

On Thanksgiving...

What were we grateful for this year in Westmount?

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

On Thanksgiving this year, what were Westmounters thankful for?

In opening the council meeting October 6, Mayor Michael Stern reflected on the topic, saying: "First, I am grateful to live in Westmount, proud of our past but excited about our future."

"When I look at the people who call Westmount home, the councillors who serve them and the employees who work

for them every day, I have a great deal to be thankful for.

"Of course, gratitude doesn't mean complacency," he added. "There is always more we can do, more we can improve and more we can learn from the people we serve. But once in a while, it's important to stop looking only at what needs fixing and take a moment to appreciate what is working – and the people who make it work."

"Tonight, I simply want to say thank you."

He thanked his colleagues on council. "Thank you to our city team. And thank you to the citizens of Westmount for your engagement, your ideas, your patience – and, yes, even your criticism. It all comes from caring deeply about this extraordinary city we share. I certainly do."

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Boxing's Hercules visits Westmount Park School



Seen here seated on the stage in the auditorium at Westmount Park School on October 2 with grade 5 and 6 students are, from left, school principal Marco Gagliardi, former Canadian boxing champ Hercules Kyvelos and his daughter Adonia. They are holding a victory belt that Kyvelos won, while she is holding a sample of gift certificates handed out to children following their presentation. See p. 15 for story.

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Stern has to break tie just to get agenda approved

Mayor moves to abolish council tradition of 'general committee' meetings

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Is the city council on the verge of discontinuing its longstanding "general committee" of council, known and well known as the "GC" to many council meeting attendees.

The issue concerning its future came to light during the start of the public council meeting October 6 when Councillor Matt Aronson, Westmount's commissioner of

legal affairs, attempted to get confirmation that the business agenda for the meeting met the by-law requirements.

Under By-law 1336, section 4, all agendas for the public council meetings must be submitted to the general committee for approval.

The GC is a permanent committee made up of all the members of the council. It holds closed-door sessions where council

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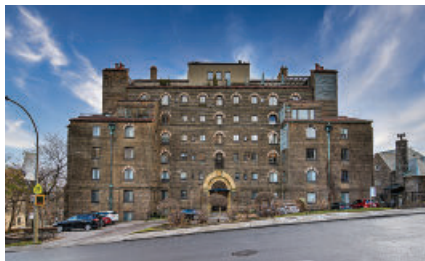
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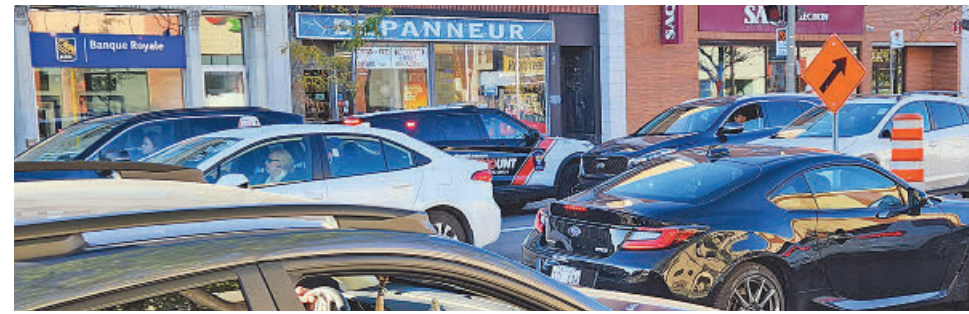
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Fire in new ventilation feature closes lawn bowling club



This Public Security vehicle was seen, lights flashing and sirens blaring, turning eastbound from Victoria against head-on traffic on Sherbrooke October 6 at 4:43 pm. It was likely heading to a fire at the Lawn Bowling Club.

PHOTO: INDEPENDENT.

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Heavy smoke from the Westmount Lawn Bowling and Croquet Club on Sherbrooke immediately west of neighbouring city hall was reported to have been caused October 6 by a new defective ventilation unit in the men's washroom, Public Security officials said.

The driveway between the club and city hall also was also closed during the firefighting operation and the underground Hydro Westmount substation was opened up.

The fire brought out equipment from the nearby fire station on Stanton just after discovery at 4:35 pm. A subsequent inspection was reported to have concluded that no major fire damage had occurred but that smoke damage was "heavy."

Front brakes fail as cyclist rides down steep hill

A 41-year-old cyclist managed to jump off his electric bicycle October 6 when the

front brakes failed as he rode down the steep hill near 483 Victoria, Public Security officials said.

He was described as wearing "all the proper" protective gear as he slid on his stomach in the fall and had managed to call Urgences Santé himself. No other information was reported other than to underline the importance of protective gear. The bike was reported to be his own and not a Bixi.

83-year-old woman suffers severe injuries in fall

An 83-year-old woman who fell in Westmount Park September 30 was helped by bystanders as she awaited Urgences Santé, Public Security officials said.

She was reported to have suffered severe injuries when falling on her side while walking on uneven ground in the park at 5:30 pm. Her mobility was described as already limited by Parkinson's disease.

She was transported to the Montreal General Hospital.

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Remembering Stephen Jarislowsky

The *Independent* learned at press time that longtime Westmounter and noted money manager and philanthropist Stephen Jarislowsky had died October 8.

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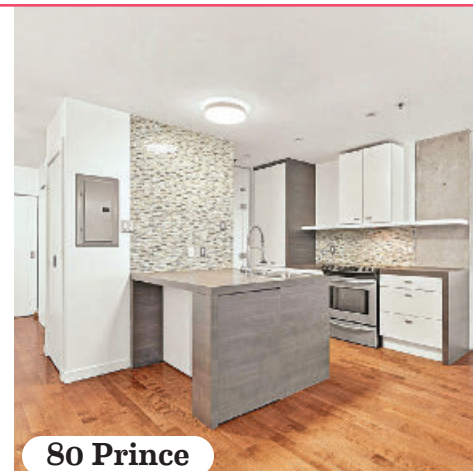
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Temporary Wood/de Maisonneuve dead-end creates busy U-turn



Looking west towards Wood Ave. from de Maisonneuve on October 6.

By JENNIFER BALL

Due to construction work last week, traffic was reduced to one lane when entering de Maisonneuve from Atwater Ave., and then vehicles were blocked entirely at Wood and could not proceed further west. A temporary version of the usual de Maisonneuve bike lane has been opened and cyclists could proceed past Wood Ave.

On the other hand, when vehicles hit the dead-end they had to perform U-turns onto the bike path to return eastbound, as allowed by a U-turn sign at the barrier. Normally, de Maisonneuve is one-way westbound. The *Independent* reviewed the city's westmount.org/works interactive map to see what project is being undertaken at this location, but none appears on that map.

Motorists, signs both wrong re: Lansdowne/Sherbrooke dead-end



At least two cars turning around Oct. 6 at Lansdowne's temporary dead-end at Sherbrooke. PHOTO: INDEPENDENT.

Several vehicles were seen October 6 going south on Lansdowne from Côte St. Antoine, only to be forced to turn around and work their way back up the narrow street due to construction work and a temporary dead-end at Sherbrooke. The *Independent's* reporter did not climb the hill that day to check the signage at the start of the block, but two days later it was correct for that situation, warning

drivers that the street below Côte St. Antoine was only open to local traffic and that the usually one-way southbound street was temporarily two-way. By the time the *Independent* saw that sign on October 8, however, it was wrong since Lansdowne had been opened at its southern end, allowing vehicle access to Sherbrooke and the most southerly stretch of Lansdowne. – WI.



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In remembrance of October 7 Shaar Hashomayim plants 1,200 flags, one for each life lost



The Congregation Shaar Hashomayim's Côte St. Antoine Rd. lawn on October 7.

BY JENNIFER BALL

On October 7, the Shaar Hashomayim participated in an international Flags of

Fellowship initiative by the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews in remembrance of October 7.

The Shaar Hashomayim is located at 450 Kensington Ave.

A poster produced by the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews that was featured at the event reads, "In remembrance of October 7, we join more than one million people around the world in planting flags to honour those who were lost and to stand in solidarity with Israel."

Julie Weiner, director of communication at the Shaar, explained to the *Independent* that while all flags have the name of someone who lost their life on October 7, 2023, some flags also bear personal notes from the individual who planted it on the grounds of the Shaar.

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I recently attended the shiva of a former neighbour from my childhood home. The warmth and life celebrated by everyone there reminded me that the most lasting memory you can leave behind is how you made people feel – whether that be friends, family, co-workers or those living just next door.

To honour Douglas Ave.'s 100 years, we organized a BBQ that allowed us to get to know one another, celebrate our street, share stories of Westmount and constructively discuss future ideas.

Children played and laughed together while the adults took a break from their routines to bond and enjoy a drink over friendly conversation. Strong communities create safer, happier and more resilient environments for both our children and seniors, though cultivating them takes time and effort from everyone involved. In a world so often full of complaints and quarrels, we should strive to collectively be grateful for the place we are in.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank-you to Mayor Michael Stern and city councillor Jonathan Chomski for joining us and conversing with the residents of our small street. Thank you as well to all the neighbours who helped organize and who participated in the event.

This was our soft launch – and we are already looking forward to the next one!

LISA HENRIQUES, DOUGLAS AVE.

CITY HAS SHIFTED CHILD-SAFETY ISSUE FROM ARGYLE TO CLARKE

As residents of Westmount, we would like to add our voices to the concerns already raised by many fellow residents, and highlighted in the *Westmount Independent*, regarding the decision to make Argyle Ave. one-way.

This decision comes amid a series of changes that are significantly re-shaping traffic patterns across Westmount. Of particular concern is the displacement of traffic onto neighbouring residential streets, especially Clarke Ave. Rather than reducing traffic and its associated risks, these changes appear to be shifting them from one street to another – a consequence that warrants the city's immediate attention.

The increase in traffic on Clarke Ave. has been striking. During the morning and afternoon rush hours, bumper-to-bumper line-ups now extend along the street. This is particularly concerning given that the intersection of Clarke and Sherbrooke is already a busy and challenging crossing. Every morning and afternoon, numerous young children use this intersection on their way to and from neighbourhood schools and daycares, while other children and families cross after getting off STM [Société de transport de Montréal] buses. The area serves multiple schools and daycares, including École St. Léon de Westmount, where more than 700 students arrive and depart each school day, and the École Internationale de Montréal high school on Côte St. Antoine with over 500 students.

Crossing guards already contend with drivers running red lights, exceeding speed limits and proceeding through the intersection while children are crossing. It has now become commonplace to hear crossing guards using their whistles to stop or alert vehicles attempting to turn while pedestrians are in the crosswalk. For the past two months, school buses and STM buses turning left onto Clarke from east-bound Sherbrooke frequently find themselves caught at the intersection – often proceeding through the red light.

Adding more traffic to this environment seems fundamentally at odds with the city's stated "Safe Routes to School" objective, which was cited as one of the reasons for changing traffic patterns and the direc-

tion of Argyle Ave.

Many families living on Clarke, Grove Park, Rosemount and neighbouring streets have young children who walk through this area every day. If traffic was expected to be diverted from Argyle onto surrounding residential streets, was the resulting impact on pedestrian safety – particularly the safety of children – properly assessed before the decision was made?

We urge the city to conduct and publicly release a thorough traffic-impact and pedestrian-safety analysis, including an assessment of whether these changes have increased traffic volumes and created more dangerous conditions on Clarke Ave. and at the intersection of Clarke and Sherbrooke.

We would welcome a timely response from the city outlining its assessment of these risks and, most importantly, the concrete measures it intends to take to protect children, pedestrians and residents on Clarke Ave. and surrounding streets.

Moving traffic from one street to another does not solve the problem. It simply shifts the traffic – and the associated risks – to neighbouring streets and residents.

LAURIE LANOUE, CLARKE AVE. AND

MONICA FLORES, CLARKE AVE.

WHY DOES THE CITY DO SOME THINGS AND NOT DO OTHERS? NOT ANSWER BASIC QUESTIONS? NOT APPLY CRITERIA UNIFORMLY?

The BIXI station on Westmount Ave. at Roslyn was removed on Wednesday [September 30], the same way it arrived: no notice, no word from the city or from our councillor, Jonathan Chomski, and no council resolution that I have been able to find.

We are glad it is gone. Thank you to Nancy Higgins, who organized the petition, and to the residents of District 2 and the teachers, parents and school bus drivers of Roslyn elementary who signed it.

After eight weeks, what finally moved the city? It was not the noise complaints or the blocked driveways. Access-to-information records show that BIXI proposed re-locating the station in August and that the city declined, on the reasoning that residents would complain wherever it was put. In September, a BIXI manager told me the station would be moved within a few days. It was not moved. I have never been told why.

So was it the petition?
The site visit by Transco, *continued on p. 8*

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

the school bus operator? A call from a *Gazette* reporter? Or did BIXI simply decide it had had enough?

What District 2 residents do know is this. When the station was first planned for the Lansdowne corner, it was moved quickly, at Councillor Chomski's request. When it stood in front of Roslyn elementary's crosswalk for eight weeks, through sustained complaints from residents and from the school itself, it was not moved – and Councillor Chomski declined further correspondence on the subject.

That sits awkwardly next to the reason given for turning Argyle, Metcalfe and Kensington into one-way streets: the safety of children. The principal of Roslyn elementary told city representatives to their faces, on a site visit, that the station and its service trucks interfered with bus flow through the crosswalk. Traffic is pushed into the oncoming lane.

I owe the city's legal department an apology. Over eight weeks they processed several access-to-information requests from me, at public expense, to obtain answers that could have been given in an email.

Councillor Chomski was copied on every one of the exchanges that led to those requests, and had first-hand knowledge of most, if not, all of the answers. He could have answered. He chose not to.

Perhaps Councillor Chomski can explain why the children of Roslyn did not get the same consideration as the children of Selwyn House and Akiva.

NICOLAS ELLIS, ROSLYN AVE.

PLEASE REPAIR THE SOUTHWEST'S SIDEWALKS (1)



This photo speaks for itself.

This is a stretch of de Maisonneuve (south side) between Prince Albert and Victoria. It's a well-travelled sidewalk to and from Vendome Metro station, and with locals heading to Vic village, Westmount Park, the library or whatever destination floats their boat. Evenings are busy too.

The pedestrian mix includes families pushing strollers, students, dog walkers, parents with kids in tow, exercise enthusiasts, retirees out for a stroll.

As can be seen, a long-term care facility is just a few feet away.

The pace of infrastructure repair in this administration's first year is commendable. While unrealistic to expect that every gouge, crack and pothole merits attention, I strongly urge city officials to fix this area of de Maisonneuve *before* winter gains a toehold with ice and slush underfoot.

DOROTHY LIPOVENKO, YORK ST.

PLEASE REPAIR THE SOUTHWEST'S SIDEWALKS (2)



Westmount's council is neglecting its duty to protect its pedestrians, particularly seniors. It prioritizes cars.

This September 30 photo shows two road cracks on Prince Albert at de Maisonneuve just filled by Public Works. The city had completed a two-day blitz to fill street cracks.

In contrast, the adjacent sidewalk displays a wide crevice deep enough to endanger people, especially those with strollers or wheelchairs.

There are 31 such cracks in the sidewalks on Prince Albert running from de Maisonneuve to Sherbrooke. They have been there for years, with no plan to fix any of them. In July, I wrote Councillor [Paul] Levine to congratulate him on his appointment as commissioner for seniors and asked that he prioritize safer streets and sidewalks for seniors.

Councillor Levine replied that he was hamstrung, suggesting the only way residents can be helped is to take photos of the cracks and upload them to the portal. If there are enough photos, he would then be able to lobby for action. According to him, "roads have become the city administration's top priority ... We cannot interfere in their operations." Afterwards, he laid complete blame on the "inherited" current admin-

istration [senior unelected city employees].

Councillor Paul Levine appears to be confused about his role, as well as that of council, in carrying out their responsibilities.

According to provincial legislation, the direction and priorities of the city are set by council – not the city administration nor the director general. Their role here is to advise council on its decision-making responsibilities. If "pedestrian safety" is viewed by council as a critical priority, they need to instruct the director general to bring sidewalks up to an acceptable standard.

Cars can easily be repaired. Broken hips, fractured arms, brain injuries are a different matter. The current situation is unacceptable.

I ask council to focus on making sidewalks safe for everyone, now.

DENIS BIRO, 5000 DE MAISONNEUVE, NDG

EDITORIAL

PLEASE REPAIR THE SOUTHWEST'S SIDEWALKS (3)

BY DAVID PRICE, EDITOR

Here's another one, on Prince Albert above York St., east side. It is so bad that there basically is no sidewalk.



I do NOT fault the city for not tackling this one sooner. It is right next to the never-ending, but now ended, Albert Square residential conversion on the nearby corner so the site has been under private construction, and so often fenced off, forever.

But now that Albert Square is done, this stretch of sidewalk should be a high priority – for everyone, yes, but most pressingly for the helpers and family members starting at the Château Westmount nursing home, which is on this block, as they push residents' wheelchairs around.

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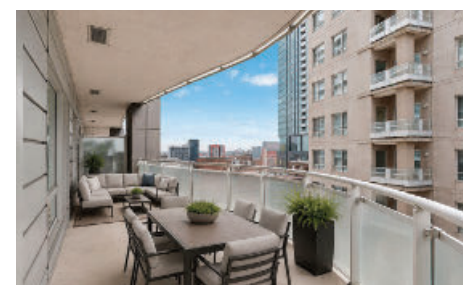
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Police Report
**Authorities urge Facebook
Marketplace caution after
theft/pepper-spraying**

By MARTIN C. BARRY

Following the theft at Westmount's King George Park of an iPhone offered for sale on Facebook Marketplace, a spokesperson for the Montreal police is reminding those buying or selling on the web that Station 12 on Stanton St. can serve as a good location for concluding online transactions safely.

"This is a transaction on Marketplace that went sideways," Station 12 community relations officer Cst. Mike Yigit said regarding the incident, which took place on October 4 around 6 pm.

According to a complaint filed at Station 12, the victim posted a message on the popular Facebook platform about his iPhone 16 being up for sale, and a respondent agreed to meet him at the park situated between Côte St. Antoine Rd. and Westmount Ave.

"When the suspect arrived, he asked to see the phone, manipulated it a bit, and

then ran off with it," said Yigit.

Although the victim, who was a Westmount resident, decided to chase after the thief, what he didn't know was that a second suspect was waiting in another spot in the park and pepper-sprayed him.

However, the police have video images of the suspects taken by nearby security cameras, as well as a trail of online information from the suspects' Facebook Marketplace account leading possibly to a positive identification.

While some police forces now offer "safe zones" as an option for secure face-to-face transactions for online sales, Station 12 doesn't do so officially, said Yigit. However, he continued, "people do come to do transactions here."

He said some exchanges have taken place outside in front of the station, while others have been inside the front entrance. According to Yigit, web transactions that end up going off the rails tend to involve sales of *continued on p. 16*

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Remembering a Canadian (and Westmount) singing star

Sass Jordan's musical roots ran deep, including in Westmount Park

By DAVID PRICE

Canadian rock and blues singer Sass Jordan died October 2 at the age of 65. Born Sarah Jordan in Birmingham, England, she moved to Montreal with her parents, French literature professor Albert Jordan and former English ballerina Jean Lanceman, at the age of three and launched her career here in the 1980s.

She is best known as the singer of "Make You a Believer," "Tell Somebody" and "You Don't Have to Remind Me," and as a judge on the *Canadian Idol* tv show in all six of its seasons (2003-2008). She had known the creator of the *Idol* tv shows, Simon Fuller, since putting him up for two weeks when he was stranded in Montreal in about 1981.

Among many other appearances and projects – including serving as the honorary colonel of the 417 Combat Support Squadron from 2012 to 2016 – she sang on The Box's breakthrough 1985 hit "L'Affaire Dumoutier (Say To Me...)," a ubiquitous Montreal radio/video staple in its time.

Jordan's parents were classical music enthusiasts and early in life a defining moment for her was hearing "The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down" on the radio. The song – by another largely Canadian outfit, The Band – was a "revelation," according to the obituary press release prepared by Eric Alper, her publicist since 2016. Seeing David Bowie in Montreal on his 1974 Diamond Dogs Tour, her very first concert, "settled the question of what she would do with her life."

Westmount roots

Even closer to home, Jordan began by singing and playing guitar with friends in Westmount Park.

The *Independent* reached out to Alper by email, who re-confirmed the local connection: "Yes, Westmount Park was a big

part of her musical beginnings. In her early teens, Sass would gather there with friends, sitting in a circle with acoustic guitars and singing the songs of the day for hours, from Linda Ronstadt and Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young to the Eagles and Steely Dan."

By 16, Jordan was fronting bands in downtown Montreal clubs, later becoming singer and bassist for local favourites The Pinups.

Westmount residences

Well before then, Jordan's parents, as "Alb" and "Jean Miriam," are listed at 452 Grosvenor Ave. in the Westmount Lovell's directory of 1968. In her 2015 obituary, her mother's name is listed as "(Jean) Miriam Jordan."

In the 1968-69 *Alphabetical Directory of Names* for Montreal by the same company, he is listed at the same address as a lecturer at Sir George Williams, one of the predecessors of Concordia University, which conforms with press accounts of his profession. She is listed



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From left, 452 Grosvenor (bottom-right unit) on October 9 and 5010 Sherbrooke, the Pickwick Arms, the day before.



as "Jean Miran."

In the next editions (1969-70, 1970-71), they do not appear at all.

In the 1971-2 and 1973-74 *Alphabetical Directory of Names*, they are at 5010 Sherbrooke St. #14 (as "Albert" and "Miriam"), which tracks with the Westmount Lovell's directory of 1973. In the former, he is listed as a "tchr" and then "professor" at Sir George.

They are still there in 1977-78, the last edition of the *Alphabetical Directory of Names* available online, when Sass would have been turning 18. He is then listed as "prof Concordia."

Long, rich career

Jordan moved to Los Angeles in 1990. Over the span of her long career, she toured alongside The Rolling Stones, AC/DC, Van Halen and Aerosmith, and appeared on stage with the Foo Fighters, whose drummer, the late Taylor Hawkins, had been in her band in the mid 1990s.

She also acted in productions of *The Vagina Monologues* play and in the tv show *Sisters*.

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Daughter Adonia making waves as an influencer

Westmount Park School welcomes former boxing champ Hercules Kyvelos

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

As part of a career planning program, grades 5 and 6 students at Westmount Park elementary school welcomed 1996 Canadian Olympian and welterweight boxing champ Hercules Kyvelos on October 2.

Hercules, who was born and raised in Montreal's Park Extension neighbourhood, is retired from boxing and now makes a living as a personal trainer.

He was accompanied by his daughter, Adonia, 20, a social media influencer and Concordia University economics student.

Doughnuts on TikTok

She is the brand ambassador for Homers/Homies Donuts on Instagram and TikTok. She is now also beginning to represent other restaurants while studying economics at Concordia U.

Her father was introduced to boxing at age nine.

"I had a big mouth when I was a little kid," he told the students. "I walked into a gym and was excited to see they were holding a tournament that same weekend

when I first started. So, I wanted to fight."

Upon being told he was too young and inexperienced to compete against boxers who'd had at least several months of training, he insisted.

His trainer agreed on the condition he'd "throw in the towel" if the match became too uneven.

Early on: 'Most promising boxer'

As it turned out, Hercules not only managed to prevail in his first two bouts, but also went on to win a citation as the most promising boxer "and the rest is history," he said.

At age 21, he was competing at the Atlanta Olympics, and the following year he decided to box professionally.

As for his daughter, she insisted that since she started promoting the doughnuts brand on social media, she hasn't been able to go out in public without running into someone who's seen her in the videos.

One of the videos has garnered 1.5 million views. "I can't even walk my dog," said Adonia.

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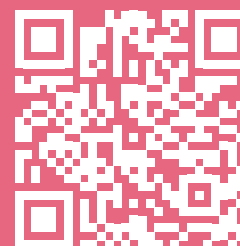
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Council, cont'd from p. 1

members do their preparatory work, receive reports, provide orientation to the city administration (Westmount's term for its senior unelected employees) and review files before public council meetings.

Finally put to a vote

Mayor Michael Stern had explained earlier in the meeting in reply to a question that minutes of council members' closed-door meetings would no longer be available to the public because he had replaced – or was replacing – the GC with “informal caucus” meetings.

After Aronson's intervention however, the October 6 agenda was eventually presented for approval, for which a vote was taken and the tie vote of 4-4 was broken by the mayor.

Councillors voting against the motion along with Aronson were Gurveen Chadha, Shawn Moss and Kathleen Kez.

Aronson supports GC

Later asked if he would ever advocate eliminating the GC, Aronson contended that the general committee was “the cornerstone of an extremely effective and distinctly Westmount governance system that has been developed over a century.

“Not only would I never propose or sup-

port such an abolition, I would argue vigorously against its removal as it provides a critical window into how council shapes the policies and priorities of the city.”

Because the general committee promotes transparency and accountability, “losing it is perhaps the most significant erosion of governance norms in the history of Westmount,” he suggested.

Police report, cont'd from p. 12

electronic items.

“When dealing especially with digital gadgets, like iPhones, that happens quite often, these kinds of traps,” he said. “So, you have to be very careful.”

He said there have even been theft incidents where the transactions were set to take place in home settings and the sellers thought they were secure, but suspects pepper-sprayed them and left with the merchandise. He suggests always meeting in the safest possible location, which is outside a police station.

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Social Notes

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The 21st annual event saw the Lachine waterfront area packed with volunteers, family and friends applauding the participants. With their supporters and friends, the 23 dragon boat teams and over 450 paddlers had spent months raising funds for the cause.

Teams with 20 paddlers were challenged to raise at least \$20,000.

“It’s a lot of fun. They come, they get a breakfast, a lunch, a t-shirt. They train, they get on the water with a life jacket, a paddle, and they go out and do a 250-meter race. We’re so grateful to everyone who contributed to the success of this extraordinary event,” said **Jeff Shamie**, Cedars CEO and Westmount city councillor.

Cedars CanSupport was founded by local *continued on p.18*



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Noted enjoying the day were **Christina**

Miller, with daughters **Justine** and **Erika**, and **Gerry Shaheed**, with his family; both major Dragon Boat Race supporters each year.

Also seen were **Ariel Dayan**, vp Cedars; MUHC director orthopedic surgery **Ahmed Aoude** and **Marie-Christine Babin**; and surgical oncologists **David Fleiszer** and **Roger Tabah**.

There with his mum **Andrea Scouten**, survivor, advocate and McGill student **Ryan Ross** cheered his friends in their

famed dragon boat team “The Untouchaballs.”

Also noted was the BDO team led by partner and long-time event chair **Jaimie Auger**, there with her husband **Mark Turk**, and managing partner **Mina Farinacci**.

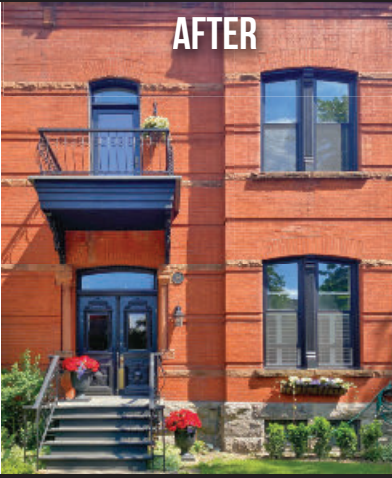
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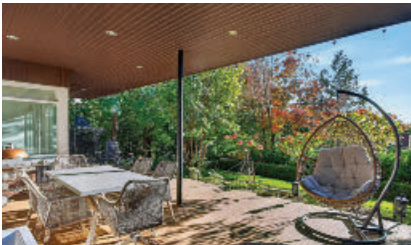
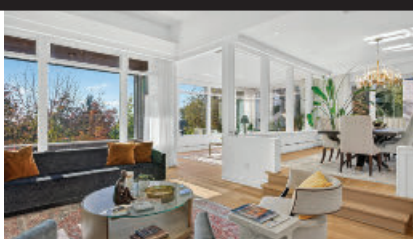


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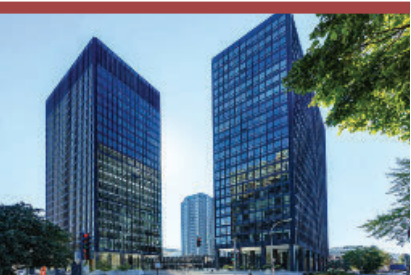
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