

WMA hosts event for councillor candidates, public

Districts 1, 2 & 4

BY JENNIFER BALL

The Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) held a well-attended meet-the-candidates event October 15 at Victoria Hall for Westmount city councillor candidates.

The WMA's event for mayoral candidates is on Thursday, October 23 at 7 pm at Victoria Hall. The election is Sunday, November 2.

In the first segment of the evening, candidates in districts 1, 2 and 4 (all above Sherbrooke) were asked for their positions on topics as diverse as de-carbonization, why they do not live in the district they are running in (where applicable), the costs of the Claremont triangle pilot project and what plans/initiatives they would undertake – should they be elected.

In broad strokes, what questioners wanted to know from continued on p. 11



From left, Penny Arsenault questioning the District 1-4 candidates and Elisabeth Patterson questioning the District 5-8 ones.



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Districts 5 to 8

BY JENNIFER BALL

At the WMA's October 15 meet the candidates event (see details at left), the Westmount councillor candidates in districts 5 to 8 (all below Sherbrooke) – who were grouped together for the second and final segment of the evening – were asked for their positions on topics as diverse as recruiting a director of sustainability, why the southeast plan/PPU passed without a provision requiring affordable housing, would higher levels of government's public works dollars be present and spent on a sound wall for the southern portion of the city and why two candidates are running in districts they don't actually live in.

All the candidates attended:

- District 5: Shawn Moss and James Murphy,
- District 6: Jeremy Jonas, Julie Ledoux continued on p. 16

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Council approves winter use of Bixi after pilot project last winter

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

As winter approaches, city council October 1 unanimously approved funding of \$120,589 for the operating costs of two Bixi winter stations as well as five new stations on the territory until 2028 for a total of 13.

The amendment to the city's Bixi contract is described as part of a plan to update and "standardize" all the bike-shar-

ing's network.

The city's resolution states that the winter cost includes a reduction in management fees related to the electrification and sustainability of the Bixi stations "to reflect the operational savings generated for Bixi."

"Residents have been asking for winter Bixi stations and I believe the two stations as of continued on p. 22



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Concordia student, 24, is a first-time candidate

District 4 candidate Massimo Mazza: being heard/hearing back is main issue

By Martin C. Barry

Massimo Mazza, who is a candidate for the District 4 seat in the upcoming Westmount city council elections, is running on a platform focusing on the concerns and needs of residents in the area.

Raised in the district, Mazza, 24, attended Roslyn Elementary School as well as Marianopolis College. Currently an undergraduate student of economics at Concordia University, he also has a background in music, having completed a program of studies in flute at the McGill Conservatory.

First time running

While this will be his first time running for an elected public position, Mazza sees that lack of experience not as a detriment, but as a potential asset.

“I think that what people need is a neighbour who is ready to go and listen,” he said. “I’m happy to go over to somebody’s door and speak with them.”

Having read about some of the issues that have been impacting Westmount, Mazza said he wasn’t satisfied with the direction city council has been headed in



District 4 candidate Massimo Mazza, seen here on Chesterfield Ave. on October 16, believes voters in the district will want to support a candidate “who is ready to go and listen,” he says.

lately.

“We need councillors who are ready to listen, and that’s what I think is missing from city hall right now,” he said.

When asked what he believes is the most pressing issue in this election, he didn’t hesitate to answer, “I think it’s transparency,” along with responsiveness.

Mazza complains that “not only is it difficult to be heard at city hall, but also hearing back. It takes a long time to hear back in terms of getting permits approved, having your questions answered. And I understand that there are a lot of questions. But I think that we can do better.”

48-hour response standard

One of his proposals to improve the city’s treatment of residents’ complaints or inquiries would be the establishment of a guaranteed 48-hour response time. “That’s not to say that the issue you have would be resolved in 48 hours,” added Mazza.

He said the rule would simply compel an elected official or city employee to answer within that time. He also noted that this type of client service approach is increasingly a standard practice in the private sector.

He said a pressing current issue in District 4 is scarcity of parking. He also sees a lack of public consultation on things like garbage collection scheduling as problematic and in need of being rectified.

In addition, Mazza thinks Westmount’s architectural heritage preservation regulations and guidelines should be updated so that the use of certain unnecessarily expensive renovation materials can be minimized.

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- Mayoral candidate Michael Stern’s supporters, including former city councillor Rhoda Vineberg, write in to support him,
- District 6 candidate Paul Levine’s supporters write in to support him,

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Public Security cracks down on park restrictions

Dog owners ticketed in Queen E and Devon parks for disobeying signage

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Two dog owners received tickets for \$82 in separate incidents October 10 and October 15 for allowing their dogs to run off leash in children's playground areas, according to Public Security officials. In both cases, the owners were reported to be Westmount residents.

The first of the two by-law infractions occurred October 10 at 10 pm in Queen Elizabeth Gardens in which a couple with one dog entered the play area, which was not fenced in but "clearly marked" as no dogs allowed. The dog was playing freely

while the leash lay on the ground.

The second ticket was issued on October 15 in Devon Park where the entire smaller park area is signed at each park entrance as off limits to off-leash dogs. It was here at 8:50 am that a patroller noticed a dog with its owner in the park.

"It's important for dog owners to remember and respect," that dogs are only allowed to run freely in areas signed as permitting dogs, Public Security director Greg McBain explained. He said "a few complaints" had been received recently, especially from the parents of young children.

Public Security called for gas leak and car fire

Public safety officers and firefighters were called for a gas leak at Clarke Ave. and Dorchester October 9 as well as on October 10 for a parked car on fire on the north side of St. Catherine, Public Security officials report. In both incidents, the PSOs blocked streets to traffic.

The car fire involved a Fiat 500 that had been parked on St. Catherine at 8:24 pm while the driver was reported to have been "possibly" inside a nearby restaurant. Flames were seen coming from the car, and tow trucks had also been called and reported to have arrived quickly.

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Gloria Rosado announces platform for District 7 ‘Yes, we can’ make city even better, she says

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Gloria Rosado, running for election in District 7, has presented a platform based on “safety, sustainability and inclusion.” This is in the belief that Westmount is where these three goals can go hand in hand in creating a city that can be both “beautiful and well-managed,” she says. “It’s why I’m running for city council.”

Describing herself as an international communications specialist, Rosado lives in the heart of Victoria village and adjacent to District 7 where she and only the incumbent councillor are running.

Message

The message of her campaign that “Together – Yes We Can” is based on what she calls “the measurable priorities: safer and greener streets, support for local life and diversity.”

Her priorities, she told the *Independent*, are based on her professional background. This she describes as in tourism management.

“Over the years I’ve completed certifications in leadership, francization, intercultural communication and gender equality – areas that have shaped how I see inclusion and growth as essential to a healthy society.”

Before moving to Montreal more than 15 years ago, she served as director of tourism for the state of Campeche in Mexico and as national technical secretary of Mexico’s Association of World Heritage Cities.

This was created in 1996 to coordinate with a UNESCO project to preserve historic urban centres. She also worked at Mexico’s mission to ICAO (the International Civil Aviation Organization) headquartered in Montreal.

Fusion Quebec

Today, she is vice-president of the board of Fusion Quebec, an organization that supports newcomers through leadership, language and civic engagement.

She is also producer of the annual event “La Force d’Être Ensemble,” held this year October 4, saying “I’ve spent years highlighting stories of resilience and representation – lessons I bring to local politics.”

“La Force,” is a major annual event that celebrates Latin American Heritage Month in Montreal and brings together leaders who are women, families and organizations to talk about resilience, migration, and inclusion.



Gloria Rosado in front of the Westmount Public Library on October 9. PHOTO: RALPH THOMPSON.

“For me, public service is about listening and doing – not bureaucracy or ideology. I want to help keep Westmount clean, calm and connected; a city where neighbours greet each other, gardens bloom and diversity is a source of strength. Westmount is my home. Together, we can make it even better.”

In this respect, she calls for small community gardens in under-used municipal property.

She is also the president of 50+1 Canada, described as “a national feminist collective that empowers women’s leadership and civic participation across the country.”

Opening doors

As the producer and host of the bilingual program “The First Women Who Broke the Glass Ceiling /Les Premières Femmes qui ont brisé le plafond de verre,” she has spent the last five years highlighting stories of women who have opened doors for others in sports, politics, science, culture and business. “Through this work, I’ve learned that representation matters – and that when women rise, communities rise with them...”

“Westmount is my home. It’s where my son is growing up, where I’ve found community, and where I want to continue building – with you.”

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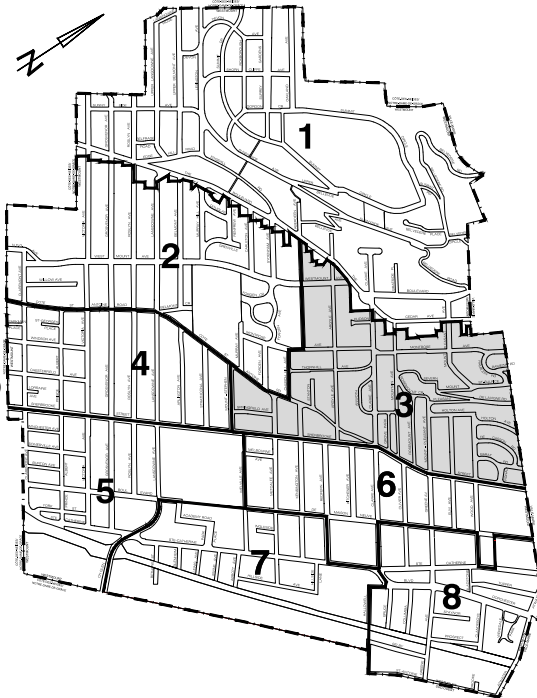
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 †Outgoing city councillor for District 6.
 *Incumbents.

‡*Editor's note:* Lynda Lyness could not meet with our reporter by October 15 in order to be interviewed so we could include her profile in this issue – our penultimate edition before the election, which is also the end of such election coverage by us. I note the following:

- We began running election profiles in July (see July 8, p. 1).
- Nominations closed October 3. Lyness knew she was running; we did not – until checking the provincial electoral website after the nominations had closed.
- On the cover of our October 7 edition, we wrote: "Uninterviewed candidates: Please reach the *Independent* THIS WEEK if you want coverage." Lyness did not do so.
- Once we found Lyness' email on our own, we sent her an email (the first of several) on October 8 at 7:31 pm. – DP.

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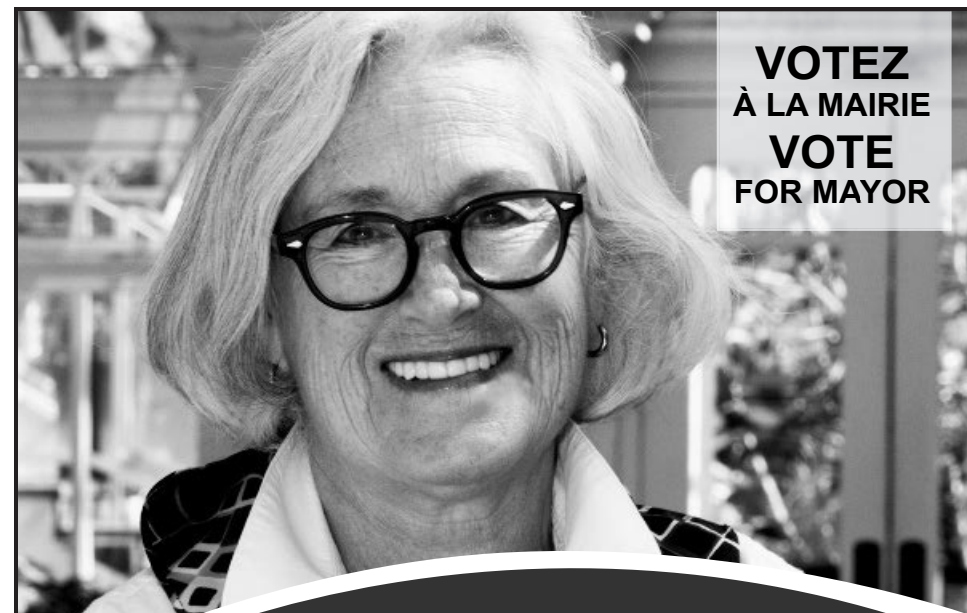
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WHAT HAPPENED TO THE STAYNER PARK BUDGET?

Open Letter to Mary Gallery, commissioner of Sports and Recreation

I recently learned that re-surfacing of the Stayner Park clay courts was included in the 2025 budget, approved last November by the now dissolved council. This work was scheduled for last spring, before the start of the clay season, yet it has not taken place.

As voters head to the polls in the coming weeks, accountability is key to how the city manages its recreational facilities. For me, at least, it is on the ballot.

As an active user of these clay courts, I can attest that while they are heavily used, maintenance does not match that of other courts, such as those behind the library in Westmount Park or higher up the hill (see my letter, “When public sports facilities aren’t maintained, accidents happen,” September 16, p. 6).

On behalf of the tennis-playing community, I would appreciate greater clarity of the roles of Public Works and Sports and Recreation in carrying out council-approved projects, and how oversight is ensured when planned maintenance does not occur.

Westmount residents expect – and frankly, deserve – consistent and transparent care of all recreational facilities. We deserve to understand how decisions are made by elected officials and administrators, and why priorities that appear similar are treated differently. We also deserve to know why maintenance at Stayner Park,

which is visibly needed, has been deferred, perhaps even abandoned, despite approved funding. Put simply, where did this money go?

As the city transitions to a new administration, I urge all candidates to commit publicly to restoring the Stayner Park courts and to ensuring that approved maintenance projects are completed as promised.

Whether by knowing neglect or oversight, what has (not) happened at Stayner Park raises a clear question of priorities. It’s high time for an upgrade!

NATASHA ARORA, WOOD AVE.

EVEN WALKING IN WESTMOUNT ISN’T SAFE

After paying big bucks to have my car’s broken rear coil springs replaced last July due to Westmount’s poor road conditions, I decided it was safer to walk. Lo and behold, on the night of September 24, I had the misfortune to trip on a broken sidewalk on the north side of Sherbrooke St., in between Rosemount Ave. and Mountain Ave. Upon reaching home, I immediately reported the damaged sidewalk via the Citizen Portal.

As you can see in the photo submitted, the cracks extend the full length of this sidewalk, ending with half of a concrete slab submerged in a pool of mud. This sidewalk is dangerous for pedestrians, babies in strollers, kids on scooters, people in wheelchairs and joggers, not only during the day, but especially at night due to poor street lighting.

At the city council meeting on Septem-



ber 8, we heard that a Westmount work crew has been successful in travelling around town filling potholes that have been reported through the Citizen Portal. Let’s hope the work crew’s attention to sidewalks is better than its attention to roads. Now that the stop-sign mystery at de Casson-Wood has been solved by Jennifer Ball (September 23, p. 20), I suggest that the *Westmount Independent* monitor how long it takes for repairs to be done on this dangerous strip of Sherbrooke sidewalk!

SHELLEY FREEMAN, WINDSOR AVE.

DO YOUR GARBAGE RIGHT – AND IT WILL BE LIGHT!

I only need to put my garbage out once a month – sometimes even less!

So, when people insist they need weekly garbage pick-up, all I can say is: you’re not sorting your waste properly. If you’re recycling correctly and composting correctly, your garbage bag should be almost empty.

When you have access to recycling and composting, the only things that should be going in the garbage are:

- Plastic items that are not recyclable in your local system (like certain film plastics, wrappers, or blister packs),
- Soiled items that can’t be composted or recycled, such as greasy paper towels, dirty diapers or pet waste,
- Broken items made of mixed materials that can’t be separated (like some toys, pens, or old electronics – though many cities have special drop-off programs for e-waste!),
- Vacuum dust, dryer lint or similarly unprocessable debris.

Everything else? It likely belongs in your recycling bin or compost bin.

If your garbage is overflowing every week, the issue isn’t pick-up frequency – it’s sorting habits.

ALLAN GOLDBERG, LANSDOWNE AVE.

EVERY-OTHER-WEEK GARBAGE PICK-UP STUPID

How many of you put out your garbage this week [ending October 10] but it wasn’t picked up because the city decided to only pick it up every second week?

Is this a stupid system, or what?

PATRICK MARTIN, THE BOULEVARD

PRO-PALESTINE MOVEMENT PROMPTED BY PITY, NOT HATE

May a non-Westmounter be permitted to respond to a letter writer in your pages?

Unless we are to take ugly words and even uglier deeds of hotheads and fanatics on the far fringe of the pro-Palestine movement as representative of the majority of those supporting it, Allan Goldberg’s assertions (October 7, p. 7) are unmoored from reality.

They misconstrue the motives of honourable, decent and reasonable folk, in Westmount as elsewhere, who have been prompted by pity and anger to cry out against a genocidal war coupled with the longest running occupation of modern times – a notoriously brutal one, as is widely acknowledged, even within Israel itself. In imputing to them Jew-hatred, latent or patent, he insults people of conscience and integrity who are shocked to their core by the massacre on an industrial scale – in real time, broadcast daily on their small screens – of tens of thousands of famished, starving and homeless people.

As indeed how can they not be? No person with a shred of humanity can make-believe that these crimes aren’t happening, while to consider the victims (largely children) as ultimately deserving of their suffering is simply wicked. Motives are always hard to determine, but it seems more likely than not that anguish and a natural intuition of natural right and wrong have caused voices the world over to be raised in condemnation of systemic oppression and atrocities as incontrovertible as they are indescribable. In magnitude, scope *continued on p. 7*

Editor’s note
Letters to the editor policy for end of election period

In keeping with our practice during the previous four municipal election campaigns, letters to the editor published in our last issue (October 28) before the November 2 election that mention a candidate *will be shown* to that candidate for possible rebuttal in the same issue. There will be no second “right of reply” to this possible reply. – DP

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

..... and horror they dwarf those of October 7. Yet for people moved to speak and act against them in protest, Mr. Goldberg alas feels nothing but contempt.

What he tells himself he “hears” protesters saying, and what they actually mean to say and intend to be understood by their words, are two quite different things. If asked to explain the purport of such slogans as “Free Palestine” and “From the River to the Sea,” the more articulate among them, I believe, would in reply express a wish to see an ethnocracy, formally as well as practically privileging one group of citizens over another (see the Nation-State Bill, enacted into law in 2018), evolve through internal change or external pressure into a state that belongs equally and indiscriminatingly. A state for all its inhabitants – Arab and Jew, enjoying parity and identical political and civic rights – of what is now, like it or not, a single territory. It takes an inflamed and cynical imagination to see indignation at injustice combined with hope for a more egalitarian future for all concerned as a sinister deception (or self-deception), masking murderous ambitions and a wish physically to destroy a country. Together with a doctrinaire hear-no-evil-see-no-evil championing of Israel, this mentality has been allowed to cloud Mr. Goldberg’s judgement and by no means only his. Sadly, the effect is to occlude the truth of things as they are.

Assessments of the causes of what has rightly come to be seen as a war of extermination, and of its consequences in the

long run, will differ of course. But it is high time surely to lay to rest ignorant talk of “hate marches” and of an allegedly irrational hostility to Israeli policy and its unspeakable consequences.

D. M. ROSKIES, CÔTE DES NEIGES

EVOLUTION OF PROTESTS MAY TELL A TALE

It was most interesting to read the three mayoral candidates opining (October 14, p. 19-20) on how, if elected, each would handle the disruptions caused by the weekly demonstrations at the Israeli consulate in Westmount Square. But maybe, just maybe, there may not be a need for the civic intervention proposed by the candidates.

Ever since the October 7 atrocities and the subsequent Israeli incursion and retaliation, protesters, mostly masked, disruptive and full of hate and vitriol, have impeded the normal daily lives of residents and businesses by clamoring for a ceasefire and the end of the so-called genocide in Gaza.

Now that a ceasefire has taken hold and the Israeli forces have pulled back as mandated in the Trump agreement, one wonders whether or not these protests will continue, now that the ceasefire demands of protesters have been met. Should they indeed continue, perhaps, as some have suggested, the agenda wasn’t so much about a ceasefire and an end to the war, but rather about something far more sinister and depraved.

JOE RUSSO, SHERBROOKE ST.

Police Report

Car thieves steal a Lexus and a Toyota Highlander

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

A pair of high-end automobile thefts were the only criminal acts committed in Westmount in recent weeks, according to reports filed at the Montreal police department’s Station 12.

In the first incident, a Lexus parked during the early morning hours of October 9 on Victoria Ave. was stolen.

According to an owner’s complaint report filed at the Stanton St. station, the car was parked at 10 pm the night before and by 5 am it was missing.

There were no signs of forced entry such as broken window glass on the ground. “The car just disappeared,” said Cst. Mike Yigit, the station’s community

relations officer.

Highlander stolen from Devon

A few days later, on October 12, a Toyota Highlander midsize crossover SUV that was parked on Devon Ave. in upper Westmount was also stolen sometime during the night.

In this case, the police investigators who turned up at the scene found evidence of a forced entry: shattered glass on the surface of the driveway on which the vehicle had been parked.

While professional car thieves have been known in recent years to use high-tech tools to unlawfully enter cars (including overriding electronic entry systems and at-distance cloning of owners’ wireless key

CANDIDATE REPLIES

CASGRAIN RESPONDS TO LETTER WRITER DUFOUR (OCTOBER 14, P. 8)

Few residents know that achieving carbon neutrality by 2050 is not just a city of Montreal goal. It is a shared responsibility of all municipalities within the agglomeration of Montreal, including Westmount. We will do our part to achieve this goal.

The city of Montreal’s Climate Plan 2020-2030 is a great road map going forward and I applaud Westmount’s Environment and Sustainability Advisory Committee (ESAC) for including it as a reference document. The distinguished members on this committee – a volunteer group of experts – provide an excellent description of challenges, and actions specific to Westmount.

Generally, the city of Westmount’s standards, policies, processes and initiatives should demonstrate its leadership in environmental sustainability, including the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, transitioning to a low-carbon economy and planning for climate adaptation and resilience.

Westmount must set an example – in the way it manages its assets, delivers its services and in the habits and actions of all its employees. Responsibility and accountability must be improved. We as citizens must also do our part.

Specifically, I share a few of my proposed commitments, within my usual fiscally prudent approach. You will note that I have embraced a number of the ESAC’s planning and accountability recommendations:

- Create a leadership role within the city for sustainability and climate resilience to ensure that the culture and decision-making process of all city managers incorporates sustainability best practices.

- Measure the effective usage of the city’s resources and employee time. Leverage existing resources, including real-time climate data from the government-funded organization Ouranos, and seek best practices from members of Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI).
- Regulate noise, light and air pollution through updated by-laws and better enforcement.
- Review the urban planning guidelines in order to find opportunities where sustainability actions and materials can be encouraged, with negligible impact on the built heritage.
- Find compatible uses for our vacant buildings (greenhouses, train station), thus twinning heritage protection with sustainability goals.

Regarding garbage collection: The reduction of garbage that goes into a landfill is a sustainability goal. Cost-savings are not the main driver for switching to a bi-weekly schedule in the winter. The previous council changed the garbage collection without any public consultation, so we lack a broad understanding of why people are so angry about this matter, although we have heard a lot of personal stories and seen the overflowing public bins. We need to understand if there is a more nuanced approach that will address the issues and thus achieve a broad consensus. Then we need to act and be able to justify our decisions.

For more information or to share your comments with me, please visit my website at www.lynnecasgrainwestmount.ca.

LYNNE CASGRAIN, MAYORAL CANDIDATE

fobs), this particular car theft was an old-school job.

According to an AI search, the top most stolen cars, based on recent data, consistently include SUVs like the Toyota Highlander, Lexus RX, and Honda CR-V, along with pick-up trucks such as the Dodge

Ram 1500.

Sedans like the Honda Civic also remain frequent targets due to their high prevalence.

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INDIE IS UNIQUE AND READ, CITY'S GLOSSY NEWSLETTERS A NUISANCE

As a Westmouter who reads every *Westmount Independent* cover to cover, and as a successful bi-weekly past advertiser, I cannot help but champion the continued existence of our much-loved local newspaper!

The *Indie* is unique among all other Montreal papers in that every single Westmount household enjoys home delivery, to residents who look to it for their local news and “goings-on.” It's discouraging to note the city's dwindling advertising support, in tandem with wasting taxpayer funds on extravagantly glossy printed newsletters that are often treated as nuisance promotion in our mail boxes.

The *Westmount Independent* deserves to serve Westmouters for a very long time to come, and the loss would be ours if our own city doesn't take advantage of advertising in a publication that residents actually take the time to read.

CATHERINE HOWICK, LANSDOWNE AVE.

IS CITY'S RELUCTANCE TO SPEND ON ADS PART OF ANTI-DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN?

There are many Westmouters who read the *Indie* cover to cover (including in the paper version, no less!) because it provides local coverage, and for some people who are less than entranced by modern technology, the only source of information about what is happening in their community.

I admit that I'm paranoid (I avoid using Google, Facebook, etc. because their business model involves selling my personal and private data) but even so, I cannot help but see the present city administration's and city council's reluctance to make more use of the *Indie* for disseminating information of interest to citizens as part of a campaign to reduce the democratic participation of Westmouters.

A recent example is the Special Planning Project (SPP) for the city's southeast sector. By using an SPP, city council could (gleefully, it seems to me from attending council meetings!) bypass the requirement to open a register for proposed zoning changes and thereby eliminate the possibility of a referendum on said change by those affected.

When the SPP proposal put forward by the city evoked massive opposition, evidenced by huge turnouts at council meetings and a solid rejection in online comments to the plan, the mayor and various councillors dismissed objections as coming from small but vocal group of “NIM-

BYs.”

When entreaties were made to put off SPP implementation until after the upcoming November 2 election, council preferred to listen to profit-oriented developers who mounted a campaign urging haste and labelling opponents as against any change.

I'm not sure if the swan-song anti-democratic act of this council was the last-minute rescheduling of the meeting where the enabling by-laws would be passed, from the regular monthly council meeting for September 8 at the usual 7 pm time, to 18 September, a Thursday, at 6 pm. Given the unusual day of the week and problematic time slot for working people with family responsibilities, one could pretty well guarantee that the usual crowd of SPP dissenters might have difficulty showing up! And if memory serves me, the schedule change was made after a group of dissenters had run a full-page ad (September 1, p. 23) in the *Indie* announcing the September 8, 7 pm time!

For several years, probably starting with COVID, city council meetings have been streamed online so citizens could participate virtually, and submit their questions online the day of the meeting as well as during the meeting time. I was shocked (but somehow not surprised) to learn that, exceptionally for the difficult-to-get-to September 18 meeting, online questions would not be accepted!

So please forgive me for suspecting that the city's reluctance to spend more on advertising in the *Indie* is just another helping of the anti-democracy stew being served up by some of our elected councillors.

I ask you, therefore, when candidates running in the November 2 election come knocking on your door, find out their position on city advertising in the *Indie*, and then vote accordingly.

HENRY OLDERS, LANSDOWNE AVE.

CITY SHOULD SUPPORT UNIQUE MEDIA TREASURE

The *Westmount Independent* is a great newspaper, filled with all kinds of Westmount comings and goings. I think it's part of the Westmount experience.

I no longer live in Westmount (sold my home and moved into an apartment on Sherbrooke), but lucky for me the *Independent* is delivered to my building every week. I go and get my copy in the lobby every Wednesday, when it is delivered, because they are all gone by Friday.

Residents in my building really like the paper, they don't think it's dull (re: letter from “Food for thought?” October 14, p. 7). I am often in 5 Saisons, Jean Coutu on

Greene, and a number of Westmount restaurants. The *Independent* reaches beyond the borders of Westmount, and it's where I see advertisements from barber shops to the book sale at the Westmount Public Library etc.

The city of Westmount should support this unique print media treasure. So what if sometimes the paper has a critique of the way the mayor and/or the city councillors govern? I'm sure it's done with the intent to make things better for all, to give a different perspective, and in a spirit of good faith.

The paper and city hall make a good team in my estimation!

PETER BERSON, DOWNTOWN

INDEPENDENT ADDS TO WESTMOUNT'S VALUE

The interests of the city and its residents would be best served by a shift of the city of Westmount advertising budget to the *Independent*. It is a straightforward business case.

When citizens are informed and engaged, they feel a stronger sense of belonging to their community. This has been central to Westmount's identity over the last 150 years. Community newspapers are trusted and play a dominant role. The *Independent* is vital here. When we see people walking around with their phones in hand, they are not scrolling for local news and city notices. Without the *Independent*, Westmount would be an information desert, potentially turning into a colourless city, lacking community spirit.

So what happens when people now see a dynamic, thriving community like Westmount? They want to move here. What happens then? House prices increase, benefiting existing homeowners.

Of course, valuations then rise resulting in more tax outlay. City finances improve.

The message here is that council should recognize that even seemingly innocuous decisions can have an outsized impact on the Westmount community. This case clearly calls for increased ad spend in the *Independent* by the city. It's just good business.

DENIS BIRO,

5000 DE MAISONNEUVE, NDG

HOPE CITY REALIZES HOW LUCKY WE ARE TO HAVE INDIE

I just wanted to “add my voice to the choir.”

I might still read *The Gazette* as a matter of duty (to get a general idea of what's going on in the world) but I genuinely look forward to reading the *Westmount Independent* each week, carefully digesting each

page of information – adverts and all.

In a time when it would seem that society is in many ways more divided than ever, I view the *Independent* as one of the linchpins of the enduring sense of community that we have in Westmount.

I hope the city realizes just how lucky we are to have the *Independent* – not only as something that keeps us informed, but as something that keeps us connected.

DYLAN KELL-KIRKMAN, CLAREMONT AVE.

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SUSAN MCGUIRE, RESIDENT OF

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Official agents this election

District 3 councillor Jeff Shamie has been acclaimed, but his family's role in the election continues on. His wife, Daphne Tsadilas-Shamie, is the official agent for District 6 candidate Paul Levine, and his daughter, Chloe Shamie, is the agent for District 8 candidate Alec Chamlian. They have often been mentioned in the *Independent* in connection with social/philanthropic events and their former L'Art Glacier ice cream shop on Greene (see for example July 7, 2020, p. 29 and May 16, 2023, p. 21).

Gideon Pollack, who has often been quoted in the *Independent* as the developer of 500 Claremont (see for example September 10, 2024, p. 1), is the agent for District 2 candidate Jonathan Chomski.

Claude Bismuth is the agent for Lynne Casgrain, mayoral candidate. He has often been in the paper in connection with his volunteer work for the SWAT hockey tournament fundraiser (see for example April 26, 2016, p. 4).

Other agents are Charles Porteous (Mary Gallery, mayoral candidate), Alana Geller (Michael Stern, mayoral candidate), Claudia D'Ignazo (Antonio D'Amico, District 1), Heather Monaghan (Pierre Monaghan, District 1), Varun Hasija (Gurveen Chadha, District 4), Ayse Gauthier (Shawn Moss, District 5) and James (“Jim”) Richards (Kathleen Kez, District 8).

All the other candidates are their own agents. – DP

Geoffrey Chambers enters race for election in District 2

Platform cites networking experience in liaison with agгло concerns

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Geoffrey Chambers, who lives in District 4 near King George (Murray) Park, has chosen to run in the November 2 municipal election to represent District 2. This is because it has no incumbent running given Councillor Elisabeth Roux's decision to retire from council, he told the *Independent*.

His networking experience and "leadership" in many of the issues that face the city involving relationships with the greater Montreal community will enable him to "network and consult and give voice to the hopes and expectations of our neighbourhood," he says.

While basically retired, he explains, he is now in a position to give his time and attention not only to ongoing city management issues like traffic, road construction, repair and garbage collection but also to concerns regarding planning within the city and with other municipalities in the Montreal agglomeration.

These stem from his experience building the teams and networks needed "to make things happen" adding that "I hope to be able to help the next Westmount administration be more effective and consequential."

Alliance Quebec

Describing himself as "being exceptionally knowledgeable and well connected," Chambers is now "eager to help address the city's challenges moving forward."

He believes Westmount must play a more active role in the policy deliberations of the Montreal agglomeration. "The city contributes greatly to the region's economy, culture, and intellectual life, and deserves strong representation."



Geoffrey Chambers photographed in King George (Murray Hill) Park September 19.

PHOTO: RALPH THOMPSON.

Chambers has worked as an organizer in the 1980 Quebec referendum campaign and went on to help create Alliance Quebec in 1982, where he ultimately served as president. He also became president of the Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN) in 2018.

With a platform emphasizing city items related to the agglomeration, "I will try to work with the new mayor to make this a priority," he added. This would include "strategic advice on how to proceed, thoughts on what issues and initiatives to

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prioritize, as well as who to reach out to and how to build alliances and initiatives."

Born, raised in Westmount

Born in 1952 and raised in Westmount, Chambers attended Selwyn House for elementary school, LCC, Dawson College CEGEP followed by McGill and Oxford. After professional stints in the UK, Toronto and New York with various railway organizations, "I have always returned to my hometown." His engagement in public policy, politics and community advocacy continues, he says.

In the 1990s, he was "a senior organizer" for the Quebec Liberal Party and a key member of the "No" committee during the 1995 referendum. From 2012 to 2016, he served as a senior advisor on policy and organization to NDP leader Tom Mulcair and later as president of the Quebec Communities Group Network (later known as the QCGN and now TALQ).

He states he has also sat on numerous school, hospital and social service boards, from which he says he has gained "a strong understanding of the institutions and policy frameworks that shape a community's well-being." This, he says, "isn't only about ensuring fair value for our fiscal contribution, it's about helping shape long-term, forward-thinking policies that will foster economic and cultural growth across our metropolis."



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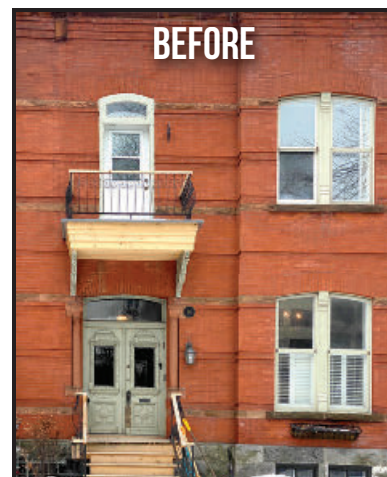


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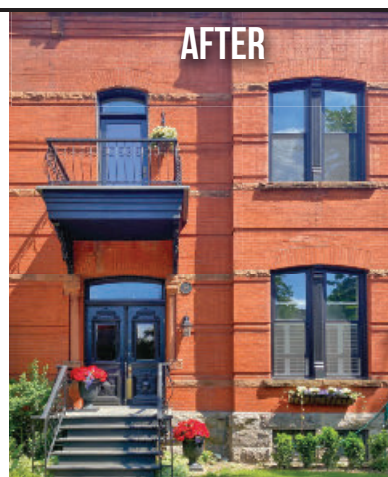
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Q & A (1 of 3)

We asked the municipal election candidates: Who is working with whom?

By DAVID PRICE

For background, see p. 19

1. Are you working with any other candidates?

“Working with” in this context includes endorsing, encouraging (or being encouraged) to run, helping (or being helped) to campaign, and advising (or being advised).

2. If so, whom?

Answer to question 1. was “No”:

Lynne Casgrain, Antonio D’Amico, Jonathan Chomski, Thomas Rolain, Gurveen Chadha, Lynda Lyness, Paul Levine, Gloria Rosado and Alec Chamlian.

Declined to answer: Pierre Monaghan
Declined to answer all the *Independent’s* questions: Michael Stern

Short answers:

Mary Gallery: I have met with almost all candidates running for council and have always encouraged good people to step up and serve their community. Anyone who wants to meet with me just needs to ask and I will happily share my ideas and experience. I am pleased however that many candidates have chosen to endorse me.

Geoffrey Chambers: YNTL [yes/no too limiting]. I am in conversation with a number of candidates in other districts with whom, I believe I could work constructively on council.

Jessica Winton: 1. Not working with any other candidates. Although I am friendly with Councillor [Matt] Aronson because we both sit on ESAC, and I know James Murphy from community groups. 2. I am not working with anyone. I am completely self financed (no donations, even from family) and make all my campaign materials myself.

Massimo Mazza: 1. Yes. 2. As of October 15, I helped Jessica Winton (District 2) as a volunteer canvasser. I will likely volunteer to help other candidates in the future however I have not made any plans to do so yet.

Conrad Peart: 1. As an outgoing councillor, many candidates have initiated meetings with me. A meeting does not imply endorsement. 2. All mayoral candidates. Both councillor candidates for District 5.

James Murphy: As an independent candidate, I have not made any formal endorsements. During the campaign, I have sought advice and shared ideas with a number of former and current city coun-

cillors and committee members. Those running for office include Jessica Winton, Jeff Shamie, Matt Aronson and Mary Gallery. My day-to-day campaign operations are supported by a group of volunteers I know from other community activities.

Julie Ledoux: I’ve reached out to Mary Gallery and Matt Aronson for advice. I’ve met with a fellow candidate in my district, as well as other districts. In light of Wednesday’s debate, I really think we have a cohort of brilliant fellow Westmounters with a lot to bring to the table.

Matt Aronson: 1. Yes 2. I approach the job of being a city councillor as a collaborator and a team player – I try to work with all my colleagues constructively, even if we disagree on some points of policy. In this election, I have had very constructive conversations with, advised or been advised by, encouraged or been encouraged by, or helped or been helped by a wide spectrum of the candidates for city council. They include Mary Gallery, Pierre Monaghan, Jessica Winton, Jeff Shamie, Conrad Peart, Gurveen Chadha, James Murphy, Paul Levine, Julie Ladoux, Kathleen Kez and Alec Chamlian.

No, or late, replies

Candidates were given until October 17 at 10 am to reply and were told that the deadline was strict out of fairness to all candidates.

Kathleen Kez informed the *Independent* on October 16 that she had “come down with something” and would not be responding by deadline.

Shawn Moss replied at 11:50 am on October 17, explaining his lateness was because he was responding to a family situation.

Emmanuel endorsed Gallery in Indie, chastised for saying so

Jean-François Emmanuel replied at 2:05 pm, although he had previously expressed his support for mayoral candidate Mary Gallery (see September 23, p. 4).

Interestingly, Emmanuel told *Westmount Independent* editor David Price after the speaking portion of the October 15 councillors’ event (see p. 1) that he had been told afterward not to do this. He did not say by whom.

Jeremy Jonas replied at 2:34 pm.

No reply was received from Christian Laurin before the *Independent’s* print deadline.

As we approach the end of the pool season we remind everyone of the importance of winterizing the pool equipment, whether you do it yourself or by a pool company, water left in hoses, outdoor faucets, pool heater or heatpump can cause freeze damage this winter. When that is done think about checking your home heating & hot water before winter.



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The District 1, 2 and 4 candidates.

District 1, 2 & 4, cont'd from p. 1

for candidates – all of whom attended – was:

- What are your big ideas for the city?
- Do you live in the district you are running in? If not, why run there?
- Would you tweak or gut the southeast project that city council voted 5-3 to approve in September?
- Would you de-carbonize the city?

Nigel Goddard, interim treasurer of the WMA, introduced the event, and it was moderated by Beryl Wajzman, who is the president of the Institute for Public Affairs of Montreal as well as the editor of *The Suburban* newspaper and a 2017 Westmount mayoral candidate. Candidates were:

- District 1: incumbent Antonio D'Amico and Pierre Monaghan,
- District 2: Geoffrey Chambers, Jonathan Chomski, Jean-François Emmanuel, Thomas Rolain and Jessica Winton,
- District 3: incumbent Jeff Shamie has been acclaimed and was present, but was not on the stage to speak or be questioned,
- District 4: Gurveen Chadha, Lynda Lyness, Massimo Mazza and incumbent

Conrad Peart.

The first questioner was District 7's Penny Arsenault, who wanted to know of all the 11 candidates on the stage, how many of them actually live in their districts.

All candidates did with the exception of Chambers and Emmanuel.

Another questioner was District 6's Ryan, who wanted the candidates to explain what plans/initiatives they would undertake as councillors, from public security and sports and recreation to urban planning.

Candidates' answers touched on these themes:

- D'Amico: data and the information infrastructure,
- Winton: public security,
- Mazza: transparency,
- Lyness: an ombudsperson and a more centralized city-services response system,
- Emmanuel: listening skills,
- Chomski: traffic, speeding, and safety of the children in their school zones.

Questioner Lucien Savard asked, "I want to know how many council meetings you have attended in 2025?" The question and answers were in French and translated

by the *Independent*.

Among the answers were ones by Monaghan and Chadha, who said, "I have attended some council meetings online and in person, and I was there for many public consultations on infrastructure."

Monaghan said, "It is important to attend the entire meeting, [but] the most important business [are] the approvals and budget [review] which are after 10 pm, which I do not think is a good idea."

Questioner Jon Breslaw from District 4 asked councillor candidates whether they would "tweak" or "gut" Westmount's controversial and already adopted plan to redevelop the southeastern section of the city.

No candidate came out unequivocally for "gut," although Chambers said, "I think it is a complete false dichotomy: more than tweak, less than gut," and Rolain said "now that the referendum has been taken away from the people [due to the use by the outgoing council of the province's PPU/SPP law], the only thing that we can do is tweak."

Questioner Shona Godwin asked Peart to identify the cost of the completed-and-not-pursued Claremont triangle pilot project (which closed the hypotenuse/shortcut

from NDG Ave. to Westmount Ave. for a time last year in order to collect data), to which Peart replied, "I do not have the exact dollar amount."

Questioner Emma Despland asked how the candidates plan de-carbonize the city to enact tangible action for climate change. Winton and D'Amico are both members of the environmental committee at the city and Winton said, "You can follow the recommendations in the report," while D'Amico said "Green accounting is important to me because it gives me the numbers that I can use to answer those types of questions."



District 6 candidate Paul Levine at the WMA's meet-the-candidates event. He was unavailable for his candidate-profile photo in August.



The District 5-8 candidates being quizzed by Arthur Chang, left.



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2 tsp kosher salt	1 ½ Tbsp dill weed	

Method

Combine all the spices (minus the olive oil) in small mixing bowl. Season the steak evenly on both sides using 1 tablespoon of the spice mixture, then chill in refrigerator for 20 minutes. Once chilled, place the flat iron in pouch with 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Seal the pouch, then put the flat iron back in the refrigerator for one hour to marinate.

Next, cook at 136.4°F (58°C) for five hours for medium-rare steak. Extra spice rub can be reserved for other uses. Once finished, remove the pouch and allow it to rest for 10 minutes before opening.

Remove the steak from the pouch and sear both sides for 2–3 minutes each on a hot skillet over high heat with 1 tablespoon of the vegetable oil. Allow the meat to rest for 5 minutes before serving.

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- Y = yes
- N = no
- none = no answer
- YNTL = yes/no too limiting
- D = decline
- na = not applicable
- W/F = answer in wrong format

An asterisk (*) has been added to answers that have been inferred by the *Independent*.

Plus sign (+) = candidate provided a text answer, only or in addition to another type of answer.

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Mayor											
Lynne Casgrain	c+	N	20,500 people	a	Y	Y	+	ii, iii, v+	N	i	a & b
Mary Gallery	c+	W/F	none	W/F	none	none	+	v+	W/F	i	W/F
Michael Stern	D										
District 1											
Antonio D'Amico	a	N	na	na	Y	N	na	na	na	na	a
Pierre Monaghan	c+	none	na	na	none	na	none	none	none	none	a
District 2											
Geoffrey Chambers	a, c+	YNTL	none	none	Y*	Y	YNTL	none	Y	i	YNTL
Jonathan Chomski	c+	N	na	na	Y	N	na	na	na	na	b
Jean-François Emmanuel											
Thomas Rolain	c+	N	na	na	none	YNTL	na	na	na	na	a
Jessica Winton	c+	W/F	approx 5,500	b	Y*	Y	+	v+	Y	i	b
District 4											
Gurveen Chadha	c+	YNTL	none	none	Y	N	na*	na*	na*	na*	b
Lynda Lyness	a	N	na	na	none	N	na	na	na	na	a
Massimo Mazza	a	N	na*	b	Y*	Y*	+	ii, v+	Y	i	a
Conrad Peart	c+	W/F	na	na	Y	YNTL	+	iv	YNTL	W/F	D
District 5											
Shawn Moss											
James Murphy	c+	Y	none	a	Y*	Y	+	v+	W/F	iii+	b
District 6											
Jeremy Jonas											
Julie Ledoux	a, c+	N	na*	na*	Y*	Y	+	v+	Y	i	a
Paul Levine	c+	N	na*	na*	Y	Y	+	v+	Y	i	a
District 7											
Matt Aronson	c+	Y	25,000 people	a	Y	Y	+	v+	W/F	i	b
Gloria Rosado	c+	N	na	na	Y	N	na	na	na	na	W/F
District 8											
Alec Chamlian	c+	N	na	b	Y	Y	+	v+	Y	i	b
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Q & A (2 of 3)

Some of *Independent's* questions to candidates answered

BY DAVID PRICE

These questions were asked in a series of emails that started October 13. Answers to questions 1. and 2. are on p. 10 and to 3 to 7 are on p. 18. See p. 19 for more detail. Question 12A is **in bold** because it was added after the first email.

Short answer questions

8. When approaching a street re-build (multiple choice),
- are you generally in favour of simply re-building the street in question as it was? (as is being done right now on Claremont.)
 - Or are you generally in favour of adding bicycle paths and bump-outs, and reducing parking space? (as was initially proposed for Claremont.)
 - some other way (20 words maximum)
9. According to Stats Canada, in 2021 Westmount was the fifth most dense city in Canada and second in Quebec, at 4,861 people per square kilometer. By changing zoning laws and allowing new construction, do you intend to make Westmount significantly more dense?
10. If so, what is your target density? (one number answer.)
11. If so, would (multiple choice):
- all of Westmount be targetted for more residents, or
 - only the area below Sherbrooke?
- 12A. Are you generally in favour of an indoor pool?**
12. Are you generally in favour of an indoor pool in this upcoming mandate, in the context of Westmount's current fiscal state?
- If so, where? (20 words maximum)
 - If so, do you see it as a (multiple choice):
 - City-of-Westmount-only project, for its own use only?
 - Shared project with another entity or entities?
 - A project partially financed by pre-leasing large blocks of time to other entities for years to come?
 - Don't care which of i to iii?
 - Financed or achieved some other way? If so, how? (20 words maximum)
 - If you are for an indoor pool, do you see it staffed by city of Westmount personnel? (yes/no)
 - If you are for an indoor pool, do you see it as a facility that is open (multiple choice):
 - All year?
 - Only during times when the outdoor pool is closed?

iii. Other? (20 words maximum)

13. When you vote in the coming mandate, will you be considering the interests, needs and desires of (multiple choice):
- Current residents only?
 - A mix of current residents and future residents, whose number and identities are currently unknown?

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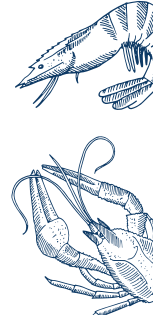



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District 5 to 8, cont'd from p. 1

- and Paul Levine,
- District 7: incumbent Matt Aronson and Gloria Rosado,
- District 8: Alec Chamlian, incumbent Kathleen Kez and Christian Laurin.

Ron asked the question, which was tweaked by moderator Beryl Wajzman: Who believes that the federal or provincial government would provide public works money for a sound wall? No one directly answered.

Laurin said, “This is in my neighbourhood, and people are complaining that the sound has been going higher. People can’t open their window during the summer and there’s dust.”

Kez said, “The sound readings were taken in 2022, and the report said that the post-construction sound measures were lower than pre-construction. That’s not to say new noise assessments will be conducted moving forward...”

Another questioner was District 5’s Karin Marks, former borough mayor (2002-2005) and mayor (2006-2009) of Westmount, who directed her query at Aronson, the only person on the stage who voted for the southeast PPU (“Programme particulier d’urbanisme,” or Special Planning Program).

She asked, “Why did it pass without a

provision requiring a significant percentage of affordable housing?”

Aronson replied, “That is something that I advocated for, strongly. Unfortunately, I was not able to get all the councillors to agree to that particular provision.”

Rosado chided, “Councillors need to listen to the people and construct the next project together. Unfortunately, that zoning project was already approved in the month of September and to prevent those things happening again, we can create a civic partnership.”

Jonas said, “[There] had been a shift in tone in the city discourse and there is work to do to get the city back on track to make it the best it can be.”

District 6’s Elisabeth Patterson asked, and Wajzman tweaked, whether the candidates would consider appointing a director of sustainability with a certain priority given to District 6, to which Ledoux said, “I do support anything that has to do with sustainability.”

Murphy said, “I want to say ‘yes,’ but I would not be in favour of putting someone in that position, spending the money, and not having [action]...”

Moss said, “If you have someone dedicated to that position, they can get things moving.”

Questioner Toby Morantz from District 8 asked why Levine and Chamlian – both of whom live in District 3 – have chosen to run in different districts. Chamlian said, “...the issues that are happening [in District 8] affect young people in particular.”

Levine said, “I’m two blocks away from the [pro-Palestinian] demonstrations, and I’ve been very affected [by them]. Many residents don’t feel safe. They don’t feel that they have access to their buildings, and they want peace, quiet, and safety in their district.”

In the District 5-8 group of candidates, James Murphy and Gloria Rosado are also not resident in their targeted districts.

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At WMA meet-the-candidates event

Indie editor Price asks if councillors would raise city's ad spend

By JENNIFER BALL

Disclosure: This article relates to the sale of advertisements by the Independent to the city of Westmount and was edited by one of the newsmakers, i.e. David Price.

On October 15, the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) held a meet-the-candidates event at Victoria Hall (see p. 1), and David Price, editor of the *Westmount Independent*, took the opportunity to ask them about projected advertising spending in the newspaper.

Price asked District 5-8 councillor candidates, "Would you increase the budget in city advertising in the *Westmount Independent* to \$80,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount from 2014?"

He provided context for the question. "Despite other methods of trying to stimulate city advertising, including the letter that I reproduced in recent editions [of the paper], and including a meeting in-person with Conrad Peart, I remember, at our offices – he's one of the few councillors to have come – city advertising has been on a decline since 2014... [then] it was \$61,000 and last year being \$36,000..."

"It's a great way to reach people and it lets us – whenever we have an ad – have more content."

A similar question was posed to Districts 1-4 councillor candidates, who provided divergent answers.

Sitting councillor Antonio D'Amico said, "I think most of my residents do appreciate [it] and the work that you do. I have no problem cutting from consulting expenses to give to the *Westmount Independent*."

Mazza was a definitive "yes," saying: "... The *Independent* is often the only voice that people have to get their questions and complaints out there... Until city hall is ready to respond in a timely manner and is ready to listen, I think the answer is overwhelmingly 'yes.'"



From left, Lynda Lyness, Conrad Peart, Jonathan Chomski and Antonio D'Amico.

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Peart went in the other direction. "I don't like the question! I find it is unfair to be in a public forum asking us for money. For the 11 people at the table, at least nine of them have zero context for the framing of that dollar amount... The *Westmount Independent* is a fantastic and important resource for the community, but I think you're going about it the wrong way tonight."

Lyness agreed. "Being in a public forum and being asked to say 'yes' or 'no' to \$80,000, it's difficult to answer without having more information..."

District 5-8 councillor candidates weigh in

District 5 candidate Shawn Moss said, "Yes, with an asterisk. The dollar figure would have to be discussed with the entire council and the mayor, but I'm open to helping out the *Independent*."

District 5 candidate James Murphy said "I think insofar as Westmount is sending out print notices to residents, it ought to be done with the *Independent*. I'd like to see [an increase] but not quite ready to say yes

to \$80,000."

Levine and Ledoux both said they would need to see the numbers.

Chamlian thanked Price for the work that the *Independent* does, "Because democracy [is in crisis]. There will be a budget in December, we're having an election, and that money belongs to the Westmounters in the room."

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Mary Gallery	N	N	N	N	N	W/F	N	Y	W/F	W/F	
Michael Stern						D					
District 1											
Antonio D'Amico	N	Y	D	na*	na*	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	
Pierre Monaghan	N	Y	N	na*	na*	Y	Y	Y	na	Y	
District 2											
Geoffrey Chambers	YNTL	Y	N	na*	na*	Y	Y	N	na*	Y	
Jonathan Chomski	N	YNTL	N	na	na	Y	YNTL	Y	YNTL	YNTL	
Jean-François Emmanuel											
Thomas Rolain	YNTL	N	YNTL	na	na	Y	Y	N	N	YNTL	
Jessica Winton	N	W/F	W/F	none	none	N*	N	Y	W/F	W/F	
District 4											
Gurveen Chadha	N	N	N	na*	na*	YNTL	YNTL	Y	N	D	
Lynda Lyness	Y	N	N	na	na	Y	D	N	N	N	
Massimo Mazza	N	Y	D*	D	D	Y	Y	D	D	Y	
Conrad Peart	N	N	N	na	na	YNTL	N	Y	YNTL	D	
District 5											
Shawn Moss											
James Murphy	N	N	YNTL	na*	na*	YNTL	YNTL	Y	YNTL	YNTL	
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Q & A (3 of 3)

Some of *Independent's* questions to candidates answered

Dear reader,

I tried to get municipal election candidates to answer substantive questions about their views, with mixed results. Please see the results of my efforts.

Some answers seem to contradict others or seem inappropriate or non-responsive to the question. Voter, I have tried my best. It's over to you.

Additional/clarifying questions are in **bold**. You can see how they arose from my second and third emails to the candidates.

DAVID PRICE, EDITOR

Key

Y = yes
N = no
none = no answer
YNTL = yes/no too limiting
D = decline
na = not applicable
W/F = answer in wrong format

An asterisk (*) has been added to answers that have been inferred by the *Independent*.

Email #1

October 13 – 12:09 am (part 1)

Hello, candidates (by BCC),

There are so many of you. Kindly confirm receipt, and please respect the yes/no or short answer formats. I cannot accommodate extra contributions, which will be "chopped off."

If a question is found to be unclear or incapable of answer within the format, it will be re-phrased or withdrawn for all candidates.

If you don't want to participate at all, please let me know by the deadline and I will reflect that.

If you don't want to answer a particular question, please write "D" (decline to respond). If an answer is not applicable because of how you have answered a previous question, please write "na."

So there is no confusion, please reply right next to the text of the answer in a reply email.

Please reply to the questions in one reply email by **Friday, October 17 at 10 am**. Out of fairness to the other candidates, late replies will not be published, including in subsequent issues. This rule will be strictly enforced. Thanks for taking a look.

Best regards,

David Price, editor

A. Text questions [reproduced on p. 10]

B. Yes/no questions

3. Would you vote to repeal:

- The southeast plan?
- The fireplace ban? / **Would you vote to repeal the fireplace-regulation**

legislation that took effect September 1, 2024 (see for example August 26, 2023, p. 1), thereby returning the city to the status quo ante?

- The Summit Woods sometimes-unleashed-dog compromise by-law?
 - If yes, would you make the new rules less open to dogs?
 - If yes, would you make the new rules more open to dogs?

4. When it first comes up for possible extension or renewal, would you replace the current every-other-week-in-winter garbage pick-up with weekly pick-up?

5. Similarly to the question above, when the time comes, would you reinstate the former practice of picking up garbage behind or in the side lanes of some houses?

6.

- Are you in favour of an artificial turf soccer field in principle? (e.g. if another level of government funded one entirely, would you place one on municipal land)
- Are you in favour of an artificial turf soccer field in the context of Westmount's current fiscal state? i.e. one fully or partially paid for by the city. / **If yes to 6a, and if the city has to spend a substantial amount of money, as is likely, are you still in favour [of] an artificial soccer field in the context of Westmount's current fiscal state, i.e. in the next mandate?**

7. Disclosure: This is a self-interested question by the *Independent*. Are you in favour of re-instating the city's former, larger budget for ads in the *Independent*? i.e. \$80,000 in 2025 dollars.

[This first email is continued on p. 15 so that the question and answers are lined up.]

Email #2

Additional material – October 14 9:29 am

Dear candidates (by bcc),

1. One of you has asked to answer the yes/no questions with short answers. I find these questions straightforward and ones that the public would want clear answers to. Nevertheless, to accommodate those who don't want to answer yes or no or decline (D), I will add another possible response: YNTL (yes/no too limiting). Please remember that, if elected as councillor and present at a meeting, you cannot abstain. So: if your colleagues prepare legislation like the questions here, even if you would prefer a different draft by-law, you will

have to vote "yes" or "no." I encourage yes or no for this reason, but you now have four possible answers.

- Another candidate has not respected the format. Please answer NEXT TO the questions and in the manner explained (yes/no or multiple choice or short answer etc). More "background" information is not helpful.
- In light of a comment, I will also add a question that belongs before question 12. It will allow people to support an indoor pool in the more distant future. It is:

12A. Are you generally in favour of an indoor pool?

Please remember that there are 21 of you.
Best regards, David

Email #3

#2 Additional material –
October 14 3:45 pm

Dear candidates (of whom there are 24 including the mayoral candidates, not just the 21 councillor candidates as per my last email),

I have had two other comments.

- Fireplaces have not been banned. They have been massively regulated, making most of them unuseable legally most of the time. For the literal minded, this question (number 3b) can be re-conceived as:

Would you vote to repeal the fireplace-regulation legislation that took effect September 1, 2024 (see for example August 26, 2023, p. 1), thereby returning the city to the status quo ante?

- It has also been pointed out that for question 6b., a "partially paid for" field could be 1-percent funded by the city, and a person could be in favour of such a field, but also against one that is 25-percent (or more) funded by the city (or some other financial threshold).

I find this approach to be unhelpful. To me, the 6b. question obviously implies a substantial investment by the city. If you are for such a field in principle (question 6a) and one is offered for \$1 of city money, you would obviously be for that \$1 plan. But the city has forecast a lot of spending and borrowing in the next few years and other entities are not lining up to pay 99 percent of any major project. I guess that pro-field voters want to know if each of you thinks there is realistically room in the budget for their desire, so I think the question is still meaningful in plain English.

If it must be phrased another way: **"If yes to 6a, and if the city has to spend a substantial amount of money, as is likely, are**

you still in favour an artificial soccer field in the context of Westmount's current fiscal state, i.e. in the next mandate?"

You can always reply YNTL if you cannot live with that.

In general, I guess that voters would appreciate some plain talk, and are not keen to hand blank cheques to politicians, but you can reply as you want or not reply at all. How do you judge the mood of the last four years?

And of course I might be incorrect...

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Bixi cont'd from p. 1

November 2025 will be a wonderful benefit to our community,” Councillor Kathleen Kez told the *Independent* last week after moving the resolution.

Although no additional details were announced, she told the *Independent* last week that she was “not sure how” it will affect the bike path’s portion through Westmount Park, which would require special snow clearing. “Of the two new stations, I am certain one will be at Greene and de

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Maisonneuve,” she said. This had been part of a pilot project last winter.

Asked for all 3 be kept open

Dan Lambert, as president of the Association of Pedestrians and Cyclists, had asked city council at its meeting December 18, 2023 for all three of the city’s Bixi stations on de Maisonneuve be kept open for winter use in order to serve as a link between the two stretches of the bicycle commuter route from NDG to downtown (see story December 10, 2024, p. 12). The winter Bixi service includes gradual adaptation of bikes for winter use (e.g. studded tires), as well as de-icing and snow removal.

According to Bixi statistics, between November 16, 2024 and March 20, 2025, Bixi users travelled 27 percent more than during the same period the year before and that the number of respondents who had already cycled in winter almost doubled compared with the previous year, rising from 35 percent to 61 percent, “testifying not only to the impact of the pilot project, but also to user loyalty. As well, 63 percent of the respondents said they use Bixi year-round to save time on their journeys.”

Bixi also reported that “despite last winter’s historic storm which prevented some other modes of surface transportation from circulating,” Bixi-ists continued using the service.



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LETTERS OF ENDORSEMENT

FINANCIAL ACUMEN, INTEGRITY, ABILITY TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER KEY FOR MAYOR – VOTE STERN

As a former Westmount city councillor who proudly served our municipality for two terms, and as someone who has spent many years as a teacher and a volunteer in numerous community organizations, I have always believed in the importance of strong, principled leadership at the local level.

It is from this perspective – and as a long time, deeply committed resident – that I am proud to endorse Michael Stern for mayor in the upcoming November 2 municipal election.

For over 35 years, Michael has lived and worked in Westmount, quietly earning the respect of residents, business leaders and charitable organizations. Through his work providing accounting and strategic advice to a broad range of companies and non-profits, he has earned a reputation for sound financial stewardship, measured decision-making and a rare ability to build consensus in challenging environments. His platform is clear and reflects what many of us know to be true:

- our city must do better in delivering what residents rightly deserve,
 - improved infrastructure and facilities,
 - greater accountability,
 - more effective public services,
 - enhanced safety and security,
- all with a renewed commitment to transparency.

This is not just a campaign of ideas – it's a commitment backed by decades of real-world experience, leadership and deep community roots.

In times of economic pressure and growing demands on local services, we need a leader with financial acumen, integrity and the ability to bring people together. Michael Stern is that leader. He has already proven his ability to make tough decisions and to guide organizations through complex challenges. As mayor, he will do the same for our city.

I truly believe Michael Stern is the right person to lead us forward. I encourage all residents who care about the future of Westmount to support him as our next mayor.

RHODA VINEBERG, FORDEN CRESCENT

STERN PUTS FORWARD PRAGMATIC, INCLUSIVE APPROACH TO GOVERNANCE

I am proud to endorse Michael Stern for mayor of Westmount. As a seasoned professional and former partner at EY,

Michael brings a wealth of experience in leadership, strategic thinking and financial stewardship – qualities that are essential for effective municipal governance.

Both Michael and I worked together at EY from 1995 to 2012 and throughout his career, Michael consistently demonstrated a deep respect for collaboration and communication. He was known not only for his technical expertise but also for his ability to listen – truly listen – to both clients and staff. That attentiveness and empathy are exactly what we need in a mayor: someone who understands the concerns of residents and works tirelessly to address them.

Michael's vision for Westmount is grounded in transparency, fiscal responsibility and community engagement. He has the skills to navigate complex challenges and the character to lead with integrity. His platform reflects a pragmatic and inclusive approach to governance – one that prioritizes transparency, sustainability and the well-being of all residents. Whether addressing infrastructure, public safety or local economic development, Michael has shown he understands the unique needs of Westmount and has the skills to deliver meaningful results.

In all the years I've known Michael, I witnessed a man of integrity – kind, honest, and deeply devoted. As a husband, he's loving and supportive; as a father, he leads with compassion and teaches by example. His presence always brought warmth, strength, and trust to those around him.

I wholeheartedly support Michael Stern's candidacy and encourage my fellow residents to vote for a leader who will serve Westmount with dedication and distinction.

PAUL KARAMANOUKIAN, GREENE AVE.

NEXT MAYOR NEEDS ANALYTICAL SKILLS, BUDGET & NEGOTIATING EXPERIENCE, PERSONALITY TO BUILD CONSENSUS – VOTE STERN

We are proud Westmount residents who are blessed to be able to raise our families in this community. We are also civic-minded entrepreneurs and business-people. Our work has taught us the importance of financial discipline and honed our negotiation skills and consensus building abilities.

Over the past few years, we have grown increasingly concerned about the declining condition of our community's services, roads, parks and facilities and the efficiency of municipal leadership to plan and provide these services.

We write this letter to highlight the opportunity that Westmount has to im-

prove our services in a pragmatic and cost-effective way.

We need to elect a mayor with strong analytical skills, experience managing budgets and negotiating significant contracts, and the personality to build consensus within our diverse municipality. Michael Stern is the only candidate in our upcoming election who has proven to have all of these attributes.

As a senior audit partner at Ernst & Young, Michael advised many entrepreneurs like us as they have tackled challenging financial and operational questions. He has been a leader in his business and personal communities for decades, and he knows how to work with people of all backgrounds to find solutions.

We have known Michael and his family for a long time, and we are thrilled to see him step forward and offer his considerable skills to improve our community. We urge our fellow Westmounters to hear Michael's ideas for our city, to meet him at his many public appearances, and to support him as he seeks to improve the Westmount that we all love.

CLARISSA DESJARDINS, MILA MULRONEY,
JOHN ANTONIOU, FRANCE MARGARET
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& J. ROBERT SWIDLER

LEVINE GETS IT

We are writing to voice our strong support for Paul Levine, candidate for city council in Westmount District 6.

Many of us have known Paul for quite a few years through his involvement in numerous community organizations and his stellar reputation as a forensic accountant. He is a person of integrity, intelligence and forceful advocacy – someone who doesn't just talk, but acts.

Paul recently met with some of us at 4300 de Maisonneuve to share the concerns many of us have about the continued unrest on Greene Ave., which has sadly become an almost daily occurrence. As seniors, many of us feel deeply unsettled by the taunts and harassment we encounter while simply trying to enjoy or shop in our neighbourhood. It's upsetting, and frankly, it's unacceptable.

Paul listened with empathy and understanding. It was clear to us and to others that he gets it. He understands how these issues are affecting our quality of life and he's determined to shake things up at city hall. He's not afraid to ask hard questions

or push for real solutions.

I hope others in District 6 will join us in supporting Paul. He is ready to work hard for all of us and to bring real change to Westmount.

JOE RABINOVITCH, ELAYNE CHIVERS,
SONNY MEREVITZ, DR. JACK ROSENTHAL,
DALE BOIDMAN, NAT BOIDMAN,
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& SUSAN ROSENOFF

Text answers for questions 8-13

These answers should be read in conjunction with the questions on p. 15 and the answer grid on p. 14.

Mayoral candidates

Lynne Casgrain
8.c. Favour traffic calming and bike lanes, but streets must be analyzed with residents’ input and engineers explaining requirements and constraints.
12.a. CENTRAL. Must look at traffic, access, parking and its impact on surroundings/communities.
12.b. (v) Upfront contribution from pay-as-you-go, then leasing from operation to better control costs.

Mary Gallery
8.c. I am in favour at looking at the best solution for each road. Infrastructure investment involves below-ground and above-ground elements, [chopped off by editor at 20-word limit].
12.a. The YMCA pool is important to our community, but it does not meet all of our needs. One option for [chopped off by editor at 20-word limit].
12.b. Ideally this is a shared project with investment from the provincial and federal governments.

Michael Stern declined to answer any of the *Independent’s* questions.

District 1

Antonio D’Amico had yes/no and multiple-choice answers to these questions (see p. 14), but no text ones.

Pierre Monaghan
8.c. I believe the residents directly impacted by the street re-build should be consulted and have a weighted input into that [chopped off by editor at 20-word limit].

District 2

Geoffrey Chambers
8.c. Every street is different and in more or less need of updating. The local citizens should have the largest say.

Jonathan Chomski
8.c. Some other way – Prioritize safe, well-maintained roads and modernized infrastructure, but ensure consultation before changing parking or traffic flow.

Jean-François Emmanuel did not meet the *Independent’s* deadline.

Thomas Rolain
8.c. Simply re-building with traffic & speeding calming measures. Bicycle paths only on major arteries. No parking space change.

Jessica Winton
8.c. Changing road design to be nonlinear (not completely straight) for safety and prevent speeding. Including other features like bump-outs where [chopped off by editor at 20-word limit].
12.a. Yes, in the southeast (but will not be open this mandate obviously).
12.b. (v): Public-private partnership (most likely with the operations by the YMCA) with eventual complete handover to the city of Westmount.

District 4

Gurveen Chadha
8.c. Preserve parking and greenery, improve accessibility, build lasting roads, and work with Montreal to create bike paths on their roads.

Lynda Lyness had yes/no and multiple-choice answers to these questions (see p. 14), but no text ones.

Massimo Mazza
12.a. Ideally near existing recreation infrastructure, such as the recreation centre, to share facilities and reduce long-term operating costs.
12.b. (v) Use grants, partnerships and multi-year budgeting to finance responsibly without increasing taxes or delaying essential infrastructure work.

Conrad Peart
8.c. Streets must first meet MTQ standards and engineering requirements, while also addressing safety, mobility, accessibility and stormwater management objectives.
12.a. (If pursued), site to be determined by feasibility and partnership studies, with community input and full financial analysis.

District 5

Shawn Moss did not meet the *Independent’s* deadline.

James Murphy
8.c. I am generally in favour of re-building streets with improved pedestrian safety and resilience against extreme weather.
12.a. Tupper [parking] lots is the most obvious choice.
12.b. (v) Partnering with Montreal, pre-leasing blocks of time and incentive zoning are all options.
12.d. (iii) To be determined.

District 6

Jeremy Jonas did not meet the *Independent’s* deadline.

Julie Ledoux:
8.c. I would be in favour of adding bicycle paths ONLY if it’s the wish of the residents, if there’s a [chopped off by editor at 20-word limit].
12.a. My fellow residents in District 6 have suggested having it included in future southeast projects.
12.b.(v) Via the WRC model: external grants + time-limited municipal financing for our portion + community fundraising/naming rights. (Resident access remains [chopped off by editor at 20-word limit].

Paul Levine
8.c. I am in favour of re-building streets with some bump-outs for flowers and vegetation.
12.a. In the SE [southeast].
12.b. (v) Allowing membership to residents of other cities who will pay more to be a member than a Westmouter, and only [chopped off by editor at 20-word limit].

District 7

Matt Aronson
8.c. Case-by-case basis: with community input, where possible, bring underground infrastructure (water retention/sewer, utilities, etc.) and surface (safety features, road and [chopped off by editor at 20-word limit].
12.a. In the very specific zoning area designated for this in the PPU (southeast sector).
12.b (v) Built by developers for the community as part of the “bonus zoning” option of the PPU (southeast sector).

Gloria Rosado
8.c. Take a case-by-case approach that aligns with my platform as presented at www.gloriarosado.ca – prioritizing safety, context-sensitive design, traffic calming, crosswalk [chopped off by editor at 20-word limit].

District 8

Kathleen Kez and **Christian Laurin** did not meet the *Independent’s* deadline.

Alec Chamlian
8.c. Public consultations with residents and the community
12.a. The city owns two parking lots on Tupper that could be used to this effect.
12.b. (v) Public-private partnership.