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**4216 Dorchester resolution gets first reading**

## New plan includes changes to height, area, front façade

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

More than two years after a public presentation of a proposed new residential building of 11 units on the vacant site at 4216 Dorchester, city council September 19 gave first reading to a resolution approving variances to the site's current Zone R6-35-01 as a SCAOPI project that does not confirm with current regulations. (SCAOPI stands for "specific construction, alteration

or occupancy proposal for an immovable.")

This site had been long occupied by a three-storey apartment building destroyed by a fire and subsequent demolition on the south side of Dorchester just west of Greene (see story September 15, 2015, p. 9). It is located between the office building formerly occupied by the Quebec Order of Nurses and large greystone-fronted dwellings at the corner of Columbia.

### *Public consultation expected soon*

The proposed re-development project, which received a favourable SCAOPI recommendation to the council by the PAC at its special meeting August ..... 18, is expected to be pres-

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### 'Taking into account the neighbours' concerns'

## Hillside armoury developer submits revised set-backs to city

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Revised plans for converting the former armoury at 1-3 Hillside into residential units were submitted to the city's Urban Planning department the week of September 6, the *Independent* learned last week.

"We decided to take into account the neighbours' concerns and increase setbacks of the west wall adjacent to the con-

dos at 11 Hillside Ave.," said Maya Girlando, director of development for Groupimmo Élite. "I'm waiting to know if the city is for or against the changes."

This follows a petition from the condo residents claiming the need for more privacy and would push the wall eastward some five feet, she explained. The petition was submitted July 14 (see ..... August 23, p. 10). "We continued on p. 12

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## Dog found at Greene and de Maisonneuve



"Phoebe" was soon reunited with her owner.  
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BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Public safety officers took a dog found running loose September 15 at the corner of Greene and de Maisonneuve to a Westmount veterinarian in efforts to have it identified through a microchip, department officials said. It wore no tag or collar.

When no microchip was found, however, it was taken to the station on Stanton St. and a photo posted on social media during which time an employee brought in extra dog food for the mixed breed.

At 5 pm, two hours after the dog was found, it was recognized. The owner was alerted to its whereabouts and was reunited with "Phoebe." The owner explained that her dog was usually confined to its fenced-in backyard in Westmount and had an aversion to wearing a collar or going to a dog run.

The owner was warned to get a licence and have Phoebe microchipped.

## Gas leak shuts down power to large area

A gas leak in front of 38 Church Hill September 19 caused electricity to be cut in a large area until it could be capped by Énergir at 4:30 pm, Public Security officials said. Because of its location near several schools and daycares, Côte St. Antoine and cross streets were closed from about 11:30

am by fire, police and public safety officers, Public Security officials said.

A private contractor was reported to have struck a gas line during excavation work.

## Ticket issued to roofer for \$1,308

A roofer found occupying a city lane September 20 between Greene and Gladstone was ticketed \$1,308 for blocking the public domain without a permit, Public Security officials said. A patroller witnessed the lane completely blocked at 8:30 am, checked the city database and discovered the lack of permit. The work had been started and reportedly could not be stopped.

## Car stolen in TMR found next day in Westmount – engine running

A car stolen from Geneva Crescent in the Town of Royal was recovered September 19 in a no-parking zone near Atwater and de Maisonneuve, Public Security officials said. The silver Lexus was reported to have been noticed since the day before parked at the same location with engine running and lights on. Public Security alerted police. The owner was reported to have filed a police report.

## Man hits head in fall near Stayner Park

A man who fell and hit his head in a laneway by Stayner Park September 14 at 6:37 pm was cared for by a city Public Works employee until the arrival of Public Security, department officials said. He was administered first aid for head trauma and injury to the right knee until taken to the Montreal General Hospital by Urgences Santé. He was identified only as a Westmount resident.

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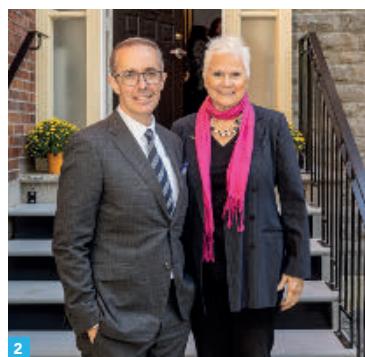
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## MORE THAN \$15 MILLION

**was raised for the launch of two new points of service in Montreal:**

The Elspeth McConnell overnight shelter for women experiencing homelessness, which opened on September 19, and a permanent residence to open in spring 2023 to be named Résidence Marcelle et Jean Coutu. It is with the help of generous donors as well as of the efforts of the entire community that Chez Doris can continue its mission to help vulnerable women.

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## CHEZ DORIS, DAY AND NIGHT

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**178 Côte St. Antoine still in limbo**

# Goode House for sale, ‘very disappointing’: Mayor

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

News that the 1840 Goode House at 178 Côte St. Antoine had just gone up for sale last week was “very disappointing,” Mayor Christina Smith told the *Independent* September 20. This was one day after she had explained on radio why the city council had unanimously agreed to a dismantling and restoration of some “protected” elements during a “demolition” hearing June 16.

It was a period during which the Quebec Cultural Affairs ministry had 90 days ending October 4, to approve the city’s decision at the home that had become the first private residence in Quebec to have its interior and landscaping protected (see story July 2, 2020 p. 1).

“I’m very, very discouraged,” Mayor Smith said. “It’s been years of work by the city administration and the owner” to maintain the historic interior that still has the kitchen in the basement, for example, habitable for family living today.

Six designated interior elements “were agreed upon by the city’s Local Heritage Council and the city council,” she pointed out.

The house, she added, had already been visited by Quebec’s Cultural Affairs ministry, but not by Heritage Montreal, which had been in contact with the government over proposed changes to the interior. If Heritage Montreal’s request was agreed to

by the provincial government, it would be “taking away the power from municipalities.”

### Misleading information

Mayor Smith also said that misleading information “all over social media” and a misunderstanding of the city’s definitions of “demolition” had been very stressful for the owners, Robert Sibthorpe and Lesley Paul.

In fact, Sibthorpe had told the city’s public demolition meeting June 14, 2022, that if they had known of the interior’s proposed status at the time of purchase, June 15, 2020, “we would never have bought it.”

The relevant municipal by-law was tabled July 6, 2020 (see July 14, p. 10), discussed at a public consultation September 16, 2020 (see September 22, p. RE-6) and passed November 2, 2020 (see November 24, p. 10). According to the city’s website, the heritage-designation research and process began in February 2019.

Since purchase, Sibthorpe contends he and Paul have been subjected to emotional stress, intimidation and invasion of privacy (see story June 21, p. 1).

The city’s own protection of the Category 1\* house preserves the exterior from major changes though, at the rear, some changes to window sills have been permitted to add a “conservatory.”

The recent real estate listing for \$1.9

million describes the house as “looking for a new owner who will treasure its architectural heritage while bringing it forward to meet today’s needs...Here is your opportunity to own a piece of historical Westmount.”

According to real estate transfers reported by the *Independent* (December 1, 2020, p. 20) the house was sold in June 2020 for \$1,979,200 to the current owners Sibthorpe and Paul (see also story November 24, 2020, p. 10).

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### NEED TO THINK ABOUT PROTECTING NATURE, NOT JUST HERITAGE

What a shame we don't have a heritage rating equivalent for gardens when considering permits in the city. The property at 400 Mt. Pleasant had a mature wild-flower and milkweed garden when it was purchased. The lovely wild garden was razed, and today it has turf and a planter.

From an environmental view, a parking apron may as well have been put in its place, but a parking apron would have required a permit.

Nobody wants more permits, but it's important to find a way to protect nature that has previously been allowed to thrive. With so much green space in the hands of individual owners, what we plant or remove from our gardens today will determine what survives and what will go extinct in the future.

While it is lovely to protect our past with heritage ratings for buildings, preserving nature will enhance our future.

PENNY ARSENAULT, ST. CATHERINE ST.

### VOTE MACCARONE FOR PROVEN SUCCESS

I was surprised and disappointed by your editorial of September 6 (p. 6) extolling the virtues of Colin Standish, leader of the Canadian Party, and damning with faint praise the many accomplishments of our current MNA Jennifer MacCarone.

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Yes, she represents the Quebec Liberals. So what? You clearly think the Liberal Party has failed us but why put that on MacCarone's shoulders?

Her hard work for our constituency over the years speaks for itself and should be the sole basis for voting for her. She has proven herself as an able and committed representative of our community over and over again – and her actions do not simply relate to getting votes in the current election period when we often see MNAs and candidates at our doorstep for the first time (yes, sorry to say, with respect, that includes Mr. Standish) asking for our vote and making pie-in-the-sky promises. Her actions span the whole of her mandate. I don't want to list them all here because this letter would be too long and anyway I am sure you know them.

Just a personal example – I myself became aware of her during the dark early days of COVID when she set up a transportation system of volunteers to drive anyone who needed a lift to and from a vaccine centre, something I myself took advantage of. I'm not saying you don't appreciate her, obviously you do, but the editorial of September 6 by implication ties her to the very negative comments you make about the Liberal leader and the provincial Liberals in general.

Why do that? The end effect, in my opinion, is to disparage her and minimize her achievements, as if to say, we need a new voice, hers is not good enough. This

is wrong. Unlike the other candidates for Westmount, she is a proven success. She has a proven track record.

Also, with all due respect to Mr. Standish, and I agree with you that a lot of the things he stands for that you mention in your editorial make sense, he is basically a one-issue candidate. Jennifer MacCarone's platform addresses the same language and discrimination-related issues but hers is much broader and community-focused: access to health care, mental health and home care services and quality education (not just educational choice), to name some of her commitments.

Another thing that I think you might have mentioned when you were praising the Canadian Party's platform in your editorial is that Ms MacCarone's voting record in the National Assembly reflects support for all of the issues mentioned in that platform: to wit, she voted AGAINST Bill 96, Bill 21 and Bill 40. I don't know why anyone would think that voting for someone from a party that would have ZERO power in the assembly would provide more effective representation on these issues than we have now.

Finally, I do agree with your statement that "locally if we stay with MacCarone, we will be well served by her." Period. I disagree with voting for someone else with no track record of serving our community in order to send some kind of message to the majority in power, a message which I doubt they would give a fig about.

DEANA SILVERSTONE, GROSVENOR AVE.  
*Editor's reply:* I agree with everything you say about MacCarone. I invite people to compare your thoughts and mine by reading my editorial of March 1 (p. 6) or, if they don't have the time, the headline: "MacCarone delivers for Astra-mRNA-mRNA constituents, all Quebecers." Not much difference!

About how voters should include current leaders, past performance of parties, past attempts by federalists to be heard and key issues in their decision-making, we will likely disagree.

Regardless, I encourage people, again, to check out the Canadian Party and Standish, who has been working on linguistic issues for over a year now – without the benefit of a government salary or staff.

That's what I will be doing, right up to election day. – DP.

### **LIBERAL PARTY ONLY ONE WORKING TO RECONCILE ALL GROUPS**

Last September 6 (p. 6), you published an editorial that must be properly described as a glowing endorsement for Mr. Colin Standish. It is disappointing as a

citizen and faithful reader of your newspaper to see it descend from the virtues of objectivity and facts to the regrettable current fashion of extreme partisanship and single-issue politics.

While I recognize that as an experienced journalist you ensured to include scant praise for our outstanding member of the National Assembly, Jennifer MacCarone, to appear you were being "fair and balanced," the obsequious and outlandish praise for Mr. Standish leaves no doubt where you stand and where you recommend your readers to follow.

In addition, you rationalize discounting the extraordinary work done by Ms. MacCarone by condemning the Liberal Party of Québec. In your words, the remarkable work that she did should be cancelled and overlooked because of the position taken on two of the hundreds of bills and acts debated and adopted in the National Assembly. No wonder good people refrain from standing for office, when years of good work fail to catch the interest and recognition of even the smallest of media like yours.

For years, our community has opposed separatists who appropriated the name "Québécois" and used the appellation of our province to their pernicious ideal of removing our Canadian citizenship. Mr. Standish had no right or merit in calling his party "Canadian," which only condones and validates the separatist ideology of a Québec being the opposite of Canada. Furthermore, in running only 19 candidates in ridings with substantial English-speaking electorates, he has made it clear he wishes we join the toxic environment that is poisoning politics in the United States, in France and spreading rapidly by being a resonance chamber for those who wholly agree with him.

Ms MacCarone has stood up and spoken out for our community, at the assembly, in the caucus room, in party assemblies and in hundreds of meetings and gatherings in the riding and throughout the province. However, something Mr. Standish is yet to prove, is that she also listens and even persuades, to those who sincerely believe French is receding and who deem that legislation is necessary to curtail that perceived decline, to reach workable compromises.

Jennifer MacCarone, and the Liberal Party, are the ONLY ones that still attempt to reconcile francophones, anglophones and allophones to harmony and peace.

What will Mr. Standish bring if elected? Acrimonious protest, and he will provoke reactionary responses from separatists while convincing the moderate that anglophones still want to carry out the Durham

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Report.

I urge you and our fellow Westmounters to recognize that in Jennifer Maccarone we have had not only excellent representation but a shining example of positive and inclusive politics.

FELIPE MORALES,  
LANSDOWNE AVE.

**Editor's reply:** Minor point: The article that you cite was an editorial, and clearly marked as such. No need to be fair and balanced there (or in a letter to the editor). Regardless, my comments about Maccarone were and are genuine, and longstanding. It is very possible that she will be our next representative, and, if so, she will do fine work for everyone, I am sure.

I agree with you about the name of the Canadian Party. I am not a member and I was not asked, but I would not have recommended that name. Of course, moderate federalists who oppose it are still Canadian. As are Quebec separatists/nationalists. As are people who want to be more thorough in their criticism of separationism *et al.* The name is Orwellian, as are many others in our politics: come up with a "good name" for a thing, even if it is not particularly descriptive.

And I like the name of the provincial Liberal Party. Its root word is "liberty" – a good and inspirational thing, even in this province. Has this Liberal Party lived up to its name? We are told not to judge books by their covers.

Getting past the "cover" of the provincial Liberal "book" and reading its contents is less inspiring: major points being Bill 22/Bourassa, Bill 178/Bourassa redux, Charest/federalizing Bill 101 and, last but not least, Anglade, an ex-CAQ-ist who presided over the major parliamentary embarrassment that was the Liberals' performance at the Bill 96 committee.

The provincial Liberal book has many depressing chapters, which are almost identical.

Federalists' relationship with the provincial Liberal Party reminds me of Charlie Brown and Lucy van Pelt from the comic strip *Peanuts*.

Lucy keeps offering to hold a football for Charlie Brown to kick. Every time, she pulls it away at the last minute.

If federalists find themselves flying through the air, Charlie Brown-style, under some future Liberal government (probably not after this election), they might wish they had read the provincial Liberal book more carefully. – DP.

### COMMON SENSE ON LANGUAGE IN QUEBEC

The language debate seems to go on and on, but some facts are notably missing. Government policy seems to tend toward restricting English instruction for francophone children. It would be fascinating to know to what extent the francophone elite (political and industrial) ensures that their own children are fully versed in both languages.

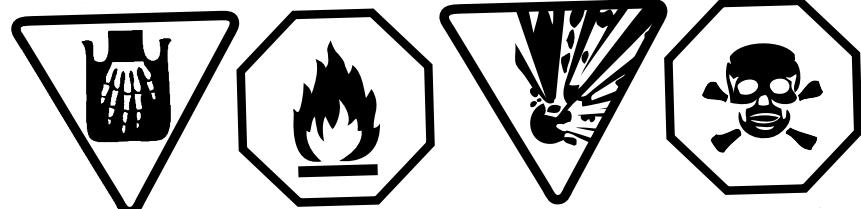
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*Dorchester, cont'd from p. 1*

The site of 4216 Dorchester Blvd. (behind the green bushes) and its neighbours on September 22.

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ented in its revised design at a public consultation meeting Monday, October 24 at 7 pm.

The recommended changes included in this new design are revisions to the façade to provide for brick cladding on the main

Dorchester frontage similar to the entire building as well as ornamentation of the main entrance with stone lintel and pilasters. The front oriel window is to be clad in zinc.

Those changes concerning variances include height, density and underground parking. These would now allow the building to reach a height of five storeys including step-backs and a rooftop structure. This is at variance with the zone's allowable three storeys as well as a floor-area ratio of 2.31 rather than 2, along with a maximum site ratio of 66 percent rather than the allowable 65 percent. There are also changes to the underground parking.

Also approved by the council in its first reading were alignment of the building's rear wall with the former nurses building to the east, and a maximum setback from the

rear lane to create a rear yard and improve the integration with the neighbourhood.

All were recommended by the PAC considering that alterations, additions and new construction harmonize with "the contemporary design on the site and the streetscape."

#### **Compatible with neighbourhood**

Among other considerations are that the new building is compatible with the adjacent or neighbouring structures as well as the style of the existing buildings and uses a minimum number of materials, façade treatments and architectural details.

The re-development application to the city's Urban Planning department from architect Jean-Pierre Bart states an original proposal had been "improved" after two consultations with nearby residents in November 2018 and April 2019 to make it more acceptable to the neighbourhood.

As a result, the new building had been reduced in volume, a green space at the rear was enlarged, a tree preserved and the number of interior parking units reduced to 11 plus five described as "stacked."

Benefits to the community have been described as providing a minimum of three benches for public use in the front and rear yards and the planting of deciduous trees front and back and preservation of a large tree in the rear.

The original three-storey apartment building on the site was destroyed by fire April 25, 1999.

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## Children's summer reading club

# Closing party winds up summer activity with prizes, magician

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Fifty prizes were handed out September 17 at the closing party of the TD children's summer reading club (TDSRC) held outside by the Westmount Public Library. The occasion was used to unveil a specially designed bench for indoor use in the children's department using the library's \$8,000 national award for the club's innovative performance in 2020.

"For those of you who worry that young kids only care about electronic devices," Councillor Elisabeth Roux told the city council meeting September 19, "it was amazing to see how excited they were to receive a book (as a prize). It was the best gift they could have received," she said as commissioner of the library and community events, adding "that's an editorial comment."

The bench in the library's purple colour depicts the library's owl and the apple as well as elements from the Victorian classic *Alice in Wonderland*, which is also depicted in tiles around the fireplace in the original children's library, now the Westmount



Unveiling the new bench for the children's library September 17 are members of the staff, from left: Faith Holness, Donna Hobbs (kneeling) and Wendy Wayling. Findlay Featherton, the library's owl mascot, was custom made from first prize money received for the club's participation in 2015.

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Room.

It was designed by Cynthia Dinan-Mitchell, a former resident of Westmount now living in Quebec City, explained children's librarian Wendy Wayling.

This year, the summer reading club had

202 members of whom many attended the closing party event with friends and family to watch a magician and receive prizes such as TDSRC t-shirts, and an array of other prizes including toys, books from Babar Books and clothing store Hatley.

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# Re-creating community: annual Springfield+ street party returns



From left, John Rioux with, at the starting line, three participants not yet competing publicly, Roy, Sean, Bardeen, Liam, Xavier, unknown participant and Vicente, and, officiating, Jonathan. Two faces and name tags, and one participant, obscured by the *Independent*.

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BY DIANA BRUNO, GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

Imagine planning an outdoor party with no idea how many people will show up or if the weather will cooperate, which means it's back to square one for the rain date two weeks later!

That's what Team Springfield+ (Isabelle, Maria, Marie-Laure, Pamela, Rim, and I) organized around.

## Six-year absence

Sunday, August 28 was an important day locally – the return of the annual Springfield+ street party after a six-year absence, and provincially – the official start of the Quebec election campaign. No politicians at any level of government to be seen at the street party, but I do know that at least two people were engaged in political discussion.

The weather and turn-out exceeded everyone's expectations.

## 100 attendees

From 4 pm to 7:30 pm, close to 100 neighbours, aged two to 85+, from Springfield, Metcalfe, Mt. Stephen, and the south side of Côte St. Antoine gathered on Springfield, one of Westmount's smaller streets with just 25 homes.

At the height of the event, there were about 50 adults, some 20 younger folk aged from two to teenagehood, and five very friendly pandemic puppies.

The street party was an annual summer event from 2005 until 2016, and I felt it was time to revive it for the same reasons I started it in 2005 – in the previous three years a significant number of new residents had moved into this lovely part of Westmount.

From 2016 until now, nine homes on Springfield changed hands. On the three other streets, at least 16 homes got new neighbours. The most recent neighbours

arrived just two weeks before the party. Definitely time to bring back the street party and create community again.

With Springfield closed to traffic at both ends, people mingled freely on the street, no face masks anywhere, relaxed and delighted to meet new and longer-standing neighbours.

## Socializing, playing games

There was a feeling of lightness and joy in the air at being able to gather in person after two and a half years of social distancing and isolation. The children were in their own world: hurling water balloons, playing soccer, racing with plastic eggs and spoons, and running a traditional race. There was an abundance of savory and sweet dishes contributed by neighbours set on tables generously provided by Metcalfe neighbour Shaar Hashomayim.

How do you measure success? Many people said they wanted it to become an

annual event again and volunteered on the spot to help to make it happen.

The following day, a Mt. Stephen family with two young daughters emailed, "It was just lovely to finally meet so many neighbours. On the walk to the school with the girls today, we said hello to so many people."

One of the Team Springfield+ organizers, who also lives on Mt. Stephen emailed, "My family had a blast! It was so nice to meet all the wonderful people who share our block. In gratitude to all of you for this lovely experience."

A Metcalfe resident wrote, "A big thank-you for including the Metcalfe Ave. contingent in your very special gathering yesterday! It was a wonderful way to bring neighbours together and make us all feel more neighbourly! Well done."

Guess the writing is on the wall. There has to be a Springfield+ street party in 2023!

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**Hillside, cont'd from p. 1**

wanted to listen to the neighbours," she said.

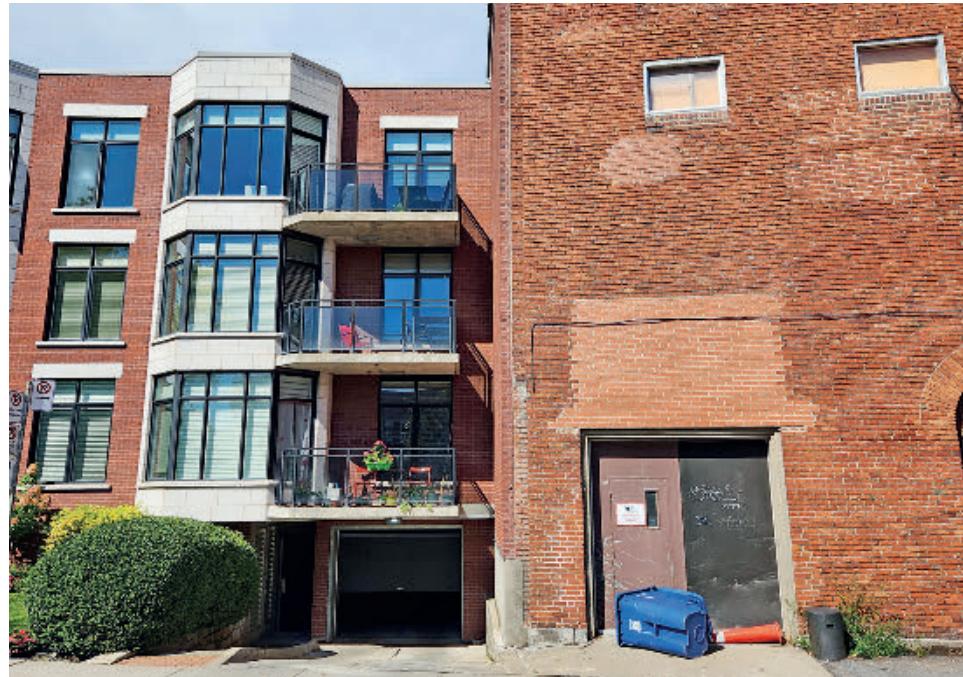
Also set back, and by six feet, is the south wall across Hillside Ave. from St. Margaret's residence and alongside the public sidewalk, Girlando said. "This will allow more space for greenery and trees and provide a nicer pedestrian experience." As well, the garage entrance would be

aligned with the one at the condo building.

She said the changes may reduce the size of some of the units but said this would be consistent with a demand for people wanting to downsize or young families wanting to move in.

Before the revised plan was submitted and after an unfavourable recommendation by the city's Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) to city council, Councillor Conrad Peart, as urban planning commissioner, said the developers had two options. These were to either have the city consider the initial plan or submit revisions.

►Top photo, the former armoury at 1-3 Hillside, right, and the condominium building at 11 Hillside, left, currently touch in the front, but there is a large gap between the two buildings at the back, bottom photo (armoury now at left), as seen September 22. PHOTOS: INDEPENDENT.



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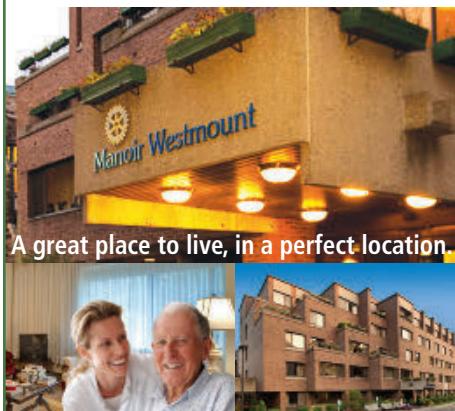
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On Bill 96	Would create new law in spirit of Bill 96	Voted for it, helped write it, would keep most of it	Fully Against 96
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On **May 13, 2021**, Dominique Anglade, Jennifer Maccarone and all other Liberals voted for Bill 96 on the First Reading.

On **November 4, 2021**, Dominique Anglade, Jennifer Maccarone and all other Liberals voted for Bill 96 on the Second Reading.

On **May 12, 2022**, all Liberal members present voted in favor of the Committee Report.

On **February 23, 2022**, the Liberal resolution forcing 3 additional French courses on English CEGEP students was proposed.

Liberal candidates Jennifer Maccarone and Desirée McGraw have said the CEGEP amendment was a mistake, an error and an improvisation. This is false and untrue. In April 2021, the Liberals released their 27-point plan on the French language, which included “offering at least 3 courses in French within each program of study”.

The Liberals would keep 98% of Bill 96, amending only 4 aspects of the law. This is in their June 11, 2022 platform. They have claimed they would amend other aspects of Bill 96. These proposed amendments are not binding, and they seem to want to confuse voters into thinking they are against Bill 96. They are not. The Liberals would keep Bill 96.

The Canadian Party of Quebec is for full repeal of Bills 96, 21 and 40. Like thousands of Westmounters, we oppose these laws on moral, intellectual and legal grounds. We deserve better.

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setting. They have received their scheduled kitten inoculations on their health program, and are neutered and microchipped.

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# Absentee CAQ candidate, incumbent Liberal representative come under fire during WMA election debate

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

While an incumbent will often become the target of unrelenting criticism during an electoral candidates' debate, Quebec Liberal provincial representative Jennifer Maccarone was spared some of the heat at Victoria Hall last week when one candidate who wasn't even present came under intense fire instead.

"I think that the absence of the CAQ is an insult to the intelligence of the voters," said Lucien Savard of Claremont Ave.

Maria-Luisa Torres-Piaggio, the Coalition Avenir Québec's candidate in Westmount-St. Louis, did not turn up, nor did Florence Racicot, who is running for the Parti Québécois.

## CAQ attacked

"While we have problems with our roads, with our schools, with our hospitals, the political parties are offering us sweets," said Savard, referring, among other things, to the \$500 cheques the CAQ government sent out to households across Quebec after they had filed their 2021 income tax paperwork earlier this year.

Savard asked, "What do you think of the fact that while we have organizational problems in the major ministries – and all of them needing investments no doubt – what do you think that we are offered money, sweets, credits, cheques, while the problems are not fixed?"

"I want to know your opinions on this sickness of saying to the citizens, a little bit like during the time of Maurice Duplessis, we're going to pave the road in front of your home."

"But in this case the sickness is in saying we're going to cut you a cheque, we're going to give you some credits. We're going to buy your vote, in other words."

"We're in 2022," he continued. "The voters of Quebec are more intelligent than during the time of Duplessis. They're capable of thinking. That's why I say that the absence of the CAQ this evening, in my opinion, is really a blow against the intelligence of the citizens. Because the CAQ had things to defend this evening."

In addition to Maccarone, the five others who accepted the Westmount Mu-



Glaringly absent from the candidates' table during the WMA's meet-the-candidates meeting were the Parti Québécois and the Coalition Avenir Québec candidates.

nicipal Association's invitation to its September 21 meet-the-candidates meeting were Sam Kuhn (Green Party of Quebec), Katya Rossokhata (Conservative Party of Quebec), Heidi Small (Bloc Montréal), Colin Standish (Canadian Party of Quebec) and David Touchette (Québec solidaire).

## Incumbent Maccarone under fire too

Maccarone came under fire when Westmount resident Frank Candido questioned her on the position she took in the provincial legislature in 2019, when representatives voted on a motion on whether the province's merchants should be compelled by Quebec to use only "bonjour" instead of "bonjour/hi" when greeting customers.

"Did you support the motion for bonjour/hi in the National Assembly, yes or no?" he said. Maccarone responded, "The motion is more complicated than just 'bonjour/hi,' but I understand that that's your vision. So, ultimately, we voted in favour of the motion. Motions are not laws."

Put on the hot seat again, Maccarone was questioned by Don Ramsey of Shaughnessy village, who asked about her decision to have her campaign's electoral posters printed with English lettering smaller than French lettering, as normally required by Bill 101 on commercial signs.

While Ramsey insisted that Bill 101

"does not apply to political messaging," including campaign posters, and that having smaller English lettering was showing disrespect towards English-speaking voters, Maccarone responded that "Bill 101 actually applies to all signage, but there is an alternative view, there's two different points of view, when it comes to campaign signs."

She said, "We made a conscious effort that we wanted to have bilingual signs. It was important. We didn't have to. It was a choice that I made. And I wanted to be respectful of the rules that are currently in place."

The Canadian Party's Colin Standish, who is a lawyer, disagreed with Maccarone's interpretation of the language law. "Language laws do not actually apply to electoral signage during an election campaign," he said.

"You can have any language you want. Just one language or another. You can make it a political statement. We at the Canadian Party have equal bilingual signs, English and French, on the same side of the same signs."

"So, once again, respecting Quebecers based on language of their choice, the way they choose to express themselves, instead of acquiescing to an unfortunate status quo that discriminates against people and diminishes human dignity."

David Touchette of QS, who lives in Shaughnessy village, said he agreed with Bill 101 as a means of creating unity in an area of Montreal where "there are a lot of different languages."

The Greens' Sam Kuhn said, "You should be able to have whatever you want on your sign. The government should not tell you what to do."

## Daycare views

Addressing the issue of government-funded children's daycare services, the Conservatives' Katya Rossokhata said that in keeping with the party's overall policy of promoting competition, it would supply \$200 per week to each family so parents could choose on their own which daycare facility they wished to place their children in.

"The idea is that this would promote the development of daycares through market influences," she said. "Parents could go to private daycares if they wished, and the decision would be in the hands of the parents rather than the government."

Bloc Montréal's Heidi Small said that being a mother of three who had been through the daycare system, "I can sympathize. Because I know those long waits and waiting to find out if your kid has a space." She said that Bloc Montréal advocates furnishing parents with subsidies to pay for private or public daycare services.



Claremont Ave. resident Lucien Savard speaks at the mic.

## What's the poop?

# Dog doo's and don'ts for composting

BY JENNIFER BALL

While hundreds of new dogs have been licensed by Westmount homeowners in the past three years, neither puppy nor dog

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waste should be added to compost or lawn waste. It needs to be put in with the regular garbage.

"Dog poop is not accepted because the type of composting process we use to make compost with our food waste is not brought to a high enough temperature to kill all the pathogens that could be found in excrements," Patricia Racette, environment technician with the city.

"Accepted and refused items in the compost collection vary from a region to another depending on the type of composting process."

With summer ending on September 22 so too is the public awareness project that Racette's green patroller Eve Liszkowski undertook in 2022 (see August 23, p. 12).

"Liszkowski was employed by Regroupement des éco-quartiers, assigned to Westmount, and she worked for the city on different projects throughout the summer: green and blue bin inspections, implementation of the composting program in multi-unit buildings, education on proper waste management, *et cetera*," Racette said.

The key takeaways from the project were:

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- Liquids, plastics and feces are strictly

- prohibited in compost,
  - Plastic and styrofoam are prohibited in the recycling bin.
- The city has seen both an increase in the number of dog licences sold (see May 3, p. 1) and in the amount of recycling and food waste residents produce (see August 23, p. 12), even as population falls (August 30, p. 14).

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Any person may examine the roll at the Office of the City Clerk at City Hall, (4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount) from Monday to Friday during regular business hours.

Any application for review regarding the roll must be filed no later than April 30, 2023, by means of the prescribed form and be accompanied by the sum of money as determined by the *Règlement sur les tarifs de l'Agglomération de Montréal*, otherwise the application is deemed not to have been filed. The forms are available at the Office of the City Clerk of Westmount or at one of the offices of the *Service de l'évaluation foncière de la Ville de Montréal*.

The application must be filed with the *Service de l'évaluation foncière de la Ville de Montréal* at one of the following locations:

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The application may also be sent by registered mail to the Main point of service at 255 Crémazie Boulevard East, Suite 600, Montréal (Québec) H2M 1L5.

GIVEN in Westmount, this September 27, 2022.

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# Quebec Greens propose 'radical' solutions to social problems

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

For many years, the Westmount portion of Westmount-St. Louis has been a place where environmental awareness has ranked high in the priorities of many elected officials and residents.

Long before environmentalism had come to the forefront of public consciousness, the city of Westmount joined the global Healthy City Project, forming a local HCP committee with a mandate to advise city council on environmental, social and material issues.

Yet in most elections that have taken place in Westmount-St. Louis over the past 10 years, the Green Party of Quebec has usually finished closer to the bottom than the top.

In the 2018 provincial election, the Greens finished fifth out of seven parties.

Sam Kuhn, a St. Henri resident who is representing the Quebec Greens in Westmount-St. Louis for a second time after first running in 2018, doesn't understand exactly why his party doesn't win more support from Westmounters.

## Too radical?

"Our policies are extremely radical, maybe we're too radical," he suggested during an interview with the *Independent*, while noting that most of the other parties



Seen here in Westmount Park on Sept. 21, Sam Kuhn, who is running for the Green Party of Quebec in the Oct. 3 provincial election, suggests the party's uncompromising platform may be the reason why the Greens don't fare better in elections in Westmount-Saint-Louis.

PHOTO: MARTIN C. BARRY

have adopted watered-down versions of environmental policies that were first proposed by the Greens.

While a common practice among political parties is to tone down some of their

more vitriolic policy statements in order to appeal to a wider spectrum of voters, Kuhn maintains the Green Party of Quebec doesn't compromise.

On homelessness and housing problems, for example, he said the party's 2022 electoral platform calls for buildings with

10 or more units to be expropriated from landlords so that everyone without a roof over his or her head can be housed. "Many people would consider that outrageous," he said.

## Eco-socialists

If the policy makes it seem as if the Greens are starting to veer into traditionally Marxist-Leninist territory, he admits, "I myself am a socialist. We are out-front eco-socialists."

Regarding the housing policy, he said the Quebec Greens want to build 50,000 social housing units per year, with a goal of doing something concrete to deal with the homelessness problem.

"That's a real policy that would eliminate homelessness," said Kuhn, who's been a social housing activist for several decades. He said the Green Party is also advocating a policy that would make access to public transit completely free.

"We have to get away from cars. Cars are the greatest problem with carbon emissions. So for that, we have to vastly expand public transit. And to do that we have to get people to use public transit. And so, public transit must be free."

As well, "there has to be a massive redistribution of wealth in this province," he continued. "Corporations are going to have to pay, rich people are going to have to pay, because we just have no choice anymore. There's no other option."

## Social Calendar: The season starts!

**Friday, October 7.** The Ilios Roaring Twenties Gala. Hellenic Ladies Benevolent Society celebrating 100 years. Capturing the magic of the Golden Jazz Age. Co-chairs Kathy Hamelin, Nitza Melas and Bernice Tzicas. Event directors Daisy Giagkos and Katie Papoutsis. Cocktails 6 pm. Dinner and dancing 7 pm. Théâtre St. Jacques, 265 St. Jacques. Valet parking. Tickets \$300 (includes after party). After party only \$150. Info@hlbs.ca 514.344.1666

**Wednesday, October 12. 42nd Allegra Gala.** Honorary chairs Jonathan Goodman and Richard Hart. 6 pm. Tanna Schulich Hall, McGill University, 527 Sherbrooke St. West. Tickets \$150 to \$500. Contact allegra1@videotron.ca. allegrachambermusicgala.com.

**Thursday, October 13. 10th Miriam Foundation Art Auction for Autism.** Cocktail-dînatoire and auction. 6 pm. Jardin Royalmount, 8187 Royden St. Co-chairs Carol Tryansky, Judy Wolfe, Franki Yanofsky and Jeannette Joffman-Zaffir. Great opportunity to buy work by renowned artists. Tickets: \$250. (\$175 Under 40) Contact

514.345.1300. info@miriamfoundation.ca

**Wednesday, October 19. A Brilliant Night.** Cocktail-dînatoire fundraiser for The Neuro's glioblastoma brain tumor research. Honorary chair Nicole Collet, general manager, business applications, Microsoft. Organizing chair Alana Wexler. Honorary vice-chairs Ivan Boulva, co-founder A Brilliant Night; Lorena Cook, co-founder Sarah's Fund Cedars Cancer Foundation, board member The Neuro Advisory; Eric R. La Flèche, CEO, Metro Inc. and Alexandre Le Bouthillier, co-founder/COO, Imagia. 6:30 pm. Dress: cocktail chic. Tickets \$200. www.abrilliantnight.com. Jardin Royalmount, 8187 Royden St.

## NOVEMBER

**Saturday, November 26. The 2022 Museum Ball.** Chairs Maxime Ménard, CEO Jarislowsky Fraser, and Jean-François Côté, CEO Sharethrough. Guest of honour multidisciplinary artist Françoise Sullivan. Tickets \$1,500. Contact MMFA Foundation 514. 285.1600. baldumusee@mbamtl.org. Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, 1380 Sherbrooke St. West.

## Construction worker falls off ladder at 200 Lansdowne

BY JENNIFER BALL

First responders – a fire engine and paramedics – were called to an active construction site in Westmount to attend to an injured construction worker. Workers from Atwill Morin contractors, who specialize in masonry reconstruction, said that the man fell down the ladder on site into a pit and lost consciousness. Paramedics performed tests and a concussion protocol. The worksite is at 200 Lansdowne Ave. at St. Catherine St.



A worker fell from this ladder into this pit on September 22 at 200 Lansdowne.



## Social Notes

VERONICA REDGRAVE



Patterson Webster and Linda Leith.

# Patterson Webster launches *Autobiography of a Garden*

As gardens have sky-rocketed in importance during the you-know-what-caused two-year close-down, glorious garden books have flourished.

**Patterson Webster** just launched hers, *Autobiography of a Garden*, held at Galerie McClure of the Visual Arts Centre on Victoria Ave.

Renowned for her Glen Villa Art Garden, the 750-acre property she has been working on in North Hatley for the “past 25 years,” Patterson describes her journey.

Gardening seems to run in the family.



Victoria LeBlanc and Helen Fortin.

Former Westmounter **Stuart Webster** is an award-winning landscape designer and “is the son of my husband’s first cousin,” she clarified.

Present from McGill-Queen’s University Press were **Roy Ward** and editor in chief **Jonathan Crago**. “Webster considers the impact made by those who lived on the land before her: the Abenaki, the early settlers, the cottagers, the farmers, the US southerners who came to Quebec to avoid the summer heat, and the northerners who defeated them in the Civil War.”



Jonathan Crago and Roy Ward.

With her engaging personality, the author describes personal anecdotes and takes readers through the thinking behind each part of the garden and the examples that guided her.

What’s fun for all us gardeners to read about are the mishaps as well as successes. And of course, no description of a country garden is complete without a reference to how deer deplete the foliage. (In Westmount, it’s slugs and squirrels, but I digress.)

The event attracted bib- ..... continued on p. 22

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*Social Notes*

VERONICA REDGRAVE

On a chilly morning, Chez Doris inaugurated its new night shelter for vulnerable and homeless women. Chez Doris Day and Night, the organization's fundraising campaign, raised more than \$15 million, allowing the Chez Doris Foundation to convert, renovate and expand a row house.

A major donation from Westmounter Andrew Harper, now deceased, allowed Chez Doris to purchase this building. Benoît Dorais, chair of the city of Montreal's executive committee responsible for housing, real estate strategy and legal affairs, praised the project, for which the city of Montreal gave \$1.88 million.

The three-storey space, featuring elevators, shining restored wooden floors and restored 150-year-old ceiling moldings, was cleverly reconfigured by architect Eric LeBlanc, CASA Architecture.

The renovated 1870 building offers 22 sleeping pods with ventilation, lighting and all-important WiFi. Pets are allowed thanks to a partnership with the Zarabella Foundation.

The overnight space is named the Elsbeth McConnell Shelter in honour of the late Elsbeth McConnell, philanthropist and founder of Doggone Foundation, one of the campaign's major donors. Present from this foundation were Paul Marchand, executive director, and Susan Avon, trustee.

The media launch and ribbon-cutting was hosted by Chez Doris executive director Westmounter Marina Boulos-Winton.

## Chez Doris night shelter opens



Carole Croteau, Paul Marchand, Elizabeth Wirth, Susan Avon, Benoit Dorais, François Carrier and Marina Boulos-Winton.

Present were Chez Doris Day and Night campaign co-chairs Elizabeth Wirth, president, M.F. Wirth Rail Corp, and François Carrier, managing director and head investment banking, Desjardins Capital Markets, as well as Westmount mayor Christina Smith and Jennifer MacCarone, provincial representative for Westmount-St.

Louis; Vincent Lehouillier, president and director general CIUSSS du Centre-Sud-de-l'Île-de-Montréal; and Chez Doris' Manon Chevalier (communications committee chair); local res Jill Hugessen, (board member), Sylvie Girard (building committee chair), board chair Carole Croteau, director finance and administration – real estate, TFI International Inc.; and Mélanie Allaire (vice president).

Also noted were Yan Michaud, project manager Atelier Habitation Montréal (AHM); David Shragie, owner DASH construction, and Eric LeBlanc, CASA Archi-

ecture.

Celebrating 45 years, Chez Doris offers services and programs providing for women's basic and immediate needs related to coping with homelessness, poverty, mental illness and/or addictions. Services include meals (breakfast, lunch and supper); access to showers; a clothing depot; telephone information, referral assistance; and an Inuit assistance program, as well as other services and programs. Also supported by the fundraising campaign is a permanent residence planned for 2023.

### *Social notes, cont'd from p. 21*

liophiles and gardening fans alike. Blue Metropolis founder, publisher and writer **Linda Leith** was noted as were board member Visual Arts Centre and Fraser Hickson Institute **Helen Fortin**, and Victoria LeBlanc, former director of the centre and curator at Victoria Hall.

The Galerie McClure staff artist **Hazel Thexton** and **Margarita Leal Parada** welcomed arrivals, who admired the work of artist Douglas Scholes. After Patterson's presentation, with a book under their arm, guests quickly grabbed a bite from a plate of crackers and cheese before departing into the still-sunny eve.



Hazel Thexton and Margarita Leal Parada.



From left, Manon Chevalier, Jill Hugessen, Mélanie Allaire, Carole Croteau and Sylvie Girard.

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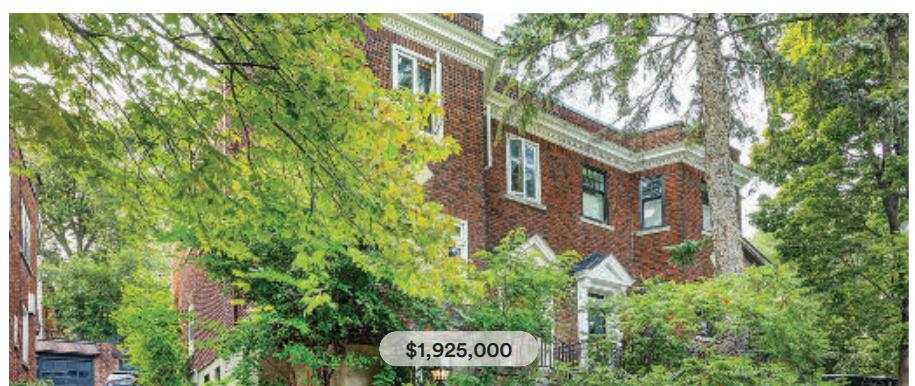
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