

Quality can play larger role in assessment now City adopts new system for evaluating service contract bids

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Westmount city council adopted a new method for evaluating bids for professional service contracts at the May 6 council meeting.

The new measure, sponsored by District 4 city councillor Conrad Peart, who sits on council's Finance and Administration committee, was recommended by the city's Engineering department and would "be valid for the year 2024," states the resolution.

According to council documents, the new system of weighting and evaluation (including price), is a "one-step process with one envelope only," and will be used for calls for professional services tenders evaluated at over \$133,800, including taxes, unless otherwise specified by a resolution

of council.

During the council meeting, Councillor Peart explained the purpose of the new system.

"When we have incoming tenders, incoming bids for professional services, the bids are scored and, up until today, they were given a score for the quality of the bids, and then another score for the price," he said, while adding that the scores are then combined to give an overall result.

He said the way the previous system worked "was that it overwhelmingly weighted the price, which isn't always your preferred way of tendering things," because quality is given secondary consideration, although the lowest bidder is required by law.

"But the provincial government has now em- *continued on p. 19*



Police reach out at Alexis Nihon

From left, officer Mike Yigit, Gilles and officer Antonino Petrotta at police awareness week at the McDonald's franchise in the Alexis Nihon shopping centre on May 15. Gilles did not want to share his last name. See story on p. 6.

PHOTO: JENNIFER BALL

City thanks outgoing Soiferman after max. 8-year stint

Council names architect McAuley to Planning Advisory Committee (PAC)

BY JENNIFER BALL

City council appointed a new member of the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) on May 6: Karen Ann McAuley.

According to information from Frédéric Neault, director of the Urban Planning department, McAuley is a Westmount resident and architect with more than 30 years of experience.

"In 2018, she opened her own firm: KAM architecture + interiors Inc. With her enviable skills and experience, the city is excited to be able to count on this new resource," Neault said.

"This appointment was to fill the position left vacant following the departure of Gerald Soiferman, after more than eight years on the PAC..."

"He had reached the *continued on p. 23*



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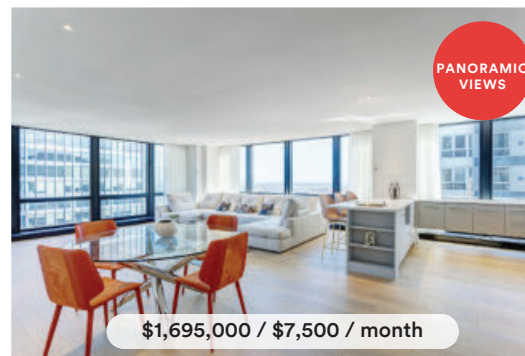
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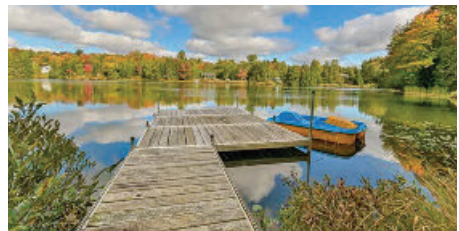


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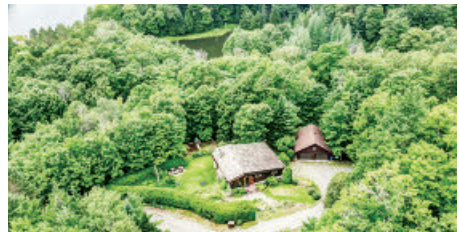
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Public Security Report

Teens warned after setting off fire alarm at King George Park

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Four teenage students on a lunch-time break from a school in Westmount had some serious explaining to do during the late morning of May 16 after one tripped a manual fire alarm at the comfort station in King George Park.

Montreal fire department personnel arrived around the same time as Westmount public safety officers (PSOs).

They realized quickly that there was no active blaze and that a fire alarm switch had been pulled and needed to be reset.

However, when PSOs looked to see what the cameras had recorded, they saw that a small group of teens had been in the comfort station around that time.

Foot patrollers making their way around the park ended up intercepting the group, including one in particular who was identified through a security camera image as the one who set off the alarm.

“It was a student from a school in the area,” said Westmount Public Safety director Greg McBain, while adding that the student was not a Westmount resident. The students’ parents were immediately contacted and the security camera images were shown to the director of the school in question.

McBain said the 13- and 14-year-olds “were given a stern lecture on the dangers of this kind of activity. And at the same time, we met with the director of the school, with the picture of all kids that were involved. She took it very seriously and said they would be contacting all the parents.”

Ticket for smoking in park

A woman who sat down to rest while taking a stroll through Summit Woods was served by a PSO with an \$81 ticket around 4:15 pm on May 12 for violating a no-smoking ordinance, which is enforced in all of Westmount’s parks.

“She was smoking in the park, which is forbidden,” said McBain.

“I was patrolling Summit Woods when I witnessed a female sitting down smoking a cigarette, which is in violation of By-law 69 Article 3,” the PSO stated in his report.

As he approached, he continued, she was “making motions with her hands, and as I got closer, I could smell the odor of cigarettes. And when I got [even] closer, I could see the cloud of smoke.”

He said she placed the cigarette by her side and appeared to be trying to conceal it, after which he informed her that she was in violation for smoking in a city park.

She asked whether there was a sign nearby posting the regulation, and the PSO

confirmed there was. “You’re not allowed to smoke in any of our parks,” McBain said.

Fine for off-leash dog at Summit Woods

In another incident also at Summit Woods, a woman who was seen by a Public safety officer walking her dog off leash last week was served with a \$664 fine.

The penalty for the violation is \$500, with an extra \$164 reflecting court costs.

“The fine has been increased recently,” said McBain, noting that Westmount’s dog

leash by-law was updated in the past month to conform to a provincial standard.

In addition, he pointed out, walking a dog in the Summit Woods, as well as at the city’s fenced dog runs, requires a valid Westmount dog license. While the dog’s owner in this case didn’t have one, he acknowledged she was ticketed for the off-leash offence only.

However, he warned: “We will be doing an enforcement campaign on dog licences in the upcoming weeks.”

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Victoria’s Paradiso pasta closes

The Paradiso prepared Italian food shop on Victoria below Somerville announced its intention to close May 17, after press time for this issue of the *Independent*, by posting a notice in its window last week. “We’re so thankful for the way you’ve welcomed us into the heart of this community over the last two years,” it stated.

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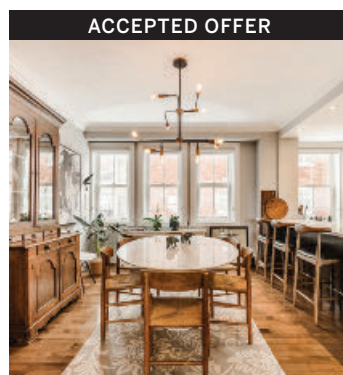


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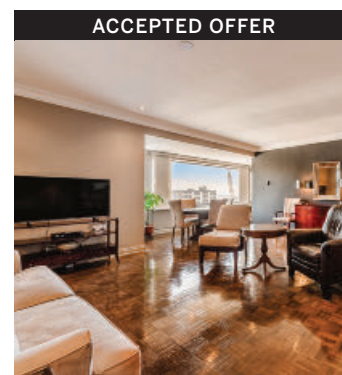
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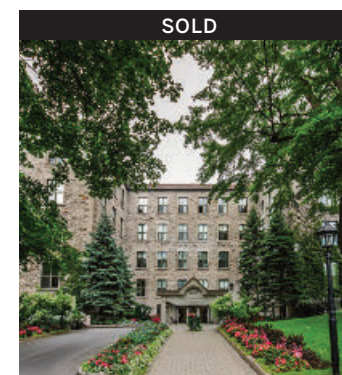
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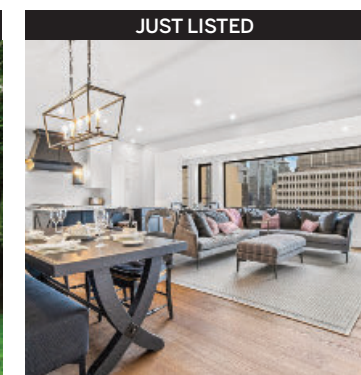
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Correction: Chabad the only buyer of 1299-1303 Greene

Rabbi Stern shares more detail about recent office building purchase

Contrary to what we wrote last week (p. SL-26), no private individual co-purchased the building at 1299-1303 Greene with Chabad Westmount on May 10.

In fact, only Fondation 1303 Greene, represented by rabbis Yossi Shanowitz and Ariel Stern of Chabad Westmount, purchased the building.

The *Independent* received its wrong information from a source believed to be accurate and apologizes for the error.

Rabbi Stern was enthusiastic about the purchase, telling the *Independent* by email May 14, “Chabad Westmount has been growing exponentially. We have been on the forefront of integrated programming for the community. To that end, with strong community support, we have acquired the building on Greene. This will allow us to grow and provide the community with programming for the future as needed, in the most sustainable fashion possible.”

This email was followed by a press release the next day, which stated:

“After more than a decade at its iconic location in Westmount Square, Chabad of Westmount has acquired its own premises

in the heart of historic downtown Westmount. ...

Police Report

Intruder moves in at Grosvenor home, sets up Christmas lights

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Investigators at the Montreal police's Station 12 were somewhat bewildered last week following a bizarre incident at a Grosvenor Ave. household where an intruder moved in and made himself at home while the owners were absent for a few days.

After parking in the driveway on May 13, the suspect entered the unoccupied house by the garage door, which was apparently unlocked.

While in the home over the following days, according to a summary written by officers who were summoned, he apparently celebrated a late Christmas, erecting a festive tree with lights, using decorations he found in the house.

This went on for a day or two, until he was finally noticed. “The neighbours called the police because they knew that the owners were gone,” said Station 12 com-

“Amongst the witnesses to the signing were renowned Canadian philanthropists Sharon Azrieli, Martin Banoon, Michael Cons, Murray Dalfen, Daniel Revah, Dianne Richler and Richard Stern. A special thanks to Marc Minzberg and David Ederhy for leading and facilitating this historic transaction...”

“Amidst exclamations of ‘Mazel tov!’ The historic deal was inscribed by Rabbi Yossi Shanowitz and Rabbi Ariel Stern on behalf of Chabad Westmount. Joyous dancing and good wishes ensued, with celebration and raised hopes for a better, stronger tomorrow.

“L’Chaim! Mazel tov!” – DP

munity relations officer Cst. Mike Yigit.

The owners returned on May 15 to see that an unfamiliar vehicle was parked in their spot, the window blinds were closed, and patio furniture had been moved around behind the house.

Two policemen on bicycles were the first to arrive on the scene after 9-1-1 was called. After entering, they found the intruder hiding in a closet.

He had an incoherent response for the officers who asked what he was doing there. “Apparently, he said he was given permission by the king of Egypt,” said Yigit, adding that there was no indication the suspect and the owners knew each other.

While in the house, as also stated in the incident report, he placed objects belonging to the owners in a bag, possibly for removal. He told the investigating officers that he had spent a total of two days in the house.

Although he was placed under arrest and faces several charges, Cst. Yigit said a psychiatric examination would probably be mandated following an arraignment in court.

Break-in attempt on Prince Albert

The only other incident of a criminal nature recorded by police at Station 12 last week was an attempted break-in at a home on Prince Albert Ave.

On May 16, the owner was asleep around 9:30 pm, when he heard the dwelling's intrusion alarm go off.

“So, right away he called 9-1-1,” said Cst. Yigit. “The officers arrived, they made a tour of the house, and they found that the back patio door was broken.”

Although the glass of the patio door was found to have been damaged, the intruder didn't succeed in getting in.

“I'm assuming that he got scared off when the alarm went off,” added Yigit.



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Roslyn steps get worse



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Awareness week = coffee

Police officers as baristas – What's going on?

BY JENNIFER BALL

The Montreal police department's annual police awareness week was attended by Station 12 personnel the week of May 13, with officers, detectives and investigators out in the community to answer any questions that Westmount and nearby citizens had about crime prevention and law enforcement.

Police officers Mike Yigit and Antonino Perrotta explained the week's events for the *Independent* on May 15 as they served coffee at the Alexis Nihon McDonald's franchise.

Just like coffee, answers to reporter's questions came in dribs and drabs as they greeted many individuals, many of whom knew the officers from their beat in the city and area. People enjoyed the coffee and were hopeful for more doughnuts.

In this case, "being known to the police" held a very positive outcome.

All questions welcome

The previous day, the police had helmed an information kiosk in the retail area of Alexis Nihon and had handed out pamphlets to provide fraud awareness informa-



Officer Bunthan Hin and officer Antonino Perrotta at police awareness week at the McDonald's restaurant in the Alexis Nihon shopping centre on May 15.

tion as well as safety protocol information.

Detectives and investigators joined them on the day and Perrotta said the sub-

ject matter was broad, "People could ask us questions on any subject."

Perrotta said police awareness week in Westmount is an annual occurrence and the objective is simply to be out in the community.

"The whole idea is coffee with the police... We encourage people to come and speak with us. We offer them a coffee and if they have any questions about what is going on in the area or about policing in general," they are there to answer, Perrotta said.

Yigit chimed in, "It makes us more accessible and at their convenience."

Being out in the community during police awareness week removes a barrier, they stated. Their interactions with the public were in line with community relations service.

They ranged from "everyday questions. From somebody getting a ticket, to somebody being harassed. Some people are not sure [if an action that they took or one that was taken against them is criminal in nature] or not..."

"I always compare us to GPs. [People] come in and they tell us their problems and we send them to the right place..."

"Sometimes it is not criminal; sometimes it is civil. Sometimes it is not a police matter at all and that is what we explain to them," Yigit said.

The officers would be going on to deliver presentations to local schools, including Westmount High for a career day on May 17 to discuss what a career in policing can offer.

The concept of police awareness week is "it really makes the police more accessible," Perrotta said. "To put a face behind the uniform," Yigit added, "to humanize us, as there is an actual person in the uniform."

Positive reactions

Perrotta said that the reactions they received since the week started were incredibly positive. "One woman said, 'I have never been served a coffee before by a police officer.'"

Families that had only recently emigrated to Canada were among those coming up to the officers. Both officers agreed that depending on which country immigrants recently came from, they may not have the same opinion nor the same experience of encounters with the local police force.

"For them, it is unbelievable," Yigit said, "a lot of them ask to take pictures with us, that they then send back home to friends and family members, because it is not something that is done or that is seen [where they are from]."

See p. 1 for another photo.



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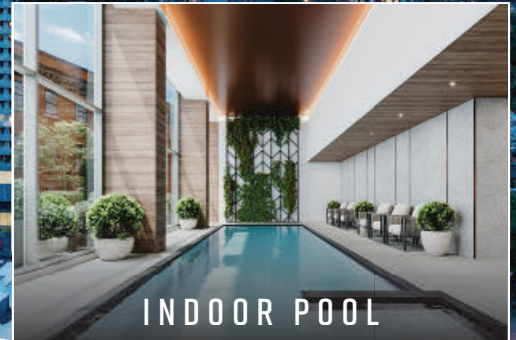




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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR – GENERAL MAIL & SOME DOG COMMENTS

MAY 7 ISSUE ‘A DELIGHT’

David – I found the May 7 paper a lovely mixture of news and information on all aspects of our community. From the “Two Sandras” memories of their mothers to the divisive Summit Woods concerns to Victoria Hall dancing lessons – covering some social history, some harsh criticisms and some just plain fun – it was a delight. Thank you.

JOAN GRAHAM, OLIVIER AVE.

Editor’s reply: Thank you. – DP.

LOWER THE BABY SWINGS,
PLEASE – WE NEED EVERY ONE

Because of the summer-long Westmount Park playground closure, my toddler and I have been exploring other nearby parks.

While we love some of the parks we have tried in neighbouring municipalities, I visited the recently renovated Devon Park and was unpleasantly surprised. I could not believe how high off the ground the two infant swings are installed. They hang approximately four feet above the ground and therefore one must lift a child (and a toddler load is not insignificant) over five feet to get them in or out! Despite trying, I was unable to do this, which led to toddler tears and cries. Not to mention the health risks of back injuries with such maneuvers.

Another design observation about the new swing set is the presence of only one

standard swing for an older child, but many children enjoy swinging next to friends.

I urge city hall to take public feedback on the existing park equipment so that we can improve our future playgrounds, similar to a performance evaluation conducted after a new building opens to ensure it is being used as intended and to inform about any changes needed.

And please, Public Works, add some chain length to the two baby swings so they can be easily used and enjoyed – after all, the number of swings in our city is already low this summer.

DIANA ANDERSON, VICTORIA AVE.

ECOFANATICS IGNORE CANADA’S
SMALL EMISSIONS FOOTPRINT

Reading the letters to the editor here over time has led me to believe that Westmount has more than its fair share of ecofanatics.

Canada contributes approximately 1.5 percent of global emissions. China and India build new coal-fired plants every week. Reducing garbage pick-up frequency will increase vermin, stench ... and do virtually nothing to that 1.5 percent.

And the same goes for our parks and green spaces. They are not there to prohibit the entry of feet and paws. They are there for people and our wonderful, loving, furry dog friends to enjoy. So let’s not go overboard on the anti-dog regulations.

ALEX SIMONELIS, SHERBROOKE ST.

DUCKS NEED WATER! PLEASE FILL THE PONDS



As many Westmounters know, the Westmount Park ponds are very late in being filled (due to lights being installed, I was told). As a result, the returning ducks did not have their usual home and nesting area (I understand that was destroyed?).

One of the ducks decided that a raised patio planter at Manoir Westmount would be a safe spot to lay and hatch her eggs, and our residents and staff have been carefully watching this process with anticipation.

The arrival of ducklings happened yesterday morning, to everyone’s delight ... nine cuties. To our surprise, in a very short while, she led them to the pond, which was dry. A kind neighbour offered their pool but this unfortunately did not work out, and mom and ducklings have now disappeared.

Could more care be taken in future springs so that this sad situation is not repeated? Could this not have been more carefully planned out? Manoir residents look forward to the return of the ducks each spring and genuinely care for their well-being.

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WHAT ABOUT THE
DOG WALKERS?

Amidst the controversy surrounding Summit Woods, the city of Westmount has quietly implemented a [different] new rule that appears to be arbitrary and unjust. According to the new regulation, dog walkers are now only allowed to take out a maximum of three dogs at a time, down from four.

For families like ours, which has a busy schedule and a family member in the hospital, an occasional dog-walking service is a necessity.

Unfortunately, dog walkers are struggling to keep up with their permanent charges, while they try to hire more personnel, help each other and avoid bankruptcy.

Could the city please consider a permit system for our trusted professional dog walkers as soon as possible?

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SHATTERING THE
GRASS CEILING

To find meaning in life,
one must shatter a few *continued on p. 9*

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Correction: Real estate info wrong

Gremlins found their way into last week’s list of real estate transfers in 2023 (p. S1-20), astute readers have found, and we are more than eager to offer the proper sales data. *Data wrong last week, †Transaction missing last week, +Wrong ratio last week. There is no “51 Sydenham,” despite what we wrote last week.

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618 Sydenham†	\$3,305,000	\$3,848,600	16.0%	Apr
3186 The Boulevard+	\$5,300,000	\$3,453,400	53.5%	Oct

The *Independent* regrets the errors. – AD

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR – GENERAL MAIL & SOME DOG COMMENTS

glass ceilings.

Walking in Westmount, I was amazed to discover nature shattering its own grass ceiling in a nearby construction site. In this most challenging environment, plants managed to find their way through some cracks in this sheet of abandoned, broken glass, while less fortunate specimens had to settle for a more sheltered life.

This image is a fitting metaphor for our too-often difficult lives. But it is also a necessary reminder that we impose needless stressors on Mother Nature by mowing it down weekly.

This letter is an open invitation to you, dear neighbours, to shatter the grass ceiling once and for all! Let your yard grow into wildflowers this year – the pollinators will thank you!

If you want to join in on the biodiversity fun, please contact me to request the following 18" x 12" placard I designed for a friend's garden at the cost price of \$30 after taxes.

DAVID SEARLE (SEARLE.DAVID@UQAM.CA),
KENSINGTON AVE.

THANK YOU, MP GAINEY, FOR SUPPORT AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

Re: "MP Gainey: Liberal government commits money, reduces red tape to fight anti-Semitism" (May 7, p. 8).

Thank you, Anna Gainey and the Liberal government, for your commitment and actions towards addressing anti-



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Semitism. Your words and actions are meaningful and resonate throughout communities that share common moral values. Strong moral leadership with concrete consequences are critical in these dark times.

MARILYN COOPERMAN,
DE MAISONNEUVE BLVD.

ANTI-SEMITISM CAUSING CONCERN

The very alarming increase of anti-Semitism, disguised as anti-Zionism, is

causing me and many other Canadian Jews grave concern, even fear. Thank you for publishing the letter on this subject from Anna Gainey, member of parliament for NDG-Westmount, in your edition of May 7 (p. 8). I honestly wonder if any of our non-Jewish neighbours are aware of this problem, and whether they care. I, for one, am feeling isolated and vulnerable.

When I attended university here in Montreal, quite a few years ago, I never experienced any kind of prejudice. If I had college-age kids now, I would be afraid to send them to almost any North American university.

And the hatred is not confined to universities: witness the unabashed hatred directed at the Israeli singer at the recent Eurovision Song Contest. Doesn't the world ever learn?

LOUISE HALPERIN, CLARKE AVE.

SHAKESPEAREAN SNAP-BACKS ON COMBATTING RISING ANTI-SEMITISM

"The lady doth protest too much, methinks" – *Hamlet*.

[In her May 7, p. 8 letter to you, MP Anna Gainey writes:] "All of us are troubled by the disturbing rise in anti-Semitism in Canada..."

Indeed, Ms. Gainey, but apparently some of us are troubled more than others. Where it counted, at parliamentary and UN votes, Canada, the [federal] Liberal party and you voted in support of Hamas terrorists and were effusively thanked by them for your efforts.

Jews don't need fair-weather friends and voters' memories will endure. Save for Housefather and Mendicino, "A pox upon your house" – *Romeo and Juliet*.

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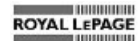
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR – DOGS AT SUMMIT WOODS

SUMMIT WOODS SHOULD BE A REAL SANCTUARY, NOT A FAKE DOG FACILITY

On May 6, Westmount city council enacted a highly controversial and divisive amendment to its dog by-law defining Summit Woods as a “dog run facility.” Its motivation was its non-compliance with provincial legislation enacted in 2018. The unambiguous purpose of that legislation is to protect people from uncontrolled or dangerous dogs and it requires that dogs be kept on leash at all times in public places.

Westmount’s dilemma is two-fold: its non-compliance with that requirement unless a dog is engaged in dog-related activities like hunting or training. The second issue is that the public place in question happens to be Summit Woods, which historically and according to Westmount by-laws, is a bird and flower sanctuary. It has been the long-standing subject of conflicting interests, namely the protection, maintenance and preservation of this natural reserve that also happens to be where people have for decades enjoyed the privilege of walking their dogs on leash and off leash at specified times.

In its rush to push through a contentious and divisive amendment, Westmount

failed to act democratically and listen to the concerns of the residents it was elected to represent. A heated council meeting question period is not a substitute for thoughtful and respectful consultation. The manner in which the mayor and council addressed the issues underlying the adoption of the amendment betrays its underlying disrespect for the democratic process.

Even more distressing, is that despite being fully aware that injuries (some quite serious) have occurred at Summit Woods due to increasingly uncontrolled dog behaviour and failure to enforce leash rules, despite knowing that a segment of the population is fearful of walking alone or with children in Summit Woods, and despite being aware of the genuine environmental issues threatening the survival of Summit Woods as a bird and flower sanctuary, the mayor and seven of eight councillors remained intractable. Instead of opting to simply comply with the legislation, they opted to circumvent its clear intention, and in the offending amendment, defined Summit Woods as “a dog run facility” in direct opposition to its primary and designated function.

Circumstances have changed and there are compelling reasons (legal, societal and environmental) for requiring that dogs be on leash at all times. Rather than accept this fact, the mayor and the seven councillors irresponsibly decided that rather than protect public safety and the environmental integrity of Summit Woods, it would protect a legacy privilege. Opting for the historical privilege route is a specious argument if ever there was one. It is untenable to maintain that just because a privilege is decades old, that is reason enough to reject that changing circumstances and larger societal concerns dictate that such privileges must be modified in the public interest.

Does designating Summit Woods as a dog run facility solve the compliance problem and satisfy the exception? It is a very fundamental legal concept that such excep-

tions must be interpreted and applied in accordance with the legislator’s stated intention. Hence, the words “dog run facility” must be interpreted in accordance with their “plain meaning” and the purpose of the legislation. The inescapable conclusion is that for dogs to be lawfully off leash, they must be in an enclosed area (as the terms “dog run facility”/ “aire d’exercice canin” clearly imply). Westmount summit is not an enclosed area, and no amount of official patrols and increased fines change that fact. Only Councillor D’Amico appears to have understood this fundamental concept (bolstered by the reply he received from the provincial ministry responsible for the legislation) and correctly voted against the amendment.

Shame on the mayor and shame on the seven councillors who voted for the amendment.

MAXINE CUTTLER, LANSDOWNE AVE.

SONNET FOR SUMMIT WOODS

Trilliums trampled by perfect little paws
For 14 cents a day they can romp and
play and pee and mark their turf.
Those oh-too-cute pooches that can’t
follow laws.

In Summit Woods with the gnomes
and Smurfs.

Gone are the quiet strolls to listen to
the birds or one’s own thoughts
Or silently wait for a migratory perch
To find another more welcoming branch
And join the quiet conversation
of chirps.

The rustle and the barking have scared
the birds away

The only one left is the preying raven
But they’re just cute, friendly dogs that
come out to play.

To bark and romp and pee in this haven.
So will we fence in this forest for our
furry friends to run free?

Or will we keep this wooded paradise
a blessed sanctuary?

HELAINÉ KLIGER, ROSLYN AVE.

ECOWATCH MISREPRESENTS SCIENCE

Heather Black’s April 30 ECOWatch column (p. 10) and subsequent note (May 7, p. 9), invoking the scourge of unleashed dogs in Summit Woods are striking – not for their compelling arguments, but for their creative use of scientific sources. While the discussion of dogs terrorizing the local bird population with their mere scent might make a gripping sci-fi script, it stretches the truth thinner than an overloaded poop bag.

First off, Ms. Black’s citation of Lori Hennings’ review hardly supports the original claim that “dog scent prevents bird nesting.”

The quoted passage broadly references predator-prey dynamics, with a cast of prey ranging from beavers to sheep, yet research on the impact of dogs on birds is conspicuously absent from Hennings’ own citations in the quoted paragraph.

Then there’s the 2011 study by Amo et al. on the effects of predator scent on birds – except the predator in question was a ferret, not Fido.

Ferrets, unlike dogs, are equipped with potent anal scent glands, making them the skunks of the predator world (who, unlike domestic dogs, actually prey on nesting birds).

The Amo study collected this “Eau de ferret” in absorbent papers that were then placed inside nesting boxes – a far cry from a dog peeing on rocks along a trail. Using this as evidence that dog scent disrupts bird nesting is like comparing habanero peppers to green beans (I won’t even get into the use of Eau de cologne by Hema as a “control scent” – you can’t make this stuff up!)

Lastly, “Gompper 2014” gets pulled into this dogpile, but again, the relevance is underwhelming.

The cited passages broadly discuss rural wildlife disruptions, including the impact of wild or feral dogs, and have nothing to do with robins, cardinals or woodpeckers in an urban forest.

Misrepresenting science to influence policy decisions is not only irresponsible – it’s disrespectful both to legitimate environmental efforts and to users of shared community resources like Summit Woods. Public officials must base decisions on accurate, contextually relevant information.

It seems the real call of the wild here is for a balanced approach that respects both environmental concerns and the community’s needs.

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April sales: Holding to a tight range

Condos

Only three condominium sales were posted for April, covering the entire gamut of condo prices, from \$685,000 for one of the flats on Claremont Ave. above Sherbrooke St. to \$2,315,000 for an apartment high in the tower at 1 Wood Ave.

Two of the three condos had sale prices just over their respective valuations; the third was -5.7 percent, bringing down the overall average to -2.4 percent, or just about parity.

April is only the first of a three-month quarter, meaning we should await the results in May and June before we get any guidance on the value of condos in Westmount; the first-quarter figure was +12.5 percent, meaning an average condo value of \$1,333,202.

Westmount adjacent

In April, the real estate markets favoured adjacent-Westmount to the north and west of the city limits, with two houses each marked “sold” in the Côte des Neiges and NDG districts, but no new ones in either the Trafalgar-Daulac district or the Square Mile to the east.

Those areas have two and three house sales, respectively, so far this year, while Côte des Neiges south of Queen Mary Rd. leads the way with an even dozen and NDG east of Décarie Blvd. has logged nine sales this year.

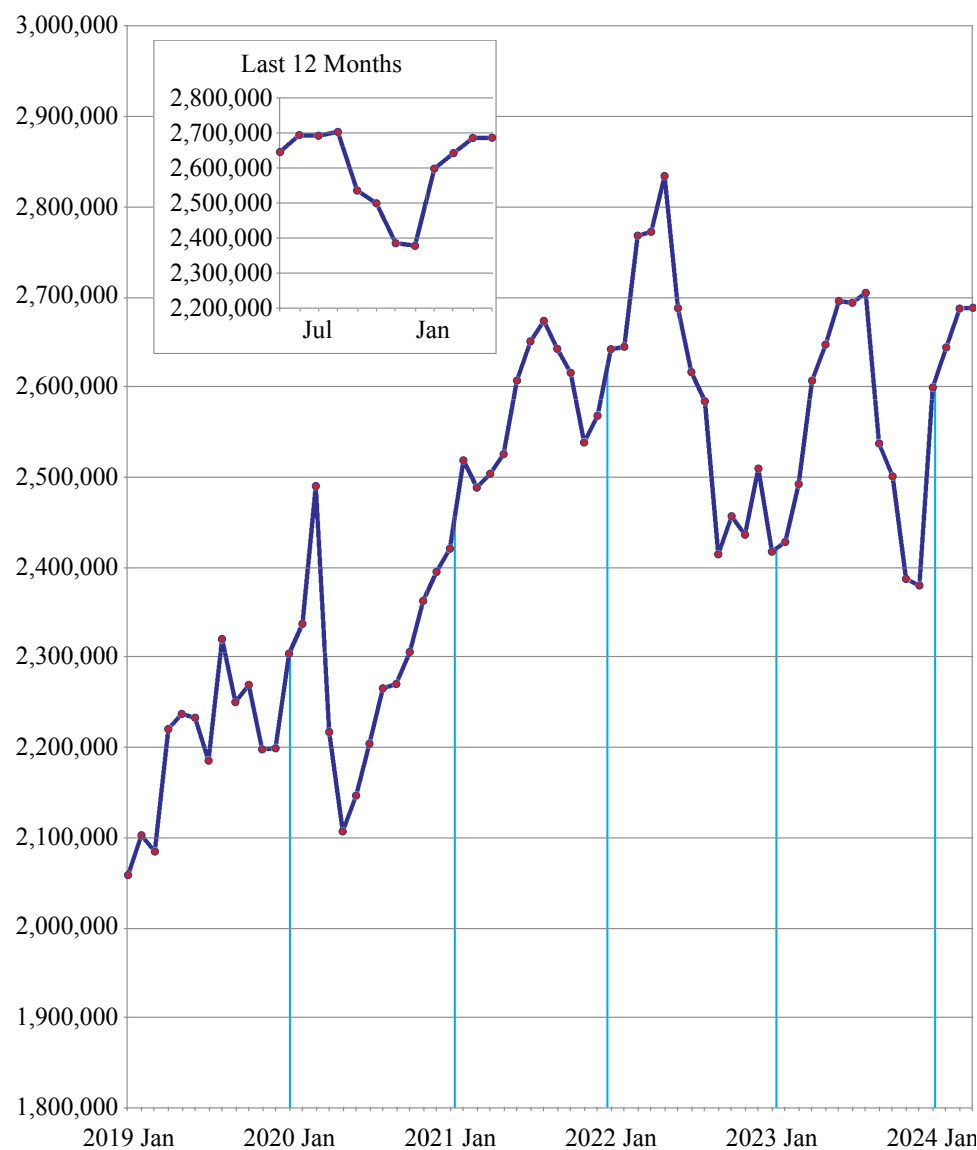
The average ratios of NDG and Côte des Neiges are close to zero; for some reason, the ratios to the east of Westmount are way below zero.

What's for sale

The number of listings in the market as of mid-May has leapt to 130 houses from 113 a month earlier, with increases in every price category, even in the under-\$1 million group, which now has three houses available for purchase.

The range of Westmount asking prices

Average adjusted price for 'typical' Westmount house, by month, January 2019 to April 2024, based on accepted offer dates



runs from \$989,000 to \$18,500,000. Agents have logged 21 rentals, up seven from the previous month, but there are still 24 list-

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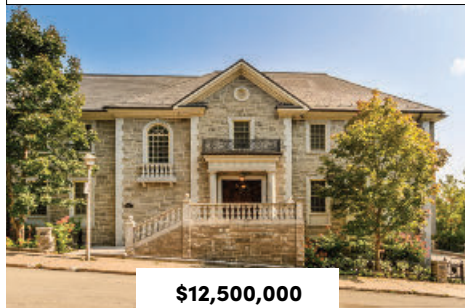
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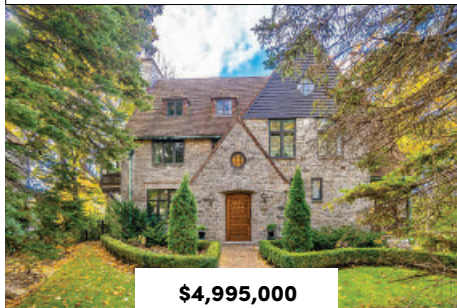
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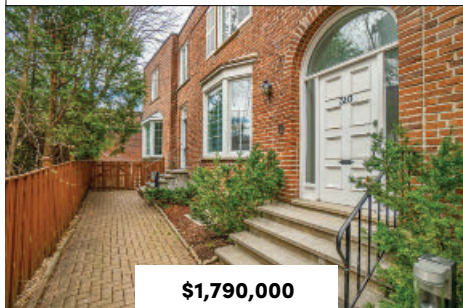
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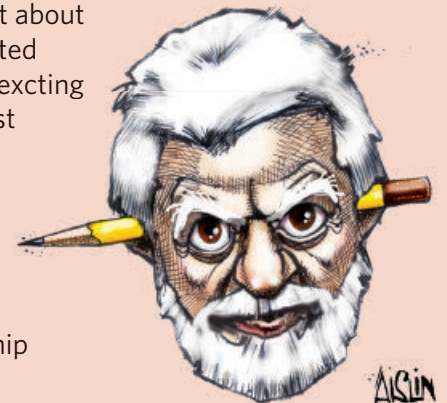
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André Dufour, Mary-Dailey Desmarais, Laura Vigo and Stéphane Aquin.

The new exhibit at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts invites us to travel to 19th century Japan.

Following the footsteps of artist Hiroshige, scenes along the Tōkaidō (“eastern sea route”) take us to another world. Hiroshige was an unconventional artist from the samurai class. Some of his illustrations from his first series on this subject were so popular they were reprinted more than 15,000 times.

The beautifully detailed views reveal that this road along the country's eastern sea coast was a destination in and of itself. An imaginary work, the 53 stations of the Tōkaidō is not an observational representation of places: it offers a fantasy vision of Japan.

The artist treated the landscape and its atmospheric effects – wind, snow, rain – as subjects in their own right.

“The seductive charm with which Hiroshige imbued his compositions earned him the reputation as a master of Japanese landscape prints. He cleverly blended the real and the imaginary to almost cin-

ematic effect, becoming the maker of a world everybody yearned to inhabit and travel within – a world that still charms us to this day,” noted **Laura Vigo**, curator Asian art at the MMFA.

“We are excited to be shedding new light on this celebrated series of prints by

Hiroshige, which helped shape the collective imagination of Japan. It is a joy to share with Montreal audiences these remarkable prints gifted to us in 1973,” added **Mary-Dailey Desmarais**.

Among those present launching the exhibition were the MMFA's chair of the

board of trustees **André Dufour**; director **Stéphane Aquin**; chief curator **Mary-Dailey Desmarais**; and curator Asian art **Laura Vigo**, who curated Tōkaidō: Dreams by Andō Hiroshige, organized by the MMFA. The charming and alluring exhibit is on until September 8.

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NEXT COUNCIL
MEETING

Monday, June 3



Distribution de compost

Le compost issu des résidus verts sera offert gratuitement aux résidents de Westmount **dès le 17 mai et jusqu'à épuisement des stocks** aux jardins communautaires du WAG. Détails à westmount.org.



Compost Distribution

Compost made from the yard waste collection will be available to residents as of **May 17, for as long as supplies last** at the WAG community gardens. Details at westmount.org.

Taxes foncières - date limite le 22 mai

Afin d'éviter les intérêts et les pénalités sur les taxes foncières impayées, les propriétaires sont invités payer avant les dates d'échéances. Soit par : Paiement électronique, paiement par courrier, par carte de crédit ou virement bancaire, ou à l'hôtel de ville. Détails à westmount.org.

Subventions vertes

La Ville de Westmount offre des subventions pour vos achats durables. Les résidents peuvent demander un remboursement pour l'achat de produits éligibles. Détails à westmount.org/subventionsvertes.

Changement aux collectes dès 1er mai

À partir du 1er mai, toutes les collectes se feront uniquement en bordure de rue ou dans les ruelles accessibles aux camions de collecte. La collecte obligatoire des résidus alimentaires pour les logements de 9 à 29 unités commencera également le 1er mai. Détails à engage.westmount.org.

Bois Summit : Chiens en laisse

Rappel : les chiens doivent être tenus en laisse en tout temps au Bois Summit pendant la période de nidification printanière, jusqu'au 15 juin. Détails à westmount.org.

Property taxes: due May 22, 2024

To avoid interest and penalties on unpaid property taxes, property owners are encouraged to make their payments before the due dates. Recommended methods of payment: Electronic payment, Mail Payment, Credit Card or Bank Transfer or at City Hall. Details at westmount.org.

Green Grants

The City of Westmount offers a number of grants for your sustainable purchases. Residents who meet the general conditions can request a subsidy for eligible products. Details at westmount.org/greengrants.

Waste collection changes as of May 1st

As of May 1st, all waste materials will be collected streetside or along waste truck accessible lanes only. Additionally, mandatory food waste collection for buildings with 9 - 29 units begins. Details at engage.westmount.org.

Summit Woods: Dogs on leash

Reminder: dogs must be kept on leash at all times at Summit Woods during the spring nesting period, until June 15. Details at westmount.org.

BIBLIOTHÈQUE ET ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

Journée familiale de Westmount

Samedi 25 mai, de 10 h à 16 h, Parc Westmount. Célébrez le 150^e anniversaire de la Ville et la 47^e édition annuelle de la plus grande fête de Westmount. Venez tous et profitez d'activités et de jeux tout au long de la journée. Détails à westmount.org.



Conférence — Oppenheimer and Oppenheimer: Braiding History and Film

Jedi 30 mai, 19 h, Bibliothèque. Dans la Salle Westmount, Gary Evans, professeur retraité de l'Université d'Ottawa, parlera de l'impact visuel du cinéma sur la présentation des biographies. L'exemple de J. Robert Oppenheimer sera utilisé pour illustrer ce point. Pour plus d'infos, contactez : 514 989-5530 ou dmiguez@westmount.org. Inscrivez-vous sur [Eventbrite](https://eventbrite.com).



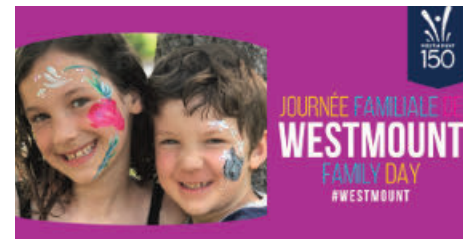
Concert – Duo Perdendosi : Dark Tales

Mercredi 5 juin, 19 h, Victoria Hall. Le Duo Perdendosi explore le côté sombre des contes de fées en combinant une narration littéraire et musicale. Inscrivez-vous sur [Eventbrite](https://eventbrite.com).

Visites de la Bibliothèque

Jusqu'au 22 août, Bibliothèque. Pour célébrer le 125^e anniversaire de la Bibliothèque, nous vous invitons à y faire une visite. Vous pourrez y découvrir son histoire, admirer des éléments clés de son architecture et en apprendre plus sur les activités qui sont planifiées cette année. Visites en français ou en anglais. Veuillez vous inscrire individuellement. Le nombre de places est limité à 15 par visite. Ouvert à toutes et à tous. Info : 514 989-5355 ou refdesk@westmount.org

LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY EVENTS



Westmount Family Day

Saturday, May 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Westmount Park. Celebrate the City's 150th anniversary and the 47th annual edition of Westmount's biggest party at Westmount Park*. Come all and enjoy activities and games throughout the day. Details at westmount.org.

Lecture — Oppenheimer and Oppenheimer: Braiding History and Film

Thursday, May 30, 7 p.m., Library. In the Westmount Room with Gary Evans, retired professor at the University of Ottawa, will talk about the visual impact of cinema on the presentation of biographies. The example of J.

Robert Oppenheimer will be used to illustrate this point. For more info, contact: 514 989-5530 or dmiguez@westmount.org. Register on [Eventbrite](https://eventbrite.com)

Concert – Duo Perdendosi: Dark Tales

Wednesday, June 5, 7 p.m., Victoria Hall. Duo Perdendosi explores the dark side of fairy tales, combining the arts of written and musical storytelling. Register on [Eventbrite](https://eventbrite.com).

Library Tours

Until August 22, Library. To celebrate the Library's 125th anniversary, we invite you on a tour of the building. You will learn about the institution's history, view its architectural highlights, and hear about the activities happening throughout the year. Available in French or English. Please register individually. Space is limited to 15 per tour. Open to all. Register: 514 989-5355 or refdesk@westmount.org.

Evaluating bids, cont'd from p. 1

powered the cities to have the choice, so the option of having a different scoring grid,” Peart added.

Now possible: Higher weighting for quality

“And so, the option that’s being presented in this by-law kind of changes the formulation so that it gives the city the option to give a much higher weighting to the quality of the professional services and a lesser weighting to the price of the professional services. So, again it’s not an all-or-none, but it gives the city an option to pick and choose which one they want to best target for a specific tender.”

The *Independent* submitted a list of questions to Councillor Peart regarding the new system. Among them: Could a higher bid be selected over a lower one because of this new system? How often would this be expected to happen? Has the city had bids it wanted to accept in the past? Why can’t project details be so specific that this change is not necessary? Are other municipalities doing it?

“Given that this is primarily administrative in nature, I have redirected your query to the administration [i.e. the city’s unelected employees],” he replied by e-mail.

Catherine Skinner, executive assistant at the director general’s office, provided

additional information.

“As with the two-step process or ‘mode à deux étapes (qualité, prix),’ a selection committee must analyze each bid and score each criterion,” she said in an e-mailed response.

“The difference with the one-step process is that the price is known at the time of the evaluation and there are no minimal points requirements. In addition, the importance of the qualitative aspects of the bid can be highlighted.”

She said that for both the one-step and two-step processes, the price of the tender being evaluated is also factored into the overall final score that each bid obtains, and the contract with the highest overall score that also conforms to the tender specifications will obtain the contract.

Higher-priced bids can win

“Therefore, a bid that is higher in price but that also obtains a higher qualitative score from the selection committee may obtain a contract over a lower-priced bid with an inferior qualitative score. The final score of each tender is dependent on the evaluation undertaken by the committee as required by law and therefore cannot be predicted.”

Skinner said that in addition to promoting the importance of the qualitative aspects of each bid, the new method will

also encourage new firms to bid on professional services contracts.

“Thus, the cost of each bid is factored into the final score, to balance the cost while trying to obtain the best qualitative bid.” She said that other municipalities, such as the cities of Longueuil and Trois-Rivières (Three Rivers), use a similar approach.

WUT? Weird urban trash



As seen May 14 in the alley parallel to Victoria Ave. that runs north from de Maisonneuve.

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Cancel Culture R.I.P.

by L.S. Cattarini

What is the point of emphasizing the toxic in our history if it distorts or neglects our nation’s ideal intentions? Whenever an anxious public looks in the mirror, the attempt is positively useless if all people can see is their faults. What’s the point of insisting we are born guilty?

We’re living in a time when any hard-won values of the past are being canceled by the latest orthodoxy which appears too righteous to fail. But can it withstand scrutiny? Critical race theory replaces old racism with reverse racism, just as affirmative action replaces old prejudice with reverse prejudice. And reparation means that paying for past misbehaviour is a good substitute for improving current behaviour. It all looks as if the medicine of justice is cosmetic rather than penetrative, as if we can’t see how equality is more nutritious than equity. Moreover, the argument for reparations reveals a failure in terms of the positive cultivation of our evolving history. Is it not a denial of progress in civil rights? Imagine if, in the decades following World War II, the Germans had taken seriously the propositions of a book entitled *The 1933 Project*. They would be right to feel insulted by what amounts to slander, just as many Americans now feel insulted by the perverse importance of *The 1619 Project*.

To say we are born innocent means we don’t inherit the guilt of history but are offered the

purity of potential. This is an assumption within all liberal democracies which allow its population freedom of thought from an early age. To an inscrutable extent all of time begins again with each individual life, because history is something we shape through the new development of our possibilities. Or are we influenced by categories of identity? Surely each of us is the independent agent who ultimately sees through all such determinism. Montaigne tells us: “We are never present with, but always beyond ourselves: fear, desire, hope, still push us on toward the future.” Every day we have a choice between the imitation of life and courage (which was the unspoken message my mother left me with). Otherwise, are we not, in our ambivalence, less than human?

And we can’t be adamant that evil is systemic other than regarding the vulnerability we all sense of falling into immoral behaviour. No race or ethnicity or creed has a monopoly on bigotry - which implies we are all capable of endorsing supremacy. Yet, nonetheless, we are all capable of beginning with the openness of good faith. The fruition of innocence means our unknown potential obeys no formula and cannot be reduced to identity. As Ebner-Eschenbach declared: “The simplest mortal is still always a very complex being.” In the end, to feel damned by guilt is the wrong lesson. Each generation needs the chance to show it can learn from history instead of being made to suffer for it.

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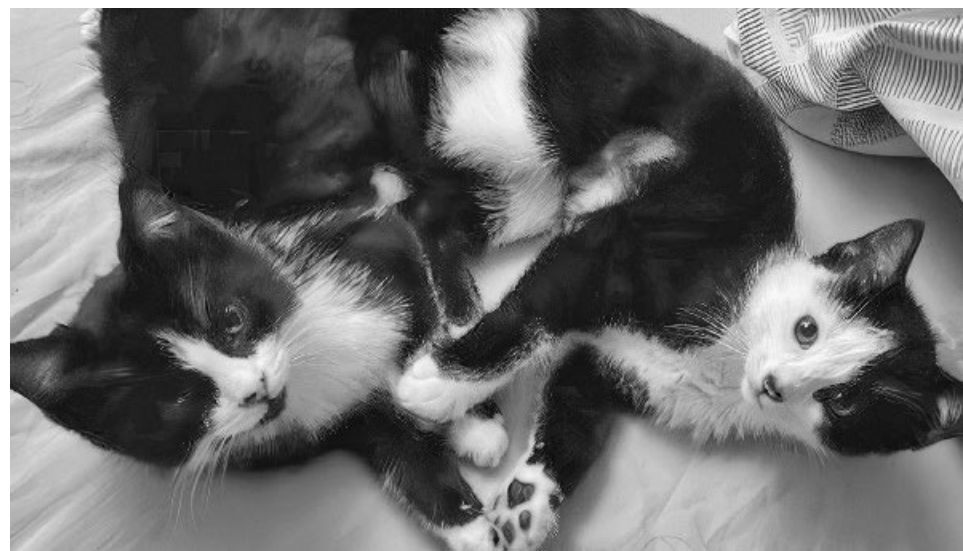
9 Lives

LYSANNE FOWLER

Blair and Serena, fun cuties

At two months of age, how can a family resist these two young princesses who are ready for a forever home? Blair has the tiny black chin and is on the left of the photograph, and Serena has the all-white one and is on the right.

Affectionate and brilliant at exploring the world, these two beauties are presently in foster care for the Montreal SPCA. In the home, they have shown their social nature by bonding with the older male cat, thus they could integrate easily with another cat if this were an option for them on adoption. Very young, they are on the kitten program for inoculations and treat-



ments, with spays in their future on an age-appropriate schedule.

If you would like more information on Blair and Serena, please refer to the Montreal SPCA website at www.spc.com, and refer to their information pages from their identification numbers, Blair at 20000108382 and Serena at 20000108381.

You will be presented with a black rec-

tangle to click on in order to bring up the information and interest form that you will fill out in order for the adoption coordinators to get back to you shortly for further information and discussion.

Do not hesitate. Blair and Serena are such lovely sisters to bring joy to all.

Your neighbour,
Lysanne



Westmount
A-dog-tions

LYSANNE FOWLER

Spirit to find a caring family



It is a sad situation when an older dog is left to be placed in a new home and family. It is a time for respect and care towards a dog that only asks for a quiet routine and sweet family to call his own.

Spirit is 14 years old and is being presented as a courtesy listing for his temporary foster family. He is cute as a button, a funny and affectionate little fellow, keen on his walks and his cuddles. Spirit bonds well to everyone, adults, children, cats and dogs – and, yes, is easy going with all.

He is healthy and active for his age, up

to date with his inoculations, neutered and microchipped. He is sometimes nervous and still a bit vocal when alone since being taken into his temporary home, as this was a big change for him.

His vetting was recent and there is a bit left to complete.

If you would like more information on Spirit, please do not hesitate to write to Gerdy's Rescue at their email address, info@gerdysrescue.org, take a look at their website at www.gerdysrescue.org, and find out more about adoptions and activities at their Facebook presence.

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Seeing double



Without communicating with each other, art/retail columnist Veronica Redgrave and editor David Price both took photos of this unconventional real estate sign on St. Catherine near Metcalfe. Veronica said, "Art imitates life...imitates art. Does the Lichtenstein look-alike reference work seen in galleries on Greene, or is it a just an ad?" David said, "The poster/sign looked cool, so I took a picture."

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Another year of Westmount adult hockey champions



▶ Team MBA, champions of Executive B.

▼ The Sharks, champions of Executive A.



“We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the champions of this season’s adult hockey leagues here in Westmount,” city sports coordinator Alyssa Sherrard told the *Independent* by email May 8. “It’s been a superb year, filled with camaraderie, skill, and passion for the game. Our commitment to providing hockey leagues that blend fun, competition, and safety is a top priority for us.”

Team and individual winners were:

League champions:

Executive A (35+ years): Sharks
 Executive B (35+ years): Team MBA
 Senior (18+ years): Hawks

Individual awards – Senior hockey:

- Selke trophy (best defensive forward)
Mike Smith (Hawks)
- Lady Byng trophy (most sportsmanlike)
Liam Nicol (Lightning)
- Norris trophy (best defenseman)
Greg Jay-Riendeau (Lightning)
- Vezina trophy (best goalie)
Evan Yarrow (Lightning)
- Hart trophy (MVP – regular season)
Keane Kelly-Menard (Coyotes)
- MVP playoffs
Chris Angelini (Hawks)



The individual award winners for Senior hockey, from left: Greg Jay-Riendeau, Mike Smith, Chris Angelini and Keane Kelly-Menard.

◀ The Hawks, champions of Senior hockey.

McAuley, cont'd from p. 1



maximum number of years allowed as a member. He was last in attendance on January 30, when his great contribution to Westmount's heritage and architecture was acknowledged."

In a short interview with the *Independent* after the council meeting, McAuley reflected on joining the PAC and said, "It is an honour to be given the opportunity to contribute to the continued high standards of architectural projects in Westmount."

Information on the city's website explains the role of the PAC.

"As an advisory committee to city council, the PAC provides recommendations for the approval or rejection of permit applications reviewed under the By-law on Site Planning and Architectural Integration Programmes..."

"Upon council's request, the PAC also provides recommendations on matters related to urban planning, zoning, subdivision and building in Westmount.

"In accordance with the Cultural Heritage Act, the PAC acts as the Westmount Heritage Council and advises [city] council on matters related to heritage conservation..."

► Karen Ann McAuley in her Westmount home on May 17



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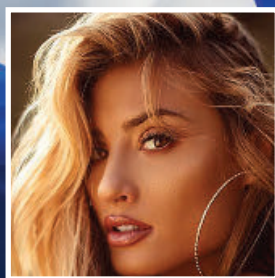
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Mayor, council host Pink Tea to honour 'Famous 5'



Social Notes

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Mayor **Christina Smith** and council invited the public for a Pink Tea and to view the Women Are Persons exhibit. She was joined by **Jennifer Maccarone**, provincial legislator for Westmount-St. Louis and **Anna Gainey**, MP for NDG-Westmount.

The mayor introduced **Frances Wright**, Alberta Order of Excellence recipient and CEO/co-founder of the Famous 5 Foundation. She gave a fascinating and detailed historical overview on women's fight for equality, which was driven by the "Famous 5."

They advocated for women, and their efforts led to women finally becoming recognized as "persons" in the fullest legal sense. This led to women gaining the right to vote and to be appointed to the senate of Canada from 1929 on.

Led by judge **Emily Murphy**, the group included **Henrietta Edwards**, **Nellie McClung**, **Louise McKinney** and **Irene Parlby**. Dating back to the 1880s and 1890s, they worked together in many campaigns for women's rights.

At the event, everyone gathered around the maquette showing these trailblazers. It is a miniature of the large Famous 5 Foundation's women by sculptor Barbara Patterson.

One is in Olympic Plaza (Calgary) and one in front of the senate of Canada in Ottawa. In Westmount, it was on view as part of a tour to inspire girls and women to be leaders and nation builders, and to raise awareness on equality issues. It will be shown in libraries, post-secondary schools and legislatures across the country.

Wright invited the attending crowd of about 75 women to sing Canada's national anthem using lyrics modified in 2018 when legislation was passed to change the English line "True patriot love in all thy sons command" to "True patriot love *in all of us* command," in order to make the lyrics gender neutral.

Then guests enjoyed tea with sandwiches – crusts cut off, of course – and scones with jam and cream.

A perfect way to spend a sunny, tulip-filled day in Westmount.

Overheard

Woman to woman, Sherbrooke St. at Roslyn Ave., May 16 at 1:15 pm:

"I'm divorcing his ass. I cannot spend all this time and energy on his stuff."



From left, Mayor Christina Smith, MP Anna Gainey, Frances Wright and provincial legislator Jennifer Maccarone.

Miriam Foundation hosts open house



Social Notes

VERONICA REDGRAVE

As part of Autism Awareness Month and the Miriam Foundation's 50th anniversary, the foundation invited the public to an open house at the Gold Centre. Supported by the foundation, the centre offers services and programs to all ages with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and intellectual disability (ID), as well as to their families.

"Holding this open house is a unique opportunity to raise community awareness of our organization's mission and the importance of offering support to people with ASD and ID," said Warren Greenstone, foundation CEO.

For over 50 years, the Miriam Foundation has been committed to supporting the funding of clinical, educational, residential and recreational programs aimed at improving the lives of people with neurodevelopmental disorders.

Among those present
at the event were Chloé *continued on p. 26*



Milan Bratin, Warren Greenstone, Stephen Greenstone and Maydie Wolofsky.



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Giroux, Kathy Brody, Meghan Turnbull, Jordanna Vamos, Consuelo Calderon, Lina Gharibah, Emma Veteau, Mélissa Sokoloff,

Westmount's 'Rosebud'?



As seen May 14 on Prince Albert Ave. below Burton.

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Kathy Brody, Paul-Émile Rioux and Gillian Brody Assedo.



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