID-19," he said.

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THE SWIMMING

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the city of Westmount and all of the staff at the Westmount pool for making it possible for Westmount residents of all ages to enjoy swimming in a clean and safe environment throughout the summer, despite the pandemic.

Beginning with the helpful Sports and Recreation staff, our facility cards were hand delivered to our front door less than 24 hours after completing the online application.

The procedure for reserving swims was efficient, user friendly, and responsive to the initial hiccups. The availability and duration of time slots were established to accommodate as many patrons as possible, with up to approximately 745 spots available most days. The introduction of a time slot for seniors was another proactive and welcome option. The offering of three morning lap swims daily allowed us to not only get back into a regular exercise routine, but to see old friends again and make lots of new ones.

Every day, the lifeguards greeted us with a smile – rain, cold or shine. They kept the pool clean and safe, were polite, professional and friendly, very responsive when called upon to deal with “delicate” situations, and appeared to genuinely enjoy themselves.

Thank you Warren, Daniel, Sydney, James, Max, Charlotte, Katja, Annisa, Elina, Amelie, Ethan, Jonah, Nikita, Maika,

Andrea, Anna, Penelope, David, Juliette, Emily, Demid, Minh, Liesha and Devin for helping make our swimming experience such a pleasant and memorable one. We will miss you all, and hope to see you again next summer!

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THANKS FOR ALL
THE SWIMMING, PART II

I would like to say a huge thank-you to the lifeguards at the Westmount pool!

They were very pleasant greeting swimmers and going through the required questions with every arriving group, as well as wiping down all surfaces between each group.

Lifeguarding is a big responsibility and this summer's team handled it very well, even on those very hot days. These lifeguards chose to work this year, whilst many youths stayed home and collected CERB.

The WRC staff did a great job, as the pool water has never looked better!

Although the swimming capacity was reduced, everyone who swam appreciated their time at the pool. We thank you.

ROSALIND DAVIS, LORRAINE AVE.

LANSDOWNE BIKE PATH
NEEDS SPEED BUMPS

The recently installed bollards down Lansdowne make sense between Westmount Ave. to Sherbrooke separating bikes from cars, however, I notice on the downhill portion from Côte St. Antoine to Sherbrooke, while there are several speed

bumps for vehicles, there are none for cyclists on their stretch down the steep decline. Given the natural tendency for bikes (I have witnessed them) to go as fast as cars down that section of Lansdowne, perhaps a slowdown incentive might also be safer addition on the bike side of the bollards besides just the traffic light at the corner with Sherbrooke.

Happy trails to all!

DOUG PRICE, ROSEMOUNT AVE.

POORLY PLACED PARKLET

The recent “parklet” on Sherbrooke near the corner of Prince Albert is questionable. It encroaches on the already existing handicap parking spot. How is someone with limited mobility supposed to park? Never mind the possibility of someone backing into the structure?

NATHALIE ALLARD, PRINCE ALBERT AVE.

WHAT A SHAME!

We see graffiti on bus shelters across the city as well as on parking meters and basically on all new construction, such as around the Glen hospital site.

We see some here and there, but when it comes to this kind of tagging at the Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom on Sherbrooke St. at Wood (lower photo), it is truly unacceptable in this day and age.

While I am sure that Public Security is keeping an eye out for these thugs, I suggest that all citizens also try to keep their antennae out and report to the local police or to our Public Security team when they see unusual behaviour or new public mischief.

Understanding that there is no perfect solution to eradicate tagging and that it is a constant work in progress, let's keep an eye out.

Thanks to our city teams that do their

best to clean them as much as possible.

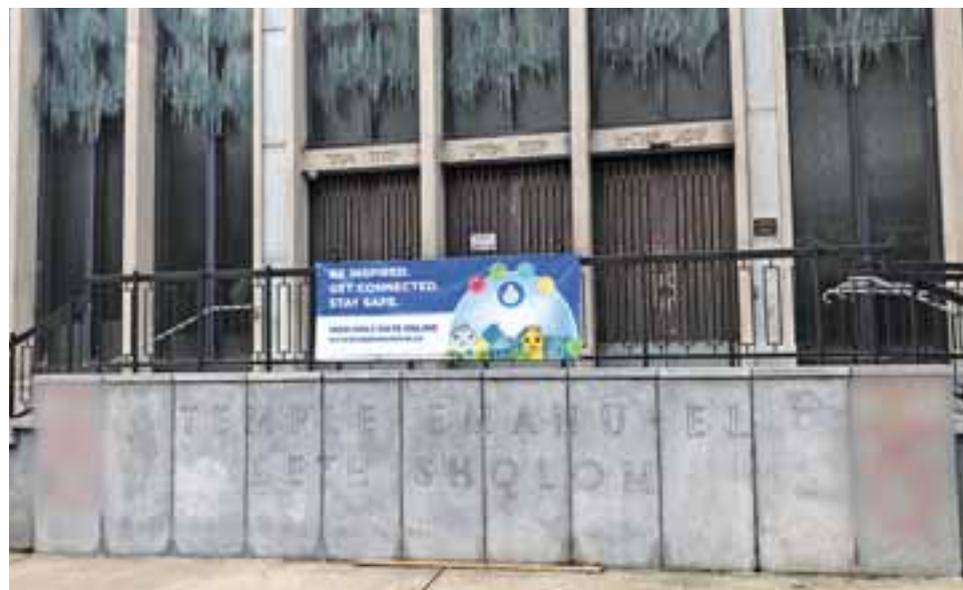
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Editor's note: On September 2, the day after you sent us your photo, I saw the same “tag” on this private house in lower Westmount (upper photo). By September 4, the tag had been removed from the Temple (centre photo). Quick, excellent work by someone or some group of people!

The *Independent* has intentionally obscured the tags so as not to encourage graffiti. – DP.



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Loading zone to be created after National Food's complaints

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Parking and pick-up problems voiced by the National Food Shop over its pandemic order service appear to have been heard by the city, the *Independent* learned last week. The family-run store is located on the north side of Sherbrooke just west of Prince Albert – and a new summer sitting-and-shade wooden “parklet.”

The city's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) agreed at its meeting September 9 to establish a loading zone in the block, Councillor Cynthia Lulham said last week. She had made the request after visiting the store and viewing the double parking of some pick-up customers.

“I'm pleased and actually quite shocked that it happened so fast,” said John Cho, who runs his family's 93-year-old business. He said he had asked for a loading zone about 10 years ago.

This is a way the city can help seniors during the coronavirus, he explained. “Many are seniors who are still reluctant to shop in person and have problems lifting and carrying heavy bags a long way to their cars,” Cho had told the *Independent* before the city decision.

The store has no back access for order pick-up and maintained that the recently installed parklet had actually taken up three parking spaces in practice, making it even more difficult for customers to stop to pick up their orders.

“Public Security and traffic engineering personnel are going to the site to determine where a drop-off zone can be located,” Lulham told the *Independent* after the TAC meeting.

The store launched the pick-up service as a safety measure when “to my knowledge we were the only grocery store that closed its doors” despite being considered an essential service. At that time, there was less traffic and more parking available during the COVID lockdown period, Cho said.

Lulham, who had visited Cho right after being informed of his situation by colleague Marina Brzeski, said that “we can't allow the double parking, which took place

even before the parklet was installed,” she explained.

In keeping with reasons that the store had closed during the pandemic, he said that his 80-year old mother works there, as does his aunt. Their protection, as well as that of many older customers, was a major concern.

Seniors still a concern

Cho now controls the number of shoppers he admits inside at any one time. Line-ups are still frequently seen. He also is the one who takes the orders out to the waiting cars.

The order and pick-up service “just helped to break even but it's not viable long-term for us to make up the orders,” he said. “It's very labour intensive. I think we'll try to keep it going for a year or so, depending on what happens with the coronavirus. There are still certain people who are not comfortable coming into the store.”

He suggested that another year, in an effort to animate the street, the city might add tables to Prince Albert square so it could become a type of piazza. This would help alleviate the need to remove at least some parking spots for the parklets, which have always been at a premium on Sherbrooke.

On Greene Ave., for example, where one traffic lane has been used for terraces and other safe distancing measures this summer, no parking was eliminated.

Hogg Hardware at the corner of Victoria, also instituted order and pick-up for the pandemic and has a parklet outside the store but has rear pick-up access. It has not experienced similar needs as National Food, according to Russ Tisshaw, a member of the management team. “There's never been enough parking,” he said. “But I haven't heard any more complaints than usual.”



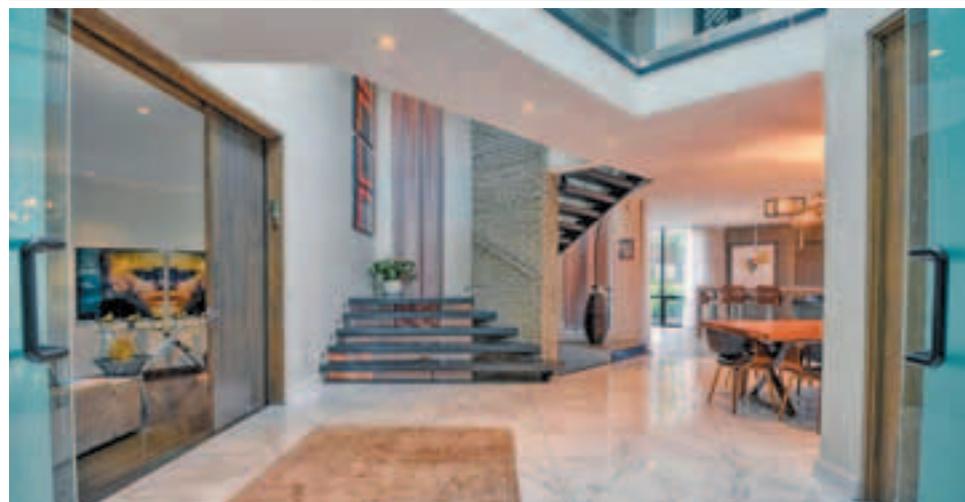
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Fire at Château Maisonneuve traced to overheated sauna

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

A fire on the afternoon of September 4 that started in a sauna room on the 18th floor of the Château Maisonneuve apartment building at de Maisonneuve and Claremont caused extensive damage to three lower floors, which are not expected to be fully restored until the end of

October.

According to a memo circulated to tenants by the building's owner, Creccal Investments, the fire started in a sauna located in a men's locker room and then spread upwards to the building's roof.

The fire was caused by the overheating of the sauna system, which then created a smoldering fire inside the sauna that

ended up erupting into flames.

As extensive damage was also caused on the 17th, 16th and 15th floors, major renovation work will now be needed, said the company, estimating that clean-up will begin on September 14, with renovations to follow and complete restoration to be finished by late October.

According to Creccal, the 18th floor will be closed during this period, and this will include the swimming pool, which is located there. Until the floor re-opens, the pool water will be tested regularly to ensure water quality is being maintained.

Because of insurance issues raised by the fire and on the recommendation of insurers, the company says it has decided not to restore the damaged sauna, and to remove both the men's and women's saunas permanently.

However, a laundry room on the 17th floor is expected to be partly functional during the renovations, and part of the roof will be repaired.

Staircase one between the 16th and 18th floors will be closed during September and possibly also October. In the meantime, ventilation machines have been installed in the hallways to help remove the smell of smoke while also reducing humidity.

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These stone pads in Westmount Park east of the library, photographed August 28, were used until 2006 to keep the city's two 1810 cannon from sinking into the grass. Both of the cannon have been restored, but there is no plan to put them back in the park.

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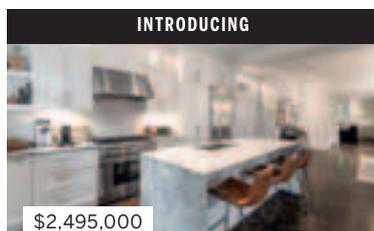
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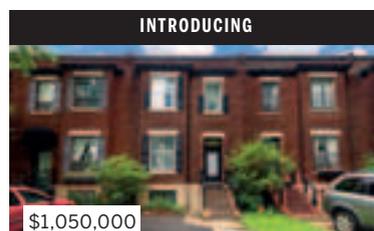
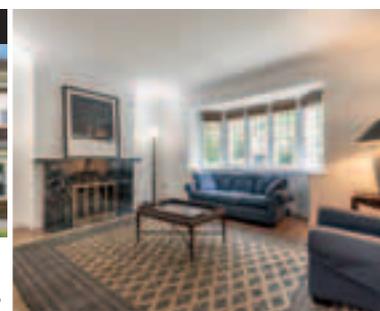
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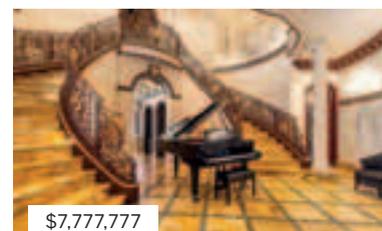


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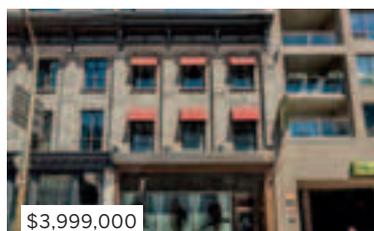
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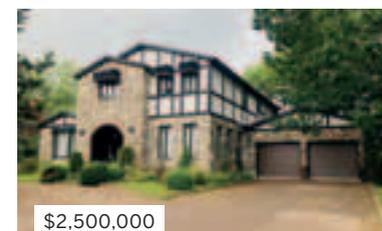
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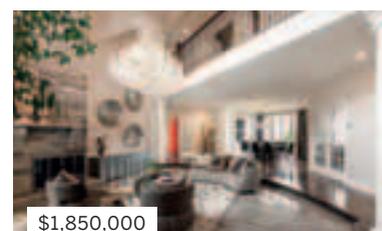
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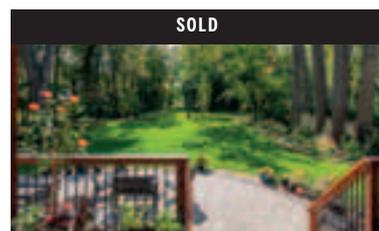
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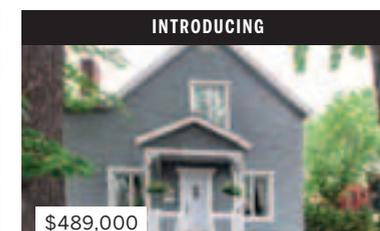
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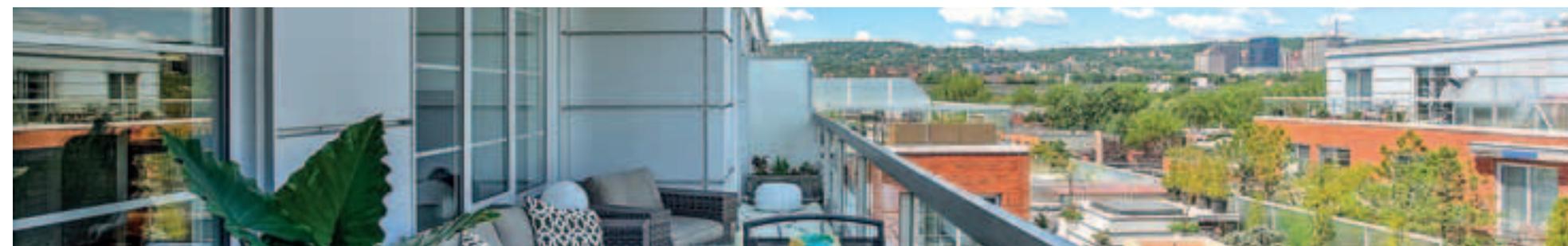


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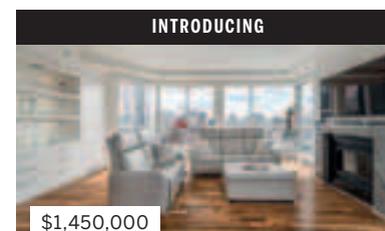


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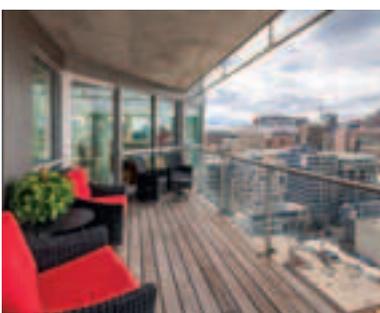


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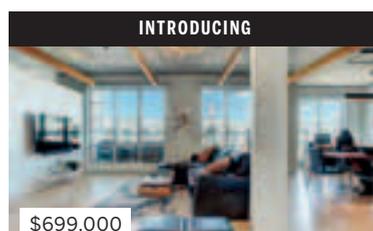
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\$699,900

Corner unit with views, Nuns' Island
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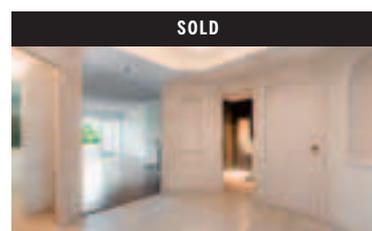


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Amazing loft, Sud-Ouest
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Monique Assouline*

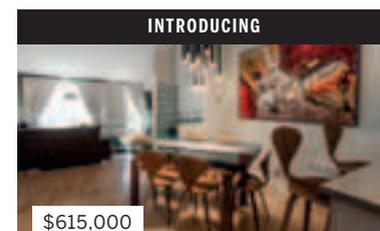
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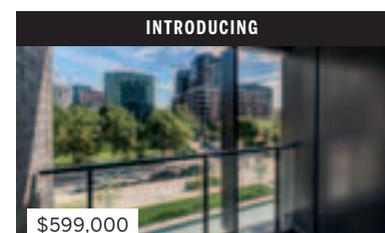
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\$615,000

Unique corner unit, Nuns' Island
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\$599,000

Bright & new condo, Sud-Ouest
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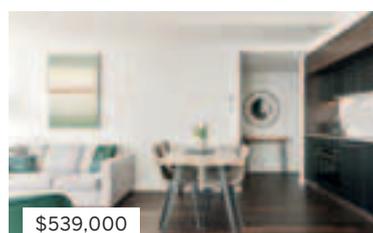


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\$595,000

Bright corner unit, Ahuntsic
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Anna-Maria Allushi^A

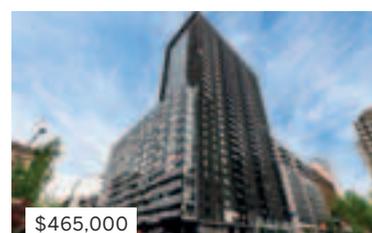
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\$539,000

Beautiful corner unit, Ville-Marie
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Mia Drymoussis^A

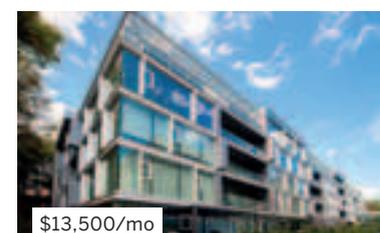
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Louis Bohème, Ville-Marie
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Phyllis A. Tellier**

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Have a child in school or educational childcare?

Staying alert will help slow the spread of COVID-19

Every year, fall in Québec is marked by a change from lazy summer days to a new routine. This year, we all need to stay alert to protect our kids while letting them attend school and educational childcare services. Working together, we can give them the chance to succeed!

It's important to follow the health and safety guidelines

- Keep a distance of 2 metres between adults and children.
- Wear a face covering when taking public transit and when indoors in closed spaces.
- Wash hands often.
- Follow the guidelines provided for educational childcare services and for schools, including school daycares.



Watch for symptoms



Fever

Children ages **5 or under**:

- **Rectal** temperature of 38.5°C (101.3°F) or higher

Children ages **6 years and older**:

- **Oral** temperature of 38.1°C (100.6°F) or higher



General symptoms

- Sudden loss of sense of smell without nasal congestion, with or without a loss of taste
- Major fatigue
- Significant loss of appetite
- General muscle pain (not related to physical exertion)



Respiratory symptoms

- Cough (new or worse)
- Shortness of breath, difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose



Gastrointestinal symptoms

- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Stomach aches



If your child shows one or more of these symptoms for more than 24 hours or if you believe that a family member was exposed to COVID-19, **use the COVID-19 Symptom Self Assessment Tool available at:**

[Québec.ca/decisioncovid19](https://quebec.ca/decisioncovid19)

to get a recommendation on the next steps to take.



If in doubt, stay home

Any child showing symptoms should remain at home and limit contact with others. If the symptoms persist for more than 24 hours, use the Self-Assessment Tool or call **1 877 644-4545** to find out what to do.

Your child should not go to school if:

- Your local public health authority has told you to self-isolate.
- There is a risk of the child being infected or if you believe they may have been in contact with someone who has COVID-19.
- You are self-isolating for 14 days after travelling outside Canada.

Children who are self-isolating at home may still be able to access distance learning support. Contact the staff at your child's school for more information.



Be careful at school, in daycare and in educational childcare services

If your child shows symptoms, you will be asked to come and pick them up immediately. Call **1 877 644-4545** and follow the guidelines that will be provided.

Parents and staff will be informed if a child that is part of the same class group tests positive for COVID-19. Anyone determined by the public health authorities to be at moderate or high risk will be contacted, removed from the school, daycare or childcare service, and tested.

Parents and staff will be quickly notified if regional public health authorities deem it necessary to close down a facility or group.



Safely restarting activities

Even when it is possible to resume activities, you must follow all of the relevant public health guidelines, including those provided by a health professional. Never end an isolation period early.

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Pedestrian/cyclist group has 500+ followers, no formal members or incorporation

COVID-19 boosting interest in biking and walking, president Lambert says

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

While it's no secret that bicycle sales have soared since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic last March, an overall uptick of public interest in bicycling itself has also been noticed by the Association of Pedestrians and Cyclists of Westmount.

"This is something that we've definitely seen," said Dan Lambert, president of the APCW. "Because of COVID, there are more people wanting to walk and cycle for exercise, and also because they want to avoid public transportation."

According to Lambert, the perceived increase is based on more than anecdotal evidence.

He says data gathered by an electronic bicycle-usage counter set up by the city of Westmount on the bike path that passes by the Westmount recreation centre actually shows a quantifiable increase in local bike use over the past few months.

Bike counters

"There are bike counters like this all over Montreal and we check these bike counters regularly," he said. "We take into account how many people are working from home and not going into the office anymore. And yet the number of people on bicycles being counted is very similar to last year. On some nice weekend days, there are 1,500 people using that bike path."

Lambert said the APCW conducted a survey recently to determine approximately how many people passing along one of the bike paths through Westmount started bicycling because of COVID-19. "It was just that one survey – around a hundred cyclists – just a small sample," he said.

"But what that showed us was that about 20 percent of the people we interviewed told us that they started because of



Seen here on September 2 near the western end of the Westmount Park bicycle path, APCW president Dan Lambert maintains there has been an overall increase in bicycle use by the general public since the onset earlier this year of the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID. Others said that it wasn't their first time cycling when COVID hit, but they were cycling a lot more than they used to. And, in those cases, most of them said it's because they wanted to avoid public transportation."

Although the APCW no longer keeps a record of its membership, Lambert estimates the group has at least 500 followers, since that was the number of people who

originally signed up. Around 60 per cent are Westmount residents.

While the association is governed by a board of six directors (all Westmounters) who meet monthly to discuss bicycle and pedestrian-related issues, Lambert said the APCW isn't chartered as a non-profit group, doesn't hold an annual general meeting and doesn't file an annual report.

And while some similarly-themed

groups might focus on social gatherings, Lambert acknowledges that the APCW has always concentrated on encouraging people to walk and cycle, while lobbying the city for changes to improve bike and pedestrian safety.

"It's definitely not a social gathering," he said. "Of course, we try to make it fun to attend our meetings. But it's all about dealing with our action plan."

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August sales: Bouncing back



Real Estate

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house on Lansdowne Ave. near The Boulevard brought a mark-up almost double its municipal valuation. The lowest price in August went for a small house on Irvine Ave. at \$1,200,000.

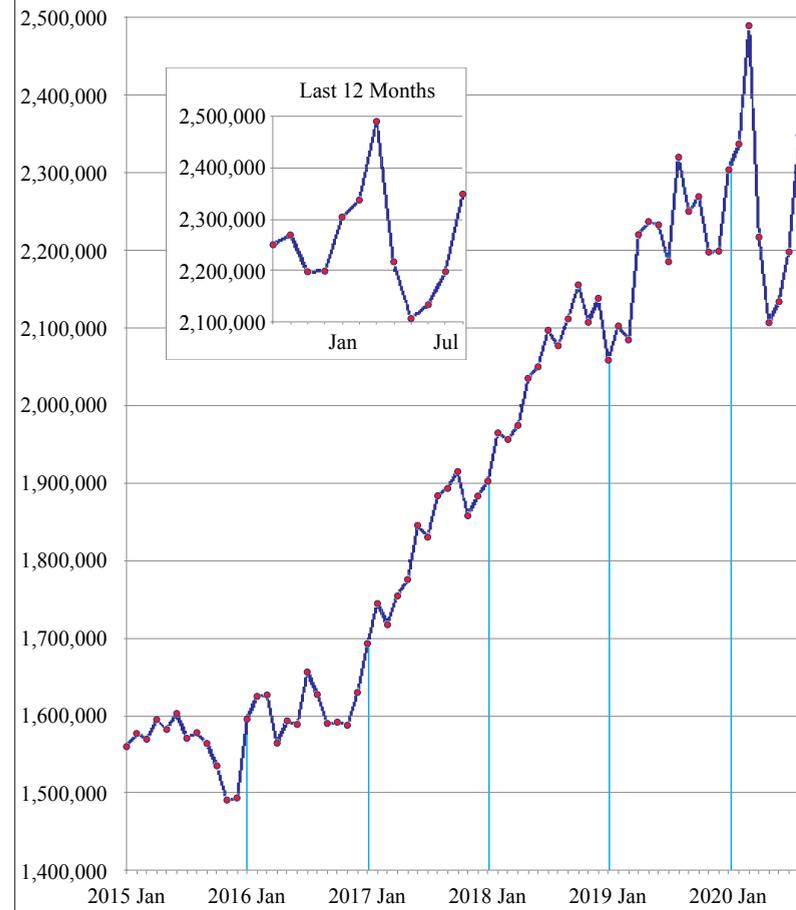
Average price for the month was \$2,635,333, and the overall adjusted price of a “typical” Westmount house moved up to almost \$2,350,000 after dipping as low as \$2,100,000 in May. The average home sale in August was 23.3 percent higher than municipal valuation, similar to the July mark-up of 22.9 percent but both of which are much higher than mark-ups in the spring months.

With the rebound almost complete, we look to the fall market, which typically brings an increase in volume, though this year is hardly typical. By mid-September the number of available listings had dropped from 99 to 95, the greatest number (35) of which are asking between \$2 million and \$3 million, four of which are asking \$10 million or more, and only one of which is asking less than \$1 million.

Condos strong too

While some pundits suggest that buyers are looking for houses that provide a “safe” (read: COVID-free) atmosphere compared to apartments and condominiums, in fact six condominiums sold in August in a range of \$610,000 to \$2,200,000, and including two shares of duplexes, both for about *continued on p. 19*

Average adjusted price for ‘typical’ Westmount house, by month, January 2015 to August 2020, based on accepted offer dates



Note: The following article relates to offers to purchase Westmount residential dwellings that were reported by local real estate agents as having been accepted in August 2020. Because they are not final registered sales, the addresses cannot be made public, but give a good idea of current trends in local real estate activity. The graph at right offers a picture of these trends over time.

As Westmount and Montreal try to regain some semblance of normalcy following the springtime shutdown of the economy, Westmount’s real estate market is showing a strong rebound. Nine sales of one- and two-family dwellings were posted by agents in each of May, July and August and 14 in June, after a totally stagnant April (three sales) in what is usually the busiest month of the year for real estate agents.

The nine sales in August included a top price of \$5,765,000 – the second-highest price in Westmount this year – for a mid-level house, though in fact this was only four percent above municipal valuation, the lowest mark-up of the month. A

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Westmount A-dog-tions

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Kiba Pup



Kiba is ready to play and fetches very well! He is so young at 10 months of age, a fast learner who bonds with warmth and assurance. Kiba is a very handsome black shorthair with a white chest and paws, staring intently with his sweet puppy gaze.

Growing still, he is in need of a family as soon as possible to cuddle and learn more games with.

Kiba is presently at the Montreal SPCA kennel looking forward to a Westmount dog lifestyle. He is very healthy, up to date with his inoculations, neutered and micro-chipped. Kiba's identification number is 45053357 and you can refer to it when you go to the Montreal SPCA website at www.sPCA.com and fill out the adoption application for him on the attached link. Once submitted, you will then be contacted within 24 hours for a telephone interview, followed by a visit by appointment at the SPCA.

Your neighbour,
Lysanne



9 Lives

LYSANNE FOWLER

Beaty & Grace



Beautiful Grace is safe now.

Poor lovey, she was found abandoned in an alley and is now in much needed comfort and safety at the Montreal SPCA cattery. With the staff's gentle understanding of her shyness, she looks forward to the care and attention that will, in turn, help her gain her confidence again.

She is a gorgeous grey-and-white long-haired tabby who is declawed on her four feet and is an indoor-only cat. She is a very healthy nine-year-old, up to date with her inoculations, spayed and microchipped.

Please adopt gentle Grace, giving her time to come to you on her own as she is looking for security since her frightening ordeal outside.

Grace's identification number is 44357911 and you can refer to it when you go to the Montreal SPCA website at www.sPCA.com and fill out the adoption application for hiwe on the attached link. Once submitted, you will then be contacted within 24 hours for a telephone interview, followed by a visit by appointment at the SPCA.

Your neighbour, Lysanne

Police Report

Graffiti artists leave tell-tale tags after breaking into store

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Although nothing was stolen during a break-in last week at a vacant store under renovation on St. Antoine St. in lower Westmount, the walls inside were heavily vandalized by graffiti artists, according to a police report.

The perpetrators entered the store through a window frame that was covered only by a plastic sheet, said Station 12 community relations officer Adalbert Pimentel.

"Once they got inside, they did graffiti in the establishment itself," he said. The complainant filed an incident report with the police around 8 am on September 8. He'd been away while renovations were shut down during the Labour Day long weekend.

According to Pimentel, the suspects were probably "looking for a place to do graffiti that would be out of sight. But nothing was stolen. There was just lettering and so forth" left behind on the walls, he said.

The were no video cameras in or outside the store. However, if the person or

persons behind the graffiti think they committed the perfect crime, they could be in for a surprise.

Pimentel said a sergeant-detective at Station 12 is responsible for keeping track of all graffiti incidents. As with other cases, the tags found in this one were photographed and filed. As a result, the creators could eventually be identified and charged.

"A person who does one tag usually does the same tag elsewhere," he said. "So then when the person gets arrested, the information is on file." In the past, this has led to arrests, Pimentel confirmed, as well as charges for "mischief," as the offence is known in the criminal code.

"And in this case, there's also break-and-entry, because they broke in with the intention of committing a crime."

Pimentel pointed out that renovators and property owners should do as much as possible to safeguard premises undergoing renovations, when the usual security of locked doors or windows is compromised.

"When you're more vulnerable, you have to take the necessary steps to protect yourself," he said.

Trees, cont'd. from p. 1

The new young trees are to be five to seven feet in height.

Species expected to be planted include: ginkgo biloba, "Morton glossy" elm, Amur cork tree, honey locust, common hackberry, "ivory silk" Japanese lilac, Amur flame maple, bitternut hickory, Amur mackia, swamp birch, American hornbeam, river/black birch, katsura tree, freeman maple "autumn blaze" and Canadian serviceberry.

Real estate, cont'd. from p. 17

\$750,000. Combined with four condo sales in July, the third-quarter average for condos is 20 percent above municipal valuation, almost the same as for one- and two-family dwellings.

Adjacent-Westmount sales, of course, were highlighted by the \$18-million sale of a mansion on Redpath Crescent in early August, one of only four homes sold so far this year in the Square Mile. Volume of sales this year is fairly evenly distributed between adjacent-Westmount areas to the west, north and east of city limits, with prices ranging from \$728,000 for a duplex on Ponsard Ave. to \$6,700,000 for one of the older mansions on St. Sulpice Rd.



A dead tree on the Dorchester median, as seen September 14.

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City Views

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Back to school! What a fun time! New books. New friends. New clothes. This year, however, is different.

After 171 days away, children of all ages can again take part in this rite of passage. But they will participate within a far more structured environment triggered by the ongoing pandemic.

COVID 19 has changed the conversation. Literally. Now we wear masks to speak to others.

Westmount's private schools have quickly adapted, not only adopting government policies concerning COVID, but also creating innovative ways of keeping in touch with students, parents, grads and alumni.

We reached out to several schools and received replies in time for publishing from The Study, Selwyn House and ECS.

The Study

I happened to drive past The Study on back-to-school day, and noted parents enthusiastically fastening rainbow balloons to the school fencing. The rainbow, of course, has become a symbol offering a colourful optimism during COVID.

Susan Orr-Mongeau (SOM), director of communications and marketing, gave me some details on how The Study coped, and is coping as the school moves into fall/winter 2020.

On the news front at The Study, Kim McInnes succeeds Nancy Lewis Sweer as head of school. To mark Sweer's nine-year tenure, board chair Philip Nolan announced the "Nancy Lewis Sweer Leader of Tomorrow Scholarship." The scholarship recognizes students who have demonstrated outstanding dedication and leadership to fellow students and to their community.

The scholarship of \$2,000 will be award-

COVID changes the pace at Westmount schools

ed annually to a grade 10 student going into grade 11.

The school welcomed McKinnis on opening day. She studied at the University of Toronto and in France earning her BA and BEd, and then went on to earn an MBA from the Schulich School of Business.

How are you celebrating special moments?

SOM: We will be announcing the Judy Elder Alumna Award winner very soon. The Founder's Day assembly celebrating The Study's 105th birthday and the presentation of the Judy Elder Alumna Award winner will most likely be virtually.

We will be creative! Alternative events will be planned – again, most likely virtually – to celebrate milestone reunion years.

How did The Study handle graduation 2019?

SOM: There was a special ceremony on June 20 for the graduating class. It was held in The Study's gymnasium with physical distancing and special Study masks for the girls, who wore white cap and gown. It was live-streamed for parents and friends to see, as the maximum number allowed in the gym at that time was 50. Afterwards, the girls threw their caps into the air outside on Braeside Place. Additionally, on May 26, the graduates were welcomed into the Study Old Girls' Association (SOGA) in a virtual event hosted by the president and vice-president of SOGA with many alumnae.

Special gifts were delivered to the girls' houses the day before and hidden by their parents until the online event when they were instructed to open them up together. It was very special!

How are you keeping in touch?

SOM: School is keeping in touch with partners and supporters on a regular basis. The school also has held a few virtual events and is planning for other virtual

events this fall.

How are you replacing planned events?

SOM: In lieu of our annual back-to-school BBQ, we hosted a family drive-in movie night on September 8 at the Royalmount drive-in! Everyone is very excited. Our new head of school Kim McInnes was at the entrance in a Volkswagen convertible to greet everyone!

Selwyn House

Courtney Prieur, director of experiential education at Selwyn House School, explained how the school created memorable moments for graduation 2019. "We organized a drive-by!"

Decorating the outside of the school with masses of balloons, the Selwyn team stood outside to welcome the graduating class one by one. Grads – socially distancing – got out of their cars, took a quick photo, and moved on. "Moving ahead to today's return of one and all, we organized a 'Week of Welcome,' staggering the students' returns. We carried out community building among the school's 'houses.' We are a bit like Harry Potter!"

"Of course, we followed all the government regulations. Our main goal was for the children to have fun! They were all very respectful."

Mary Ann Cloherty, director alumni giving, and old boy relations, explained that the school stayed in contact virtually. Using email to notify alumni of cancelled events, the team also alerted them to a recent golf tournament, which was virtual. However, there was also a "real" event recently. The "old boys" from the last five years usually have a get-together BBQ. The much-loved August event, complete with hand sanitizers, was held outdoors at the school. Although only 19 brave souls attended, they enjoyed pizza and caught up.

With the advancement office, Old Boys' Association president Josh Wisenthal is

working on the annual homecoming reunion planned for October 2020. He is constantly in contact with old boys, using a myriad of social platforms.

ECS

Miss Edgars and Miss Cramps – now known as ECS – also welcomed uniformed-knapsack-laden girls last week. We chatted with school head Lauren Aislin (LA).

Is this a special year for ECS?

LA: Actually, every year is a special year at ECS. And I suppose COVID, itself, makes this year particularly unique and special! This November we will be celebrating Founders' Day marking the 111th year following in the footsteps of our trailblazing founders and re-defining the *status quo* in girls' education.

With the COVID situation, how is the school reaching out to alumni?

LA: Actually, our alumnae "reached in" to us with ECS CARES. The first came from an old girl, now a New York pediatrician. Wearing scrubs, she shared experience, safety tips and Q&A with us.

Other old girls bolstered our Friday nights with everything from cooking a true Italian meal to learning about drawing cartoons from an alum who works for Disney.

It was fun to see our junior girls in aprons, following each Zoom instruction, serving dinner to their families for the first time.

Parents sent us photos of the proud young chefs and their family's fine pasta dining experience.

It has long been a tradition at ECS for the graduating class to leave a parting gift to the school. Things like our stained-glass windows, filtered-water fountains, even our school piano was donated by grads, whom we call "old girls."

Some classes have left funds for bursaries to gift an ECS education as a way of

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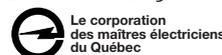
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As COVID has transformed our way of being together, digital connections have been a lifeline to connect – more important than ever today. To honour that fact – that we are all connected, that we are stronger together as an ECS sisterhood – the class of 2020 decided that they would leave the gift of “Graduway” to the school. Graduway is an online social media platform tailored specifically to ECS. An “ECS Facebook+ LinkedIn” to keep the ECS sisterhood connected and communicating, no matter where we are in the world.

How did you commemorate grads?

LA: The challenge to transform our graduation ceremony and celebration was a tremendous one, as it was for all schools. Trying to find a novel way to celebrate while keeping a safe distance took creative problem solving and ingenuity. We completely re-invented our graduation.

(We were so successful that we have created a new tradition – our girls now want what “the graduates in the pandemic experienced”!)

We used the front of our school to commemorate the memorable moment with flower-framed life-size posters of each graduate in her cap and gown. Graduates and their families were scheduled to arrive

by car and to drive up to the front door. There, each graduate was met by Lauren Aslin, head of school, who gave each girl her diploma and shared private words. Then, each graduate – flanked by cheering, proud and teary teachers – walked into the school for their last walk in the school down “Graduate Hallway.”

Each girl was photographed in the hallway next to the Graduate Board with grads’ names painted in gold. All was filmed and photographed and incorporated into our final YouTube premiere closing ceremony.

How is the school keeping in touch with partners? Sponsors? Fundraising?

LA: We have kept in touch with our constituents through social media, and our weekly e-newsletter.

As for fund-raising, we were able to raise money for a few Montreal organizations such as Moisson Montreal and GLOL (Girls Living Out Loud).

And our mini entrepreneurs made soap for the homeless, sewed and distributed masks as well. The focus on others helped our girls weather the hardship of isolation as an opportunity to think about and to care for others in our community.

Does the school normally have an event in September? If so, how are you circumventing the moment to hold it? And what is it?

LA: Every year, we look forward to our Welcome Back Breakfast held at the school. We breakfast all together and joyously celebrate our new learning year. But this year we had to dream up a safer way to celebrate, so we hosted a “There’s No Place Like ECS” welcome back night at the drive-In, showing *The Wizard of Oz* at the Royalmount on September 7.

The night started with our beloved music teacher Ben Griffin and his band. It featured our head of school as Glinda the Good Witch and our head girl as the beloved Dorothy of Kansas.

Students, faculty, staff and parents were excited to be able to get together to kick off a new year, safely distanced yet still together – with popcorn too!

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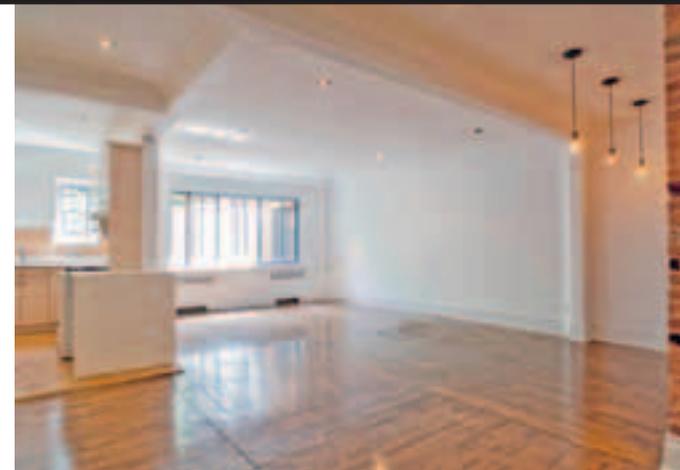
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Vendôme Metro/MUHC tunnel delayed for unknown amount of time

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

The construction of a new pedestrian entrance and tunnel linking the Vendôme Metro station in southeastern NDG to the McGill University Health Centre's Glen hospital has again been delayed – after first being postponed to the spring of 2019 and then to the fall of 2020.

The Société de transport de Montréal (STM) had initially blamed the delay on unexpected complications arising during construction of the tunnel.

Creating the tunnel under the railway tracks was supposed to be completed by the autumn of 2018. However, for technical reasons, it was delayed until the spring of 2019, after which completion was again postponed until this autumn.

This week, STM spokesperson Amélie Régis confirmed to the *Independent* that the timeline has been re-set once again. However, now there is no projected date for completion.

“We are presently in the process of revising the timeline, which is effectively delayed because of the pandemic,” she said in an e-mailed response to our questions. “However, we are unable to provide a more precise date for the time being.”

Asked whether the postponements will be adding to the project's estimated costs, Régis replied, “That is part of the evaluation taking place at this time, so it is too early to say.”

According to a description of the “Vendôme Project” on the STM's website, a new entrance building is being created for the Vendôme Metro station since the current entrance not easily accessible by persons



As seen on September 9, a view from de Maisonneuve Blvd. looking south-eastward of the Projet Vendôme's main entrance.

with physical limitations or disabilities.

Among other things, the project involves installing a new entrance building for the Vendôme Metro, since the current one is currently not universally accessible.

The new entrance, as well as train platforms, a pedestrian tunnel leading to the MUHC and surface infrastructures, will be equipped with elevators and

universal accessibility equipment, such as wider motorized butterfly doors and wing gates.

In total, five elevators will be installed to make it easier for transit users to get around the Vendôme Metro station, which is an intermodal transit hub, while facilitating access to the MUHC.

However, according to the STM, there won't be any escalators in the new entrance building, as it is nestled in a corner of the Vendôme Metro site where existing infrastructures, such as nearby buildings, the Metro tunnel, the bus loop and the CP train tracks, left insufficient room for escalators, which require extra space for mechanical equipment.

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Return to Retail

VERONICA REDGRAVE

During COVID, retail has been one of hardest-hit sectors. So it is refreshing to learn of a local success story.

Silvia Bortoluzzi's Boutique Sisi has navigated the lock-down moment with stylish skill. Jumping on the power of social media, Silvia models an outfit every day, explaining the fabric and wearability. Her video is shown not only on Boutique Sisi's web page but also on Facebook and Instagram.

She also quickly instigated one-on-one

Sisi? Sì – by appointment

Facetime with her customers, discussing clothing options for the "new reality." Clothes are then picked up at the shop, which is closed except by appointment only.

Silvia's Italian heritage is evident in the boutique's collection of summertime linens ("Italians love linen! The more creased the better!"), and *chic-yet-casual* outfits.

"Customers want something less fancy today. It's all about comfort."

Even the boutique's line of undergarments is comfortable, as are the dance separates.

Complementing the fashion is a line of unique jewelry; one-of-a-kind pieces, in-

cluding mask holders, created with beads from Ghana. Wonderful woven baskets, also from Ghana's, catch the eye. They are perfect for a plant, to hold magazines, guest towels *et al.* Arriving for their appointment, shoppers are welcomed by a tiny greeter. Phoebe, a Chihuahua-miniature pinscher cross, gives a "bark, a growl and a kiss to fashion lovers."

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Different park, similar seat



King George (Murray) Park has a “phantom seat” (see August 25, p. 4) that moves around the park. Well, Westmount Park has a stationary seat, which stays put. It is seen here August 28, left, and September 2.

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The future of office work?



Team members at Victoria Ave.'s RobitailleCurtis architecture and landscape design firm have taken to the outdoors on several occasions this summer, including on September 3 to meet baby Angus. From left, Andrew Curtis, Samantha Williams, Samuel Lavoie, Anne Charbit, mum Teresa Peill and son Angus Gibb, Sophie Robitaille and Simon Gafner. The *Independent* did not have the heart to ask them about winter meeting plans.

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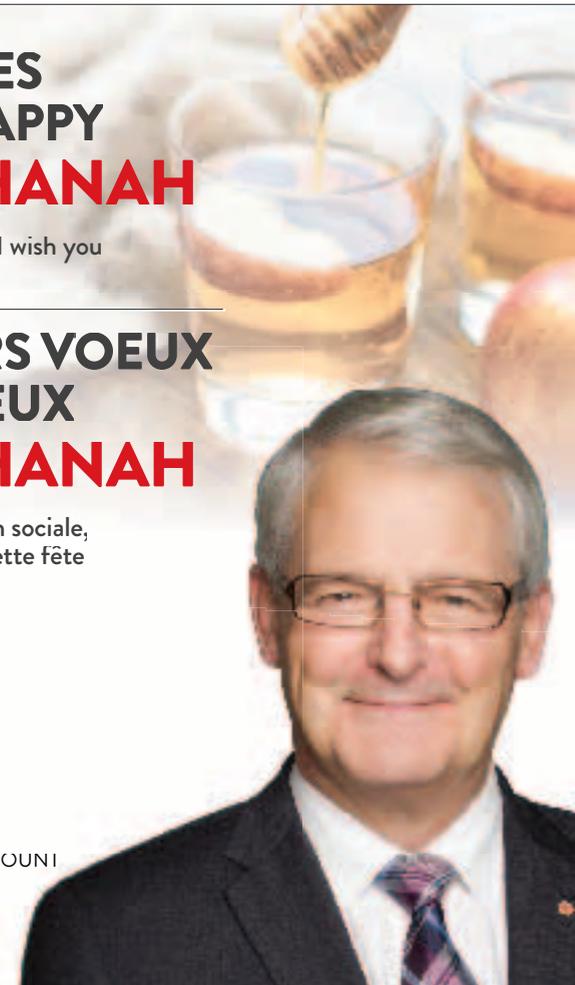
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Social Notes

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Cause: Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation
Fundraiser Profile: Mark Pathy



As Social Notes depends on social events, which depend on gatherings, times have changed. But we'll meet again. Until then, we profile the disappointed but determined supporters of great causes to see how they are faring in our smaller world and learn their event's new plans.

Mark Pathy, chair of the MCHF Golf Tournament and board member of the Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation

What was your event? Cause?

The 24th edition of the MCHF Golf Tournament is one of the longest-running events for the Children's! Our focus has always been attracting and retaining the very best talent for our hospital. Over the years, we've funded chairs, fellowships, visiting lecturers, and other important professionals in order to prioritize the best care for our young patients.

It was to be held on what date? Have you planned a new date?

We're so thankful that we have been able to keep our original date. It's very

soon! September 14. [After the *Independent's* press time.] Our tournament has been held on the first Monday after Labour Day for nearly two decades. Many of our players have it marked in their calendars months in advance!

This golf tournament will be one of the only networking events this year and the biggest, most important in-person event for the Children's. Golf tournaments are one of the few events where you can easily maintain social distancing.

Why is it important for you to still hold the event, despite circumstances?

I have to credit my amazing committee that approached soliciting for this year with eagerness and persistence.

So many fundraising events have had to be cancelled this year. For the hospital, this means that services, equipment and training may be put on hold indefinitely. This directly and seriously affects our health care professionals, but even more importantly it will impact our vulnerable young patients. We knew that if there was anything we could do to help bridge that gap, we had to do it.

We're also lucky to have a grateful par-

ent, Nisha Kim Mohammed, as our president of honour this year. Hearing her story about the care her daughter recently received at the Children's helped motivate us and remind us the importance of every dollar we raise.

Instead of cocktail attire, what are you wearing?

Golf cleats! And my Children's mask.

How are you (personally) staying in touch?

With a lot of creativity! Whether it's more video calls, or finding safe ways to see people (like on the golf course!), it's all about prioritizing the people who are important to us.

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