

Mayor to offer WRC, Vic Hall for vaccinations

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount will offer its currently unused buildings as COVID vaccination centres, Mayor Christina Smith told the council meeting January 18. "Our hope is

that the WRC and Victoria Hall will be used to vaccinate everyone as soon as possible."

She also reported that the city's two long-term care centres (CHSLDs) had completed their first round of vaccination. These are St. Margaret's and Château Westmount.

She repeated her intent in reply to a question from Denis Biro of Burton Ave., who said it was particularly important to the many independent residents over 70 to be able to have vaccination centres in Westmount. Would she and council make that commitment?

"Absolutely," she said, to working with all levels of government to make this happen. She also said she would share his comments with Jennifer Maccarone, Westmount's provincial legislator, "because it's very important."

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Brian Gallery (1934-2021)



Then-mayor Brian Gallery leading Westmount's contingent from a firetruck at the 1986 St. Patrick's Day parade.



Brian Gallery in 2017. See p. 6 for coverage.

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City plans to allow more restaurants in Vic village, Greene area

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council tabled amendments to its zoning by-law January 18 that would lift current restrictions on numbers, types and sizes of restaurants currently permitted in commercial zones in Victoria village and Greene Ave. as well as the table-service requirement in the latter.

"We want to encourage more restaur-

ants to revitalize our commercial districts," said Councillor Cynthia Lulham in moving the amendments to zoning By-law 1303 for the eight affected zones.

The proposed change immediately set in motion a freeze on new restaurants until final approval of the amending by-law, 1568, slated for April. A 15-day "COVID-style" public consultation period for written sub- *continued on p. 15*

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This lamppost near the toboggan run in King George (Murray) Park was photographed on January 19. A January 21 email to Public Security director Greg McBain inquiring about the incident was not returned by press time January 25 at noon.

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Tax installments pushed back 3 months over COVID

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The due dates for the city's two property tax instalments have been postponed, each by three months. This is to provide some relief to taxpayers facing COVID financial hardship this year during the second wave of the virus.

This is being made possible by extension of the Montreal agglomeration's required payments by municipalities of their assessments for island-wide shared services such as police, fire, public transit and water (excluding final distribution).

As a result, Westmount taxpayers will now have until May 27, rather than February 23, to pay the first instalment, and until August 26 to pay the second one, rather than May 24.

The changes were announced at the council meeting January 18 in an opening statement by Councillor Kathleen Kez, finance commissioner. It was later proposed as a new business item amending the previous deadlines.

The city is required to pay its *quote-part* to the agglomeration in two payments and depends on collecting from taxpayers in order to pay the required amount which, this year, has been budgetted at \$61,047,200.

Mayor's letter of Feb. 1

The new tax bill dates are being included the mayor's annual letter to citizens dated February 1.

In it, she summarizes the 2021 budget, the new tax rates and an overall increase for the tax bill of the average single-family dwelling of two percent (see story January 12, p. 5). "We are not raising local taxes beyond the rate of inflation," she writes. "Had it not been for the two-percent increase in our share to the agglomeration, the average tax bill would have increased by just 0.48 percent."

The city "had worked hard on the Westmount portion of the tax bill to control costs while continuing to deliver high-quality services."

"As we continue to send 50 percent of our budget to Montreal, we need to be vigilant in ensuring our voice is heard (at the agglomeration level) and the needs of our citizens are met ... and that work begun with Montreal will result in a reformed agglomeration and more control over the contribution we make."



City hall on January 22, where much of the budgetting occurs.

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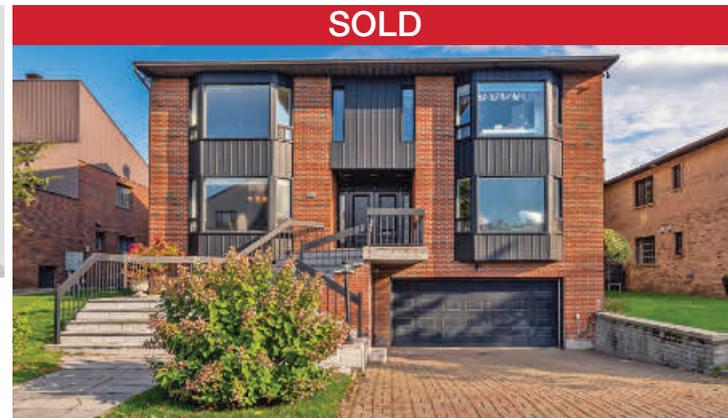


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Library prepares to open North Findlay Room for students

BY LAUREN SWEENEY

Westmount Public Library is preparing to open for a limited number of students needing WiFi, director Julie-Anne Cardella said last week. A start date of possibly February 8 or later would be confirmed on the library's website homepage.

Access would be by reservation and open to library members over a three-hour block of time on weekdays 1:30 to 4:30 pm. During this period, a maximum of nine users could be accommodated in the front reading room, known as the North Findlay Room, which they will access from the library's door off the park.

"This is being planned so as to not conflict with the use of the 'front' door off Sherbrooke that is being used for our curbside pick-up," Cardella explained. This service is mushrooming in use as reservations of material on a typical Monday have climbed recently to 1,000 a day from 500.

While the voluntary opening of municipal libraries to students for WiFi use had been announced by the province January

6, the guidelines for doing so came later from the Association of Public Libraries of Quebec.

The goal is to help students who either don't have access to high-speed internet at home or must share a computer with other family members, Cardella explained.

Tentatively, students would be those in grade 5 and up since they are accustomed to wearing a mask while working, she said. Typically, at age 10, they are also the ones

allowed, under normal circumstances, to use the children's library without the presence of parents, she said.

'Positive experience'

"I do see this as a positive experience and our team is ensuring all safety measures are in place," Cardella said.

The North Findlay Room, named for the library's original 1899 architect, has been chosen as a good COVID location for



The library's front reading room to be used by students, as photographed in 2017. The "North Findlay Room" is all there was of the original library in 1899. It was restored in 1994.

the students because it is somewhat set off from the circulation desk where staff will be working. It is hoped that it will provide for the safe distancing of six student users at tables plus another two in arm chairs and one at a library computer, though it is expected that all will be using their own laptops.

"It's good use of that lovely room with its high ceilings for good ventilation," Cardella said.

The plan would require one library worker at a table behind Plexiglas at the entrance to the room to check the user's reservation, membership card, and require that a form be filled in asking the standard pandemic questions on possible symptoms.

It has taken time to prepare since the Plexiglas had to be ordered and additional sanitizing arrangements made. A new 72-hour quarantine room for returned material also had to be prepared since the North Findlay Room has been one of three in use.

RIP Aziz Kahli



Longtime Victoria Ave. jeweller Aziz Kahli of Cipan has died, the *Independent* learned last week from the Facebook page of Les Algériens de Montréal. This photo of his shop was taken January 22. Note the flowers. PHOTO: INDEPENDENT

Mayor, councillors condemn attack on the Shaar



The Shaar on January 22. Notice the flowers at the door.

PHOTO: INDEPENDENT.

BY LAUREN SWEENEY

In opening comments at the city council meeting January 18, Mayor Christina Smith and various members of city council condemned the anti-Semitic graffiti that had been spray-painted on the doors of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim January 13 (see story January 19, p. 8).

Learning about the incident in "horror," Mayor Smith said, she found it "unbelievable" and noted that "thankfully" no one was hurt. "I stand behind the Shaar and the entire Jewish community."

Councillor Philip Cutler said it was "disappointing that something like this can happen in our community," while Marina Brzeski said she echoed Councillor Cutler's comments. "It took me by great shock," and was "very upsetting," she added. Mary Gallery said that she, too, "with all council" condemned what had taken place.

EDITORIAL

MR. GALLERY – A BIG SHOOTER
WITH A BIG HEART

I don't know what kind of mayor Brian Gallery was (I was in high school when he left office), but I do know that he was a good friend to this newspaper. "Mr. Gallery" (as I always called him) was no longer living in Westmount by 2007 when the *Independent* began, but I called him before our first edition to ask him to be on the list of "well-wishers" that we published in that issue, to which he said "yes."

After that, he would telephone from time to time to offer his support, story ideas and some pointers. His experience as alderman and mayor, and in magazine publishing, made the conversation interesting on multiple levels. He even told me that at one time he had contemplated entering the local newspaper business.

One piece of advice was about how best to use colour plates when printing a document like a newspaper or magazine. I was happy to learn the lesson, but I am also pleased to have added colour to this issue for his obituary, inefficiently and just for him.

He would also offer up some very kind compliments. We tend to eat a lot of criticism in life (deserved and undeserved), so

having someone telephone out of the blue to say something *nice* was a treat and very much appreciated.

I would guess that his bluff, hail-fellow-well-met manner might seem dated to many today and perhaps lead some to underestimate the keen mind behind the charm.

I won't share all his advice, but even 20+ years after leaving office and no longer living in Westmount, he had a very good grasp of the issues and people here, including counsel on which ones to avoid. (He was right!)

At one time, he used to talk to my parents about the importance of getting the "big shooters" on board for a given business, philanthropic or political project. For the publishing project that is in your hands or on your screen right now, I was pleased to have a big shooter like him on our side.

I don't *know* what kind of mayor Brian Gallery was, but I would guess that he was an excellent one.

My condolences to his family and friends.

David Price is the editor of the Independent.

Remembering Brian Gallery (1934-2021)

Opening up the city among
his legacies as mayor

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Rarely did Brian Gallery miss an opportunity to thank someone for their service to the city, congratulate them on an achievement, shy away from shaking a hand or stop to talk. It was just how he did things.

Pride in his city, his family, his Irish roots and many contacts were hallmarks of the former councillor (1975-1983) and Westmount mayor (1983-1987) who died January 23 in Knowlton from complications of a broken hip, surrounded by family.

"He was 86. It was a good life well lived," said Councillor Mary Gallery, his daughter, who had grown up through the 12 years of her father's positions on council. "He was a survivor," she added, referring his recovery from brain cancer surgery 16 years ago.

Gallery is survived by his wife Nancy (née MacNaughton), three daughters: Ann (Ian March) of West Vancouver, Mary (Tom Godber) of Westmount, Liz (Matt Tedford) of Toronto, seven grandchildren and a sister, Lillian Porter of Kingston. He was predeceased by his son-in-law Timon Deichmann, husband of Mary.

Gallery's biography is extensive, covering many interests, accomplishments, connections with the federal Conservatives

and numerous educational, philanthropic and public service pursuits.

But his role as mayor was very special to him, as he often acknowledged.

Opening the gates

One of Gallery's significant legacies from Day One as mayor was how he had "opened up" the city to the public, symbolized by the opening of the wrought iron gates in city hall that led to the mayor's and director general's offices ("the inner sanctum").

He appointed a new city manager and several other senior staff members dedicated to helping him achieve openness. Following on the heels of a stricter and one might say authoritarian regime, he was never reluctant at a council meeting to admit to the need to re-think a decision.

A newspaper account of Gallery's first council meeting as mayor noted his "forthright answers" to "many of the old questions" in a lengthy question period but "there was no confrontation."

"It's just a matter of style," a beaming Mayor Gallery was quoted as explaining.

Brought in fresh air

"Brian did bring in a breath of fresh air," recalls Peter Trent, who was one of Gal-

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Brian Gallery and wife Nancy on the election of their daughter Mary to Westmount city council November 5, 2017.

lery's eight first-time councillors, before becoming mayor himself in 1991. "He was a good coach and his coaching approach was what the city needed at that time. I learned a lot from him. He loved people and politics, and when he walked into a room, he lit up the place. He was warm and brought out the best in his council. He loved being mayor and did the job well."

Throughout his mayoralty, Gallery continued to operate his publishing company from St. Catherine St. at the corner of Blenheim Place, where his door was often open to someone who wanted help. He shied

away from involvement in the Montreal Urban Community (a precursor to the current Montreal "agglomeration"), choosing to devote his municipal efforts to Westmount.

Gallery also loved being the first mayor to ride atop a city fire truck in the St. Patrick's parade, adorned in a top hat, cascading shamrocks and waving a shillelagh at crowds that called out to him. He was proud to be involved and later to be named Montreal's Irishman of the Year.

In this respect, he was proud of his heritage: *continued on p. 9*



Brian and Nancy Gallery at Pope John Paul II's visit to the former Mother House at Sherbrooke and Atwater in September 1984, not long before the building was transferred to Dawson College CEGEP.



Brian Gallery and then prime minister Brian Mulroney with some of the 300 school children on the front lawn of city hall June 5, 1985 when the city bestowed honorary citizenship on the Mulroneys. Right, Gallery with the citizenship certificate.



Police Report

Driver flees after hit-and-run at Dorchester and Greene

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Accident investigators at the Montreal police department's Station 12 on Stanton St. were consulting the provincial licence plate registry following a two-vehicle collision at the corner of Dorchester Blvd. and Greene Ave. around 9 am on January 14, when one of the drivers fled the scene.

According to a description of the accident provided to police by the driver who remained behind, the other car was making a U-turn on Greene, during which it inadvertently had a minor collision with the first vehicle.

When the two drivers got out to inspect the damage, and to exchange driver's

license, vehicle registration and insurance information, the driver who caused the accident said he needed to return to his car to retrieve his papers.

When he returned, saying he'd forgotten them at home, the first driver suggested they call the police to verify the second driver's identity and make sure everything was in order. At this point, the second driver simply got back into his vehicle and left the scene.

Nonetheless, the licence plate number had already been noted, and it may be all the accident investigators need to trace the car to its owner and whoever was driving it. The reported damage consisted of some abrasion to the bumper of the complain-

ant's vehicle.

Station 12 community relations officer Adalbert Pimentel said that upon conviction, drivers found guilty of leaving the scene of an accident can be heavily fined under provisions in the Highway Safety Code. In more severe cases, leaving the scene can also be prosecuted as a criminal offence.

"Usually when they charge you criminally, it's because there's been an injury and you've left the scene," he said.

Quiet, except graffiti

According to incident reports filed at Station 12 recently, the last few weeks of December and the first few weeks of Janu-

ary were relatively quiet, with no reports of burglaries, break-ins or other more serious criminal activities.

Pimentel said that one of the only incidents during this time period was a complaint filed by a resident about a graffiti tag and a few other images painted onto a brick wall next to a parking garage outside a Victoria Ave. business.

Although staff at Station 12 only received the complaint last week, the complainant said the graffiti had been painted onto the wall sometime between December 22 and 26. As there were no security cameras trained on the scene, the investigators have nothing to identify suspects or to provide leads.



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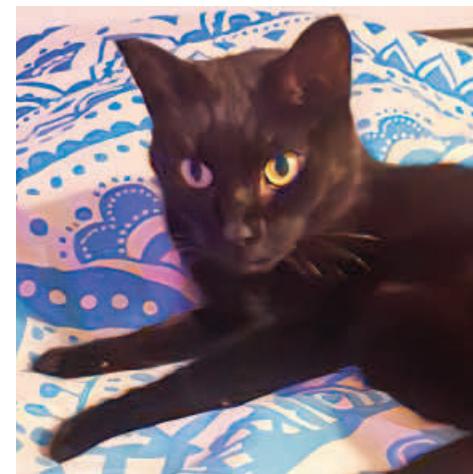
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Benoit-Christophe

and we have another two in the family as well, and there is a routine and care that become second nature for them.

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great-grandson of Senator Sir William Hingston, mayor of Montreal (1875-1877), grandson of Dr. Donald Hingston, founder of St. Mary's Hospital, and grandson of Daniel Gallery, a Montreal city councillor for St. Ann's ward and a Liberal member of parliament for 12 years.

Following his own mayoral term, Gallery worked tirelessly to raise funds for creating the School for Irish Studies at Concordia and he became a driving force in ensuring the viability of its foundation. For this work, he was honoured with an LLD from Concordia in 2010 and, in 2013, by the creation of the Brian Gallery Irish Community Lifetime Achievement Award.

Publisher, politician

Born October 11, 1934 to John O'Neill Gallery and Katherine Hingston, he attended St. Leo's Academy.

He stated in lengthy election publicity material that he had graduated with a BA from Loyola in 1957, joined Texaco, then Gallery Publications, of which he became president. He published and edited *Seaports and the Shipping World* and *Canadian Sailings*, and was senior marine editor in Canada.

As a city councillor for eight years, he

served as commissioner of public services, which, at that time, included a wide range of departments that involved parks and recreation, a capacity in which he was instrumental in introducing Family Day, now a tradition in Westmount Park.

Among the many positions he held were: director and acting chairman of CN, a director of the PC Canada Fund, a past director of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, past president of Loyola Alumni Association and a past director of the Westmount Municipal Association.

Honorary citizenship

Proud of his lifelong Conservative Party work, Gallery, as mayor, planned and bestowed honorary citizenship on Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Mila at a special ceremony June 5, 1985. It took place on the front lawn of city hall, which was reserved for the seating of 300 children from local schools.

It was here that Mayor Gallery presented the Mulroneys all the rights of citizenship and a golden key to the city – along with a pram for their expected fourth child.

Gallery made a point of quipping that the gift of citizenship was *not* “a remission of property taxes.” The Mulroney family later returned from Ottawa to live in West-

mount.

Brian and Nancy raised their three daughters in the house on Belmont Ave. at the corner of Westmount Ave. and “our girls were always included in what we were doing,” Nancy said. “And while Brian was mayor, he was also acting chairman of CN and running his own business. I can't believe how he did those three things. It's beyond me.”

Remained active

In recent years, the couple spent winters in Florida and the rest of their time in Knowlton.

Long after Gallery's retirement, he continued to attend the city's annual Quarter Century Club that honours long-service active and retired employees.

And as an especially proud father, he travelled from Florida for a couple of days to attend the Westmount election results November 5, 2017 when Mary won her District 6 seat on council.

“He was so thrilled and proud that she was following in his footsteps,” Nancy explained. “The two of them had regular conversations about the news in Westmount. He loved this city. And of his life, he said just recently: ‘I'm so lucky.’”

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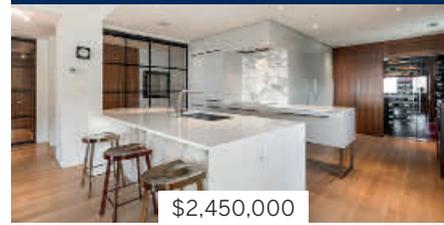


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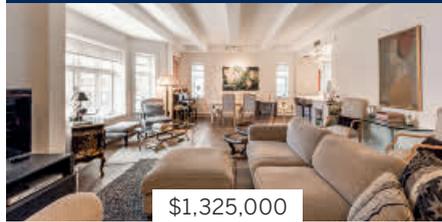


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You are always there when your loved ones are going through difficult times. But don't forget about yourself—solutions exist to help you feel better.

The current situation may cause you distress. Experiencing various levels of anxiety in some spheres of life is normal. When this happens, you may find it more challenging to deal with your thoughts, emotions, behaviour and relationships with others. Most people succeed in adapting, but listening to your needs is vital. **Don't hesitate to do whatever is necessary to help yourself.**

Take care of yourself

- Rely on your personal strengths and have confidence in your abilities.
- Remind yourself of the winning strategies you used in the past to overcome difficulties. There is no one-size-fits-all solution! Each and every one of us must take steps to foster our own well-being.
- Enjoy life's little pleasures, such as listening to music, taking a warm bath, reading, exercising, etc.
- If you live close to nature, make the most of it. Breathe deeply and slowly as you walk.
- Learn to delegate, and allow others to help you.
- Ask for help when you feel overwhelmed. **It is not a sign of weakness, but rather a sign of strength when you are strong enough to do what is necessary to help yourself.**
- Lend a hand in your community in a way that respects your personal limits and public health directives. By helping others, you can improve their wellness and your own as well.
- Think about what has meaning and value for you. Reflect on the important things in your life that you can hold onto in hard times.
- Reduce the stressors in your life.
- While it is important to stay informed, limit the amount of time spent reading about COVID-19. Information overload can increase stress and anxiety, and even cause depression.



The *Getting Better My Way* digital tool

Getting Better My Way is a digital self-management tool for emotional health. If you are experiencing stress, anxiety or distress, this tool can help improve your well-being by identifying practical things you can do to feel better. Learn more at [Québec.ca/Gettingbetter](https://Quebec.ca/Gettingbetter)



Give voice to your feelings

- Keep in mind that having a range of emotions is normal. Feelings play an important role in life, and it is essential to experience them without passing judgment.
- Use words to express what you are going through. Do you feel alone? Are you worried?
- Allow yourself to share your feelings with a trusted friend or family member. It might also be helpful to write down how you're feeling or call a helpline. Find what works for you!
- Those closest to you may not necessarily be able to “read” you. Express your feelings.
- Leave space in your life for your feelings and those of your loved ones.



Make judicious use of social media

- Use critical thinking before sharing something on social media. Ill-advised information can have harmful effects and be detrimental to everyone's efforts in these times.
- Use social media to share positive actions.
- Watch videos that make you smile.



Choose healthy living habits

- Try to keep to a routine for eating, resting, sleeping and other daily activities.
- Take time to eat well.
- Go to bed at an hour that lets you get enough sleep.
- Be physically active on a regular basis, while complying with public health directives.
- Reduce your consumption of stimulants like coffee, tea, soft drinks, energy beverages, chocolate, etc.
- Drink lots of water.
- Lower your alcohol, drug and tobacco consumption, or simply say no to them entirely. The same goes for gambling.

Help and resources

We are all going through unprecedented times that can intensify our emotional reactions. For example, you might feel greater fatigue or have fears that you can't shake, or even have trouble just dealing with the day-to-day. Focus on these signs of a problem and, as soon as you can, contact resources that can help you to better manage your feelings and develop new coping strategies.

- **Info-Social 811**

Info-Social 811 is a free and confidential telephone consultation service available 24/7

- **Regroupement des services d'intervention de crise du Québec**

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- **Suicide prevention crisis helpline**

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For a host of other helpful resources, visit Quebec.ca/gettingbetter

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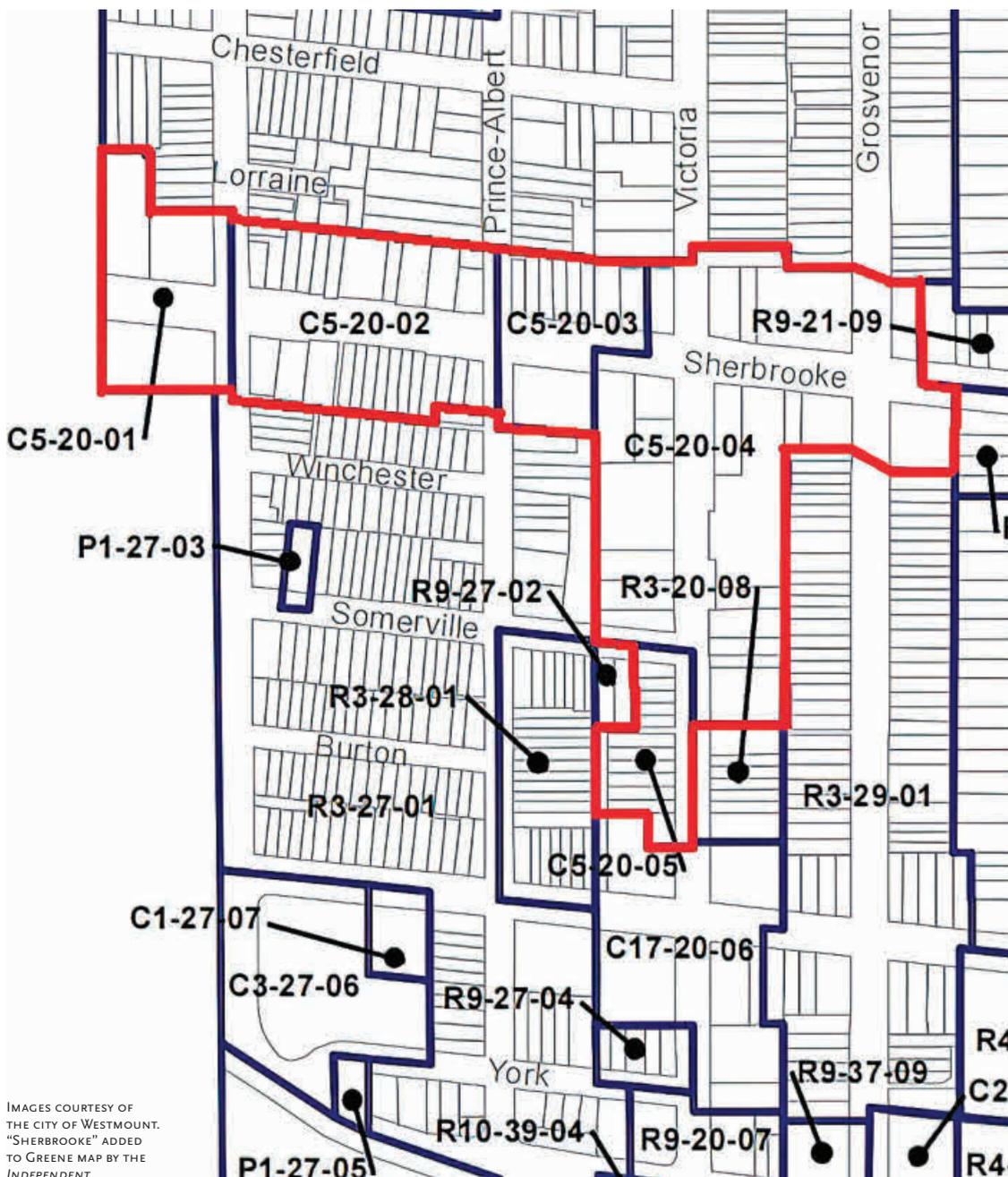
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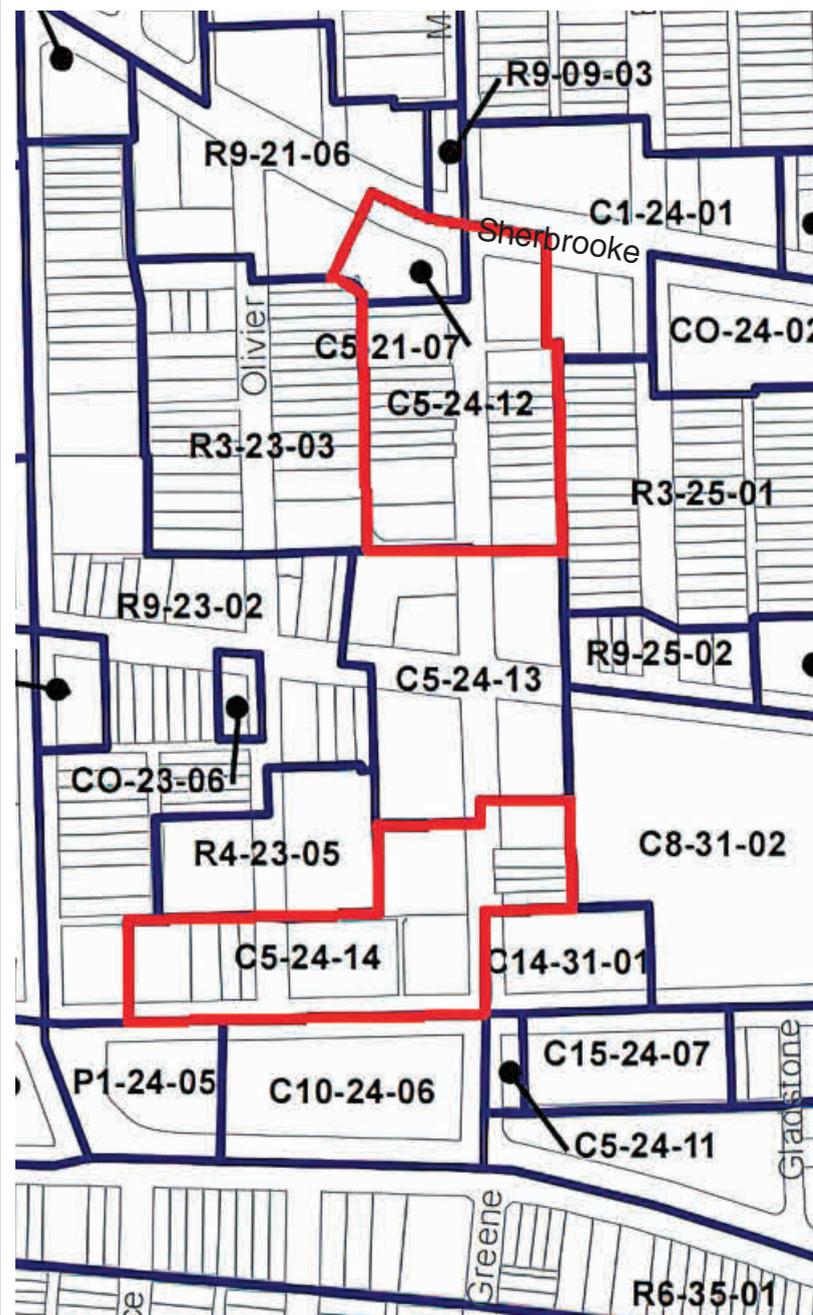
Zoning maps

(story begins on p. 1 and continues on p. 15, zones under discussion outlined in red)

Victoria village

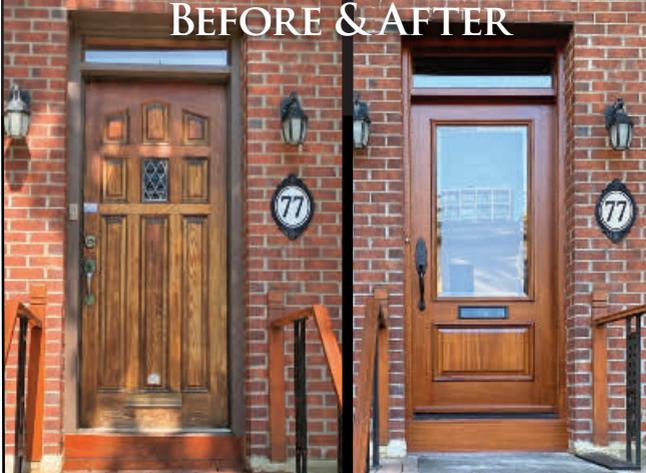


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Restaurants, cont'd. from p. 1

missions will take place from February 2 to 17.

The modifications, Lulham said, result from a survey of all residents in December 2019 in which 80 percent of the 737 respondents agreed with allowing more restaurants (see story January 14, 2020, p. 1).

“Back in 2010 and 2011,” she recalled, “there was a great fear of fast-food restaurants moving in” after the arrival of a McDonald’s outlet on Sherbrooke west of Claremont in June 2002 under acquired rights from Murray’s restaurant, closed in 1999. This involved concern for the type of clientele, loitering and littering they might generate.

Times change

Times and needs have changed, however, Lulham explained, as urban planning commissioner for zoning, economic development and parks.

Specifically, in the five Victoria village zones, the total number of permitted restaurants in each is to be repealed as well as the combined total of 25, a cap imposed in 2010 (see story see story May 4, 2010, p. 1). Also abolished is the maximum size of each that has been limited to 140 sq. m. These zones are C5-20-01, C5-20-02, C5-20-03, C5-20-04 and C5-20-05 (see map p. 14).

In the Greene district, sizes and numbers would also be abolished, as would a table-service requirement for that area that does not currently exist in the Victoria village zones. This proposed change would allow for restaurants that do not provide table service with the aim of allowing higher-end ones, Lulham explained. The three commercial zones are C5-21-07, C5-24-12 and C5-24-14 as shown on the map.

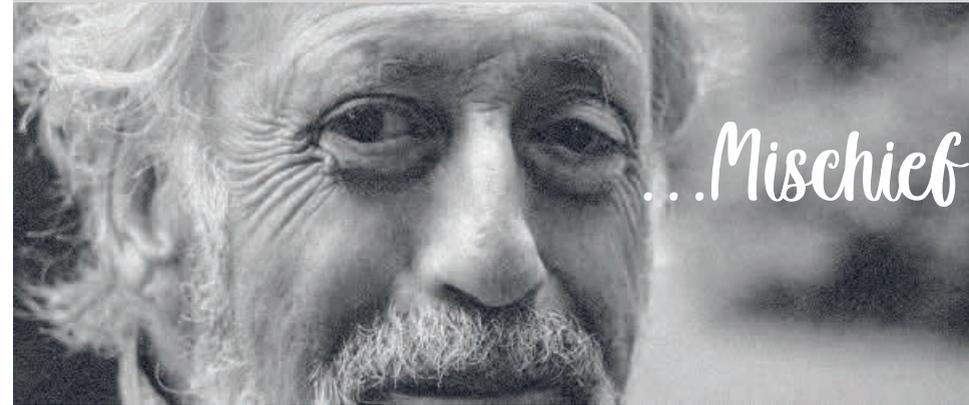
“The city is not static, so we have to evolve,” explained Mayor Christina Smith.

The proposed changes would also aim to simplify and expedite the issuing of new restaurant permits, which now have “layers and layers of different limitations” involving lengthy site visits and inspections, Lulham said.

She recalls how in 2010 and 2011, she was the one as commissioner who spearheaded the restrictions on restaurants that she is now moving to eliminate as a number of current vacancies in both districts have resulted in revitalization efforts. “The goal is to be open to opportunity.”

If there were to be a surge in applications, she added, then restrictions could be added. “The beauty of urban planning is that you can change the requirements.”

No change is being proposed to the city’s longstanding prohibition on the serving of alcohol without meals (e.g. in bars).

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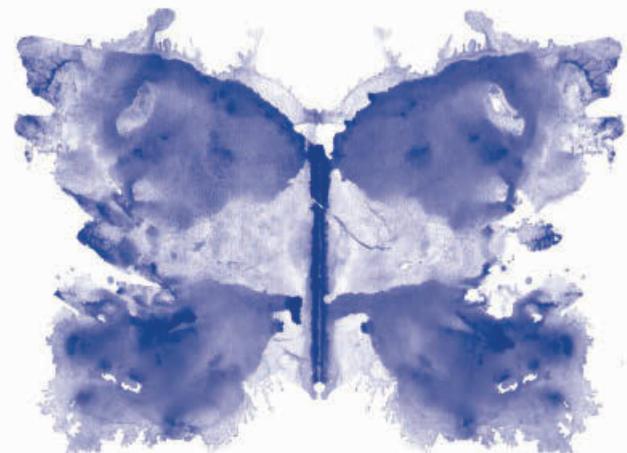


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COVID-19: health measures in effect until February 8

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Safe use of the toboggan run and outdoor skating rinks

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2021 Facility Access Card

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The deadline for submitting an application is January 31. westmount.org

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Mercredi 27 janvier, 20 h sur YouTube. En conversation avec Jonathan Cheung, chef and propriétaire de la librairie Appetite for Books. Mitch Joel anime cette nouvelle série mensuelle de conversations ouvertes et éclairantes avec

des invités spéciaux provenant de la communauté de Westmount. westlib.org

Lancement du Storywalk® d'hiver

Vendredi 5 février, 16 h 30 en ligne.

Joignez-vous à l'auteure Kallie George et l'illustratrice Geneviève Godbout qui parleront de leur nouveau livre *Si je n'étais pas Anne...*, présenté dans le cadre du Storywalk hivernal au parc Westmount. Inscrivez-vous pour obtenir un sac surprise à la Bibliothèque. westlib.org

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Winter Storywalk® launch

Friday, February 5, 4:30 p.m., online. Join author Kallie George and illustrator Geneviève Godbout as they talk about their new book *If I Couldn't be Anne...*, featured in the Library's winter Storywalk in Westmount Park. Sign up for a surprise bag that you can pick up at the Library. westlib.org

Victoria Hall Studio Sessions

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BUILDING PERMITS  What's permitted

City council approves 20 building permits December 21

The following 20 requests for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the December 21 meeting of the city council. There were no refusals.

Approved

4333 de Maisonneuve: at the apartment complex, to revise the scope of the approved work to include the replacement of the front stair handrail;

558 Roslyn: at a Category 1 house, to revise the scope of the approved work to include the modification of the configuration of stairs in the side yard and modification to the configuration of the retaining wall along the side of the driveway;

625 Côte St. Antoine: to add a garage and an addition on the rear façade provided the former driveway be replaced with landscaping;

488 Elm: at a Category I house, to undertake work in the rear façade only; a proposed front marquee did not receive favourable recommendation;

629 Belmont: to install a swimming pool in the rear yard, modify the rear balcony, install new fences, clad the front stairs

in stone, and do landscaping work in the front, side and rear yards;

22 Anwoth: to build a new sunroom on the side façade;

36 Summit: to build a pool and do landscaping; *continued on p. 19*

City overturns refusal of windows permit

City council December 21 adopted a resolution overturning a previous refusal of a permit November 16 for replacing windows at 8 de Casson. This was based on the requested colour of black.

The reversal was contained in a separate resolution resulting from a challenge by the resident, Paul Levine, at the November 16 meeting when Councillor Conrad Peart had said he would look into the details (see story December 1, p. 6).

The resolution explains that the windows would now be allowed because the original colours are “missing from the city’s files.”

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- Exercer un suivi sur le cheminement des documents et sur les échéances, effectuer les rappels nécessaires auprès des personnes concernées.
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2-year-old Sasha Frenkiel was pretty excited when she came upon this giant snow bunny lying around Westmount Park January 16. Her mother said another woman had built it but Sasha had taken quite a liking to it.



Édward Kovac in a snow fort on Clandeboye January 16.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ANNE ROY.



A spontaneous snowman competition was in full swing January 16 in Westmount Park's lagoon.



Some "snow persons at 4454 de Maisonneuve – for your info," wrote Angie Caners to the *Independent* January 20.

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3-year-old Grace Suazo was adding the finishing touches to her snowman with a few sticks and a cedar branch in Westmount Park on January 16.

Wet winter Westmount snow, part deux



"This is Harper (left) and Hunter Gut at Stayner Park on the completion of this epic fort! Seven feet tall!" said father Derrick January 18.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF D. GUT

Permits, cont'd. from p. 17

- 130 Clondeboye:** at a Category I house, to replace windows provided they are made of wood (interior and exterior), without any cladding;
- 162 Hillside:** to restore the front balcony and rebuild the rear one;
- 689 Grosvenor:** to renovate the sunroom structure on the second floor at the rear, convert the rear porch on the ground floor into a sunroom and do some landscaping work at the rear, including rebuilding the retaining wall in a new configuration and replacing fences;

- 4334 Westmount:** at a Category I house, to install a swimming pool and do landscaping in the rear yard, including converting a stone patio into a lawn and installing new fences;
- 254 Kensington:** to replace windows provided the existing casement window (item 100 of the work order) is replaced with a double-hung window in order to be consistent with the rest of the existing windows;
- 330 Olivier:** to make an opening for a new window on the rear façade;
- 4367 Montrose:** to replace windows and

modify an existing opening to install a window;

- 464 Victoria:** at a Category I house, to replace a rear door provided its narrow vertical stiles and horizontal rails are wider in dimension in order to have a more traditional residential look;
- 8 de Casson:** to replace windows as per separate resolution (see separate story);
- 256 Metcalfe:** at a Category I house, to redo the front roof provided asphalt shingles are replaced by slate;
- 30 Winchester:** to replace the basement windows on the front façade provided

they are double casement windows with a horizontal central division as per the original windows;

- 226 Prince Albert:** to replace basement windows;
- 428 Lansdowne:** to replace four basement windows on the side and rear.

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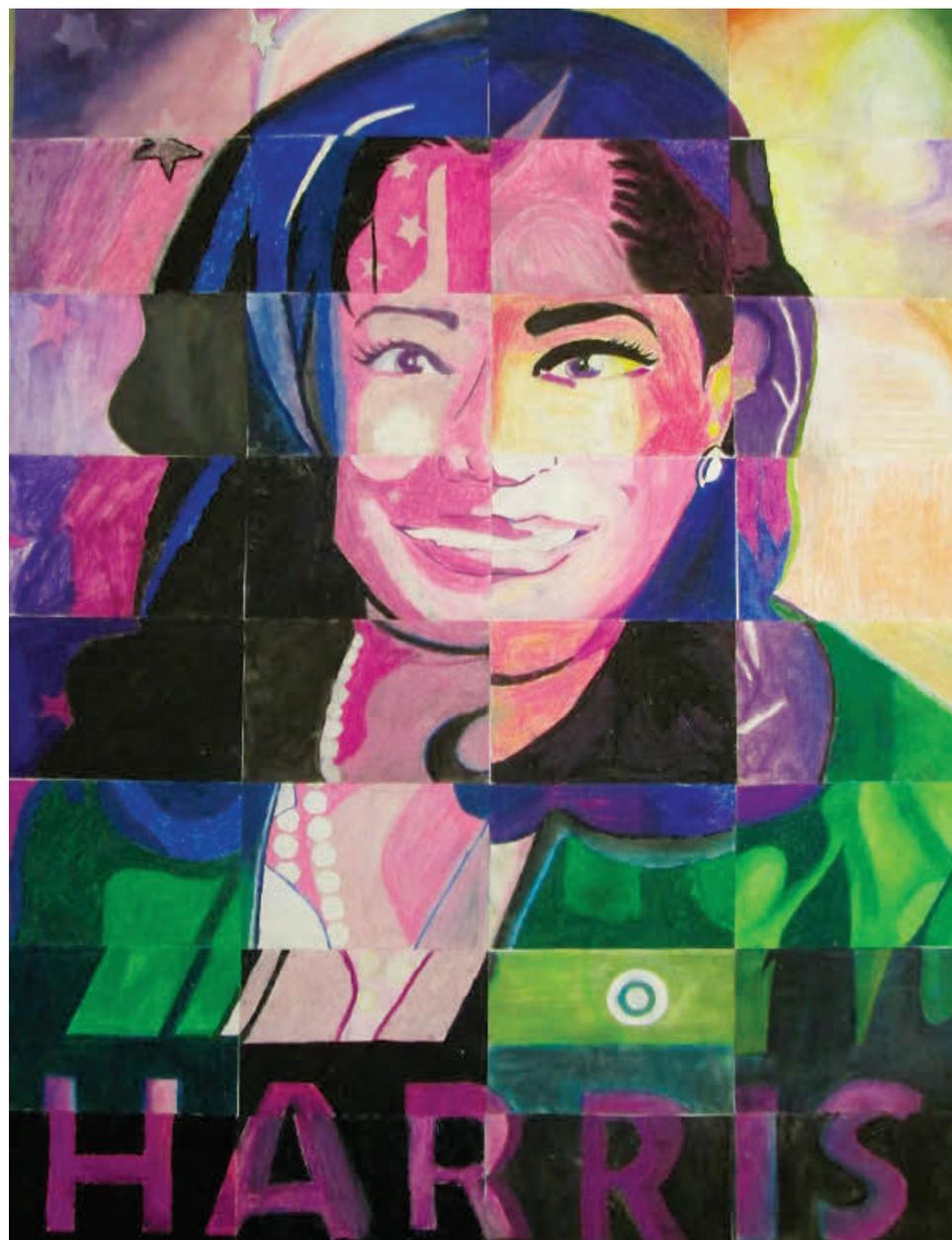
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Students: 'Congratulations Vice President Harris' Westmount High 'attends' US VP ceremony of graduate Harris



Students and teachers at Westmount High made a Zoom message for incoming US vice president Kamala Harris and watched her inauguration January 20 (above left). Students were “amazed” that an alumna of their school had done “so much.” It was also described as a “boost” and “empowering.” Harris graduated in 1981. Students also collaborated with staff to produce a collage in her honour, above.

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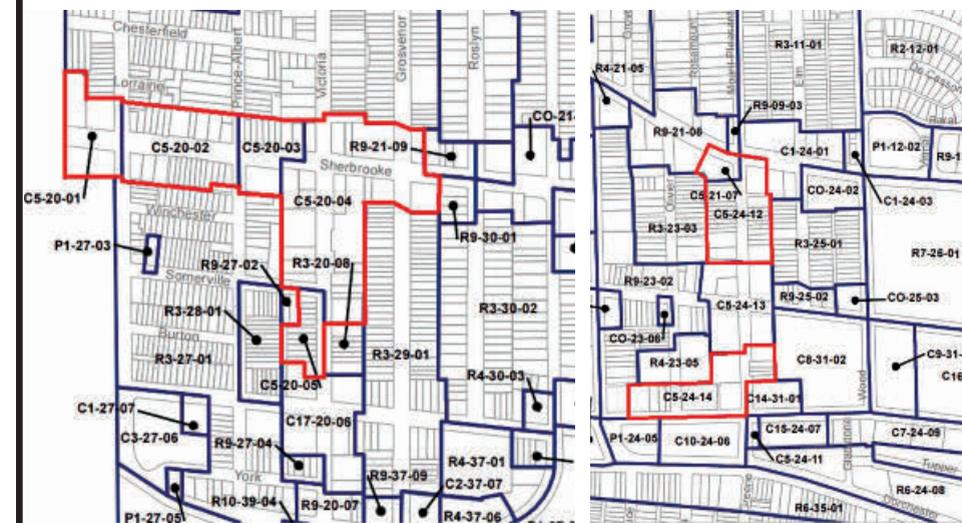
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IMPORTANT NOTICE

- At its regular meeting held on Monday, January 18, 2020, the Municipal Council adopted, by resolution, the first draft of By-law No. 1568 entitled “*BY-LAW 1568 TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 1303 – ZONES C5-20-01, C5-20-02, C5-20-03, C5-20-04, C5-20-05, C5-21-07, C5-24-12, AND C5-24-14 (RESTAURANTS)*”;
- In accordance with Order 2020-074, the public consultation meeting is being replaced by a 15-day written consultation, starting February 2, 2021, during which written comments will be received by email or mail as follows:

<p>By email at the following address: legal@Westmount.org</p>	<p>By mail to the attention of: Andrew Brownstein City Clerk 4333, Sherbrooke Street West Westmount (Quebec) H3Z 1E2</p>
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- Any interested person may submit written comments **no later than February 17, 2021, at 4:30 p.m.**
- The legal notice relating to the foregoing is available at: westmount.org/en/resident-zone/legal-services-city-clerks-office/public-notices/.
- A copy of the draft by-law is available for consultation on the City’s website at the following address : westmount.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Reglement-1568_projet.pdf
- Sections 1 to 3 of By-Law No. 1568 are subject to approval by way of referendum.



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Flores Ludwick named Study board chair



Social Notes

VERONICA REDGRAVE



Westmounter Erika Flores Ludwick has just been named board chair at The Study for a two-year term. Flores Ludwick first became a Study board member in 2011. She has been involved in various board committees over the years, including last year's search committee for The Study's new head of school Kim McInnes.

"This is a very special role for me. I am an alumna of The Study (class of '88), as are my three sisters. We all agree that the school shaped us and gave us a solid foundation, not only academically but on how to be independent and confident women.

Family tradition

"My father, Dr. Flores, was a board member back in the day. My daughter Mylie is now at The Study. My eldest daughter Mikaela, also a former Study student, recently graduated from the University of Miami."

Flores Ludwick is also renowned for her involvement with the local toy tea, which she has co-chaired with her sister Paulina

Flores Rutenberg for the past four years.

The popular holiday charity event collects toys for children who are living in battered women's shelters in and around greater Montreal.

Children – from local Westmount schools and beyond – sing and entertain the families that come to drop off a new toy.

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creating “love walls,” as well as displaying family scenes, photograph framing is a busy niche.

John, like his brother, works in the building’s *atelier*; he on framing and Glenn on restoring. Both learnt by “apprenticing” with their father, who in turn received the artisan and artistic talent from *his* dad.

But the lads’ flair doesn’t stop there. They are often invited to “re-hang art,” as well as to place new pieces. “We just winched a very large work into a condo,” laughs John. “And we have been asked to frame TV sets. One we created behind a special mirror,” adds Glenn.

Along with a corner of glowing golden frame corners, reminiscent of centuries of tradition, another wall sports a rainbow array of frame choices.

Popular now? Simple frames. Shades of white. Also floating frames.

Sourcing from all over the world, as well as making their own frames, the Campbell brothers offer the best of the best – along with professional advice. “As people are somewhat more confined than usual, they are paying attention to their homes. We have never been busier,” says John.

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