

## Sports and Rec opens second rink, plans for winter Tabled by-law waives fees for playing fields during school hours

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

In keeping with the city's efforts to provide local schools with the use of parks and other public spaces, council September 21 tabled a by-law to eliminate the fee for school use of the playing fields during school hours.

"The goal is to get our schools outside," said Mayor Christina Smith.

This followed a meeting she had had with school heads August 19 to hear their needs for expanding space to deal with

social distancing (see story September 1, p. SG-1).

Under the current tariffs by-law, playing field rental for local schools and recognized associations (plus applicable taxes) is \$50 an hour for "light" use, \$75 for "games with cleats" and \$50 for the baseball field at the Westmount Athletic Grounds.

Sports and Recreation director Dave Lapointe told the *Independent* the department had also developed a map of green space available for school use other than the playing fields. This had been sent to schools to reserve specific times, which many had already done. Field use can also be reserved.

The mapped-out locations for specific school-use includes the lawn outside city hall, for example, as well as a number of secluded locations suitable for outdoor classrooms in *continued on p. 3*

## Last splash of summertime?



On a barmy Sunday afternoon at the splash pad in Westmount Park, three-and-a-half-year-old Zarah Cassim was having a ball. It was 26°C and over 60 percent humidity, according to the Météo Media app and Westmount Park was abuzz September 27 with soccer games and small gatherings. PHOTO: RALPH THOMPSON.

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## Mayor: Police enforce COVID rules

### Resident asks: How will city enforce safety regulations?

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

As the island of Montreal moved into the COVID-19 code orange alert September 20, Mayor Christina Smith opened the virtual council meeting the next day saying "this is not welcome news." The numbers across the province were the highest "in a very, very long time." (An upgrade to code red was expected as the *Independent* went

to press September 28. Some group sports are expected to be affected.)

The city would continue to update its website as to whether any changes would be taking place regarding municipal services, she said.

In regard to the new level of alert, Shari Neudorf, one of two residents who submitted email questions to the meeting, said that *continued on p. 3*

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## Pandemic doesn't stop the Gratitude, or the Hope



From left, Bill Alexander, Alex Gieysztor, Greg Dunning, Malcolm Mcrae, Shaun McMahon, Bob Therriault, Willem Westenberg, John Van Toch, Cameron Amos, Rob Callard and Jim Richards.

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A small contingent of Westmount cyclists kept up the spirit of the much larger Ride for Hope and Gratitude (cancelled this year due to COVID) by setting out September 19 from Chez Nick on Greene Ave. to ride to Bromont and then back the next day. The larger event is the brainchild of Rob Callard, the owner of Chez Nick and this smaller version was organized by Willem Westenberg and Greg Dunning.

The mini-ride raised more than \$5,000

according to Cedars Cancer Foundation CEO Jeff Shamie, who is also a Westmount city councillor. "It is so heartening," he added, "to see these dedicated cyclists ride to Bromont and back to support Rob Callard's Ride for Hope, and bring much needed funds to blood cancer research. We are so grateful and appreciative for their commitment."

A full 2021 ride – the fourth – is planned for June 4 to 6, 2021.

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

Westmount Park and King George (Murray) Park.

No hockey or other such activities had been cancelled last week as a result of the COVID code orange alert September 20, Lapointe said. This coincided with the opening of the second ice rink at the Westmount recreation centre (WRC).

Work also continued in planning the department's winter program, he said. A registration date for this in November is still unknown and depends on how the pandemic numbers and resulting requirements might evolve.

(An upgrade to code red was expected as the *Independent* went to press September 28. Some group sports are expected to be affected.)

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many restaurants and shops were not following the Quebec health and safety guidelines.

Seating inside and out was overcrowded, she claimed. Some shopkeepers were only wearing face shields or wearing masks improperly, or "masking up" only when customers entered and then removing them as people left.

As a result, "what role will Westmount take to enforce the guidelines?" she asked.

Mayor Smith said the city had worked very hard on messaging regarding masks and social distancing but enforcement was the role of the SPVM (police). The easiest way to report offenders is through its website.

Police were now giving out fines in this regard, she pointed out.

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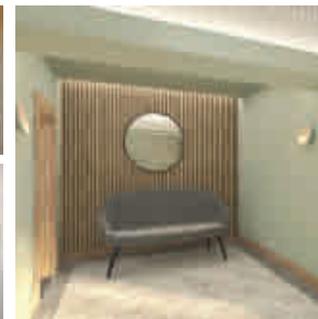
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Here are two scenes of eastbound Sherbrooke at Claremont taken the morning of September 25, including an STM bus having to change lanes in traffic due to the absence of a priority "white candlestick" light for buses at that spot.

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**Bus priority lights vs. pedestrian crossings**

# Council asked for longer car times on Sherbrooke

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Changes in traffic-light patterns on Sherbrooke St. appear to cause back-ups at intersections, a resident told city council at its virtual meeting September 21. Some 17 seconds allocated to motorists at the eastbound green light at Claremont, for example, needs 50 seconds, he suggested.

Steve Myro, of Westmount Square, asked whether any changes would be made to

the lights for east-west traffic, especially on Sherbrooke.

Mayor Christina Smith explained that the changes resulted in allowing busses to have a head start though pedestrians needed longer times. "Yes, it will have a ripple effect," she agreed. The city's Traffic Advisory Committee would take a look at it, she added. According to city director general Benoit Hurtubise, the priority "candlestick" lights that were installed and

programmed by the Société de transport de Montréal (STM) about two years ago had had to be adjusted at the city's request to allow for four or five seconds longer for pedestrians to cross. The change went into effect early this spring.

While these priority lights allow busses a four-to-five second head start to cross through an intersection, the change in pedestrian timing was "a complex situation" in order to maintain the whole synchron-

ization system.

Councillor Cynthia Lulham, who lives on St. Catherine St., later told the *Independent* that traffic back-ups have become so long on recent weekends when work on the Turcot project closed intersections at Decarie that police have been posted at those times at St. Catherine and Glen Rd., as they have often been from time to time throughout the last five-odd years of Turcot work.

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## Pianist Salov visits Place K



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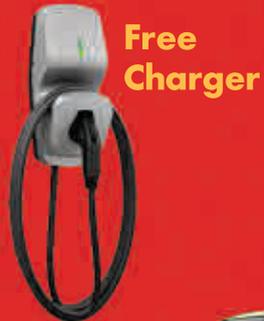
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CYCLING ASSOCIATION  
NEEDS MEMBERS, ELECTIONS  
FOR AUTHORITY

I was on the verge of writing a letter seeking clarification of just who the Association of Pedestrians and Cyclists of Westmount (APCW) is when by coincidence your reporter Martin C. Barry addressed the question in your September 15 edition (p. 16).

APCW, invariably represented by Mr. Dan Lambert, is an incessant lobbyist for privileges for cyclists through letters to the *Independent* and appearances at Westmount council meetings. For reasons of credibility, it is appropriate that the public and city hall know more about the substance behind APCW. (As an aside, it is ironic that many complaints against cyclists' behaviour come from pedestrians; strange bedfellows in an association?)

That APCW is not incorporated and doesn't file an annual report is not a big issue. What is extraordinary, however, for an organization purporting to have the right to be so influential, is that it holds no meetings of members from which it might derive some authority, and that of course is because it has no members.

It is said that it is governed by a board of six directors. Without members to elect them, one must assume that this is nothing more than a private self-perpetuating body consisting of a bunch of close friends.

Of course, I understand that the cyclists' cause has followers just as the motorists' cause does. Motorists have no official or-

ganization but letters to the media deploring traffic violations and bad behaviour by cyclists and the need for automobile tolerance for many of our citizens outnumber pro-cyclist letters by a ratio that I would estimate to be about ten to one.\*

One would think that an organization calling itself an association of cyclists would have as a basic objective a programme of educating cyclists in proper behaviour and practice. If APCW has one, it has never been advertised, to my knowledge.\*\*

All of this should be kept in mind by city council when assessing the relative weight to attach to the respective representations of APCW and the motorist community.

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*Editor's notes:* \*Not in our paper. I would estimate more one to one, with both relatively rare. \*\*It does have one. The APCW staffs a May cycling-safety course that has been offered by the city's Sports and Recreation department for "at least five years," Dan Lambert told me by phone September 28. The police and Westmount Public Security also send staff to participate. The four-session course has attracted 10 to 30 participants in the past, but was cancelled this year due to the COVID lockdown. – DP

DALLE PARK GROUNDBREAKING  
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On September 12, around 80 supporters of the *dalle park* pedestrian bridge over the Lachine canal were joined in a symbolic ground-breaking ceremony with officials from Quebec and several communities that have supported this much-needed link for cyclists and pedestrians.

The Turcot interchange reconstruction project had included the *dalle parc* or green bridge in its original proposal in 2010, only to have it disappear from the plans.

Citizen efforts brought it back to light in 2017 and it has since been given the green light through the efforts of Lisa Mintz and her group, Sauvons La Falaise. She has been supported by the MNA for NDG, [Westmounter] Kathleen Weil, who can be seen breaking ground in the centre of the attached photo.

The mayor of Lachine, Maja Vodanovic, NDG mayor Sue Montgomery and a representative for Dominique Anglade, leader of the Quebec Liberal Party, spoke in support of the project.

While no members of Westmount city council accepted the invitation to attend, our community was represented by Dan Lambert of the pedestrian and cycling association, Reverend Neil Whitehouse of the Climate Café at Westmount Park Church, Westmount Scout leader Douglas Leahy, who played bagpipes, and several other Westmount residents.

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MR. SAX RETURNS,  
WITH SOME NEW TUNES

Those who enjoy the beauty of Westmount Park might remember the appearance last summer of a gentleman who played the sax.

Well .... he is back and is playing most mornings in an area near the gazebo.

For the younger crowd, his repertoire now includes some Christmas tunes, especially those that involve .....  
Santa. Personally, I'm *continued on p. 22*



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Correction  
Breslaw is WHA  
past president

Our September 23 story on the Goode House (p. RE-6) referred to Caroline Breslaw as *president* of the Westmount Historical Association. She is the *past president*. – DP.

## Study, ECS walk for the cure



The Study's new head of school, Kim McInnis, led students in a walk through Westmount September 24 to participate in the St. Mary's Girls for the Cure walk, which raises money for the St. Mary's Hospital Foundation's work against women-related cancers. ECS also participated.

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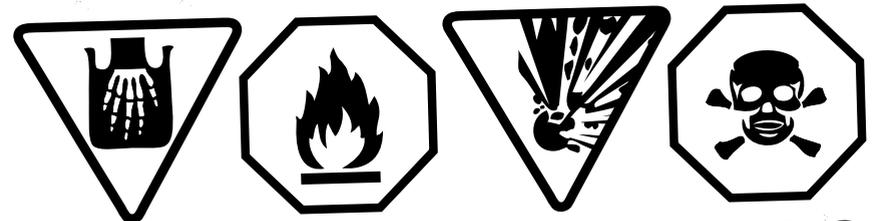
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# New planning head brings experience, fresh eyes to city

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

When Michel Larue comes to the city October 13 to head its Urban Planning department after 26 years of municipal experience on the South and North shores of Montreal, it will be as no stranger to Westmount.

Larue, a gold medal international lawn bowler, is a member of the Westmount Lawn Bowling and Croquet Club, where he has been helping develop the skills of the local bowlers for many years.

Winding up his tenure as director of sustainable planning in Terrebonne September 18, he said combining an interest in photography with the “eye” of an urban planner has added to his appreciation of Westmount’s architecture, historical heritage, green canopy, high quality and many other things that make it “shine.”

Arriving at a pivotal time for updating the city’s master urban plan called “Imagine Westmount 2040” is a good way for him to understand the way that residents identify the city’s needs, he told the *Independent*. “I’ll take lots of notes.”

What aspects of his career does he feel he can bring to Westmount?

“All my work and experience in sustainable development, knowledge of different cities through extensive travel and fresh eyes,” he replied.

Along with Larue’s years of work in other municipalities, he has lawn bowled competitively since 2003 at more than 30 championships and tournaments in England, Europe, across the US, Canada and Asia, including Commonwealth games in Melbourne and New Delhi.

As a 15-year member of Canada’s national lawn bowling team who has competed in many open events, he has studied many different cities in which he played “with the eye of an urban planner and photographer,” he explained.

“Different ideas inspire me,” he said. Where he plays, he tries to develop relationships and learn about the different social and environmental needs that are important to urban planning.

In 2019 alone, before COVID-19 restricted travel, he won the gold medal for men’s singles at the US Open in Sun City, Arizona, where he also won silver in fours play and was named player of the tournament. The same year, he also won gold in triples play at the Villa Cup International in Pattaya, Thailand.

Among many other cities in which he has competed are Hong Kong, Brisbane, Adelaide, New Delhi, Edmonton, Shenzhen and Xinxiang, Los Angeles, and Kuala Lumpur.

## Take-away

His take-away has been not only the commonality that municipalities face regarding challenges such as mobility (cars versus walking space), but also the views of residents concerning their own neighbourhood identity. “You can’t put everyone in the same shoes. All neighbourhoods are different and by-laws have to be managed according to those needs.”

He has also noticed a common need to protect heritage while renovating older buildings using materials that are easier to maintain. “The challenge everywhere is to find a balance between the past, the needs of 2020 and a vision of the future in respect of heritage.”

While Larue previously played and competed through the St. Lambert Lawn Bowling Club, of which he was president

while working on the South Shore, it was the Westmount club’s longtime president Richard Menear, now deceased, who invited him to the local club to play, coach and develop players.

## Strategic plan

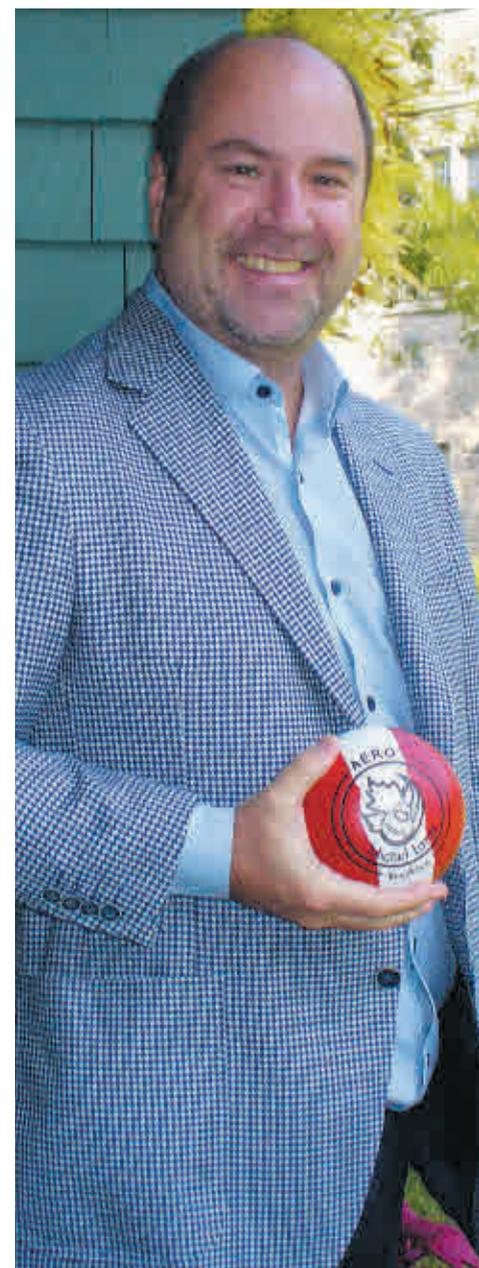
Along with helping develop Westmount’s master plan, Larue assumes his new mandate part way through the five-year strategic plan for the department that has been expanding in size to handle the growing number of requests for building permits as well as applications to redevelop existing buildings, and rezoning and by-law changes.

Larue obtained a bachelor’s degree in urban planning in 1994 at the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), specializing in administration.

Over the last 26 years, he has worked as urban planner in Sutton, Châteauguay, Longueuil, St. Constant, Bedford, and latterly in Blainville (2009-2014) and in Terrebonne (2014-2020), where he developed heritage protection for Old Terrebonne.

He also managed a project to develop a guide to best urban planning practices called *Sustainable Town Planning Manual/Manuel d’urbanisme durable*. This became a 2018 finalist in the *Mérite Ovation municipale* competition of the Union of Quebec Municipalities (UMQ).

He was also the recipient of an award for the realization of the Mt. Sutton entrance to the Appalachian conservation corridor in the Green Mountains region that includes Mt. Mansfield in Vermont.



Michel Larue with his lawn bowling ball in front of city hall from the verandah of the Westmount Lawn Bowling Club September 22.



Larue in action at the lawn bowling Hong Kong Classic in 2014 wearing his Team Canada shirt.

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The alert levels are established based on the recommendations of public health authorities who regularly review the situation, taking into account the epidemiological situation, transmission control and the capacity of the healthcare system.

Don't forget that everyone must adopt behaviours that limit transmission of the virus. We do it to ensure that our children can keep going to school, to protect our seniors, to ensure the safety of our healthcare workers and to revive our economy. **Follow the basic measures at all times:**



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Level 1 requires constant attention amid the COVID-19 pandemic. It corresponds to a low level of transmission in the community. It requires that **the basic measures established be followed** in all settings (physical distancing, respiratory etiquette, hand washing, etc.). Special measures may also apply to certain activities or settings.

### LEVEL 2 Early Warning

This level is imposed when the level of transmission starts to increase. The **basic measures are reinforced** and further actions are taken to promote and encourage compliance. For example, there might be more inspections and crowd control in some settings to facilitate physical distancing.

### LEVEL 3 Alert

Level 3 introduces additional measures that target specific areas of activity and settings where the risk of transmission is deemed higher. These areas are subject to **selective restrictions, prohibitions and closures**.

### LEVEL 4 Maximum Alert

Level 4 selectively applies more restrictive measures up to and including **ceasing non-essential activities** for which the risk cannot be sufficiently controlled, while avoiding the generalized confinement that was experienced during the first wave of the pandemic as much as possible.

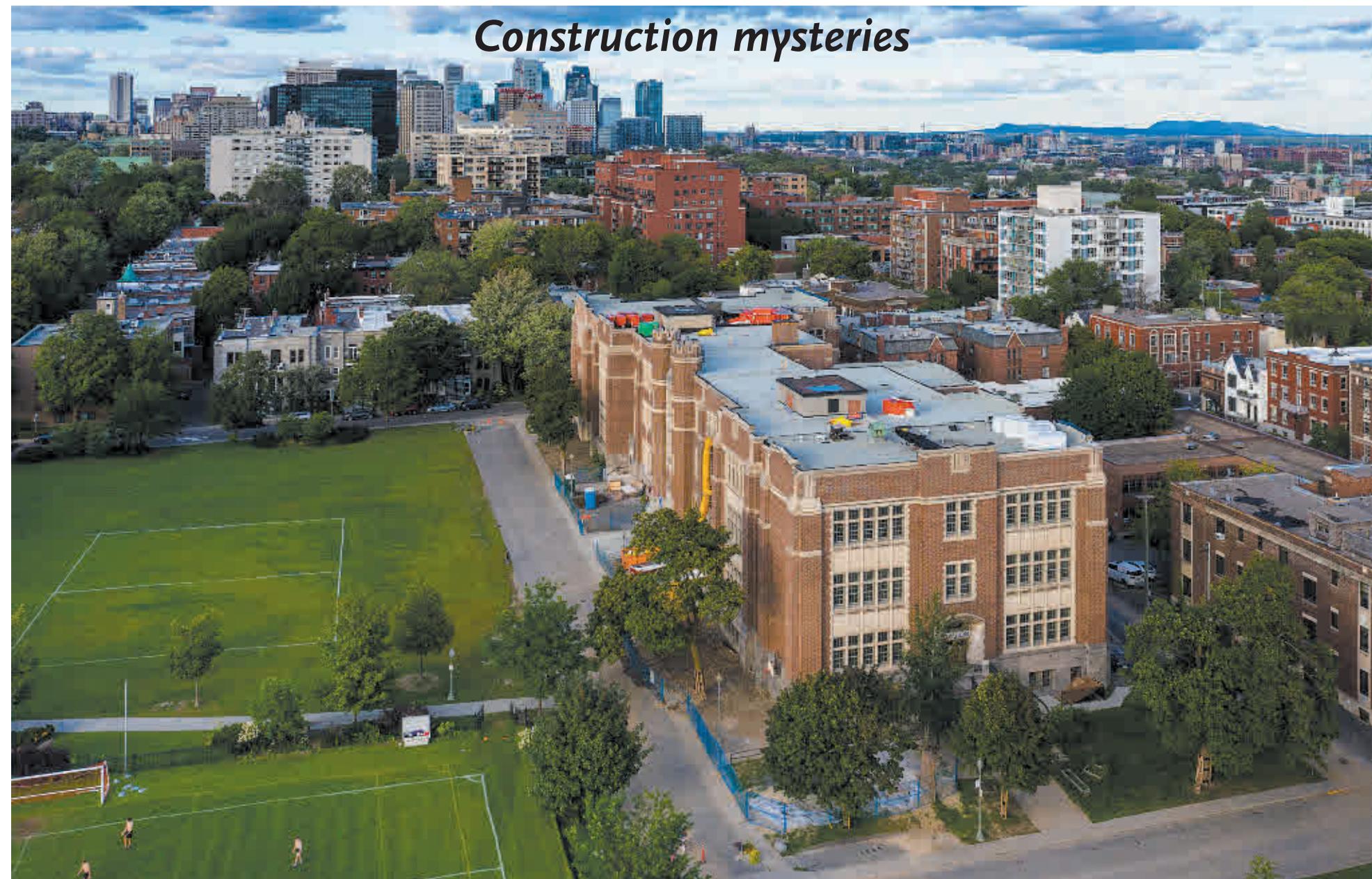
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## Construction mysteries



The *Independent* has reached out to the English Montreal School Board regarding Westmount Park School, seen August 28, and the owner of the apartment building at 10 Rosemount, seen September 18, but has been unable to get answers about the nature and estimated timetable of the construction work at these two locations. When moving and then work started at the school in July and August 2019, we reported that it would be closed for two years for a \$12.5-million renovation.

WESTMOUNT PARK SCHOOL PHOTO: RALPH THOMPSON; ROSEMOUNT: INDEPENDENT.



# St. George's students raise funds for MCH with face mask chains

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Two grade eleven students at St. George's High School who were concerned about

the vulnerability to COVID-19 by other students have developed a line of protective face masks attached to beaded jewelry, with all proceeds from their sale going to

back at St. George's on The Boulevard.

While wearing a protective face mask has become a standard practice at the school, the masks worn by Alex and Lindsey have the added advantage that they can be pulled down and worn loosely by the chain around the neck when face protection isn't required.

Both admit to being more than just a little happy to be back in school after the COVID-19 hiatus followed by the summer holidays. "It's so nice to be back in school," said Alex.

◀Seen here on September 25, St. George's High School grade eleven students Alex Bornstein (left) and Lindsey Levitan recently started AxL Chains, combining face masks and beaded jewelry, with all proceeds going to the Montreal Children's Hospital.

the Montreal Children's Hospital.

Saying that they initially felt helpless faced with COVID and its impact on everyone, Alex Bornstein and Lindsey Levitan decided to start AxL Chains (axl-chains.myshopify.com).

"A lot of children tend to not wear their masks because they don't think it's very important," Alex said in an interview with the *Independent*.

"Maybe they take it off when their parents aren't looking," added Alex. "So, having a chain attached to the mask kind of reminds you to keep your mask on."

After months of being away from school, Alex and Lindsey are now both

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## Revitalization of Westmount Park

# Review of public input to take place online in mid-October

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The project to revitalize Westmount Park, delayed more than six months over COVID-19 closures, is now back on track, according to Councillor Cynthia Lulham, who has been spearheading the project in her commissionership, which includes parks.

This will start with the publishing online in mid-October of a summary of comments from public consultations. These include an online survey last October of

### More park pathways to be repaired

The city was set to start repairing some of the concrete walkways in Westmount Park September 28, blocking off sections under repair. The work is expected to last two weeks.

While a Westmount Park pathway near the lagoon has been repaired using asphalt paving, see photo at right, this is only to improve safety given a number of broken bricks until pathways in the park are redone as part of the refurbishment project.

“I want people to know this is only temporary,” Councillor Cynthia Lulham said last week of the asphalt. The work followed complaints about broken bricks which were reported to have resulted in the fall of one park user (see Letter August 25, p. 22). Crews were seen spreading the asphalt September 17 (see photo, p. RE-30, September 22).

Lulham said the bricks were embedded in concrete, which would have required the use of a jackhammer and considerable expense to replace.

On the other hand, broken or missing portions of the pathway at the park’s Melville entrance had been more easily repaired earlier this year by replacing the interlocking pavers where required.



The entire length of the path on the southern edge of the Westmount Park lagoon has now been paved with asphalt, as seen here looking east from the bridge September 18.

PHOTO: RALPH THOMPSON.

residents’ satisfaction levels with the park and a participatory public consultation workshop at Victoria Hall last November 13 when those attending recommended changes.

“I’m hoping that people will take the time to review this summary report so they will see they have been heard before a presentation by the consultants in early November,” Lulham explained.

A final report and recommendations from the consultants from Stantec are to follow, probably in January, she said. “It is this report that will lead to the hiring of a landscape architect to prepare designs and plans – ideally so some work can start next

summer depending on COVID.”

A second public consultation meeting at Victoria Hall had been planned for March 18 but had to be cancelled over the sudden pandemic closures.

#### Analysis of infrastructure

Lulham, who first announced the refurbishing project during a meeting in 2016 on the 2017 capital works budget, said that work on the park is to be undertaken in phases so as to avoid its closure (see story November 22, 2016, p. 1).

The budget set aside \$165,000 for the initial inspection and analysis of the park’s infrastructure.

Among some of the previously reported goals of the redo are the widening and possible repositioning of pathways to provide universal accessibility, repair of the leaky watercourse-lagoon along with automated water circulation and other upgrades depending on costs and the priorities of today’s users.

Also under consideration is the upgrade of facilities, security and environmental issues and the children’s playground.

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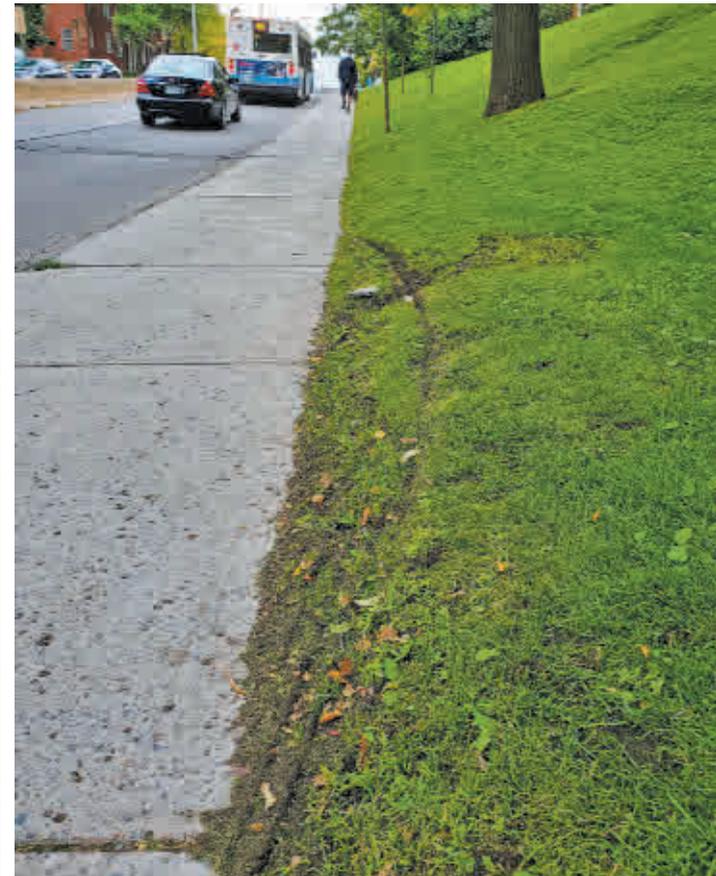
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## Mystery tracks



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Luna is sweet natured, playful and loving. She is a chatterer and a cuddler, always ready to play with soft balls and scoot around with tiny cat toys. Luna is very healthy, up to date with her inoculations and treatments, spayed and microchipped.

This adorable girlie is in foster care for the Gerdy's Rescues & Adoptions volunteer animal rescue group. Please refer to its website at [www.gerdysrescue.org](http://www.gerdysrescue.org) where there is a contact link in order to receive its short adoption questionnaire, or send an email directly at [info@gerdysrescue.org](mailto:info@gerdysrescue.org) to find out more about her.

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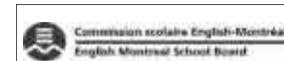
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1. The school board list of electors was deposited at the head office of the school board on September 27, 2020.
2. The list of electors of these electoral divisions are subject to revision:

#### ■ Ward 3

3. The requirements to be met by a person to be an elector and to be entitled to have his/her name registered on the list of electors are the following:

Any person who, on polling day (November 1, 2020):

- Is at least 18 years of age;
- Is a Canadian citizen;
- Is domiciled in the territory of the school board;
- Has been domiciled in Quebec for at least six (6) months;
- Is not under curatorship;
- Has not been convicted, within the last five years, of an offence constituting a corrupt electoral or referendum practice;

#### and:

- Has a child admitted to the educational services of the English-language school board serving his/her domicile;

#### or

- Does not have a child admitted to the educational services of the English-language school board or the French school service centre serving his/her domicile. That person has the right to choose to be registered on the list of electors of the English-language school board, or to revoke that choice.

4. The list of electors may be consulted at the office of the returning officer.
5. Applications for registration, removal and correction, as well as notices of a choice to exercise the right to vote in an English-language school board may be made before the board of revisors.
6. When applying for registration, the previous address of the person concerned must be indicated. In addition, two documents must be submitted: one showing name and date of birth and the other showing name and domiciliary address.
7. The places, days and times to view the list of electors and to present an application are:

#### Board of revisors

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- Tuesday, October 6, from 10 to 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 7, from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Thursday, October 8, from 9 to 12 p.m.
- Saturday, October 10, from 10 to 3 p.m.
- Sunday, October 11, from 10 to 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 13, from 2 to 10 p.m.

#### Exceptional measures related to the current health situation (COVID-19)

8. Under Ministerial Order 2020-066, individuals domiciled in a CHSLD or a private residence for seniors identified in the register established under the *Act respecting health services and social services* may make a written request for a change to the list of electors (registration, removal, correction, notice of choice) by sending it to the returning officer, no later than October 13, 2020.

According to Order 2020-066, an application for registration must be accompanied by the following documents:

- An attestation from a member of the CHSLD staff or from the residence confirming the identity and place of residence of the person whose registration is requested;

#### Or

- A copy of two documents, one of which states the name and date of birth and the other the name and domiciliary address of the person whose registration is requested.

9. Under Ministerial Order 2020-066, individuals in isolation are as follows:

- Individuals returning from a trip abroad in the last 14 days;
- Individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and are still considered carriers of the disease;
- Individuals with symptoms of COVID-19;
- Individuals who have been in contact with a suspected, probable or confirmed case of COVID-19 within the last 14 days;
- Individuals waiting for a COVID-19 test result.

Prepared in Montreal, on September 28, 2020.

(s) Denise Contant Returning officer

Please note that the Elections Secretary for the 2020 School Election is Ms. Natalie Audet.

### Commission scolaire English-Montréal – Élection scolaire du 1<sup>er</sup> novembre 2020

## Avis public de la révision de la liste électorale

**AVIS PUBLIC** est, par la présente, donné aux électeurs de la commission scolaire par Denise Contant, présidente d'élection, que :

1. La liste électorale de la commission scolaire a été déposée au siège de la commission scolaire le 27 septembre 2020.

2. La liste électorale de ces circonscriptions fera l'objet d'une révision :
  - Circonscription 3

3. Les conditions requises pour être une électrice ou un électeur et avoir le droit d'être inscrit sur la liste électorale sont les suivantes :

Toute personne qui, le jour du scrutin (1<sup>er</sup> novembre 2020) :

- Est majeure (avoir 18 ans accomplis);
- Est de citoyenneté canadienne;
- Est domiciliée sur le territoire de la commission scolaire;
- Est domiciliée au Québec depuis au moins six (6) mois;
- N'est pas sous curatelle;
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- A un enfant admis aux services éducatifs de la commission scolaire anglophone qui dessert son domicile;

#### ou

- N'a pas d'enfant admis aux services éducatifs de la commission scolaire anglophone ou du centre de services scolaire francophone qui dessert son domicile. Cette personne a le droit de choisir d'être inscrite sur la liste électorale de la commission scolaire anglophone, ou de révoquer ce choix.

4. La liste électorale peut être consultée au bureau de la présidente d'élection.

5. Les demandes d'inscription, de radiation et de correction, ainsi que les avis de choix d'exercer son droit de vote dans une commission scolaire anglophone peuvent être présentés devant la commission de révision.

6. Lors d'une demande d'inscription, l'adresse précédente de la personne visée doit être indiquée. De plus, deux documents doivent être présentés : l'un mentionnant le nom et la date de naissance et l'autre, le nom et l'adresse du domicile.

7. Les endroits, jours et heures pour consulter la liste électorale ou présenter une demande sont :

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- Mardi 13 octobre : 14 h 00 à 22 h 00

#### Mesures exceptionnelles liées à la situation sanitaire actuelle (COVID-19)

8. En vertu de l'arrêté 2020-066, les personnes domiciliées dans un CHSLD ou une résidence privée pour aînés identifiée au registre constitué en vertu de la *Loi sur les services de santé et les services sociaux* peuvent faire une demande écrite de modification à la liste électorale (inscription, radiation, correction, avis de choix) en la transmettant à la présidente d'élection, au plus tard le 13 octobre 2020. En vertu de l'arrêté 2020-066, une demande d'inscription doit être accompagnée des documents suivants :

- Une attestation d'un membre du personnel du CHSLD ou de la résidence, confirmant l'identité et le lieu de résidence de la personne dont l'inscription est demandée;
- ou
- Une copie de deux documents dont l'un mentionne le nom et la date de naissance et l'autre, le nom et l'adresse du domicile de la personne dont l'inscription est demandée.

9. En vertu de l'arrêté 2020-066, les personnes considérées en isolement sont les suivantes :

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Donné à Montréal, le 28 septembre 2020.

(s) Denise Contant Présidente d'élection

Prenez note que la secrétaire d'élection pour les élections scolaires 2020 est Madame Natalie Audet.

# Bertha and Sacha aquatic turtles

## Animal Kingdom

LYSANNE FOWLER



Bertha (on the left) and Sacha are beautiful yellow-bellied slider turtles.

Bertha is social and curious, enjoying home and children. Sacha is also very sweet, accepting to be picked up and carried to her dining table (i.e., the bathtub).

Their carapaces are brown and black, with yellow stripes. Their plastrons are mostly yellow with black spots along the edges. As turtles are diurnal, they feed mainly in the morning and frequently bask during the day. They are social and curious, enjoying their aquarium, swimming and stretching their legs to explore the house.

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Bertha and Sacha are good eaters, especially in the mornings, so each must be taken out of her aquarium and fed the special mix of protein, fruits and vegetables formulated for her breed.



Bertha is a young adult and Sacha is 20 years old, still very spirited turtles in a breed that can live 40 years in captivity.

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tion through their identification numbers, which are 41876548 for Bertha and 43137973 for Sacha.

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## Police Report

# Wallet stolen after front door left unlocked on Dorchester

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Failure to keep a front door securely locked is believed to have been the main factor in a recent trespass and theft incident at a home on Dorchester Blvd. near Clandeboye Ave. in lower Westmount.

After awaking shortly after 7 am on the morning of September 18, the occupant of the home was unable to locate a wallet that was usually kept in a convenient spot inside near the front entrance.

The complainant told the police that the front door lock was defective, but that a locksmith hadn't yet been by to fix it. As a result, although the door would close, it didn't lock properly.

The investigators hypothesize that someone passing along the street during the night may have tried the doors at several houses before finding this one open.

"The wallet was right near the door and they took it," said Pimentel.

It's noteworthy that there have been several similar "crimes of opportunity" involving unlocked front doors at homes in Westmount in recent months.

Pimentel maintains that recorded images from home security cameras have

become indispensable to police investigators in helping to quickly resolve even minor crimes.

He suggests that that cost has dropped to such an extent that there's almost no excuse now for not adding this extra layer of home security as a deterrent against home thefts and break-ins.

"They're not \$2,000 anymore," he said. "You can get an exterior camera now for \$100 or so. An exterior one that can withstand our winters and it's connected to wi-fi. So, it's affordable."

### Backyard break-in

Around a week earlier, it is believed someone may have had in mind to break into a home on Côte St. Antoine Rd., but made it only as far as the back yard.

On September 10, sometime between 9 and 11 pm, a suspect managed to enter the yard by climbing over a damaged fence gate from a neighbour's property.

In the process, the suspect damaged shrubbery and foliage that stood in the way, said Pimentel, while adding that part of a wooden fence was also damaged in the process.

However, there were no signs of break-

in damage on the house, he added. "Nothing was stolen. There was just damage to the outside property."

Again, according to Pimentel, a high-quality security camera might have yielded clues helping to identify the perpetrator.

### Backyard trespass

On September 20 around 6 pm, officers from Station 12 were summoned by Westmount Public Security to Victoria Ave. after two boys in their teens selling chocolate products door to door were seen trespassing into the back yard of a house.

"The two kids went into the yard and that's when Public Security intercepted them and called the police," Pimentel said.

While selling chocolate door to door is a common fundraising method used by charitable groups, there is reason to believe the two teenagers, who weren't Westmount residents, were working independently.

"Basically, they had gone to the supermarket, bought chocolate and they decided to go door to door," said Pimentel, suggesting they weren't acting on behalf of a charitable organization.

When questioned, the two claimed they

needed to relieve themselves and entered the yard for that purpose. Public Security, who identified them, issued infraction citations for violating a municipal by-law.

The police at Station 12 were summoned to verify whether more serious charges might be made. In accordance with police protocols when dealing with minors, the parents were contacted and told to come and pick up the two teens.

### Laperrière leaving for downtown

After a dozen or so years of working out of Station 12, community relations officer Stéphan Laperrière is moving on. According to Pimentel, Laperrière has been reassigned to the Montreal police department's Operational Centre South on Guy St.

"It's sad to see him go," said Pimentel.

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## Oops – where's the 'C'?



"I took this picture a week ago," resident Tíscar Cavallé wrote to the *Independent* September 24, "It looks like there is a spelling mistake on the sign. The city might want to change it..."

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## Return to Retail

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### An update on Westmount salons

The lock-down meant that locks languished: Hairdressing salons were closed. Men and women slowly had longer hair. And many needed touch-ups as insistent roots eagerly displayed their gray-and-white personalities. This “The Long and the Short of It” series will update gentle readers on how our local salons survived, and now thrived – considering.

Obviously, they work to respect social distancing and the obligatory wearing of masks. We will research to see how salons have adapted, if some have added a COVID tax to help pay for such expenses such as plastic screens *et cetera*, due to the pandemic’s persistence, and, indeed, how they are flourishing (or struggling) today.

Stay tuned for other hair-raising stories.

### Le Salon Mod’s

The elegance of Le Salon Mod’s signage – classic gold on black – is echoed by the entrance topiary and massive baroque framed mirror. The *chic* feel makes sense:

## The Long and the Short of It: Mod’s



The co-partners are from France.

Christophe Astruc, left, and Stéphane Laveur have owned the iconic space since 2007 and the salon itself is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

“We were closed from March 15 until June 15,” explains Stéphane.

“On re-opening, we worked six days a week from 8 am until 8 pm as we were booked solid,” adds Christophe. “It was like *Noël* in June!”

COVID changes include a plastic barrier in front of the receptionist, and a separator between stylists’ stations. To avoid clients crossing, appointments are staggered.

The colour team, once four experts, is now two people to ensure distance between clients.

But, although there was a loss in revenue, Mod’s Salon has not added a COVID tax.

For those who are fearful, Mod’s has a special private client room, where the person is apart from everyone else. It is set up so that the stylist can wash, colour and style the hair in total seclusion.

And how did Mod’s manage those clients whose roots were showing during the lock-down? The colour team created tailor-made .....  
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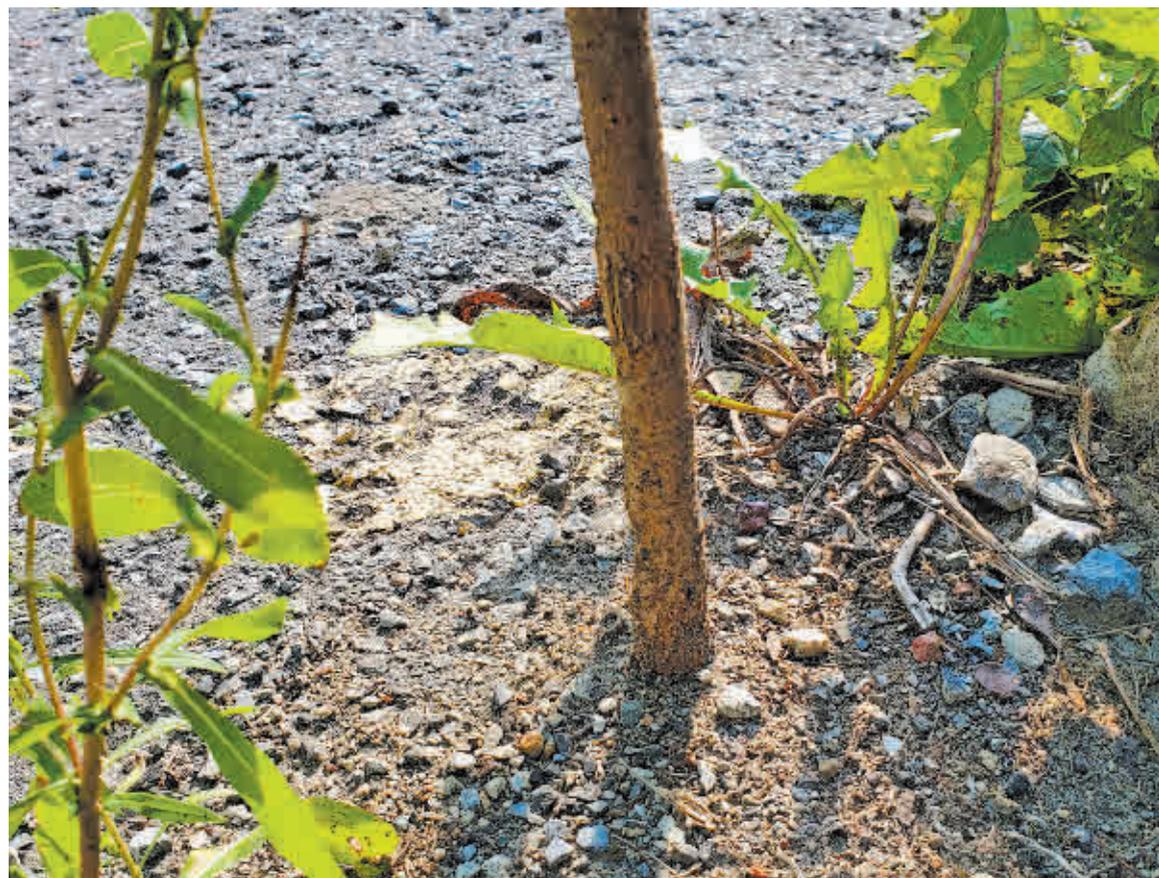


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#### *Mod's, cont'd. from p. 21*

packages complete with application brushes and instructions, and delivered them to clients' homes.

"Now, the salon rhythm is back to normal. Interestingly, what we are seeing is that some of our clients are changing their looks. As they are no longer at an office, some have said that now they 'want to do something for themselves,'" says Stéphane.

"There's some fun moments," describes Christophe. "Several of our younger clients are asking for trendy looks, like pink hair! So although the black-tie and private events are on hold – and so therefore are our graceful gala stylings – new trends are happening.

"Men also needed a clipping of their locks, and after the long months, many came into Mod's enjoying their longer look; very European."

The salon offers the renowned Kérastase range of hair products, and the sought-after Japanese Shu Uemura line. After the long work weeks managing the backlog of appointments, Mod's is back to normal hours; closed Sunday and Monday.

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#### *Letters, cont'd. from p. 6*

waiting for some Leonard Cohen.

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#### **CITY CHOOSES TREE, PLACE – DONOR PAYS**

Last week (p. 6), I wrote about the possibility of Westmounters being able to somehow sponsor a tree in the name of a loved one departed.

Two problems existed – type of tree and ownership. Presumably, the decision of which kind of tree should be put where would be left to the people who plan our parks and gardens. Every tree would be a city tree owned by the city.

So why couldn't the city establish a list of citizens who are interested in sponsoring a tree? When new trees are planned, the city could get in contact with the next person on the list to inform them of a new tree being planted at the corner of so-and-so street. It will cost the city, including delivery, dollars, which will be the cost to the citizen. Then it is up to that person on the list to decide whether he wants to proceed or not.

Of course, a small, standardized, brass plaque should be permitted as that is the point. Maybe the extra money could go to help repair the greenhouse.

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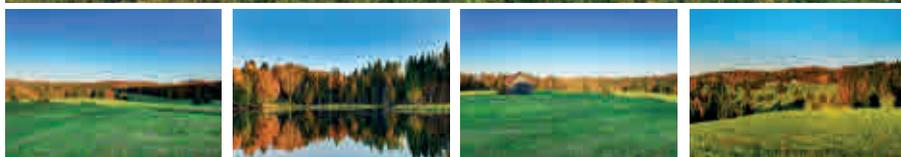
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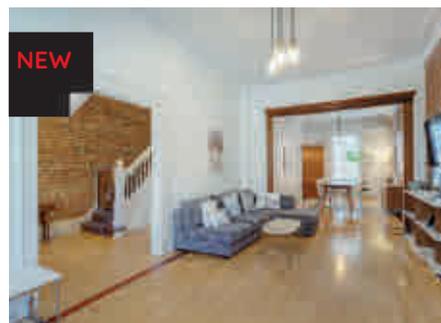


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