

'Moment of remembrance': Mayor Smith

City inaugurates Doug Ellis memorial garden in Westmount Park

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

It was a long time coming. But the inauguration of the city's Douglas Firstbrook Ellis memorial garden at the southwest portion of Westmount Park had been planned for the start of the holiday Labour Day weekend and the threat of rain was not

going to derail it. The city was ready with a tent, just in case, and everything was prepared.

It did not rain and the site on Lansdowne near the Westmount recreation centre was officially opened and dedicated August 29 to the memory of hockey prodigy Doug Ellis, whose life was described as "profoundly affected by the sexual abuse he suffered in his youth" at the hands of a now deceased city of Westmount department director, employee and coach. The trauma was described as
having deeply impacted *continued on p. 3*

Municipal election news

In the race

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- incumbent Conrad Peart (District 4)
- new candidate Julie Ledoux (District 6)
- incumbent Matt Aronson (District 7)
- incumbent Kathleen Kez (District 8)



Over 50 survivors, family members and supporters gathered at the inauguration of the Douglas Firstbrook Ellis memorial garden August 29 at the corner of Lansdowne and St. Catherine. Attendees came from as far away as Australia, California and British Columbia. Mayor Christina Smith, left, addressed the gathering, as did representatives of the victims and their families, who thanked the city for its approach to the case, applauded the courage of the survivors and called for remembrance. Among those present were Doug Ellis' mother Ruth (front row, second from the left), brother Brad (third from left) and father Brook (right), and lead plaintiff Matthew Bissonnette (second from right), who also spoke.

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third to do so
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Sidewalk sales, face painting

Victoria village fall festival set for weekend Sept. 5-6

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The Victoria village fall street festival Friday and Saturday, September 5 and 6 comes as a celebration of the renewed street as work crews put finishing touches on the city reconstruction of Sherbrooke St. from Grosvenor to Claremont last week.

"It's been a difficult time for the merchants on Sherbrooke this summer with

the construction," said Cynthia Lulham, general manager of the merchants' association. "It's time for a village celebration. Come support our merchants, find a deal, enjoy a meal and see the new sidewalks, crosswalks and paving with improved safety and enhanced pedestrian experiences."

Merchants are expected to be offering
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Public Security tracks down suspicious man

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

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Described as “possibly intoxicated,” and having no fixed address, police were called and the man taken to hospital “for his own well-being.”

Boys still playing ‘ring and run’

Two “young” boys ringing doorbells and then running away on Prince Albert August 24 were found on St. George’s

Place, Public Security officials said. Police were called and parents advised. They were described as aged 12 and 13 and were holding a toy gun.

Traffic routed south at Cedar when branch falls at Mountain

A Public Security patroller August 23 at 10:20 pm came across a large tree branch that had fallen at Cedar at Mountain, according to department officials. A patrol car was stationed at the intersection and traffic routed south until Public Works attended to clean up the debris.

No Police Report this issue

We spoke to local police last week, but our early Labour Day print deadline kept us from having the interview in this issue. Look for it next week. – DP.

Doug Ellis memorial, cont’d from p. 1

his life and led to his premature passing at age 45.

“This moment of remembrance,” explained Mayor Christina Smith beforehand, “is intended to honour the memory of those affected, acknowledge the suffering endured and re-affirm our shared commitment to truth, justice and the protection of all children.”

Designed to resemble centre ice at a hockey rink, the garden’s creation was a part of the settlement of a \$2.5-million class action reached between the victims and the city, and approved by a Superior Court judge in May 2017 (see January 31, 2017, p. 1, June 6, 2017, p. 3).

After the city employee’s death, the lawsuit had been filed in Quebec Superior Court in 2015 by Matthew Bissonnette, one of his former players, who attended the event and spoke, as did both of Ellis’ parents, Ruth and Brook.

Vic village fall festival, cont’d from p. 1

merchandise on the sidewalk Friday (10 am to 6 pm) and again Saturday (10 am to 5 pm). “Face Painting with Diva” also takes place on the Friday 3 to 6 pm and again on Saturday 11 am to 4 pm. Some will continue on Sunday.

An “artist colony” is planned to be featured at Sherbrooke and Victoria as well as at Somerville and Victoria featuring photography, ceramics and painting with displays as well as selling.

Centred at Prince Albert square

On both Friday and Saturday, Prince Albert square is being billed as a centre of various musicians and other forms of entertainment at various times to be consulted at the merchants’ website www.victoriavillage.ca.

Street magic with Monsieur Magic and circus acts with Amanda Dandelion are also billed for Saturday. People who like to sing are invited to join in with the NDG Club Choir for community singing at 2 pm Saturday.




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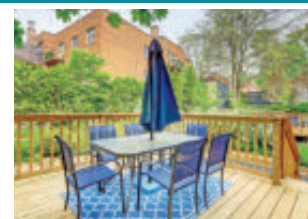
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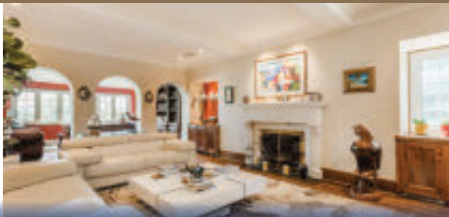
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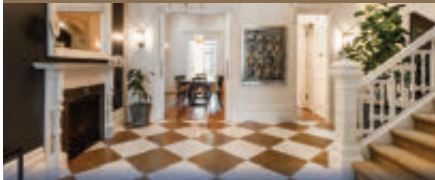
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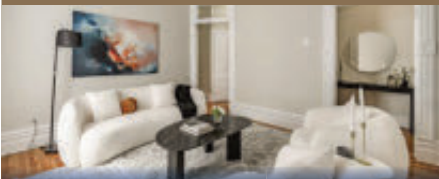
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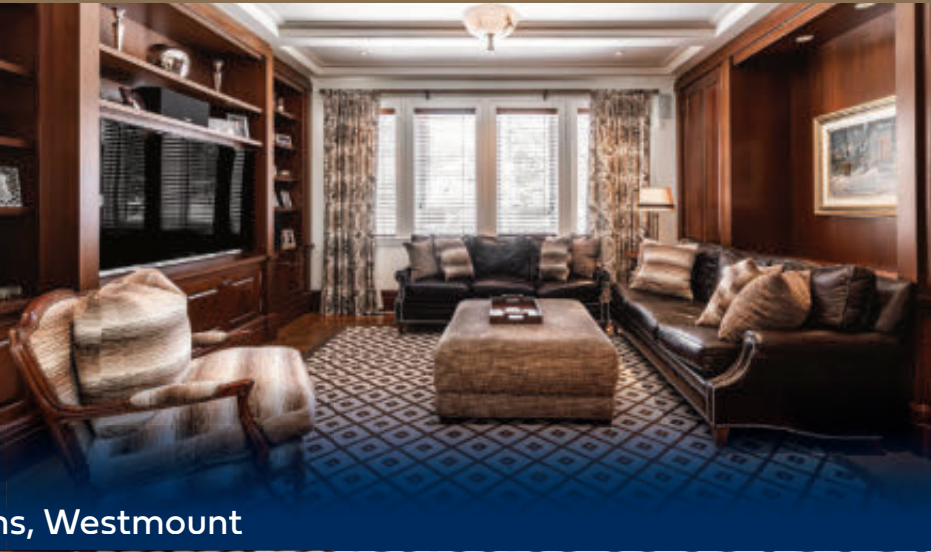
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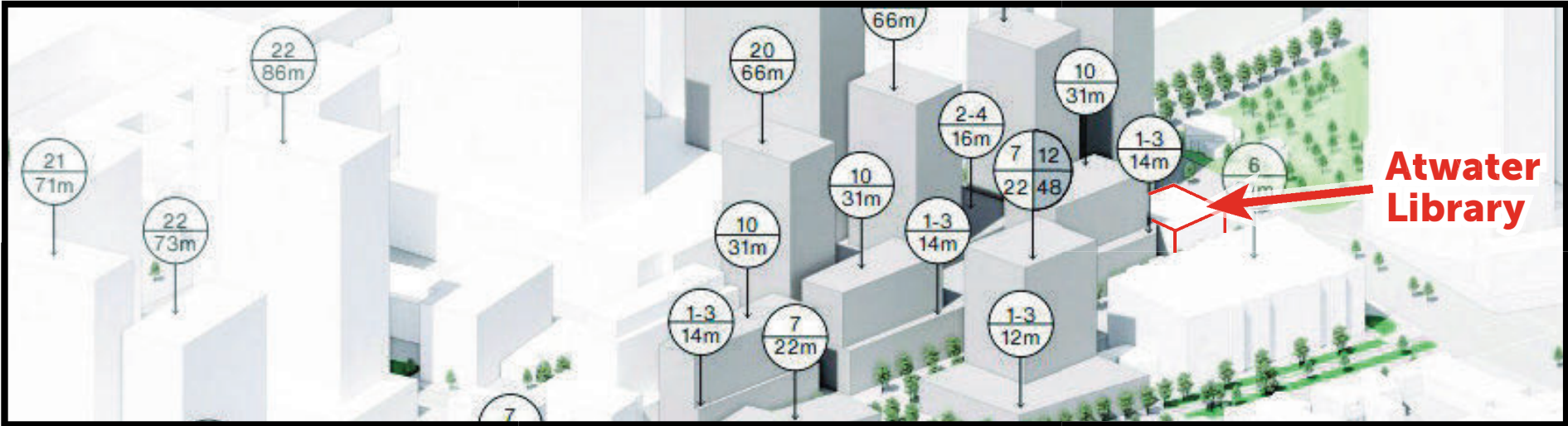
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Is This the Westmount We Want?

Let Citizens Have Their Say on Southeast Redevelopment

On Sept. 8, Westmount is scheduled to adopt the controversial rezoning plan for the southeast sector.

The **Atwater Library and Computer Centre** joins its voice to a chorus of citizens and experts demanding that City Council delay this important decision until after the Nov. 2 municipal election.

- We all agree Westmount’s southeast sector needs revitalization. But the current redevelopment plan, calling for a forest of high-rises rising 20 to 29 storeys at Ste-Catherine St. W. and Atwater Ave., is not the answer. Do we really want a replica of the skyscrapers on the former Montreal Children’s Hospital site?
- The redevelopment plan is not ready for adoption. Where are greenery, affordability, families, community, livability, forward thinking and creativity? Where is the cost-benefits analysis taxpayers have a right to expect? Rather than a developer-driven project, Westmounters deserve one we can be proud of for generations to come.

We call on City Council to leave this crucial decision to the next administration. We urge Westmounters to ask their local councillors to hold off on this controversial plan until citizens have spoken in the Nov. 2 election.



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The **Atwater Library and Computer Centre** – entirely located in Westmount – is a National Historic Site and a hub of English-language community life. The 20-storey tower proposed for the corner of Ste-Catherine would dwarf and diminish this heritage gem that anchors the eastern boundary of Westmount.

“Sadly, the current planning proposal ignores the history and heritage status of the Atwater Library as well as its longstanding support of community activity. The Library is an important heritage gateway to the city and merits significant and appropriate spatial and programmatic attention.”

– **Peter Jacobs**, Westmount resident,
Emeritus Professor of Landscape
Architecture, Université de Montréal

Mixed messages



On Sherbrooke eastbound, a left onto Argyle is both part of a detour and prohibited, as seen August 16. The reason for the temporary no-left-turn is not evident. It was still in this configuration when the *Independent* went by August 25. Circles added by *Independent*.

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Architect Shawn Moss advocates collaboration

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Architect Shawn Moss has announced his intention to run for city council “as a proud resident of District 5” and with 20 years of professional experience that includes design work on the Westmount recreation centre (WRC).

“My specialization in sustainable design reflects my commitment to building a greener, more resilient future for Westmount,” he said.



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His professional career has been defined by one core principle, he added. This is that “successful projects are built on collaboration...aligning diverse perspectives and bringing together conflicting inputs into a cohesive whole.”

Now, as the father of a seven-year-old boy, and having worked here for many years before that, “I have a deep appreciation for what makes our city special.” His focus, he explained “has always been on the greater good and bringing conflicting inputs into a cohesive whole.” This is the approach he hopes to bring to contribute to council decisions.

He is also “deeply fond” of District 5 noting its housing of different sizes, Victoria village and proximity to “great public resources.”

Serving the community

Moss holds undergraduate and master’s degrees in architecture from McGill awarded in 2001 and 2004 and is a member of the Ordre des architectes du Québec (OAQ). In addition to working on many contracts such as ones regarding Concordia, McGill and Montreal airport, he is currently working with Aedifica as a senior



Shawn Moss photographed in the back garden of his home on August 15. PHOTO: RALPH THOMPSON.

architect.

“I have always also dedicated time to volunteer on a variety of boards and com-

mittees” including the OAQ, the Canadian Green Building Council and preschool parents’ committees.

At the time that he worked on the WRC (opened in 2013), “I was involved in a bit of everything: I remember designing the pool to FINA [aquatic] standards as well as including the kiddy pool, the dressing rooms, the multi-functional room, picking door hardware.

“I also remember working closely with [architect] Erik Marosi on the Lansdowne façade and coordinating the landscaping with the landscape architect. As well as drafting the plans (we were working in 3D) and supervising the construction work, we were a pretty big team but it was my main project for many years.”

He said that when the opportunity arose to represent District 5, “I realized this was my chance to serve a community that I appreciate at a time of both disruption and new opportunities.

“I will be approaching this [council] role with an open mind and a clear mission: to work with residents and future colleagues on council to not only maintain but also improve the wonderful neighbourhood we call home.”

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CITY COUNCILS OUGHT NOT VOTE ON LEGISLATION NOT YET IN FORCE

On September 8, Westmount council members will vote on a set of zoning changes required for the implementation of the special planning program (a *Plan Particulier d'Urbanisme*) for the southeast sector.

This plan involves a number of high-rise towers, as well as increased densification, and has resulted in a significant amount of opposition, including from former mayors. Once these zoning changes are put in place, they are impossible to rescind.* With an upcoming election in November, the obvious question is why would council vote on this issue at this time?

The response from the mayor, Christina Smith, is that these are the requirements of the revised PMAD (the *Plan Métropolitain d'aménagement et de développement*), which is the legislation undertaken by the the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal as part of the overall planning process for the greater Montreal region.

What the mayor does not state is that the revised PMAD does not come into force until it is officially promulgated (which is expected in December 2025).

After that, the agglomeration has two years to adopt it in a new *schéma*, and the municipalities an additional six months to bring their by-laws into concordance. Thus, we are looking three years down before any new density thresholds become a requirement.

Consequently, today, Westmount is required to follow the densities specified in the current PMAD, and these requirements do not necessitate the densities specified in the Lemay plan.

When the legislator mandated a six-month period after the new *schéma* was put in place, it did so because that is the logical time to amend the municipal by-laws, when the path forward is clear because that is exactly the intent of the *schéma*.

In the context of so much opposition two months before a municipal election, to amend the by-laws and re-zone today to satisfy a document that might only come into play in three years' time, and which will be modified by a new agglomeration *schéma* that is not even on the drawing board, is insanity.

JON BRESLAW, GROSVENOR AVE.

**Editor's note:* That was not what the city said when I asked. See "Even if passed, southeast project could be repealed: city," August 12, p. 12. – DP.

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Statement from Jonathan Wener

Supported by André Desmarais and Stephen Bronfman On Supporting the PPU and Revitalization of Sainte-Catherine

As a long-time resident of Westmount, I care deeply about the future of our community. Sainte-Catherine Street near Atwater has long been one of Westmount's most important gateways. Today, it is in an unacceptable state, unsafe, underused, and in decline. Vacant lots, failing businesses, and repeated incidents of violence are symptoms of years of stagnation. It is deeply troubling that this vital corridor has been allowed to deteriorate for so long, with yet another serious incident of violence occurring this month underscoring the urgency of action. Our community deserves better.

For more than two years, City Council, staff, and citizens have worked tirelessly to prepare the Special Urban Planning Program (PPU). Consultations were held, adjustments were made, and taxpayer resources were invested in building a balanced plan. The result is not perfect, no plan ever is, but it is thoughtful, achievable, and urgently needed.

History teaches us that bold leadership is never easy. Major projects always face opposition. But once implemented, they deliver benefits that far outweigh the fears. The southeast sector is overdue for that kind of renewal.

The alternative, delaying and continuing with low-density zoning, has already failed us. It has left the area vulnerable to crime, unattractive to investors, and damaging to Westmount's reputation. Further delay now

would undo years of progress, waste hundreds of thousands of dollars in resources, and condemn Sainte-Catherine to more decline.

While I have long believed a two-tower, 30-storey approach could bring even greater benefits if property owners cooperated, I strongly support the current PPU. A well-executed redevelopment, anchored by strong design and community collaboration, will be a vast improvement.

Approval on September 8th is not the end; it is the beginning. The real work will come after adoption, as the city, its citizens, and developers work together to ensure the revitalization plan respects our heritage while creating a safe, vibrant, and prosperous future.

We cannot allow the pursuit of perfection to become an excuse for paralysis. Perfection is the enemy of progress.

Accordingly, I support the adoption of the current PPU, while expressing the hope that property owners will remain open to exploring the two-tower alternative in the future, which would still remain possible even after approval.

The time for Westmount to move forward is now.

Jonathan Wener, Chairman – Canderel
André Desmarais, Deputy Chairman – Power Corporation
Stephen Bronfman, Chairman – Claridge

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DORCHESTER BLVD. IS NOT DORCHESTER ST.

I agree with most of the brilliant, thorough and helpful *Indie* editorial of July 8 (p. 6) regarding the city’s southeast plans. But a letter from Brigitte Barrette of Dorchester Blvd in the August 19 *Indie* (p. 18) leads me to comment.

Mrs. Barrette’s letter refers to “the destruction of a residential boulevard” in the 1960s. In fact, as the photo accompanying the editorial shows, Dorchester St. was a simple two-way street with one lane of traffic in each direction, and one parking lane. It was 40 feet wide (12.2m).

I also note that the since-demolished houses on the north side had as many as four floors of living space. For example, the house in the photo has an almost-ground-level “basement,” stairs with 14 steps leading up eight feet to the front door, and dormer windows in the sloped roof (often staff quarters).

These houses and gardens were backed by houses and gardens on the south side of Tupper Ave. All of this was unfortunately demolished in the 1960s, destroying the neighbourhood.

Now that the street has been widened considerably to 84 feet (25.6m) with a large grass median dividing the east- and west-bound lanes, the depth of the properties on Dorchester has been reduced by 44 feet (13.4m). Where back-to-back houses existed on Dorchester and Tupper, only houses on Dorchester would now be possible, and their rear gardens would face the Reddy

Memorial building, 79 feet to 128 feet tall (24 to 39m). This is not attractive to potential home buyers.

What is more, the house in the photo has since been replaced by a commercial building stretching from Dorchester to Tupper that is 105 feet tall (32m). Do you want a house next door to that?

No. It is impossible to recreate the neighbourhood as it was. And regarding heights, people forget that one of the buildings on narrow Dorchester (corner Greene) demolished in the 1960s was the Calvary Church, 70ft (21.3m) tall, equivalent to a six- or seven-storey building.

I see no problem with having a five- or six-storey residential buildings on such a wide street in what has been a parking lot for 60 years. Think of walkable Paris with all the six- and seven-storey buildings lining wide sidewalks and streets. Think of purely residential buildings resembling the height and look of the building on Greene Ave. that houses the 5 Saisons. This will preserve the residential character and human scale of Dorchester, while allowing young people to live in our wonderful community. Our first happy home in Westmount for two years as a young married couple was a one-bedroom apartment in the Alexis Nihon tower.

Dorchester can again be a gem of a neighbourhood for young people. New townhouses costing \$4 million will not accomplish this.

St. Catherine street is another matter. It already has seven high rises, with one reaching 33 floors. Infilling with short

buildings will look ridiculous, but the proposed four towers should be reduced in number.

No plan will satisfy everyone. I am very pleased that the current council is showing the courage to make a decision that previous councils neglected to do for 60 years, kicking the can down the road, at great cost of lost revenue that could have allowed Westmount to again have the finest roads and sidewalks on the island on Montreal.

PATRICK MARTIN, THE BOULEVARD

Editor’s note: Patrick Martin was a city councillor from 2005 to 2017. – DP

CONSIDER KNOWN, UNKNOWN FLAWS IN SOUTHEAST PLAN

The Lemay plan for the southeast assumes* the demolition of the old Reddy Memorial Hospital building. How many residents know this?

During the public presentation and workshop last year, a prominent Westmount architect asked whether the designers realized that the laneway between the Reddy and the planned high-rises on St. Catherine was too narrow to allow for deliveries to the new buildings. I recall only stunned silence.

This first Lemay plan would have required deliveries to be made along St. Catherine, almost impossible as the street was to be totally restructured. This would have rendered the southeast design unworkable. How did the designers overlook this?

Fast forward to the final Lemay design. It shows the old Reddy site now with two 10-storey buildings. Perhaps the demolition of the old Reddy building will permit the necessary widening of the lane to provide access for delivery trucks.

The existing building contains social service offices as well as 140 housing units for refugees and asylum seekers. Does the Quebec government, the owner, know what is expected of them? Surely they will not evict the people living there but it will be a big challenge to find alternative accommodation in these years of severe housing shortages.

At the final unveiling of the plan on June 18, residents heard nothing from the Urban Planning department or Lemay explaining this major change and its implications. Why?

Too many design flaws have been pointed out by so many residents. How many more are there we know nothing about?

Reject the current plan on September 8. The next council can undertake the reassessment.

DENIS BIRO, 5000 DE MAISONNEUVE, NDG

Editor’s note: * I am not sure that “assumes” is the right word. The current proposal might *allow* for the demolition of the former Reddy, but it is not predicated on it. All the other things permitted by the proposal could happen, as far as I know, with the “Reddy” staying as it is. – DP.

PLEASE STOP CLAIMING THE ‘MCGILL STUDY’ REFLECTS DISTRICT 8’S WISHES

The study conducted by McGill students [referenced in Honor Robertson’s letter of August 26, p. 8] has been misused for far too long. Out of 2,675 residents in District 8, only 48 were invited to participate in their survey, and just 20 people responded.

The study itself admits it was not representative, saying: “While the sampling method did not result in a representative group of residents in that area, it did provide insights from passionate residents about the future of the site.” Twenty voices cannot claim to speak for thousands.

Even that study recognized that the southeast, because of its location beside Atwater Metro, is a Transit Oriented Development and subject to density requirements through the agglomeration’s PMAD. Its own guidelines speak of increasing the number of households and jobs, and enhancing property values while meeting diverse housing needs. These objectives align with those described in the city-commissioned initiative, Imagine Westmount Southeast. In the time since that study was authored, the agglomeration’s PMAD density requirements have become more stringent.

Furthermore, the McGill students proposed three initial visions, similar to both the city’s [AGIL] initiative eight years ago and Lemay’s Imagine Westmount Southeast proposal. Ultimately, similar solutions continue to be proposed for the north side of Dorchester.

Isn’t this an example of insanity, i.e. doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results?

Although this is a contentious issue, I believe everyone agrees that clear action is needed. Doing nothing would mean the southeast would further deteriorate while guidelines get more stringent and cost of construction goes up. The city has consulted widely. Hundreds of residents have spoken in the latest PPU process. Compare that to the 20 voices in the McGill study, which ironically also recognizes the guidelines that people do not want to accept.

It is time to stop hiding behind an outdated, unrepresentative survey. It is time to act, rather than wait another eight more years for the same outcome.

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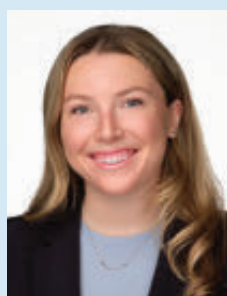
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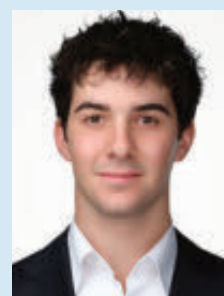
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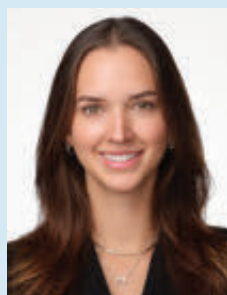
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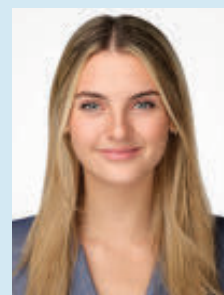
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New candidate for mayor cites ‘decline’ in service quality

Michael Stern announces his bid to ‘listen, lead, & deliver’

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Michael Stern, a long-time resident of Westmount, recently launched his bid for the mayoralty in the November 2 municipal election. He becomes the third candidate for the top council position following new candidate Lynne Casgrain and incumbent councillor Mary Gallery (see July 18, p. 1). Outgoing mayor Christina Smith is not running.

“As mayor,” he told the *Independent*, “I will ensure that our city delivers what our residents deserve: better infrastructure, public services, and safety and security – in a more transparent way,” and bringing the permits system up to “today’s needs.”

Under a slogan of “Listen, Lead and Deliver,” he said Westmount had been “a wonderful home for our family since 1990, however, we have seen a material decline in the quality of service.”

From attending council meetings, he said, “there seems to be a lot of frustration from citizens that their requests and complaints are not attended to quickly. I would commit to a 48-hour deadline to respond to all requests. I would like to hear a report

at each meeting from our very experienced *directrice générale* [Julie Mandeville].”

Stern, a chartered professional accountant (CPA) and management consultant, explained that he had been involved professionally in “complex and dynamic situations” for over 45 years. “I understand how large organizations are managed, and I know how to focus on fulfilling people’s needs while maintaining financial responsibility.”

Platform’s focus

His platform centres on providing well-maintained roads and parks, basic services (improved garbage and recycling, snow removal and “easier access” to facilities such as the pool); safety and security, transparency and accountability.

He said he cared “deeply about Westmount and I want our city to be a leader in governance and transparency.”



Stern graduated from McGill with a bachelor of commerce degree and has been a CPA since 1979.

He retired as a partner with Ernst and Young in 2015, followed by chief financial officer positions in two technology companies. He has also served as president of the Shaar Hashomayim synagogue.

“Westmount needs a new voice at the table, and an experienced leader at this moment in its history.

“I plan to bring a customer-centric approach to the mayor’s office, to make sure that our residents can once again be proud of our storied city.”

◀Mayorality candidate Michael Stern photographed in his back garden August 25.

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Safety fence coming to Westmount Park playground

A new fence is being erected by the city of Westmount alongside the part of Westmount Park on Melville that is used by Westmount Park School for recess.

The *Independent* was alerted to it via an email from resident James Murphy, who is also running for council in District 5.

“Last fall many of you supported a petition organized by a group of parents and neighbours of Westmount Park elementary school to [support the fence],” he wrote in a part of the email that forwarded his comments to a group of neighbours.

“The lack of adequate schoolyard fence-

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ing meant, for safety reasons, many of these [Westmount Park School special needs] students were excluded from outdoor recess...

“Overwhelmingly, the residents of Melville Ave. were supportive, and signed onto a petition asking for a fence (with appropriate access points). Based on that, Mayor Christina Smith and the city of Westmount are going ahead with the fence.

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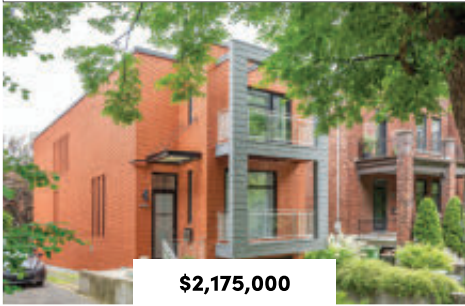
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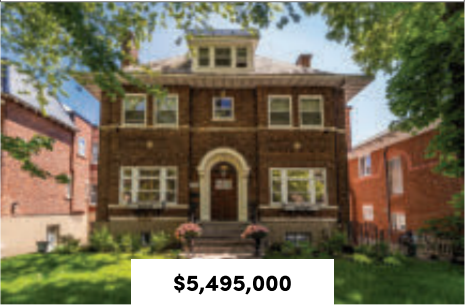
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Real Estate

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Note: The following article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in April 2025, gleaned from city transfer tax information. A list of sales can be found on p. 17.

Seldom does it happen that, in a given month in Westmount, there are more condominiums sold than one- and two-family dwellings – but, in April 2025, five Westmount houses sold along with six condominiums.

The houses were located mostly below Côte St. Antoine Rd./Sherbrooke St. and brought prices between \$1,273,000 and \$2,875,000; the condos included two in apartment buildings, with the rest being divided shares of either duplexes or triplexes.

Another small apartment building sold outright for \$6,850,000, and an apartment in 388 Olivier Ave., which was recently

April transfers: More condos than houses

transformed to co-operative ownership, sold as 7.205 percent of the whole.

The lowest-price sale was \$1,273,000 for 142 Abbott Ave., just slightly less than its \$1,291,300 valuation.

The highest price was \$2,875,000 for 380 Roslyn Ave., some 18 percent more than the city tax value, in fact the highest mark-up among the five April sales.

The biggest mark-down was recorded in the only sale in upper Westmount, as 3711 The Boulevard, corner Edgehill Rd. and opposite Sydenham Ave., sold for \$2,400,000, almost 16 percent less than valuation.

The lowest-priced condominium sale involved one at 15 York St., which had been actively on the market for almost two years before finally selling for \$816,000, one of two to sell for less than \$1 million.

The highest price was \$2,200,000 for a fourth-floor apartment at 215 Redfern Ave., the former Readers' Digest building at the corner of St. Catherine St.

One more condominium that sold in March but was included in the city's most



142 Abbott.



3711 The Boulevard.



380 Roslyn. Photos taken August 24.

recent list reminds us that when condos were originally built, garage spaces and storage lockers often were evaluated separately so they could be bought and sold independently. As time went on, evaluators discovered that it was becoming very difficult to assess the individual units that were being sold as a group, so in most condo buildings they would put the components together under one account number, with one assessment.

Apparently, this was not done at 4160 Sherbrooke St., between Greene and Elm avenues, so the sale of a ground-floor unit there in March included six separate lots, whose new owner will have to receive six individual tax bills...unless, as we suspect, the collection is combined by Montreal's valuation department (see footnote in list of sales).



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142 Abbott	Zhijie Dai & Li Tao	\$1,273,000	\$1,291,300	-1.4%
427 Grosvenor	Jennifer Alleyn	\$1,560,000	\$1,500,000	4.0%
381 Olivier	Ida Zahara Castillo Andradie	\$1,700,018	\$1,600,000	6.3%
380 Roslyn	Michael Martella	\$2,875,000	\$2,437,000	18.0%
3711 The Boulevard	George Curnew Jr.	\$2,400,000	\$2,847,500	-15.7%
CONDOMINIUMS				
231 Clarke	Tae Sik Park	\$870,000	\$771,800	12.7%
469 Grosvenor	Jason Paseli & Elizabeth Labrie	\$1,055,000	\$854,000	23.5%
215 Redfern #408	Maryse Goudreault	\$2,200,000	\$2,020,000	8.9%
482 Victoria	Lori Kaplan	\$1,130,000	\$872,300	29.5%
1 Wood #1802	Sheldon Reich	\$1,925,000	\$2,101,700	-8.4%
15 York	Donna O'Quinn	\$816,000	\$931,300	-12.4%
OTHER				
6 Park Place	Les Immeubles Catpor Inc.	\$6,850,000	\$6,643,000	3.1%
388 Olivier # 4	François Alexandre Bellavance-Lecompte & Maude Saint-Pierre	\$722,500	\$736,351 ¹	-1.9%
MARCH TRANSFER				
4160 Sherbrooke #102	Natalie Hagn	\$1,315,000	\$1,423,500 ²	-7.6%

¹Valuation is 7.205 percent of \$10.220,000, corresponding to Apt. 4.

²Valuation is a combination of \$1,243,800 for the apartment, \$62,300 for a basement garage, \$7,400 for a storage locker, \$22,100 for each of two garage spaces, and \$65,800 for an outdoor, ground-level terrace.

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Road Safety: Reminders for back-to-school

To ensure a smooth and safe return to classes for children, we remind drivers to give extra consideration to safety rules and recommendations during their commute. westmount.org

Nouveaux aménagements pour la sécurité routière autour des écoles
La Ville de Westmount déploie de nouveaux aménagements près des écoles, tels que le marquage au sol, les bollards et les jardinières, pour réduire la vitesse et les comportements dangereux, selon les recommandations du CCT. westmount.org

Achèvement des travaux sur la rue Sherbrooke
Le pavage de la rue Sherbrooke, entre la rue Grosvenor et la limite ouest, a été complété le **mercredi 27 août**. La rue est désormais entièrement rouverte à la circulation. westmount.org

New Road Improvements to Enhance Safety Around Schools Zones
The City of Westmount is introducing new road improvements near schools, such as road markings, bollards, and planters, to reduce speeding and dangerous driving, based on TAC recommendations. westmount.org

Completion of the Roadworks on Sherbrooke Street
The paving of Sherbrooke Street, between Grosvenor Street and the western city limit, was completed on **Wednesday, August 27**. The road is now fully reopened to traffic. westmount.org

Horaire des bureaux municipaux
Dès la semaine du 2 septembre, les bureaux administratifs seront ouverts du lundi au vendredi, **de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30**. westmount.org

Collecte des encombrants
La prochaine collecte aura lieu **le mardi 9 septembre**, sur inscription seulement. Inscrivez-vous via le Portail citoyen avant 8 h, la veille. westmount.org/collectes

Municipal Offices Schedule
Starting the week of September 2, the administrative offices will be open Monday to Friday, **from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** westmount.org

Bulky Items Collection
The next collection will take place on **Tuesday, September 9**, by registration only. Register via the Citizen Portal before 8 a.m. the day before. westmount.org/collection

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Rencontre d’auteur : Ian Darragh
16 septembre, 19 h, Salle Westmount. Ian, Darragh, éditeur de *Blatant Injustice: The Story of Jewish Refugees Interned in Canada During WW II*, fait le récit poignant des réfugiés du système nazi qui ont été considérés comme des ennemis et emprisonnés dans des camps d’internement au Canada durant la Deuxième Guerre mondiale. westlib.org

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September 6, 2 p.m., Victoria Hall. Join us for the TD Summer Reading Club Closing Party featuring Veils of Bollywood! Enjoy entertainment, prizes, and refreshments. Tickets are available at the children’s desk for TD Summer Reading Club members. westlib.org

Author Event: Ian Darragh
September 16, 7 p.m., Westmount Room. Ian Darragh, editor of *Blatant Injustice: The Story of Jewish Refugees Interned in Canada During WW II*, chronicles the harrowing experience of Jewish refugees from the Nazis who were deemed enemies and imprisoned in internment camps in Canada during the Second World War. westlib.org

Parlons opéra ! — Don Giovanni
14 septembre, 14 h, Victoria Hall. Parlons opéra ! vous invite à une initiation conviviale à Don Giovanni de Mozart, animé par Pierre Vachon avec chanteurs et pianiste. Découvrez les enjeux, la musique et les extraits de cette oeuvre où séduction et tragédie s’entremêlent. westmount.org/evenements



Atelier sur l’environnement : changements climatiques
17 septembre, 18 h, Salle Westmount. Participez à une discussion sous forme de jeu sur un sujet brûlant de l’actualité environnementale. Avec l’aide d’un animateur, les aspects scientifiques liés à ce sujet important seront simplifiés pour donner aux participants le pouvoir de passer aux actes. westlib.org



Let’s Talk Opera!—Don Giovanni
September 14, 2 p.m., Victoria Hall. Let’s Talk Opera! offers an engaging introduction to Don Giovanni by Mozart, a work where seduction, dark humour, and tragedy collide. Hosted by Pierre Vachon, the event explores the story, music, and voices with live performances by opera artists. westmount.org/events

Environment Workshop: Climate change
September 17, 6 p.m., Westmount Room. Join a game-based discussion about a hot topic on the environment. With the guidance of a facilitator, the workshop will simplify the science behind this important subject and empower participants to take action. westlib.org

Ballroom Blitz
September 27, 8 p.m., Victoria Hall. Experience a swing and ballroom dance evening with the Ballroom Blitz Orchestra and singer Ruth Damas. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Cash bar on site. westmount.org/events

Let's do the right thing for housing in the southeast

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The city of Montreal has made a bold pledge consistent with these federal objectives and provincial goals: "The By-Law for a Diverse Metropolis sets out new requirements for projects whose residential area is greater than 450 m² (equivalent to approximately five dwellings). Real estate developers must make commitments to the city to contribute to the supply of social, affordable and family housing in Montréal," states Montreal's website regarding residential construction.

Westmount may be able to claim exemptions from similar provisions because of its heritage status. But having the *right* to do this or doing the *right* thing are not necessarily copacetic or wise.

We can walk past panhandlers on the street and ignore them. It's our right. But as many Westmounters do, we can drop a couple of bucks in their dishevelled cap or, at the least, politely say "Hello. I'm sorry. I have no change."

Southeast already built up

The southeast district already has a number of medium to high-rise buildings on St. Catherine or close by, where the precedent for high-rises has already been established, from Westmount Square, 1 Wood, Alexis Nihon to Eleva on the east side of Atwater.

The area enclosed by Dorchester, Greene, de Maisonneuve and Atwater is already almost entirely commercial, public space or high-density accommodation. This wedge-shaped boundary continues all the way to downtown with high-rises.

I was surprised by the former Children's Hospital development at the time and certainly wouldn't call the Eleva monstrosity elegant or low cost, but I'm not aware of any major issues that have been created as a consequence of this high-density project.

It's there and that's that.

The southeast project area around Alexis Nihon Plaza could be attractive to first-time home buyers if prices were kept reasonable, with proximity to public transport, shops, schools, Dawson College and other services, and close to downtown. Cars would be unnecessary for any of these amenities. What a boon for the retailers on Greene Ave.

The vagrant issue around Cabot Square will not be solved by re-building Victorian townhouses. A purpose-designed facility incorporating the YMCA residence on Tupper St. would help. The area east of Atwater is coming back to life after decades of decay with numerous new businesses

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In the southeast, let's not forget eco-friendly design

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On June 18, council revealed the southeast development plan of 1,000+ units of 550 square feet. As this density and size – 480 units per square hectare and 20-storey high-rises – contradicts Westmount's pro-family goals and heat-island legislation, I encourage you to sign the petition to delay council's September 8 vote on this issue.

Eco-friendly means family friendly

With small units in high-rise buildings, the new plan does not provide affordable family housing, parks or playgrounds. A 2018 Deakin University study of children living in high-rises found increased developmental delays attributed to a lack of active and outdoor play. An increasing concern, Vancouver's *High-Density Housing for Families with Children Guidelines* calls for communal playground for each 100 units.

The best high-density family housing, then, are three- or more bedroom units in low-rises with access – and parental sight lines – to a communal park. Trees and greenery with a natural playground encourage creative, social and active play. For four-storey buildings, solar roof panels could provide renewable energy in support of Montreal's net-zero construction goals.

For Dorchester "north," the ideal, then, is a unique series of four-storey townhouses where each floor is a three-bedroom condo. To provide greenery and respect heritage guidelines, both the setback and façade should echo the homes opposite. Balconies at the back could face a communal park with a play area shared

with residents of a low-rise seniors' home or apartment buildings along Tupper.

Heat-islands not community friendly

High-rise clusters are known to increase ambient temperature up to 5°C – the heat-island effect. Yet the southeast development plan calls for buildings of 20 storeys along St. Catherine. Clearly this violates Westmount's By-law 1616 to mitigate heat islands passed in May 2024 "in conformity with the objectives of the Montreal Urban Agglomeration Land Use and Development Plan."

Also as high-rise buildings trap car emissions at street level, this plan increases the health risk for our most vulnerable residents – children and seniors. For a density that supports walkability and local prosperity, planners at Create Streets Ltd. recommend 50-220 units per square hectare. This amount is much lower than the proposed 480 units – a goal of the Montreal Metropolitan Community/Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal (CMM).

On September 4 at 12:30 pm, former mayor Peter Trent will address this issue at the Atwater Library (there is Zoom access). But whether this density is mandated or not, Westmount needs to show leadership. Council must now provide the CMM and agglomeration with the June 18 plan and argue that 480 units per square hectare contradicts goals for family housing, net-zero construction and heat-island mitigation.

Act now

As residents were unaware until June 18 of CMM density standards that conflict with Westmount's goals for family-friendly housing and environmental bylaws, ask council to delay the September 8 vote. For the link to the petition and upcoming talk at the Atwater Library, visit atwaterlibrary.ca.

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- Hype, on the Metro level, has a range of candies and fun M & M colourful

Six new shops open at Alexis Nihon Plaza

- cushions.
- Séoul 73 offers Korean delights. *Bingsu* (a dessert of shaved ice with condensed milk, fruit and red beans) and *Cupbap*

T’s Takes, cont’d from p. 19

sprouting up.

From an aesthetic perspective, 20-floor buildings along St. Catherine St. opposite Alexis Nihon Plaza would not look out of place. The much lower limit on the north side of Dorchester of seven levels could blend with the properties on the south side of Dorchester.

Where are our innovative architects? There is plenty of space to plant a line of trees along the median on Dorchester. A few basic criteria for the project’s success are:

1. family friendly,
2. daycare facilities,

- “rice in a cup,” a popular Korean street food of rice topped with various ingredients, served in a convenient cup).
- L2 has the popular *Thé aux perles*/bubble

3. a minimum percentage of units to be moderate- to low-cost accommodation,
 4. a dedicated facility for the unhoused (warm and airconditioned space with kitchen facilities) incorporated with a new YMCA residence. Yes, we care.
 5. affordable elderly units also offering different levels of support,
 6. parking,
 7. a detailed assessment of the impact of the whole project on property taxes including infrastructure upgrades.
- This list is not complete, but the basic criteria must be mandated with a no-exceptions framework and then let the experts build a community around the frame.

- tea, a Taiwanese beverage of tea, milk, sweetener and chewy tapioca pea.
- Mode Urban Depot offers urban street wear.

The key to the project’s success will be firm stipulations with strong by-laws and big penalties. This area was transformed in the late 1960s into a commercial and high-density dwelling district with the construction of Alexis Nihon Plaza and surrounding skyscrapers.

Now we have the opportunity to tastefully blend this development into its surroundings. Let’s shake off the image of aloof affluent anglos separated from the reality of affordability and homelessness.

Let’s not throw the baby out with the bathwater. Let’s contribute to Canada-wide housing solutions.

Now is our chance to do the right thing.

An Open Letter to Westmount Residents and Council Why the Southeast Sector Plan Must Move Forward

On September 8th, Westmount’s City Council will decide the future of our southeast sector. This vote is not just about zoning, it is about shaping the heart of our community for generations to come.

As residents, property owners and business owners who live and work here every day, we believe it is essential that Council approve the Special Urban Planning Program (PPU) without further delay. Sainte-Catherine Street in Westmount has fallen far from the proud, bustling corridor it once was. Vacant lots, declining buildings, and persistent public safety concerns are damaging our city’s reputation and quality of life. Just this month, serious violent incidents underscored the urgency of action. The status quo has failed, further years of inaction will only mean further decline.

Two Years of Careful Work

Over the past two years, Council and city staff have consulted residents, held public meetings, and refined the PPU based on feedback. Significant taxpayer resources have been invested in studies, planning, and design. The resulting plan is not perfect, no plan ever is, but it is balanced, thoughtful, and responsive. It promotes revitalization, encourages investment, and expands housing at a time when our region desperately needs both.

What We Stand to Lose by Waiting

Delaying or starting over now would squander years of work and hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars. It would leave Sainte-Catherine in the same unsafe, deteriorating condition for years to come and discourage much-needed private investment. Westmount cannot afford another decade of stagnation.

A Balanced Vision for the Future

The PPU may not satisfy every single voice, that is the nature of democracy. But it represents a fair compromise and a bold, forward-

looking vision. It is a plan that will help Westmount grow, remain safe, and prosper, while respecting the heritage and character that make our city unique.

Housing, Growth, and Funding Realities

At every level, federal, provincial, and municipal, governments are urging more housing construction and greater density, especially near metro stations and downtown areas. Canada faces a housing and affordability crisis, and Westmount is not immune.

In fact, Westmount is one of the few municipalities in Greater Montreal to have lost population in recent years (–3.2% between 2016 and 2021). Without growth, city revenues stagnate, limiting Westmount’s ability to fund infrastructure, parks, and essential services.

Moreover, federal and provincial governments are increasingly tying municipal funding to housing and density targets. Cities that refuse to adapt risk losing access to vital infrastructure and program support. Blocking the very type of development that Ottawa and Quebec are demanding puts Westmount’s future financing at risk.

Our Call to Action

We, the Westmount residents and business owners, urge Council and our neighbors to support this initiative and to make their voices heard.

The future of Westmount depends on moving forward, not standing still. Let us seize this opportunity to make the southeast sector a vibrant, safe, and welcoming gateway to our city once again.

Together, we can ensure that the southeast sector once again reflects the pride, safety, and vitality that Westmount deserves.

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contrasts. He is presently in a foster home for the Gerdy's Rescues & Adoption volunteer animal rescue group. A star as a quintessential lap dog, Riley enjoys love and hugs. Once outside, he is most keen on the short sniffing strolls and car rides. Riley is also housetrained, which is an option in bad weather since he is quite tiny. He is very healthy, a good eater, up to date with his inoculations, neutered and microchipped. He will thrive in a peaceful adult home, easily falling into the daily routine. Please go to the Gerdy's Rescues & Adoption website at www.gerdysrescue.org to find out more and fill out an application form to present your interest in Riley as a family. Coordinators can then get back to you about him. You can also write directly to them at info@gerdysrescue.org to receive more information and more adorable photographs. Riley is a fantastic little buddy. Please consider bringing him home to join your family.

Your neighbour,
Lysanne



9 Lives

LYSANNE FOWLER

She is so pretty and affectionate, this lovely Nora! A stunning white shorthair



Precious Nora

with brown-and-tan tabby markings, she exhibits a striking little bonnet and coat contrast. She is presently at the Montreal SPCA cattery and would be a sweet addition to your family. Nora is a very healthy seven-year-old, up to date with her inoculations, spayed and microchipped. Please refer to the Montreal SPCA website at www.sPCA.com and scroll to Nora's information page by her identification number, 48431760. The SPCA is open every day, from Monday to Friday from 3 pm to 8 pm, then Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 6 pm. Its address is 5215 Jean Talon St. West in Côte des Neiges. Please consider beautiful Nora, a cuddly and playful companion with all in the family.

Your neighbour,
Lysanne

First tattoo studio in Westmount opens



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XS Montreal launched its fourth location, this time in Westmount, "a few months ago," explained Charlotte Rodriguez, expert in body jewellery. "We have choices in gold and medical-grade titanium."

Mark Azoulay showed me where the piercing experts work in private rooms. The tattoo stations are great fun with possible "tat" choices posted on the walls. Artists also offer a service to cover up existing tattoos.

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Barber shop arrives on Victoria Ave.

Westmount has a new barber. Signalled by the iconic tri-colour column, "El West" opened in May. Owned by Manny Lopez and Miguel Aguilar, assisted by adorable French bulldog Berta, their Salon de Barbier "welcomes walk-ins." Open seven days a week, it is handy if you're already in the area for your Sunday coffee.

342A Victoria Ave.
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La Maison Est arrives on Victoria Ave.

Just next door, La Maison Est also just opened. It is already a popular go-to for unusual and delicious Japanese treats. Not only is sushi offered, but also its "signature



Michael Chan.



Mark Azoulay.



Miguel Aguilar and Manny Lopez with helper Berta.

UFO Bun" (sold out the day I went) and energizing cookies – "guiltless treats" – baked fresh daily by owner Enya Chan. Her son, Michael Chan, explained that they are a "Japanese sushi and bakery takeout created by friends from Osaka, Japan and Hong Kong."

(As fate would have it, one cool customer came in wearing a t-shirt featuring "Great Wave" by artist Hokusai. He bought it "in Tokyo.")

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Social Notes

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It was a glorious eve for the Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom gala honouring Susan and Jonathan Wener.

Committee members were Marcy Kastner (gala coordinator), Leslie Alcorn, Felicity Blatt, Nancy Cummings Gold, Penny Echenberg, Erit Gillman, Lillian Vineberg Goodman, Denise Grossman, Marilyn Green, Susan Greenberg, Joëlle Kent, Amy Kornik, Susan Levine, Jewel Lowenstein, Sandy Martz, Nancy Maklan, Lillian Mauer, Martha Oppenheim, Betsy Pomerantz, Julia Reitman, Risa Scherzer, Lillian Shiller, Nancy Strohl, Susan Szal-peter and Glenna Uline.

Temple's senior rabbi Lisa Grushcow welcomed all by traditionally breaking bread at the cocktail *dînatoire* crafted by Ron Moffard, Wolfe Montcalm Catering.

Then guests moved to the evening's celebratory tribute program, where taking part were Paul Hirschorn, consul general of Israel; the Weners' grandson Izaya Cormier; emcee past Temple president Neil Wiener; current Temple president Melissa Shriqui, and the Weners' long-time friends

Temple honours Weners at glorious eve

Harvey Levenson and Meyer Bick.

After speeches, famed performers Bowser and Blue brought the house down with their witty up-to-the-minute musical talent, including a perfect rendition of the then-recent parliamentary throne speech by King Charles III.

Their 10-minute monologue "Opening Parliament" had the audience in stitches. (The previous day, as the official representatives of the Canadian senate, Temple members Senator Marc Gold and his wife Nancy Cummings Gold, had greeted King Charles and Queen Camilla in Ottawa.)

Noted in the crowded room were Julia Reitman, Denise Grossman and Steven Klempner, Jewel and Paul Lowenstein, Nancy Cummings Gold, Naomi and Eric Bissell, Nan and Bill Lassner, Betsy Pomerantz and Sam Berliner, Tegan Webster and Charlie Flicker, Alta and Harvey Levenson, Eileen and Joel Segal, Carole and Myer Bick, Frankie and Peter Yanofsky, Diane and Sal Guerrera, Lillian Vineberg Goodman and Morris Goodman, Geraldine and Jeff Hart, Madonna and Jean Claude Levy, Alice Herscovich and Robert Kleinman, Penny Echenberg, Gail Issenman, Joëlle Kent, Nancy Maklan and Martin Smith, Caroline Miller, Gloria and Neil Mintz, Lillian continued on p. 26



Jonathan and Susan Wener.

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and Bryant Shiller, France Ellyson and Stephen Yaffe, and Cindy Bélanger and Douglas Simsovic.

The after-party featured entertainment by the owner of Il Bazzali restaurant, opera singer Davide, who sang gorgeous arias while preparing fresh cannoli. Prosecco accompanied, of course. Oh, and delicious Daboom cakes.

The evening's record success will enhance the Temple's outreach interfaith education program.

The Fall Social Calendar will be published soon. Please send information of your event to veronica@redgravepr.com.



Past Temple gala honorees Brian and Marcia Bronfman, Nancy Cummings Gold (standing in for her husband, Senator Marc Gold), and Rabbi Lisa Grushcow, Stephen Yaffe, Jewel Lowenstein and Joëlle Kent (representing her late husband Bruce Kent) flank 2025 honourees Susan and Jonathan Wener (centre).



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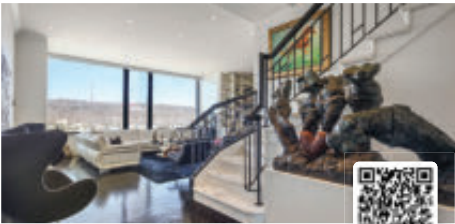


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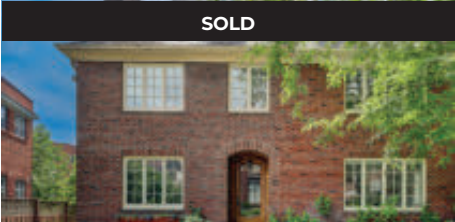


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