

Summer camps decline but tennis near capacity

Pool closes Labour Day after 'very' busy summer season

BY LAUREN SWEENEY

As the pool at the Westmount recreation centre prepared to close for the season on Labour Day, it had been an outstanding summer, according to facilities manager Bruce Stacey. "It's been very, very busy," he said as statistics also indicate.

Figures released last week for users of the pool during general swim times showed 6,988 for June plus 11,909 in July and 10,331 in August. And these are not counting those taking swim lessons, aqua-fit or other programs as well as the Dolphins swim club.

"Our facility has always been super busy, but I would say it was better than even three summers ago" before pandemic reductions, Stacey said.

A full range of swimming lessons re-

turned. The pool was well used by the Dolphins, seniors and masters swimmers, and the many day camps in Westmount that include not only the city's own but those run in the city by the Visual Arts Centre, Centre Greene and the Cosmos day camp based at Westmount Park Church.

"We had no serious injuries and were fortunate to be able to hire pool staff, a new pool manager Elina Burgos and the lifeguards, of whom half were new. We also were able to hire eight lifeguards to keep the pool open to Labour Day, which is always a challenge once many of the summer staff start back to classes."

Exceptional use

WRC director Dave Lapointe described pool use as "exceptional." The department's sum- *continued on p. 10*

Permanent play structures arrive at Westmount Park



According to a worker, the installation of new play structures in Westmount Park had wrapped up by mid-day September 2 except for the laying down of wood chips. Earlier this month, the city had been providing inflatable devices for children to play on and other temporary options.

PHOTO: RALPH THOMPSON.

Heritage Montreal asks for review

Fate of Goode House reno now up to Quebec culture minister

BY LAUREN SWEENEY

City council has been asked to revisit its authorization of work on the distinctive Goode House at 178 Côte St. Antoine, whose interior and landscaping were designated as protected two years ago by city by-law under Quebec's Cultural Heritage Act of 2012.

The request has come in a letter July 27 to Mayor Christina Smith from Heritage Montreal – its second one on the topic. The group is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of architecture in Greater Montreal. The letter was co-signed by its high-profile policy director Dinu Bumbaru.

"We ask you to defer or *continued on p. 7*



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'Buddy' caught by Public Security on Ingleside, returned to owner



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BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A dog from the Laurentians that escaped from a car in NDG August 27 remained on the run overnight until it was finally corralled the next day by public safety officers, Public Security officials said. A two-hour attempt to catch it succeeded outside 15 Ingleside.

While the beige Jack Russell mix, whose name turned out to be "Buddy," wore no identification tags on its blue leather collar, Public Security posted its photo on the department's Facebook page, which was spotted by a friend of the owner the next day. The owner drove down from his home close to St. Agathe des Monts to pick up his dog from the station on Stanton St. August 28.

"The owner brought us photos of the

dog as a puppy and others to prove ownership," said department director Greg McBain, "but it was evident from the happy way it greeted the man."

The dog was reported to have escaped from the car around 9 pm August 27 at Oxford and Monkland. This was unknown to the owner because he had another dog in the car that did not leave and he thought both were in the back.

The escapee appeared to have been on the run overnight until it was noticed the next morning, August 28, when someone called Public Security at 10:22 am to report a dog running loose at St. Catherine and Lansdowne.

Officers found it in front of the former Victoria train station and tried in vain for over two hours to catch the dog until finally succeeding using a net on Ingleside.

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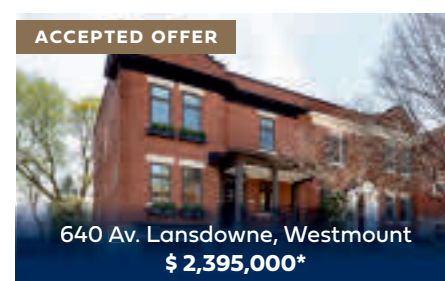
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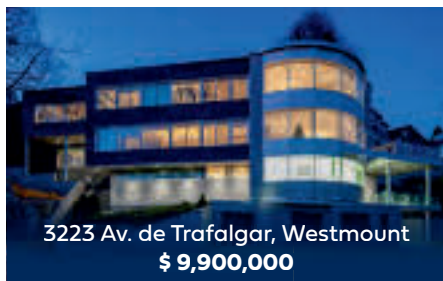


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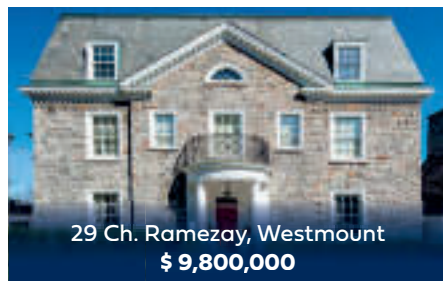
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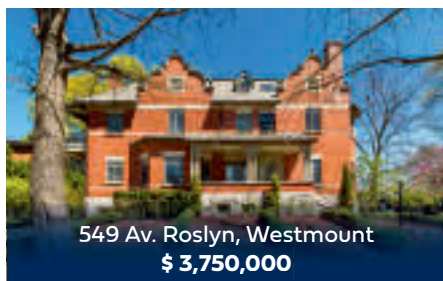
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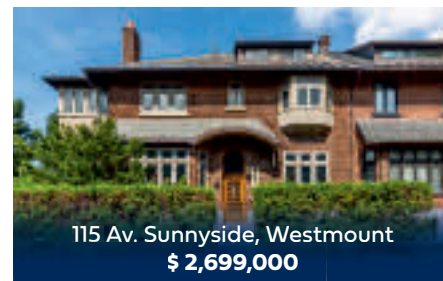
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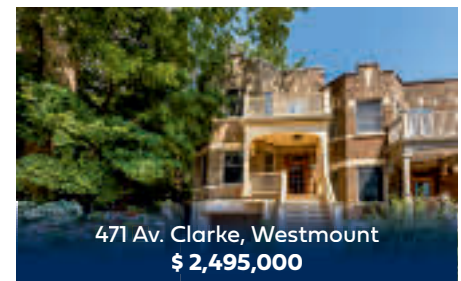
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EDITORIAL

Introducing Colin Standish, leader of the Canadian Party

Colin Standish, the leader of the Canadian Party of Quebec and its candidate for Westmount-St. Louis, knocked on my door August 24, the first (and so far only) candidate to do so.

It was the first time that I have met him in person, although I have known him for about a year due to his excellent work as the founder of the Task Force on Linguistic Policy, which I support.

Standish's toil at the task force has likely been lonely. As Boromir says at the council of Elrond, "those who shelter behind us give us praise, if ever they hear our name: much praise but little help."

I was unsurprised to again find Standish working hard and early, in this case to win our votes. It has been a hallmark of his approach since arriving on the provincial scene.

Remember rights?

The Canadian Party's platform seems pretty good and – well – Canadian: rights are rights, respect the constitution, a commitment to bilingualism and educational choice, prosperity over discrimination, and a desire for reconciliation. Let's hear more!

I have written about the high quality of our current provincial representative, Jennifer Maccarone ("Maccarone delivers for Astra-mRNA-mRNA constituents, all Quebecers: March 1, p. 6). I am pleased that we

now have at least two excellent candidates running locally. (Coincidentally, the Liberal and Canadian Party launches are covered in this issue. See p. 22 & 23. We plan to cover the CAQ, PQ, Conservatives, Bloc Montreal and Québec Solidaire candidates in subsequent weeks.)

Much as I have praised Maccarone, it is hard to find anything nice to say about her party, the provincial Liberals. It is the party of Bill 22 (Bill 101-lite, passed in 1974 to try to stave off the PQ), Bill 178 (remember Bourassa and "We have suspended fundamental liberties"?) and Jean Charest (who gave us the undemocratic municipal merger process and who mused about applying Bill 101 to federal institutions as the 2012 provincial campaign turned sour for him).

It is hard to find a more disappointing mélange of high-sounding rhetoric, expediency and betrayal than the provincial Liberals. (And the "pragmatic" approach of chasing polls and pushing allies under the bus has often failed to deliver results: the PQ was elected despite Bill 22 and again after Charest shared his thoughts on expanding Bill 101.)

Federalists seem to defend their decision to remain with provincial Liberals as the preservation of an opportunity to influence policy from within.

How is that going?

And it gets worse. We now have as provincial Liberal leader an ex-CAQ-ist, Dominique Anglade (Could she not see the true nature of the CAQ? Or did she not care?), who this year married lack of principle with incompetence in the parliamentary maneuverings prior to the passage of Bill 96.

Lack of enthusiasm for provincial Liberals

Words that one does not hear as one wanders around in federalist circles: "The provincial Liberals are competent and principled," "The current leader of the provincial Liberals is doing such a great job" and "I am so happy to be voting for the provincial Liberals."

Well, federalist Quebecers have options this year.

Locally, if we stay with Maccarone, we will be well served by her personally, likely under a CAQ majority, as has been the case since her first election in 2018. And who knows? We might end up next time with a better leader, such as Philippe Couillard,

who showed common sense and bravery (by the standards of provincial politics) when he said in 2014 that knowing English was an "asset."

(I loved the irony, by the way, of current PQ leader Paul St-Pierre Plamondon expounding last week – *in the best English of just about any francophone politician* – on how he would like to eliminate the bilingual status of some Quebec municipalities. Bilingualism for him, I guess, but not for his supporters.)

If we do go another way locally and choose a non-Liberal, we might send a message, stand up against the ratchet of rights restriction and begin building an institution that allows us to cease being subsumed into self-destructive passions that we oppose.

I haven't yet decided how I will vote, but I will be looking carefully at Standish and the Canadian Party over the next few weeks.

I encourage you to do the same.

David Price is the editor of the Independent.

Special bollards installed in school zones

The city has installed special new safety bollards in school zones designed to emphasize the need for motorists to recognize reduced speed zones and pay special attention to children crossing on foot.

"We started our school safety campaign by calling all our elementary schools to find out their drop-off and pick-up times," said Greg McBain, Westmount Public Security director. "We'll have designated officers monitor these school zones and we're sharing the times with police."



After initial warning periods, tickets will be issued for cars double parking, parked in prohibited zones, failing to adhere to speed and other regulations, he said. These include stopping in school zones to drop off and pick up children.

A special joint campaign will also take place with police in October along with city council members who traditionally participate in school zone curbside reminders to drivers.

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GUEST COLUMN

Gerrymandering Westmount, and the province

BY SAM ALLISON AND JON BRADLEY

"The principle of 'one vote, one value' is in itself an orthodox and unimpeachable principle of democracy. It is a logical, numerical principle. ... The only safe principle, I think, is that for electoral purposes all men are created equal, and that voting power, as far as possible, should be evenly distributed among them."

– Winston Churchill

What is gerrymandering? It simply means manipulating Quebec electoral districts (QEDs) so as to give advantage to some group such as rural Quebecers as opposed to suburban Montrealers, who are largely English-speakers and naturalized immigrants. The sizes of some QEDs (mostly suburban) are huge compared to other QEDs (mostly rural).

In the last provincial election (2018), the huge riding of Westmount-St. Louis had one of the lowest voter turnouts in Quebec. Only 48 percent of the electorate voted, indicating that people are giving up on our electoral system.

Despite this low voter turnout, 14,547 voted for the winning candidate, a large majority compared to many other Quebec electoral districts.

Indeed, only 13,025 people voted for the three winning candidates in the QEDs of Ungava, the Magdalene Islands and Abitibi East. This means that approximately the same number of Westmount votes elect one MNA whereas the three rural QEDs mentioned elect three MNAs to determine policy in the National Assembly.

Few electoral systems in the Western world have such proportionately large electoral majorities based on such low turnouts

Number of Quebec electoral districts and their deviations from the USA and UK 10% standard*

QED's below 10%	QED's within 10%	QED's above 10%
33	61	31

*The percentages illustrated above change slightly after each decade when the Quebec ridings are re-gerrymandered by an Electoral Commission

for the winning political party.

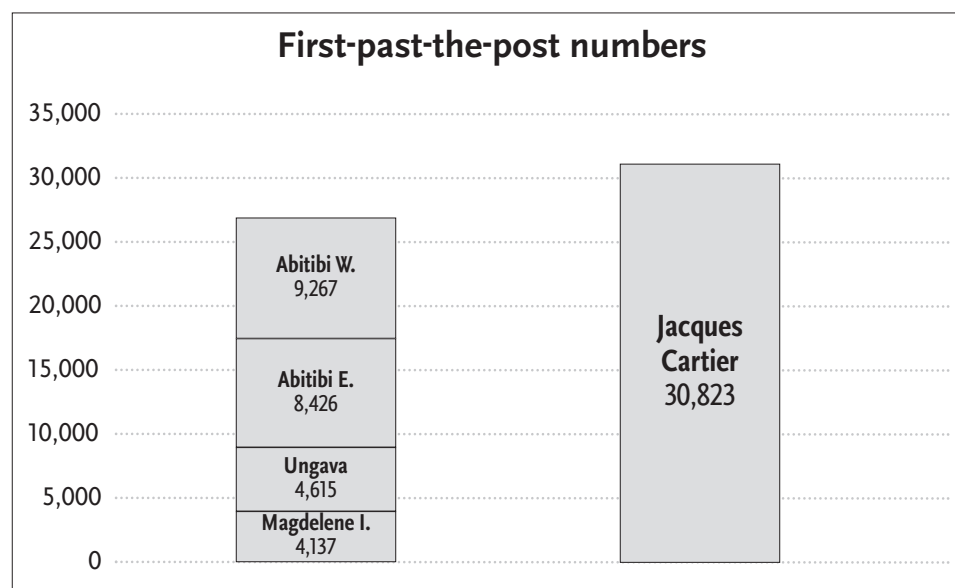
The 2014 Quebec provincial election was narrowly won by the Liberals. Quebec had then an estimated population of 8.18 million and only 21 percent of the population elected the government.

The 2018 election won by the CAQ (Coalition Avenir Québec) is even worse. Out of a population now estimated at 8.6 mil-

lion, only about 19 percent of the population elected them. How is all this possible?

QEDs are skewed because they follow Canadian laws determined by the Canadian Supreme Court. In 1991, a Supreme Court electoral boundary decision on Saskatchewan stated that the average Canadian provincial riding should be within 25 percent of the provincial norm. The deci-

First-past-the-post numbers



Goode house, cont'd from p. 1

suspend approval of the proposed work," the letter states, describing the council's approval as a backward step in the city's "leadership" in heritage protection.

But Mayor Smith told the *Independent* last week the council had voted and had no intention of returning to its decisions to allow the dismantling and re-building of some of the specifically protected aspects in order to enable the house to be used as a current-day family residence. One example was modifications to an interior staircase to meet current safety standards.

She also said that she had been on holiday at the time of the July 27 letter but expected that the city would have relayed the council's firm position.

Bumbaru, told the *Independent* last week

he had not received a reply from the city "yet" and "right now the project is under view by the minister of culture, who has 90 days to review the issue." He said Westmount's position was "a bit disconcerting" because "Westmount has been the gold standard" in heritage protection.

Copied to Quebec

This letter was copied to Quebec's minister of Culture and Communications Nathalie Roy and the Westmount Historical Association (WHA), which has played a significant role in the protection of the 1840 Goode House, whose exterior also holds a 1* heritage rating, the city's highest/strictest.

The letter also asked that the city review

the decision of its Demolition Committee, which was favourable, despite an unfavourable recommendation from the city's Planning Advisory Committee (PAC).

While the letter thanks the mayor for relaying copies of the city resolutions and by-laws as requested in a previous letter, it states that "unfortunately" requested reports from city consultants had not been included.

When contacted by the *Independent* about Heritage Montreal's letter, Louise Carpentier, president of the WHA, recalled that the association's position against the demolition aspects and therefore against the modifications had been "well explained" in a letter to the *Independent* from then-board president Anne Barkman (see May 31, p. 8).

sion also allowed exceptional local circumstances in some ridings to be *outside* the 25-percent limits.

This decision goes against the electoral norms followed in the USA and UK. The table below shows that the *majority* of the 125 Quebec Electoral Districts (QEDs) would be illegal in both the UK and the USA, which limit the size of ridings to 10 percent above or below the national average.

QEDs are possibly the most skewed in the Western world. The largest QEDs are usually in the Montreal suburban areas or the Gatineau area, where most English speakers and immigrants live.

Yet, gerrymandering is never an issue. In the 2014 election, one suburban Montreal riding (Jacques Cartier) was larger than the *combined* totals of four largely rural ridings of the Magdalene Islands, Ungava, Abitibi Est and Abitibi Ouest.

Gerrymandering explains why the electoral turnout is decreasing in Quebec elections. Citizens realize that their votes do not count. Hence in the 2018 election, although far fewer Westmount-St. Louis citizens bothered to vote, they still had larger majorities than most QEDs. Gerrymandering and low turnouts should be major issues in this Quebec election.

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City hall's 'corner stone capsule' recovered despite being well hidden



On May 26, left, the time capsule *in situ* and, right, city archivist Anthony Chiasson holding it.



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BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Finding and recovering the time capsule buried within the stone walls of city hall October 14, 1922, was not exactly like following a pirate's map to dig up a treasure chest of gold, but it took research expertise, sleuthing, ground-penetrating radar and stone masons to eventually extricate it.

All led from information in the city council minutes, according to city archivist Anthony Chiasson, who has spearheaded the project to research the location and then have the cornerstone time capsule removed.

The importance of minutes

The council minutes of October 17, 1922 stated that at 3 pm on Saturday, October 14, the mayor and council, ex-mayors, ex-aldermen and citizens attended the laying of the cornerstone of "the New City Hall." Meetings at that point had taken place at a remodelled schoolhouse at 21 Stanton.

A list was then read of "what was enclosed in the sealed copper box about to be deposited under this corner stone" (some 14 listed items), after which the "box was deposited and the corner stone was laid by the mayor (Peter William McLagan) using the mallet and trowel presented by the contractors."

The description of the "corner stone," and ultimately its inscription, was an important clue to the capsule's location, Chiasson said.

"To the right of the massive pillar at the front entrance [of city hall] is the date of the cornerstone, which nobody talked much about," he said. The radar identified an empty space behind it and stone masons were called in.

Box ready for opening

The box was removed May 26 and is to be unsealed just before the official opening on October 14, Chiasson said. The reference to the cornerstone was important because there is a difference between a time capsule, which can be buried anywhere, and a cornerstone laid during construction, he explained.

In fact, he added, cornerstone capsules tend to be an English/Scottish tradition with very few to be found in Quebec.

Contents dry?

"Hopefully the box and its contents will have been kept dry," given the way it had been sealed and placed.

While this is the first capsule to be recovered by Chiasson, he has previously recovered religious artifacts including a chalice in St. Constant.

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mer programs went very smoothly, he said. “There were few complaints, and most programs such as tennis and swimming lessons were at or near capacity.”

Lower registration in the city's summer camps, however, enabled numbers to be capped at 100 campers for each weekly session rather than 140, he said. This meant the hiring of fewer camp counselors.

Both youth and adult tennis lessons were full or at near capacity.

Registration continues for fall programs while the department starts to prepare for winter program registration in November.

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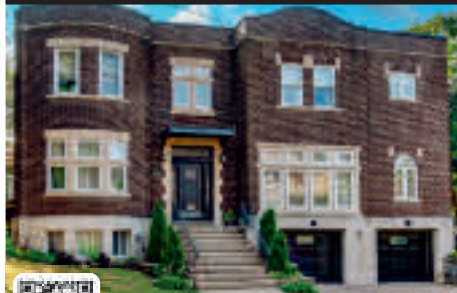


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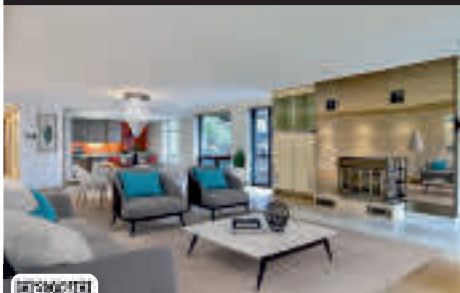
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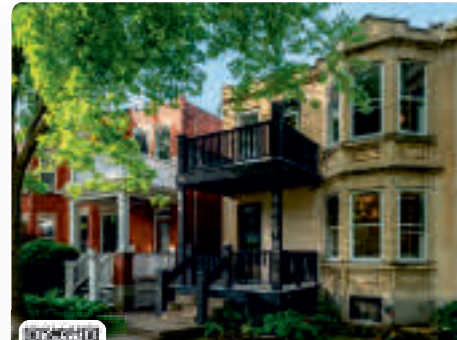
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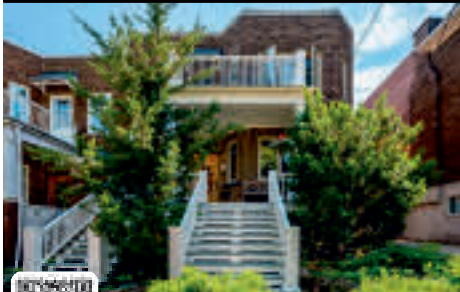
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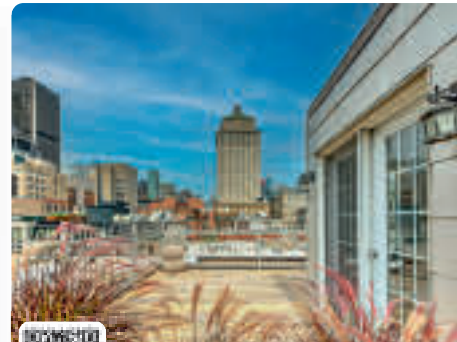
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Home décor, giftware stores say: ‘Shop local!’

BY JENNIFER BALL

General manager Maxime Grondin of Ben & Tournesol on Sherbrooke St. at Claremont Ave. and the principals of Marie Dumas, sisters Marie and Stéphanie Dumas, on Greene Ave. at St. Catherine St. are unanimous: shop locally!

“Shop locally, enjoy your neighbourhood, because you do not want it to be just concrete. How many places have we gone to and we say ‘Oh my god, they have closed. Oh my god, they have closed too?’” Marie questioned.

This statement is directed at sly shoppers they encounter who review all the goods in store or thumb through coffee-table books from cover to cover, and then go on to purchase from Amazon for five or 10 dollars less.

Or, they ask store owners to match the online retailer’s price.

Those dollars matter, they say, especially since they are working harder than ever navigating the mounting obstacles to get giftware and home décor items into their store.

“It’s a lot of work!” Marie said. “We find that we’re working so much more than we used to.”



General manager Maxime Grondin of Ben & Tournesol on Sherbrooke St. at Claremont Ave. on August 15.

Both stores have products from Europe, Canada and the US but several items also come from China; and Shanghai, for example, was in lockdown in April and May of this year. The city’s 25 million residents are important to the whole country’s manufacturing and transport industries.

The Westmount retailer’s goal is always to fill orders, Marie said, even if it means the lion’s share of the workday is devoted

to tracking shipments, finding alternatives and new vendor sourcing.

The Dumas sisters and Grondin separately attended the Toronto Gift Fair the week of August 8. It was an opportunity to build out lines and collections for their businesses after a two-year COVID hiatus from the event.

“We are having this beautiful Portuguese line of bath products that we are head over heels in love [with],” Grondin said. “We’ve seen first hand what our beautiful Israeli jewelry looks like and we are getting this fabulous line of pajamas from Scotland.”

Christmas 2021 was not easy

The last days before Christmas are critical for the retail sector but the 2021 Christmas shopping season was surreal for both retailers. Grondin laughed as he recalled that they were allowed only 50 percent of their capacity, or one client per 20 square metres.

“[It was Christmas and] the ‘first’ thing you want to do is make sure that there’s not too many people in your store!” he summarized sarcastically.

Compliance dictated that they needed to get creative in 2021. “There were line-



From left, Stéphanie and Marie Dumas of Marie Dumas on Greene Ave. at St. Catherine St. on August 16.

ups outside the store on days when it was minus 30°C and there’s 20 people inside the store. You bring stock out to them because you want to make a sale, even if it is outside, and then you wrap the presents inside,” Stéphanie said.

“That is when we got our portable terminal and people were doing drive-throughs because they could not come into the store,” Marie said.

Manoir resident helped after tripping

A resident of Manoir Westmount was assisted August 29 after Public Security received a call for a woman who had fallen on Sherbrooke near Roslyn, Public Security officials said. When the woman could not be seen, officers went to the residence to pick up a nurse to help find her. It turned out she had been seated near Grosvenor, where the nurse attended to a laceration on her arm using medical equipment from the patrol car. Both were then transported back to the Manoir. She was reported to have tripped while walking.

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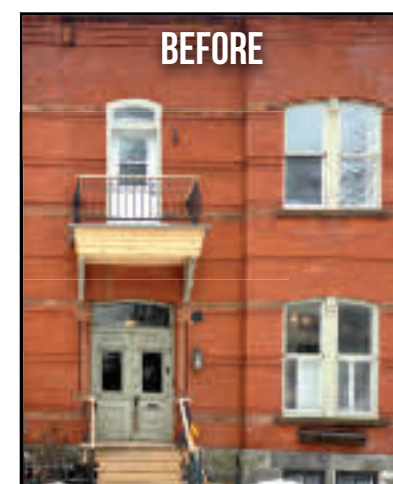
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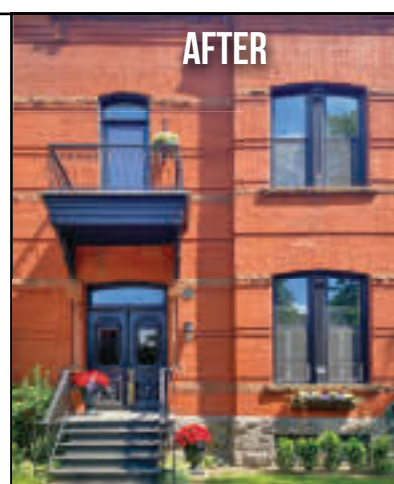
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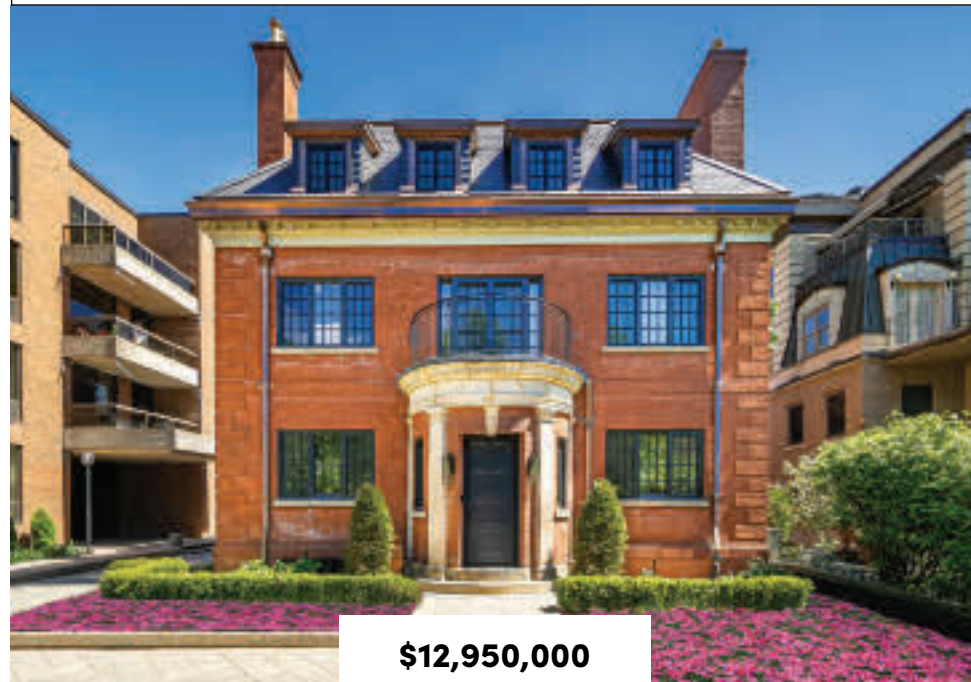


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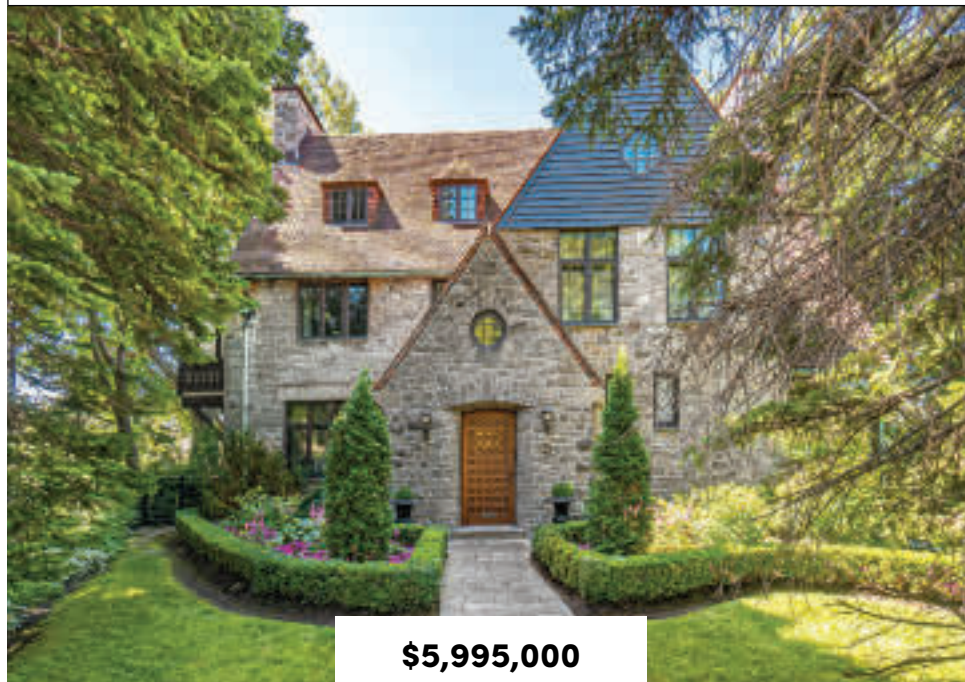
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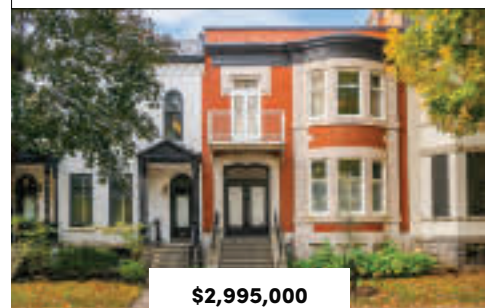


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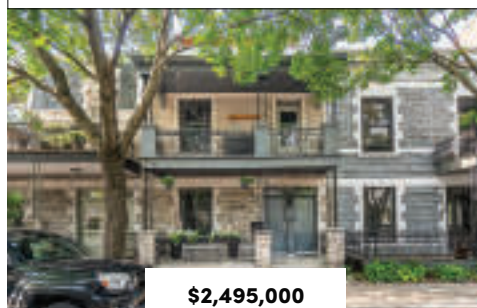
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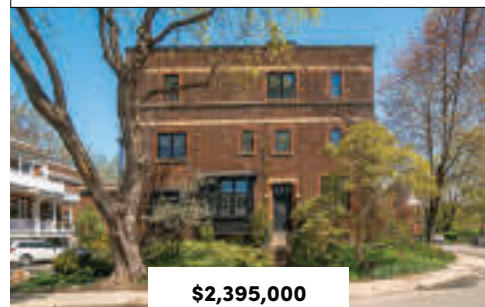


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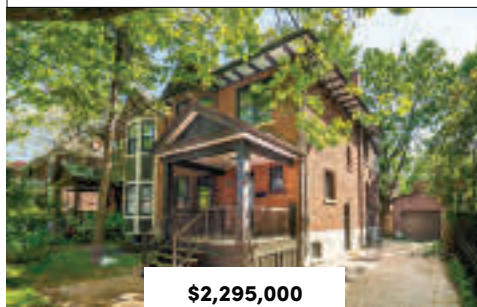
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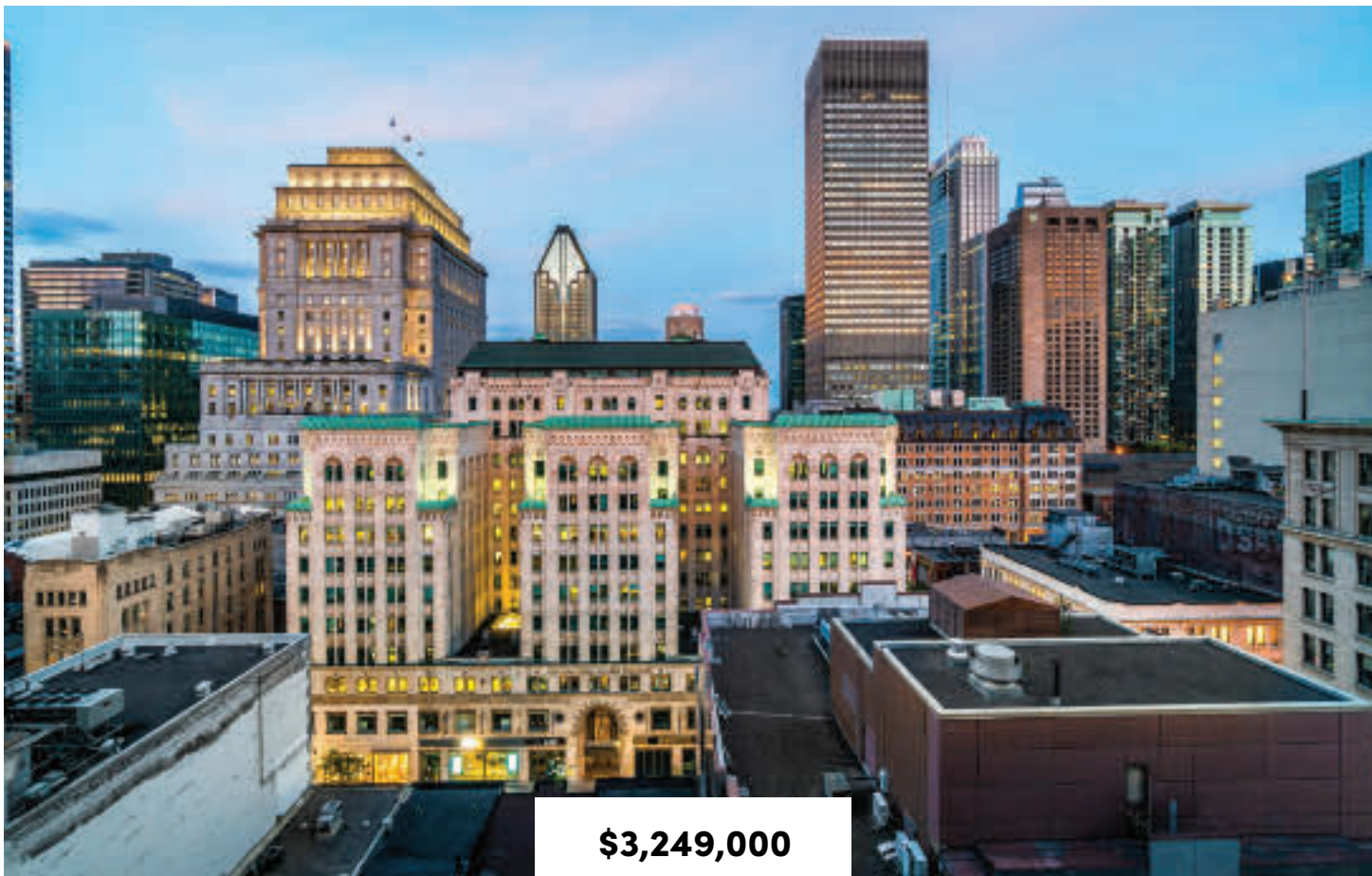
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April transfers: Prices, volume stable

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Last house below \$1 million in early 2021

Of the 14 one- and two-family Westmount dwelling sales transactions closed in April, three others sold above the \$3-million mark, six more over \$2 million and four more for less than two million, down to \$1,400,000 for 16 Springfield Ave. The last time a Westmount residential house sold for less than \$1 million was in January of 2021, though the asking price for one lower-Westmount property recently dipped below that level.

The average price for 14 homes was \$2,809,107 and the median price was \$2,452,500, an indication that the "typical" Westmount house can be expected to bring a price of approximately \$2.5 million or more. With 10 of the 14 sales above \$2 mil-

lion, this is among the highest monthly percentages of sales over \$2 million. In October 2021, 11 of 13 houses went higher than \$2 million, but otherwise the April ratio is the highest.

The Argyle sale registered only a one-percent mark-up over valuation, close in this respect to 650 Murray Hill, which sold for 99 percent of its 2020 tax assessment. All the others were more than 25 percent above valuation, the highest being 4353 Montrose, just around the corner from the Argyle property, at 65 percent. The average for the month was 33.5 percent.

Condos

Five condominiums made up the list of sales completed in April, with only one at less than \$1 million. Top price of \$2,100,000 involved two condos at 1 Wood Ave., which had already been made into a single unit with a staircase in between. The only duplex-type condo in the mix was 464 Grosvenor Ave., which sold for \$1,250,000, very similar to the price paid for a 60-percent share of 535-37 Prince Albert, which included occupancy of 537 Prince Albert, the parking spaces and the back yard.

The only mark-down among condominiums had to do with Apt. 903 at 200 Lansdowne Ave., sold from an estate for \$925,000, almost 20 percent below valuation. It is the biggest mark-down over the past two years for an apartment sold at this building: of 13 sales in 2020-22, six were sold below the 2020 valuation and four more were sold for single-digit mark-ups, an indication the building was, in general, over-evaluated.

Two "other" real estate transactions taking place in April included a store at 4920 Sherbrooke, which sold along with a property on Laurier Ave. West in Outremont for a total \$5,375,000, of which \$2,875,000 was the Westmount portion.

Also sold was a building lot on Roslyn Ave. which has yet to be developed. The



4353 Montrose, the biggest mark-up, at 65.9 percent.

city reports it is 758.10 s.m., so at \$2,995,000 this would register a price per square foot of \$367.02, but the property was always advertised with an architect's drawing of a house at "473 Roslyn Ave." The deed does not indicate whether the sale included the building plans.



16 Springfield, the lowest price, at \$1,400,000. All photos August 31.



523 Argyle, the highest price, at \$5,600,000.

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ADDRESS	VENDOR	PRICE	2020 VAL	RATIO (%)
523 Argyle	estate Barbara Baerwald Bronfman	\$5,600,000	\$5,520,600	1.4%
40 Arlington	François Laurin & Ingrid Heck	\$2,590,000	\$1,656,000	56.4%
659 Belmont	Juan Pablo Jimenez-Caviedes & Maria Arguelles Forero	\$3,100,000	\$1,912,400	62.1%
411 Côte St. Antoine	Gloria Victor	\$2,315,000	\$1,830,200	26.5%
164 Edgehill	Julie Wiseman	\$4,512,500	\$2,846,800	58.5%
66 Forden Crescent	Joel King & Marlene Hymer	\$4,900,000	\$3,826,300	28.1%
478 Grosvenor	Lucie Montpetit & Richard Epstein	\$1,765,000	\$1,161,800	51.9%
4353 Montrose	Jennifer Kakon	\$2,100,000	\$1,265,500	65.9%
650 Murray Hill	Marie Constance Gatto	\$1,700,000	\$1,717,800	-1.0%
631 Roslyn	Claude Simard & Katia Renaud	\$2,800,000	\$2,127,200	31.6%
80 Somerville	Nancy McLaughlin & Laurent Lessard	\$1,780,000	\$1,332,700	33.6%
16 Springfield	Xia Qiao	\$1,400,000	\$889,900	57.3%
616 Victoria	Shari Gordon	\$2,600,000	\$1,751,900	48.4%
57 Windsor	Patrick de Roy	\$2,165,000	\$1,615,500	34.0%
SHARE SALES				
535-37 Prince Albert, 60%	Gregory Baizer & Nathalie Boily	\$1,232,500	\$696,240	77.0%
CONDOMINIUMS				
200 Lansdowne #101	JEC Immobilier Inc.	\$1,290,000	\$888,600	45.2%
200 Lansdowne #903	estate Martha Raufman	\$925,000	\$1,149,600	-19.5%
1 Wood #409-509	LOL Trust & ASL Trust	\$2,100,000	\$1,612,800	30.2%
464 Grosvenor	Mansoureh Javaheri	\$1,250,000	\$883,300	41.5%
175 Metcalfe #503	Noulad Salamé Abu-Ghazaleh	\$1,760,000	\$1,696,400	3.7%
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Renaud reaches 50,000-burpee goal for UNHCR

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Different words come to Maxence Renaud's mind when he thinks of the chal-

lenges he faced while setting a personal fitness record over the past year for the benefit of the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR). While "consistency" and "responsibil-

ity" come up, the one he likes best is "accountability" – the idea that a lot of people who supported his fundraising project were counting on him to follow through.

Last year on August 28, the day after he turned 49, the Lansdowne Ave. resident began a daily ritual that involved performing 137 burpees, until reaching 50,000 exactly a year later when he would turn 50. Burpees require the practitioner to move from a standing position to a push-up position and then back up to a standing one.

"A lot of people knew about it," Renaud said in an interview on August 27 at the outdoor fitness area in Westmount Park where he repeatedly performed the exercise over the past year. "I was accountable to them and I had to do it every day."

Some days, even if he didn't feel up to it and contemplated doubling up with 274 burpees the day after, he'd still honour the original pledge. After all, more than 160 online supporters were watching via a live Instagram feed.

Although the goal was to raise \$5,000 for the UNHCR, by August 27 he had reached \$6,350 and donations were still arriving.

Renaud started doing regular physical training in 2015, when his personal health



Maxence Renaud (centre) is seen here on Aug. 27 moments before completing his year-long burpees record in the outdoor fitness area at Westmount Park with supporter Jean-Philippe Bouchard, left, and his eldest son Luca Renaud, who is operating the web cam.

PHOTOS: MARTIN C. BARRY



Maxence Renaud, seen here this past Aug. 27, his 50th birthday, completes the very last of the 50,000 burpees he started exactly a year earlier to raise more than \$5,000 for the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR).

awareness was growing, while at the same time he was beginning to watch his daily diet.

"You can see it's really made a major difference to me not only physically but also mentally," he said, acknowledging that it wouldn't have been possible without the discipline to carry through.

WW II origins

Created near the beginning of World War II as an overall test of physical fitness, the burpee was adopted by the United States' armed forces as one of the principal ways to assess the fitness of its recruits.

For Maxime Renaud, it was the perfect exercise to help him raise awareness of the worldwide refugee situation, while inspiring others to take actions similar to his own.

Maxence Renaud's Instagram handle is @50kforfifty.

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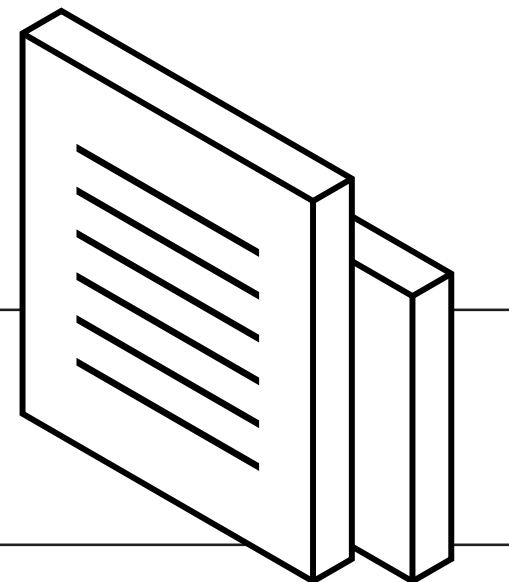
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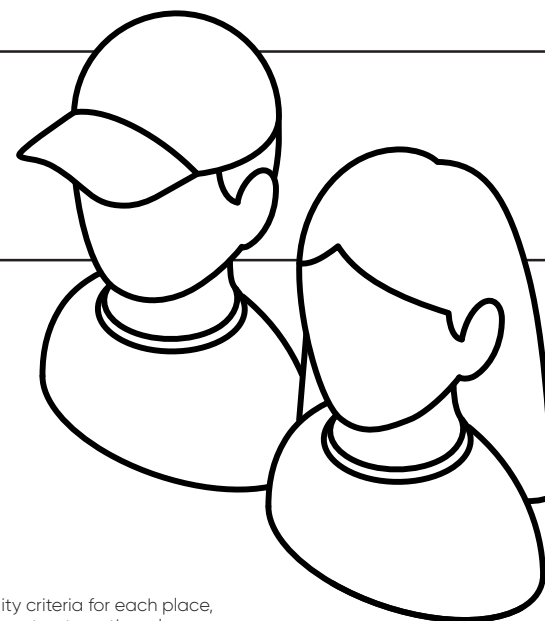
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The second phase of the project is scheduled to begin **Thursday, September 1st** and is expected to last 2 to 3 weeks, depending on the weather. engage.westmount.org/kinggeorgepark

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Exposition : Cecilia Torres, *Murmurations*

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CLETD TD 2022 : fête de clôture

Samedi 17 septembre, 14 h, Victoria Hall. Les membres du club sont invités à un après-midi ludique, avec des prix. Le magicien The Amazing Todsky sera présent.

Club de films documentaires : la semaine de la vérité et de la réconciliation

Mercredi 21 septembre, 19 h, Bibliothèque.

Invitée spéciale : Alanis Obomsawim, cinéaste. Trois films seront projetés : *Dream Magic* (2008), *Christmas at Moose Factory* (1971) et *Honour to Senator Murray Sinclair* (2021). En anglais. Inscrivez-vous à westlib.org.

Rencontre d'auteur : Peter Behrens

Samedi 24 septembre, 14 h, Bibliothèque. L'auteur lauréat du Prix du Gouverneur général parlera de son prochain roman, *The Violent Flow of Becoming*. Inscrivez-vous à westlib.org.

Projection spéciale : *Elvis* (2022)

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2022 TDSRC closing party

Saturday, September 17, 2 p.m., Victoria Hall. Club members are invited to an afternoon of fun and prizes with magician The Amazing Todsky.

Documentary Film Club :

Truth and Reconciliation Week

Wednesday, September 21, 7 p.m. Library. With special guest, director Alanis Obomsawim. Three films will be screened: *Dream Magic* (2008), *Christmas at Moose Factory* (1971) and *Honour to Senator Murray Sinclair* (2021). Register at westlib.org.

Author Event: Peter Behrens

Saturday, September 24, 2 p.m., Library. The Governor General's Award-winning author will discuss his upcoming novel, *The Violent Flow of Becoming*. Register at westlib.org.

Special Screening: *Elvis* (2021)

Saturday, September 24, 6 p.m., Victoria Hall. Starring Austin Butler and Tom Hanks. Directed by Baz Luhrmann. Rated PG-13 years. Register at westmount.org.



Provincial Liberal incumbent Maccarone says Bloc Montreal, Canadian Party could split anglophone vote

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

While insisting she's not worried that an exceptionally large number of candidates are running in Westmount-St. Louis in the October 3 provincial election, incumbent Liberal provincial representative Jennifer Maccarone is singling out two in particular – claiming they could easily split the English-speaking vote.

Maccarone opened her campaign headquarters on Sherbrooke St. a little to the east of Atwater last week, where the supporters who turned up included former Quebec Liberal cabinet minister Kathleen Weil, NDG Liberal candidate Désirée McGraw and former Westmount mayor Karin Marks.

"I'm not concerned that there are other people – I think that's what democracy is and it's important that people get involved," she said in an interview with the *Independent*, while adding that she was referring to candidates running for the Canadian Party of Quebec and Bloc Montréal.

"As a member of the anglophone community," she continued, "I'm disappointed that we have two people that are public figures, that are good speakers, but rather than rally together as a community – which is what I would have liked for us to do as a minority-language community working together – they are opting to divide us."

Disappointed to see divided vote

"As a member of the anglophone community, I find that very disappointing. They're dividing certainly the minority-language community. They're asking people to not vote Liberal, to vote for them. As a candidate, I'm ready for the debate. I've worked very hard over the past four years. I've taken absolutely nothing for granted. And so, I'm ready for the elections."

According to Maccarone, the Liberal op-



Incumbent Westmount-St. Louis Liberal representative Jennifer Maccarone is seen here on August 24 with supporters at her campaign headquarters on Sherbrooke St. downtown. Former Westmount mayor Karin Marks is seated to the right of Maccarone.

position in the provincial legislature is being blamed by critics for bills that the majority CAQ government deposited and that were adopted, "even though we voted against them," she said.

Among these were Bill 21, which forbids certain government employees from wearing religious symbols; Bill 40, which abolished French-language school boards but failed to do so with anglophone school

commissions; and Bill 96, which created stricter requirements within the Charter of the French Language.

"We voted against all those bills," she said. "But people are saying that the Liberals didn't do enough."

While she hopes the Liberals form Quebec's next government, Maccarone conceded that the party might have to settle for official opposition status.

"At the end of the day, even if it's an official opposition, you need a strong opposition," she said.

"It's the only way to put any kind of protective measures in place. And it's not one or two independents that are going to accomplish that. A vote for these other groups is a vote for the CAQ. And that makes me fairly worried."

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October 3 election ‘is a referendum on Bill 96,’ says Canadian Party’s Colin Standish

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

While most voters could perhaps be more focused on electing a local provincial representative and a new government on October 3, Canadian Party of Quebec leader Colin Standish, who is running in Westmount–St. Louis, says the provincial election will actually be a referendum on Bill 96.

“That’s my perception – yes, it is a referendum on Bill 96,” Standish, who led an official launch for the Canadian Party’s campaign at the McGill Faculty Club on August 30, said in an interview with the *Westmount Independent*.

The incumbent Coalition Avenir Québec government’s controversial bill, updating the province’s Bill 101 language legislation, appears to be a major cornerstone of the Canadian Party’s platform.

Nonetheless, Bill 21, which forbade provincial government employees from

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▼ Canadian Party of Quebec leader Colin Standish, seen here on August 30 during the party’s official campaign launch at the McGill Faculty Club.

wearing religious symbols, Bill 40, which abolished French-language school boards but failed to do the same to English ones, and the state of Quebec’s COVID-ravaged public health care system, are not far behind.

However, of the four issues, Bill 96 appears to be the one that causes Standish, a 35-year-old lawyer and ninth-generation Eastern Townships, to speak out most forcefully.

“If we allow Bill 96 to stand, our rights and freedoms, our ability to have a viable, knowledge-based economy, our ability for our friends and family to remain in Quebec, is not just called into question – it’s an ominous deadline towards oblivion for

the English-speaking community and minority communities in Quebec – it really is,” said Standish.

He said he and the Canadian Party consider Bill 96’s impact on anglophone rights to be so fundamental, he is encouraging people to keep in mind when they go to the ballot box that they are voting on Bill 96.

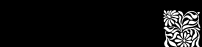
“That’s the question on the ballot this year. And 21 and 40. Those are also important laws. But 40 has not been followed so much by the English-speaking community because there is a court injunction to block the dissolution of our school boards. But if they didn’t have those school boards, I think people would be up in arms about

40 more than they are.”

While incumbent Westmount–St. Louis Liberal representative Jennifer Maccarone has defended her party’s actions while sitting as the official opposition when Bill 96 was passed by the majority CAQ government, Standish maintained the Liberals voted for Bill 96 following its first and second readings, although he conceded they voted against after the third one.

“Additionally, they would keep Bill 96 if elected into office,” he continued. “They’ve tried to muddy the waters so that people don’t really know where they stand. They voted against it once. They changed this or that aspect. But that’s not sufficient for a vote against Bill 96.”

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Police Report

Trapped traveller at SAQ blamed on unlocked door

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Police officers from Station 12 who responded on August 29 to a call about a possible break-in at the Société des Alcools du Québec's Sherbrooke St. outlet found an intruder who turned out to be a visitor to Montreal who accidentally became trapped between the store's entrance doors after staff had left at the end of the day.

"The employees forgot to lock the door," said Station 12 spokesperson Cst. Mike Yigit, noting that upon arrival around 6:30 pm the officers found a man confined in the vestibule area between the outer entrance and a second door into the store.

According to Yigit, the man "was from out of town" and was not aware the store was closed for business when he entered through the outer door.

"When he walked in, he got stuck in between the two doors because the door behind him locked," he said.

After interviewing the man, the officers concluded his explanation was credible, especially after noting he was dressed like a traveller and wasn't in possession of any tools that are typically used for break-ins.

According to the police report, the SAQ

was contacted and the store's employees acknowledged it was possible they had forgotten to lock up. "They were asked to come back to lock the store up," said Yigit.

Speed costs

Patrol officers from Station 12's traffic control unit continue to keep a close eye on a section of Westmount that has garnered a reputation as a speedway: The Boulevard between Victoria Ave. and Belvedere Rd.

On August 26 around 3 pm, patrollers pulled over a motorist who was clocked

while driving along The Boulevard near Argyle Ave. at 75 km/h through a 30 km/h school zone. They summarily suspended his driver's licence for 30 days, while also issuing a speeding ticket that carried a \$600 fine.

Cst. Yigit noted that the speed at which the driver was travelling was 2.5 times the posted limit. In addition to the licence suspension and the hefty fine, the car was towed for impoundment and he received six demerit points.

Dog owner ticketed

A dog owner was issued a ticket for \$227 August 25 for allowing her dog off leash in the fenced-in tennis court at Devon Park, according to Public Security officials. An officer patrolling the school zone at Villa Ste. Marcelline at 2:58 pm noticed the dog running in the tennis court as if in a dog run and left the school site to inform the owner that dogs must be leashed at all times in city parks unless in a designated dog run. The owner, a Westmount resident, was also given a warning to obtain a dog licence. "We're been receiving complaints about dogs off leash in Devon," said Public Security director Greg McBain.

Ticket issued to dog walker

A city of Montreal resident was ticketed \$227 for allowing at least two of the dogs he was walking to go off leash in Summit Woods August 31, Public Security officials said. The man was spotted during a park patrol at 4:31 pm near the Shorncliffe entrance with six dogs in his custody.

The man was issued a warning about the city's by-law allowing no more than four dogs to be in a guardian's custody and was issued the statement of offence for the leash violation.



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After a COVID-driven absence of three long years, the Queen Elizabeth Health Complex Foundation (QEHC) finally held another Under the Tuscan Sun, its signature event.

The organizing committee, headed by QEHC chair Nautie Dibai, included Sandy Cochrane, Tony Fagnoli, Bridget Fetterly, Mitchell Labell, John MacDonald, Joanne Mastro, Liz McConomy, Irene Tschernomor, Alexandra Goldbloom and Elaine Lalonde.

Guests feasted on a delicious buffet – Italian of course! – complemented by Tuscan vintages from Ascoli Wines. To the delight of dancing guests, the Benny and the Healers Band, led by Sam Gold, performed great rock 'n' roll oldies.

The fun night was made possible by generous sponsors BGL Brokerage, James Griffin and Sons, Kane and Fetterly, Métro, Pharmaprix, Robco, Boucherie Chez Vito, Lynne Broderick and Sandy Cochrane, Debbie and Skip Eaman, Globex 2000 Financial Services, and Holiday Inn Express Montreal. *continued on p. 26*

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Owner of found dog traced through dog tag

A dog found running loose at Lansdowne and Côte St. Antoine August 27 at 3:15 pm was caught and taken to the Public Security station on Stanton St., officials said.

The dog was wearing a Westmount tag, enabling messages to be left with the owner, who picked it up at 6:17 pm. It had apparently escaped from its house through an improperly closed side door.

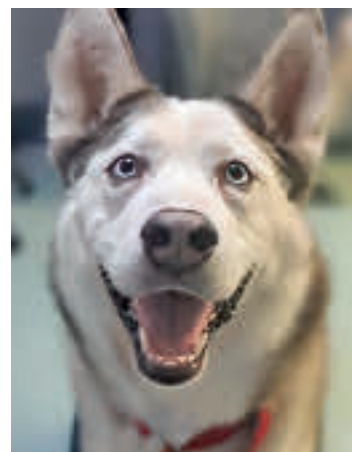


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Franco is a most stunning Siberian husky-type, quite hunky and athletic. Those ice-blue eyes of the unmistakable and unforgettable sled dog exude charisma.

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Focus on Franco

he is only three years old.

Franco is very healthy, up to date with his inoculations, neutered and micro-chipped.

Please refer to the Montreal SPCA website at www.sPCA.com, scroll to Franco's information page under his identification number 50940816, then click on the "Fill Out The Form" box to provide the contact information that the adoption coordinators require to offer you details on him, and then schedule a visit at the shelter to discuss adopting Franco into your family.

Your neighbour,
Lysanne

Maya, a tortie work of modern art



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LYSANNE FOWLER

Ah the tortoises, each so unique and spirited! The mix of colourings are unique, and left-to-right patterns are not mirrored, so the result is quite fascinating.

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She is three years old, up to date with her inoculations, spayed and micro-chipped. If you would like more information on her, please refer to the rescue's website at www.gerdysrescue.org, then do not hesitate to contact the volunteers at their email info@gerdysrescue.org to discuss adopting Maya and bringing her home.

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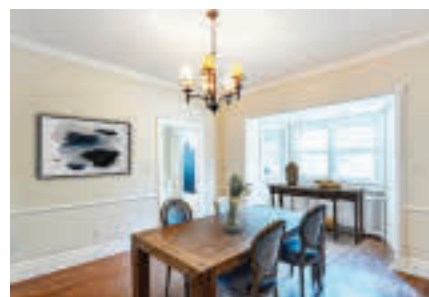
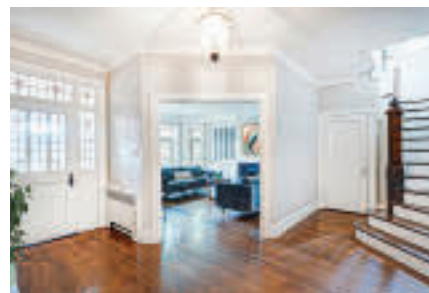
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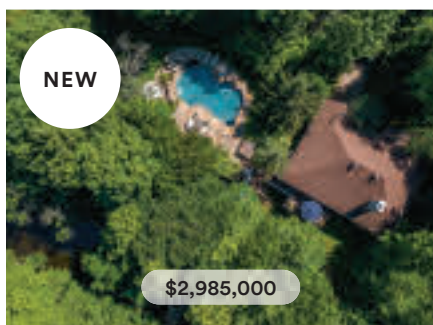
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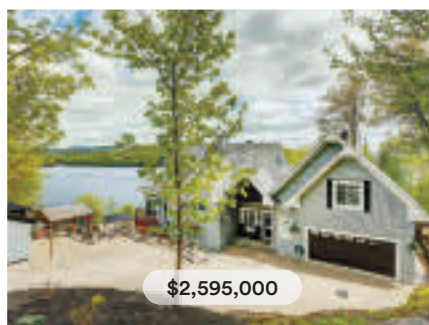
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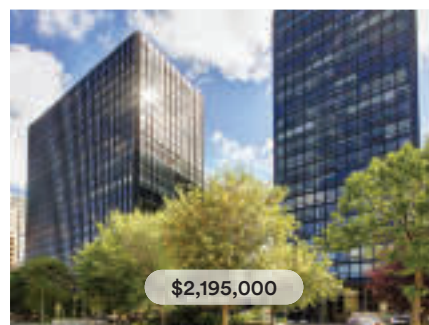
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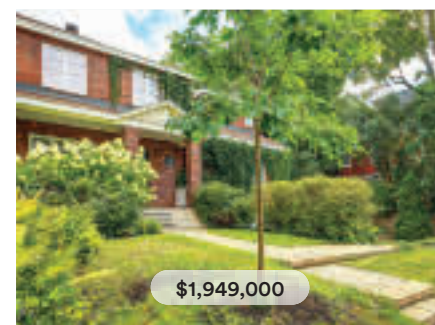
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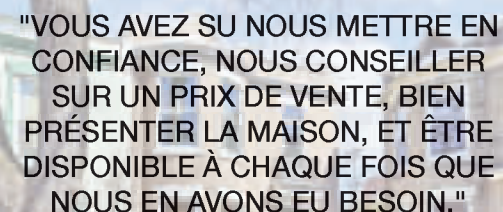
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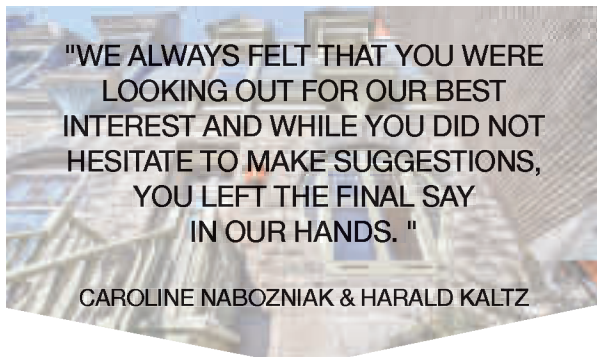
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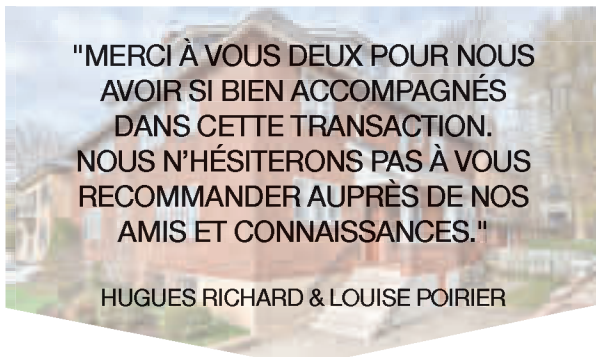
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