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'Partial' demo/reno file dates back 5 years

Meeting approves second storey for 45 Summit Cresc., again

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city's Demolition Committee at a special meeting October 13 "re-approved" a project dating back five years to add a second storey with bedrooms to a 72-year-old bungalow at 45 Summit Crescent.

Although it was the first time that the current council had been involved, veteran councillors Antonio D'Amico, who chaired the session as the current acting mayor, Matt Aronson and Kathleen Kez had dealt with the project previously.

Describing the plan at the start of the session, Frédéric Neault, as director of Urban Planning, explained that the current family desired the additional space upstairs and that adding the second storey would

conform to the look of neighbouring homes.

Built in 1954 in an area that had once been a golf course, the property is at the corner of Gordon Crescent and has a heritage rating of Category II.

While no new objections had been received (as had previously been heard from neighbours behind on Shorncliffe), the Demolition Committee adjourned to consider its response. Returning, D'Amico announced its approval and the go-ahead for the 76.16-percent demolition of walls and roof that would be required.

Financial guarantees and other conditions stated that the resolution would become null and void should the demolition work not commence within five years of the date of its adoption.

Inglaso marks 50 years, Carney visits



Novelty, drinkware and collectibles maker Inglaso is based in the Eastern Townships city of Sherbrooke, but its CEO – Anita Chandan – is a Westmounter. The firm also makes pucks for the NHL, PWHL, Hockey Canada, USA Hockey, AHL and ECHL. On October 8, she hosted Prime Minister Mark Carney to mark the firm's 50th anniversary. "We had an opportunity to discuss immigration, manufacturing costs, international business expansion and – of course – US tariffs and his love for hockey," Chandan told the *Independent* by email October 14.

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Annual fall flower show opens

City volunteers cited as 'valuable assets' during fall reception

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Volunteers, newcomers and numerous other invitees attended the opening reception October 14 at Victoria Hall for the annual fall flower show at the adjacent conservatory, which had been closed to prepare for the event.

In addressing the estimated 200 attendees, Mayor Michael Stern said that, as an

accountant, he had come to realize since his election that the community's volunteers formed "one of the city's most valuable assets that never appears on its balance sheet...but the more we invest in it, the more it grows."

He thanked new residents for choosing Westmount and said "we hope you will soon become an active part of this wonderful

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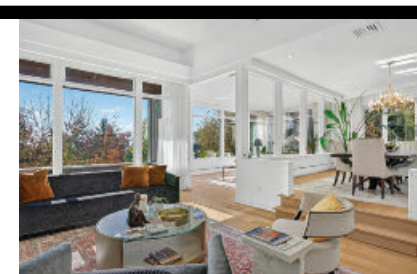
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Cyclist goes through red light, hit by bus

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A cyclist appeared to have ridden through a red light at Metcalfe and de Maisonneuve October 14 where he may have been hit or fell as a northbound bus on a construction detour was driving through, Public Security officials said.

There was reported to be “such a commotion” when officers arrived and report-

ed many people “all around.” It appeared, however, that the cyclist was not seriously injured and was sitting on the ground nearby.

He was believed to have been heading east at the time but no details were provided on his age or residency.

Police and Urgences Santé were also on the scene and the matter was left in their hands.

Fire in the hole!



Westmount Public Safety said Sherbrooke St. between Claremont and Grey was closed for about three hours October 18. The reason, according to an SPVM superintendent, was that a small fire had broken out in an underground tunnel housing high-voltage cables. Power was cut off to the surrounding stores, most of which just closed for the day and went home. The police officer said this is quite common, but it took some time to clear all the smoke out of the tunnel to allow access for Hydro Quebec workers. They were still working on the task after 5 pm.

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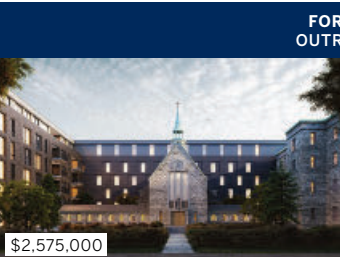


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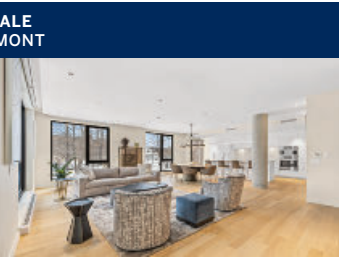
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Substantive hearing set for November 5, 6 & 10

Judge at CMQ to rule on recording in mayor's ethics case

By MARTIN C. BARRY

A Quebec Municipal Commission (CMQ) judge could be deciding early next month whether a conversation recorded at the end of a closed-door meeting between Westmount mayor Michael Stern and two city councillors will be admitted as evidence supporting allegations that Stern used “disrespectful language” when dealing with city employees.

The allegations are regulatory in nature.

A motion to dismiss the recording of the committee meeting – which took place at Westmount city hall last May 22 – was heard last week by CMQ judge Mélanie Robert during a webcast hearing October 13 at the Quebec City-based commission's downtown Montreal offices.

The conversation in question takes place towards the end of a full-length recording of the city hall meeting. Employees participated remotely using the Microsoft Teams webconferencing platform.

Contested video not shared with public

Although the recording in question was played in the CMQ courtroom during the hearing, the webcast audio was switched off so it was not publicly accessible.

According to facts presented during the CMQ hearing, a video screen monitoring the city hall meeting was switched off when the regular portion of the meeting had ended – although the camera continued to run.

While lawyers for both sides seemed to agree it was probably an honest mistake regardless of who was responsible, they disagreed on the admissibility of the recorded conversation that followed.

According to facts presented during the hearing, the existence of the exchange came to light after Alicia Klein Rossi, a clerk with the city, realized that the recording mechanism hadn't been turned off at what should have been the end of the meeting.

This was in spite of the fact that the councillors are heard in an earlier part of the recording asking for it to be switched off.

Charles-Édouard Corgier, a legal intern who was working at the time for the city and who was tasked with processing the recording, noticed that it went on to include the private portion. He sought guidance as to whether it should be erased or kept in the final version of the recording.

Interim DG Lapointe testifies

Testifying during last week's hearing, Dave Lapointe, who is the city's director of culture, sports and recreation and who was acting as interim director general and assistant city clerk but has no legal expertise, acknowledged telling Corgier to keep it.

However, Lapointe also noted that it is a standing practice at Westmount city hall to conserve meeting recordings from beginning to end without distinguishing their contents.

“We save all recordings,” said Lapointe, answering Fasken defence lawyer Frédéric Legendre's questions. “It was my decision to save it because we save everything.” He said that as it's never a question of cutting out portions, “I said to save it.”

Although the prosecution maintained the conversation between the mayor and councillors occurred in the context of a meeting held in a public place where there is no expectation of privacy, the defence insisted it was private and therefore not admissible as evidence of a public official's alleged breach of ethics.

“Regardless of what was said, it doesn't change anything,” said Legendre. “In other words, the more serious the words become on the recording, that should not mean that the right to privacy is less important here.”

“No one present here today, besides the three municipal officials [Stern, and councillors Jeff Shamie and Paul Levine] here behind me, would ever have known that this conversation had taken place,” he added while pursuing his arguments. “And now this is going to be used as proof to try to punish someone. In what way does this have anything to do with the administration of justice?”

Lawyer: How can words at a private meeting constitute disrespect?

“Is it in the interests of justice to put aside the fundamental right to privacy of these three persons simply to allow the victim to try to prove that someone was seen as lacking in respect when they're not even aware and would never even have been made aware if not for the recording?” he continued.

While the CMQ tribunal had initially scheduled three additional hearing dates for Mayor Stern's case in October, they have been re-scheduled for November 5, 6 and 10.

Police Report**Authorities looking for suspects after car theft, tool burglary**

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

On October 12 around 8:30 am, police at Station 12 on Stanton St. received a call concerning a car theft on Lansdowne Ave. near the corner of Westmount Ave.

"On the scene, the officers met the victim of the theft," said Station 12 community relations officer Emmanuel Provencher, adding that the car's owner was a 34-year-old resident of the area.

According to Cst. Provencher, the officers analyzed the scene of the incident and spoke to persons who were potential witnesses, while also searching for the presence of security cameras that might provide images of the suspects.

"The investigation is still ongoing," he said. "There are no suspects arrested in this case for now. We have investigators examining this file to see if there is anything else that we might get from people like witnesses."

**Tools stolen from
Sherbrooke/Atwater worksite**

Also on October 12, but at 1:45 pm, 9-1-1

emergency operators received a call regarding a break-in at an apartment building on Sherbrooke St. near the corner of Atwater Ave. in Westmount.

"On the scene, the officers met with the plaintiff," said Provencher, adding that the plaintiff explained to the police that a suspect had somehow entered the building, although how was not immediately apparent.

According to a complaint filed by the plaintiff at Station 12, the suspect managed to find an empty apartment that was under renovation, and then went in and found tools that workmen had left behind.

The construction tools were reported as missing, but information on their value and identifying details was not immediately available as the complainant had yet to file an inventory of the stolen goods, according to Cst. Provencher.

As with the previous case, the police are seeking potential witnesses, while investigating whether nearby video cameras may have captured images of the comings and goings of potential suspects in and around the building.

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Appreciating Westmount workers' autumn work



This October 5 photo in Westmount Park captured “a beautiful moment for us,” wrote proud father Philippe Turp in French to the *Independent* about his son Lowik Furlotte-Turp. “[To see him] in this magnificent milieu, surrounded by people who contribute to our neighbourhood by making it so attractive and welcoming moved me greatly. The decorations are very beautiful and I think that this photo captures something very good: the community, kindness and the little moments of happiness that can be so precious.” Furlotte-Turp has been in the *Independent* before, namely when he won four silver medals at Les Jeux du Québec’s Special Olympics swimming competition in 2016. He lives with autism. PHOTO COURTESY OF P. TURP.



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Councillor's column

SHAWN MOSS

Westmount's motto, *Robur Meum Civium Fides*, means "The faith of the citizens is my strength." It captures a simple truth: a city draws its strength from the confidence of its residents.

For more than a century, Westmount has earned that confidence through thoughtful and transparent governance, strong institutions, architectural stewardship, professional administration and a willingness to set standards that others aspire to meet. Rarely content to ask what everybody else was doing, Westmount led by asking what would best serve its citizens.

Lately, the mayor and council majority have offered a different refrain: *other municipalities do it this way*. Perhaps they do. Westmount did not become one of Canada's most respected cities by following others. It became a model by leading, including during the de-merger movement that fought for our autonomy and restored local self-government.

We also understand the importance of protecting our architectural heritage. We preserve buildings, streetscapes and landscapes because what generations have built can be lost far more easily than it can be recovered. Our civic heritage deserves the same care. Transparency, civility, public engagement, environmental stewardship, equal treatment under the rules and respect for professional expertise are also part of what makes Westmount distinct.

Governance standards matter

Long before ESG [environmental, social and governance] standards, governance scorecards and formal public-consultation policies became commonplace, these principles were already woven into the fabric of Westmount. Residents expected deci-

The wrong direction for Westmount

sions to be carefully considered and publicly explained. General committee meetings [i.e. council meeting in private] produced minutes, preserving an accountable record of the work leading to council decisions. Replacing that structure with informal internal caucuses that leave no minutes weakens transparency and erases institutional memory. Future councils and residents should be able to understand how and why important decisions were made.

The recent controversy over one-way streets near city hall brought those concerns into sharp focus. Changes affecting Argyle, Kensington and Metcalfe were introduced amid objections about consultation and the process used to authorize them, culminating in a legal challenge.

A road-safety initiative that could have brought residents together instead damaged confidence in the city's decision-making. The lesson extends well beyond traffic: consultation cannot be treated as a formality after a course has effectively been chosen.

Major issues lie ahead

Westmount faces more consequential priorities than restoring gasoline-powered leaf blowers or re-visiting garbage collection schedules. Aging infrastructure requires sustained attention. Our tree canopy must be protected and expanded. Parks and public spaces need investment. The city must prepare for heavier rainfall, extreme heat and other climate risks. Pedestrian and cycling connections can be made safer.

Our commercial districts need support, and heritage assets such as the train station and greenhouses should not be allowed to languish. Reversing modest environmental gains in response to short-term pressures while larger challenges wait does not reflect the leadership our city has traditionally shown.

Westmount should also resist govern-

ance by exception. Confidence fades when the rules appear negotiable for some and binding for others. We have seen that balance tilt as the current council majority has repeatedly set aside the recommendations of the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) to grant variances and carve-outs.

The PAC exists to protect architectural integrity and ensure impartial, evidence-based review. When its professional assessments are routinely disregarded by the council majority to accommodate special exceptions, it signals that established standards are negotiable rather than consistently applied.

Progress and tradition have long reinforced each other in Westmount. Excellence, fairness and long-term thinking allowed the city to preserve what matters while preparing for what comes next. That inheritance should guide us now. Westmount should move forward as it always has: with confidence in its own standards and the courage to lead.

Robur Meum Civium Fides. The faith of the citizens is our strength. That trust may be Westmount's most valuable heritage. We should guard it accordingly.

Shawn Moss is the city councillor for District 5 (Victoria village below Sherbrooke).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TOXIC ATMOSPHERE WON'T
HELP COUNCIL ACCOMPLISH
ITS GOALS

Westmount's October 6 council meeting was a sad event to witness. The atmosphere became toxic on so many levels.

The mayor is not following Robert's Rules as he should.

Councillors are not given their right to speak to motions under discussion and are routinely being cut off by the mayor.

There now clearly appears to be two councillor camps: four councillors versus four councillors, with the mayor always voting with the same camp.

I am an objective observer. I do not personally know any of these individuals.

What I do know: if this behaviour becomes a norm, this council will not accomplish what it was sworn in to do on behalf of those who elected them.

Sylvia Adams, Sherbrooke St.

A COUNCIL DIVIDED,
A PUBLIC LEFT OUT

Westmount's October 6 council meeting made one thing clear: our council is deeply divided.

The mayor and four councillors are pushing changes to longstanding practices, while four others are trying to preserve them. Will these changes actually serve residents or simply consolidate power to a select few?

One controversial issue is the move to eliminate general committee meetings [*Editor's note:* i.e. council members meet-

ing together in closed session, with general minutes available afterwards to the public].

Historically, these meetings provided a forum for the director general and council to discuss issues before they come to public council meetings. Their published minutes give residents an indication of what is being considered and what may be coming down the pipeline. Getting rid of this forum means less information for the public.

Another concern is the tradition of alternating the appointment of pro-mayor, who assumes the mayor's responsibilities in his absence. This position now seems to be going repeatedly to the same councillor, who appears to share the mayor's political perspectives. A proposal to appoint an alternative replacement, including one of our only two female councillors, was voted down by the same four councillors who consistently support the mayor.

The tone of the meeting was equally troubling. When some councillors challenged the mayor, they were told to leave if they didn't like it. Is this how debate at city hall is supposed to work? Elected representatives should be able to disagree without being treated as a nuisance.

Finally, during question period, the mayor dismissed a female resident's legitimate concerns by describing her emails and videos as "nasty." Instead of answering her questions, the mayor resorted to a personal put-down.

I don't object to changing long-standing traditions if this benefits the community.

But change should not come at the expense of transparency, fair representation or open debate. Nor should it concentrate power in the hands of a select few. City hall belongs to all residents, not just those who agree with the mayor. While I respect the mayor's authority, it is worth remembering that in the last municipal election, 60 per cent of voters chose someone else.

Richard Dufour, Anwoth Rd.

LET'S NOT FORGET ABOUT
ST. LÉON!

Following council's decision to move forward with the Safe and Active School Routes program, I sincerely hope that the St. Léon school area will also benefit from traffic-calming measures next year, as planned.

Having attended St. Léon from 2011 to 2016, I witnessed numerous instances of cars coming dangerously close to students on Clarke and Kitchener. I was nearly struck by a vehicle myself.

I am therefore concerned that so much of the city's time and resources has been consumed by the opposition to the changes on Argyle.

Residents certainly have the right to disagree. However, the attempt to have the [on-the-ground] changes immediately reversed by the court was unsuccessful, and the by-law was ultimately adopted by council by a vote of 7 to 1.

The city only has so much time and so many resources. I would find it very unfortunate if the amount of attention devoted to one street resulted in safety improvements around other schools being delayed.

My parents were sometimes reluctant to let me walk to St. Léon because of the traffic conditions. Particularly in winter, I was often driven because they believed it was safer.

I hope the controversy over Argyle will not result in St. Léon, or any of the other schools included in this program, falling through the cracks.

As someone who was once one of the children walking those streets, I hope the city can now continue the work it started.

Alec Chamlian, De Casson Rd.

ARTIFICIAL FIELD AT WAG
WOULD HARM ITS COMMUNITY

It is difficult to discover whether the council intends to proceed with the replacement of grass with artificial turf at the Westmount Athletic Grounds (WAG) – plans that were abandoned due to opposition from citizens during the previous administration.*

There is still clear negative environmental information (even about the latest

"generation" of this turf) and clear evidence that it acts like any other hardscape to create city-centre heat islands at a time of rising summer temperatures.

But more than that.

WAG is a space shared by football players, dog owners, vegetable growers, runners, walkers, parents and children, people teaching six-year-olds how to play soccer, people who try to fly kites and play cricket, people from the residence next door who sit and watch. In other words, a community. It is "a space that works."

I sincerely hope that the money it would take can be re-directed to other projects that Westmount really needs.

Marjorie Griffin, Dorchester Blvd.

**Editor's note:* I think that this summary best describes the resolution of the issue (see December 19, 2007, p. 1) in the second term of Karin Marks, who was Westmount mayor/borough president from 2002 to 2009, i.e. not during "the previous administration." Under the actual previous administration, that of Mayor Christina Smith (see December 5, 2023, p. 1, May 14, 2024, p. 1), an artificial field was looking likely until it was sidetracked by issues at the city's planned partner, Marianopolis CEGEP, that had nothing to do with municipal politics (see "Province says 'no' to funding Marianopolis soccer field," November 19, 2024, p. 1). Of course, a Marianopolis/Westmount field would not have been at the southeast's WAG, but on the CEGEP's northwest Westmount campus. – DP.

LET'S COMMEMORATE
SASS JORDAN

Re: "Sass Jordan's musical roots ran deep, including in Westmount Park," October 13, p. 13.

Sass Jordan was a well-known Canadian entertainer. It would be lovely to see plaques on the outside of her Westmount homes that remember the famous dweller. Maybe a lovely mural will be painted on a wall one day in our community like the photo in your article.

Kathleen Maher, Redfern Ave.

Overheard

Woman to woman, October 18 at 4 pm on Victoria above de Maisonneuve:

"Oh my god. I hate those hoodie sweat-shirts that are like that!"

*

Woman to man, October 19 at 8 am on Sherbrooke near Kitchener:

"I just turned around. It was so uncomfortable."

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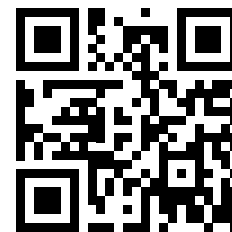
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Flower show, cont'd from p. 1

community spirit.”
He also invited everyone to visit the flower show prepared by Mélanie Bänninger and Christine Dupuis under the direction of Giovanni D’Amico of Public Works.

District 4 councillor Gurveen Chadha then introduced members of the city staff as her two-month-old son, Zubin Chadha Hasija, made his city debut sleeping peacefully from the front sling she wore throughout.

Chadha had attended her first public meeting October 6 on returning from a two-month maternity leave.



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Councillor Gurveen Chadha with 2-month-old son Zubin Chadha Hasija.



Among new Westmount residents invited to the reception were, from left, Hugo, 6, and Leif, 3, attending with their mother Jan Cooper and father Charlie Carter.



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From left: Councillor Paul Levine, the mayor's executive assistant Annique Dufour and Mayor Michael Stern at the fall flower show.

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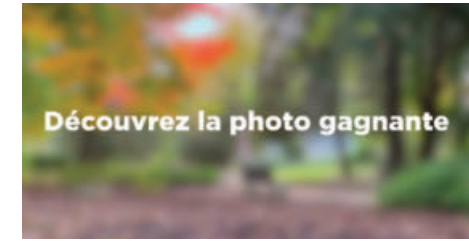
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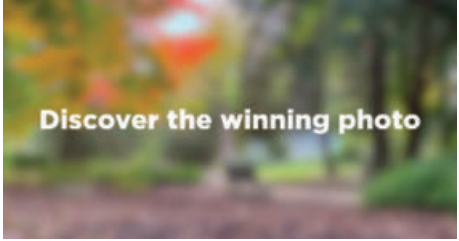
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Concours de photos : les lauréats sont annoncés !

Félicitations à Lucie Lacava, grande gagnante du concours de photos d'automne ! Découvrez la photo gagnante ainsi que les trois finalistes.
westmount.org/actualites



Discover the winning photo

Photo Contest: Winners Announced!

Congratulations to Lucie Lacava, the grand prize winner of the City's fall photo contest! Discover the winning photograph and the three runners up.
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Vente d'immeubles pour défaut de paiement des taxes

Conformément à la Loi sur les cités et villes (articles 511 et 512), le conseil municipal a adopté, le 6 octobre 2026, une résolution ordonnant la vente aux enchères publiques des immeubles dont les taxes foncières demeurent impayées.

La vente aura lieu le 8 décembre 2026, à midi, à l'hôtel de ville de Westmount.

À noter : Les immeubles concernés pourront être exclus de la vente si les taxes, les intérêts et les frais sont acquittés avant la vente.
westmount.org/actualites

Modification du règlement sur les nuisances et l'ordre public

Le 6 octobre, le conseil municipal a adopté le règlement no 1669, autorisant l'utilisation des souffleurs à feuilles à essence du lundi au vendredi, de 8 h à 16 h, en avril, octobre et novembre.
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Amendment to the By-law on Nuisances and Public Order

On October 6, City Council adopted By-law No. 1669, authorizing the use of gas-powered leaf blowers from Monday to Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., during April, October and November.
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Sale of Properties for Non-Payment of Taxes

In accordance with the Cities and Towns Act (Sections 511 and 512), the City Council adopted a resolution on October 6, 2026, ordering the public auction of properties for which property taxes remain unpaid.

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Rencontre d'auteur — Ordures! Journal d'un vidangeur

3 novembre, 19 h, Salle Westmount (Bibliothèque). Rencontre avec Simon Paré-Poupard, auteur, sociologue et éboueur, qui présentera son livre et nous invitera à réfléchir aux déchets que nous produisons et à leur devenir. westlib.org

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14 et 15 novembre, de 10 h 30 à 17 h, Victoria Hall. Le salon Artisans Westmount est l'endroit idéal pour dénicher des créations uniques. Les artisans vous proposeront des œuvres de joaillerie et de céramique, des articles de papeterie, des accessoires, des produits pour enfants et bien plus. Un incontournable de l'automne !
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Pumpkin Decorating Contest & Halloween Extravaganza (Ages 6+)

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Author event—Ordures! Journal d'un vidangeur

November 3, 7 p.m., Westmount Room (Library). In French. Meet Simon Paré-Poupard, author, sociologist and waste collector, for a discussion of his book and a thought-provoking look at the waste we produce and what happens to it.
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November 14 and 15, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Victoria Hall. Artisans Westmount is the perfect place to discover one-of-a-kind creations. Come admire the wonderful variety of quality items for sale by this year's fantastic artisans. Jewelry, ceramics, stationery, accessories, toys, and more, perfect gifts for the holiday season!
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Ciné-club : Scrapper (2023)

27 octobre, 14 h, Victoria Hall. En anglais. Venez découvrir cette touchante comédie dramatique de Charlotte Regan, qui suit Georgie, 12 ans, alors qu'elle voit son quotidien bouleversé par le retour inattendu de son père.
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Film Club: Scrapper (2023)

October 27, 2 p.m., Victoria Hall. Join us for a screening of Charlotte Regan's touching comedy-drama, following 12-year-old Georgie as her life is turned upside down when her father unexpectedly reappears in her life. westmount.org/events

Halloween Ball

October 29, 8 p.m. (doors at 7:30 p.m.), Victoria Hall. A night of spooky beats! Put on your dancing shoes and your most frightful costume and join us for an evening of music, dancing and Halloween fun, featuring a live DJ, cash bar and costume contest. westmount.org/events

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Shoppers can become ‘patrons’ of Greene merchant group

Greene merchants’ Fall Festival gets shoppers dancing on the street



Seen outside Nick’s Restaurant on October 10, Denise Roy, left, of NDG sat to have her caricature drawn for free by artist Diane Laflamme, whose work was sponsored by Nick’s.

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

The weather was perfect for dancing on October 10 – day one of the Quartier Greene Merchants Association’s Fall Festival – drawing young and old together into a joyful celebration of the season.

The weekend program featured food trucks, live music, a local history expo, a chance to sit and be caricatured by a professional artist for free, and a pumpkin-decorating competition.

A new feature this year was an opportunity for shoppers to become association “patrons and receive VIP preferential promotions from merchants, as well as the right to attend and vote at QGMA annual general meetings.

“We’ve sold some memberships already and this is something that’s going to be available ongoing through our website,” said association general manager Joyce Shanks.

“We’re trying to make our association not just for the merchants, but to make it like a community,” said Chez Nick’s co-owner Rob Callard, president of the association.



Among the Greene Ave. merchants who set up shop outside for the sidewalk sale were Stephanie Dumas, left, and Marie Dumas, co-owners of Boutique Marie Dumas.



Alexandre Rochette, manager of the Ça va de soi boutique, is seen here with historic photos of various landmarks in Westmount that were part of a display mounted outside the store by the Westmount Historical Association.

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Please do not hesitate to visit Tokyo, you will be charmed by her sweet ways and joyous energy.

Your neighbour, Lysanne

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Tokyo is very healthy, up to date on her inoculations, spayed and microchipped.

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9 Lives

LYSANNE FOWLER

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Please pack your carrier to bring Happy back home with you. If you need one, you can choose from the variety of models available at the in-house boutique, where they also have selections of foods, toys and accessories of all kinds for an active young cat.

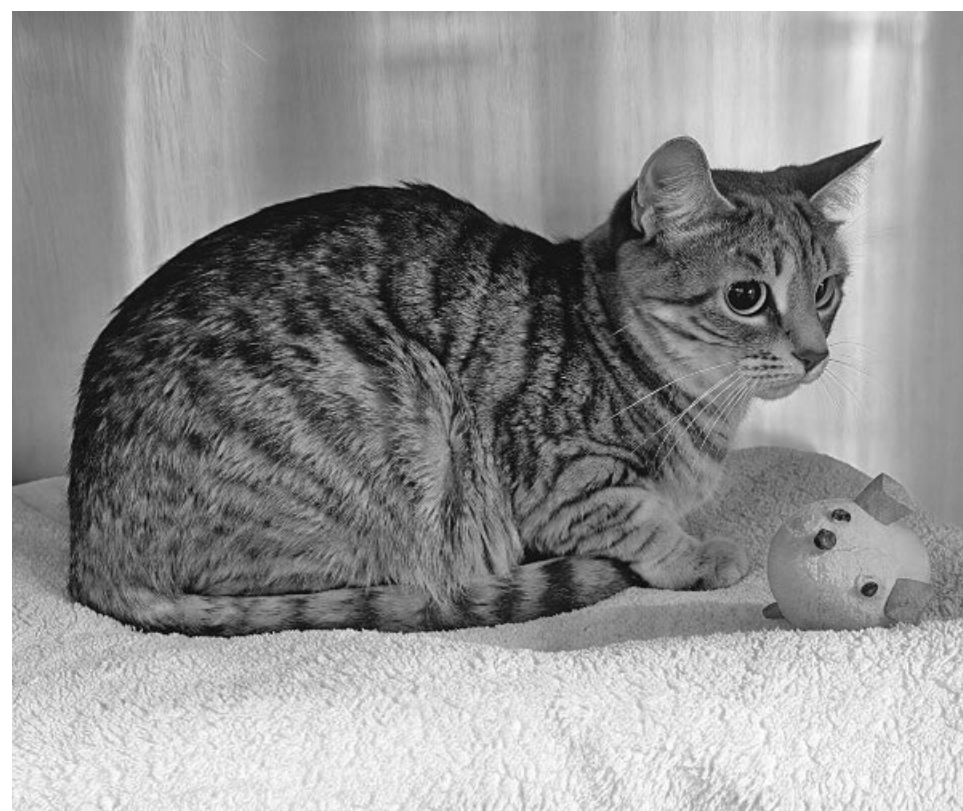
The adoption coordinators are looking forward to meeting you and discussing your interest in Happy. They would be pleased to introduce you to her and give you a chance to have her come home with you to share companionship every day.

Your neighbour,
Lysanne

Very pretty and very affectionate, this petite cat is uniquely Happy. She is a delightful black-and-silver tabby presently at the Montreal SPCA cattery where she is waiting for a family to call her own.

Happy is a healthy three-year-old, up to date with her vaccination program, and is spayed and microchipped. She is available for visits at the cattery, and you can refer to her profile at the Montreal SPCA website www.sPCA.com, scrolling for her information page from her identification number, 2000496707.

As always, the shelter is open every day, from Monday to Friday from 3 pm to 8 pm,



Peering at pumpkins



On October 16, Sophie and James Spencer admire some of the many decorated pumpkins submitted to Westmount's public library for its annual pumpkin-decorating contest. Winners are to be announced October 24 at the library's Halloween Extravaganza. PHOTO COURTESY OF WESTMOUNT PUBLIC LIBRARY



Stephen Jarislowsky

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A Westmount Life

Stephen Jarislowsky (1925-2026) – sui generis, Westmounter

By PETER F. TRENT

There has been much international media attention occasioned by Stephen Jarislowsky's recent death. Most of the coverage, quite naturally, focused on his vast business and philanthropic career. But Stephen, an incredibly complex individual, was a man of many parts. He was, for example, a proud Westmounter.

For more than half a century Gail and Stephen lived – and raised two daughters – in Westmount. Stephen cared deeply about our city. I first met Stephen 45 years ago when I was a vice-president of the local citizens' association and he was the founding chairman of the Westmount Dog Owners' Association, a title he proudly added to his CV.

By the time I was mayor in 1991, we were friends. I knew that because I always paid our lunch bills. (Stephen loved to tell the story of his lunch with the notorious pinchpenny Pierre Trudeau: an hour after they had finished, they were still sitting at the table staring at the unturned bill.) Where Stephen did put his money to work was a lifetime of supporting Canadian art, higher education and health-care.

Helped oppose

Montreal/Westmount merger

In 1999, when I approached a slew of corporate CEOs who lived in Westmount to help fight the imposition of "One Island One City," many were helpful, but only Stephen said he had "no problem going public" in his indefectible support for the anti-



Westmounter Stephen Jarislowsky on his 99th birthday.

PHOTO COURTESY OF KATHRYN STEPHENSON.

merger cause. And when we later set up a corporation to bankroll demerger efforts once the city of Westmount disappeared, Stephen agreed to be a director. Stephen was always there for Westmount when the chips were down.

Stephen, who had studied Japanese and served in the US Army in post-war Japan,

was an Orientalist who loved the art, philosophy and culture of the East. A secluded koi pond was his favourite spot in their garden. In fact, Stephen's Westmount house was his cherished retreat where he could devour books, play classical music and regale guests with stories only a man at home in three continents could tell. But there were no signs of showy trappings of wealth around Stephen, who was quite ascetic in his tastes.

As well as Japanese, Stephen spoke an impeccable, gracious French, along with German and Dutch. He also claimed to be fluent in "dog," but his mastery of the *lingua canina* always remained somewhat in doubt.

Always active locally

Even just a few years ago, Stephen and Gail could be found in discussions at Westmount city hall, passionately making their case for preserving the traditional landscaping of Murray Park, and especially pleading for their beloved groves of acacia trees.

There is an expression for one of a kind: *sui generis*. Stephen was *sui generis*. A polyglot, polymath and an unstintingly ethical businessman, Stephen loved art, history and music. He had more raw intellect than anyone I've ever met. Yet he always found time for his home community. And for his friends.

Peter F. Trent, a former inventor and businessman, served five terms as mayor of Westmount and led the Montreal demerger movement. His *Merger Delusion* was published in 2012. Trent is a director of the Jarislowsky Foundation.

Notice is hereby given of the "Closure of Inventory" of the estate of Denis O'Driscoll, born Oct. 27, 1929, formerly of Westmount, Quebec, deceased January 16, 2022.

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Travel

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Catania, Sicily – a land of many palimpsests



Welcome to Catania, Sicily – a direct flight from Montreal. (Thank you, Tony, from Westmount's VCD Travel.)

I was lucky to get here. Catania airport was closed in September due to ashes from Mount Etna. Then my planned train ride from Catania to Siracusa was cancelled: train tracks closed for repairs. Agrigento, another stop planned on my trip, had flooding recently. It is Italy, after all.

Once the largest city in Sicily, Catania has a cathedral built of Mount Etna's black volcanic basalt. It is a palimpsest. Traces have been left behind by Greeks, Romans, Normans and Spaniards. This *duomo* is dedicated to St. Agatha, the patron saint of the city.

The Piazza del Duomo is renowned for its elephant with an Egyptian obelisk on its back. The statue (also in black basalt) was designed in the early 18th century after the 1693 earthquake. The same volcanic material was used for the streets' flagstones.

Then on to Ortigia *continued on p.18*

► Catania's *duomo*.



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Ortygia's little beach.



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Travel, cont'd from p. 17

(Ortygia), an island off Syracuse (Siracusa) where my Hotel Gutowski faces the Ionian Sea. It is a secret jewel I'll share: guthotel.it. Rooms are charming and its dining room is praised as one of the island's better cuisines.

Narrow streets well-arranged for cooling breezes lead one to the Temple of Apollo. Here are the remains of the first Doric stone temple in Sicily (c. 580 BC). A long wall still stands of an early stone temple that predates the Parthenon. As with many views in Sicily, one's view takes in the modern world as well.

Not to be missed in this little town is the puppet theatre. The centuries-old Sicilian tradition portrays epic narratives and stories of chivalric conquests. Puppets wear wonderful hand-crafted ornate costumes and armour that clashes during the omnipresent sword fights.

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At the Kent Group, we customize each client portfolio so that it is specifically tailored to meet your needs and expectations. Our personal approach, combined with our outstanding portfolio management, is why the Kent Group is the largest discretionary portfolio management group at RBC Dominion Securities across Canada, with over \$8 billion in assets under management.

It's time.

If you are seeking outstanding portfolio management and comprehensive wealth management, we would be pleased to discuss how we can put our experience to work for you.

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A smart move starts with a plan

*Before tackling renovations or thinking about putting your home on the market, let's make a plan.
With 22+ years of experience, I can help you prioritize improvements, explore your options, and approach your next chapter with confidence.*

FALL INTO GOOD HABITS!

ROOF, RAIN & RADIATORS

Before the snow arrives to stay,
Check your roof and flashing right away.
Clear your gutters and roof drains of leaves,
So rain and melting snow can flow with ease.

FURNACE, FAUCETS & FROST

Have your furnace serviced before the cold sets in,
Replace those filters so warm air can circulate within.
Drain outdoor taps, disconnect hoses before the freeze,
Seal your doors and windows to keep out winter's breeze.

GARDENS, GEAR & GLOW

Put patio furniture and garden tools away,
Make sure outdoor lights will brighten a winter's day.
Protect tender plants before the cold winds blow,
Plant bulbs for a colourful springtime show!

CLEAR THE CLUTTER, SPREAD SOME CHEER

Clear out the clutter tucked away,
Give someone else a brighter day.
Donate what you can to those in need,
And pay it forward with your good deed!

Thinking of making a move,
but unsure where to start? Call me!

Let's write your next chapter TOGETHER...



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