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We are Westmount.

September 15, 2026

Westmount honours its young athletes



Babak Khacami, left, was one of the many volunteers who served pizza to the more than 200 children and their coaches at Westmount Sports and Recreation's twice-annual sports award night held September 2. See p.10 for story.

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At the WAG

Westmount's Terry Fox run to take place September 20

BY JENNIFER BALL

Victoria Ave. Metro grocery store employee Marina Carricaburu Ortiz – who raised \$9,993 in 2025 for the Terry Fox Foundation and who is organizing the run for a third year in a row – alerted the *Independent* to the fact that the charity run will take place this year on Sunday, September 20 at the Westmount Athletic Grounds

(WAG) behind Westmount High, as follows:

- Registration: 10 am,
- Run start time: 10:30 am,
- Run finish: 1 pm.

Access is best achieved through Hallowell Ave. or Hillside Lane.

When the *Independent* reviewed the webpage run.terryfox.ca/130054 on September 9, \$8,600 of this run's \$10,900 goal had been raised.

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Mayor Stern asks for ‘civility’ at city council meetings

Duncan Campbell returns to city as temporary DG

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

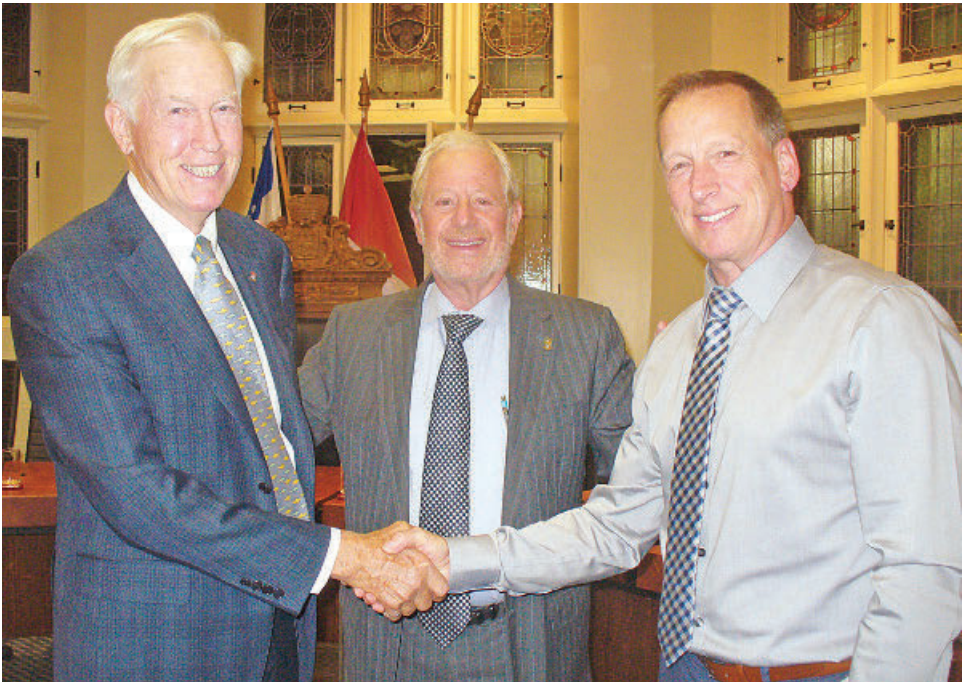
There were smiles on many faces at the regular monthly session of city council September 9.

While the meeting opened with a call from Mayor Michael Stern for “civility” during question periods, it concluded an agenda of more than 30 items including the appointment of retired director general Duncan Campbell as temporary acting director general (DG), the city’s chief administrative officer.

This appointment aims to enable Dave Lapointe to focus on his main role as director of culture, sports, recreation and social development. He has been substitute director general since March during the medical leave of DG Julie Mandeville, which continues, with no new information provided.

Campbell well known here already

Campbell is already well known to many residents and city officials as having served as the city’s director general from 2008 to 2015 during the building and opening of the Westmount recreation centre (WRC). Campbell, who did not speak at the



From left, Duncan Campbell, Mayor Michael Stern and Dave Lapointe.

meeting, had previously served as director general for the Town of Mount Royal for 14 years.

After his retirement from Westmount, he undertook another temporary stint as DG in 2021. While he lives on the West Island, Campbell grew up knowing Westmount as the great-grandson of former mayor George Hogg.

Mayor works to set the tone

Opening the council session, Mayor Stern said “I am asking all of us – myself included – to set the tone we want for our community: passionate when necessary, candid always, but respectful.”

He said that “starting with this meeting” each resident would have two minutes to ask a question, which is what the city’s protocol calls for but lately had not been enforced.



Lansdowne Ave. resident Karin Marks at the mic.

“At some of our recent meetings,” he added, questions had “sometimes become shouting, interruptions or personal attacks.” When this happens repeatedly, he explained, *continued on p. 9*

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Dawson remembers, 20 years after shooting



Dawson College's director general Toby Harper-Merrett speaks during the commemorative ceremony held in the CEGEP's Peace Garden on September 11.

By MARTIN C. BARRY

A former Quebec premier as well as Westmount's mayor and the city of Montreal's current police chief were among the many attendees who gathered on September 11 in the Peace Garden outside Dawson College for a commemoration of the tragic shooting that took place there 20 years ago.

On September 13, 2006, Dawson student Anastasia De Sousa was killed, 19 others were wounded and countless students, employees, families and others were profoundly affected by the events that unfolded at the CEGEP.

In the years that followed, the Dawson community committed to teaching peace and promoting well-being.

One of its first collective acts was to support a grassroots initiative that raised funds to create the Peace Garden on the college grounds, which since then has become a

lasting space for reflection, remembrance and hope.

"This is a very sad day to be remembering," Westmount mayor Michael Stern said in an interview with the *Independent*. "Our thoughts, of course, are with the family who continue to suffer their loss on a daily basis. We must make sure this never happens again."

In an address, the college's former director general, Richard Filion, who had been in the job for only about a year when the shooting happened, described the impact. "The Dawson community was in total shock," he said, adding that there were no warning signs.

Although Dawson College had an emergency plan to deal with natural disasters or technological disruptions, there was nothing for an active shooter.

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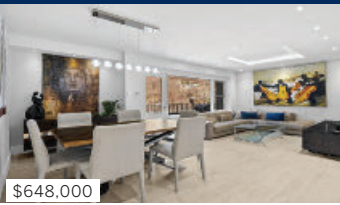
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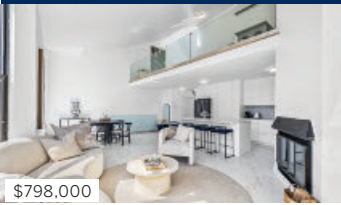


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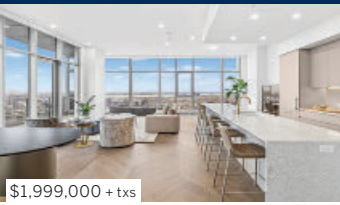
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THANK YOU, MAYOR STERN,
FOR THE ROADWORK

This spring was Armageddon for our road network in Westmount, possibly the worst I've ever seen. It has gone from an inconvenience to becoming a safety concern.

I recognize the need to fix other assets in the city like city hall, the library and the greenhouse, but at the end of the day most people spend very little actual time in these facilities.

The roads, on the other hand, EVERYONE uses – all the time.

So on that note, I wanted to extend a thanks and offer credit to Mayor Stern and the city councillors for prioritizing the road-work this past summer. Just before the back-to-school rush in mid-August (very smart timing), I witnessed convoys of workers and trucks re-surfacing roads like Côte St. Antoine, Montrose and many others – on top of the major infrastructure work being done on several other key arteries, where sidewalks and underground infrastructure were being replaced.

I appreciate the urgency to re-pave streets and understand that funds aren't unlimited, but the safety of residents should come into focus.

My son, riding his bike to school in June, took a nasty spill on Côte St. Antoine, hitting a deep depression in the road. He had a concussion, even with a helmet! I was absolutely livid as he was unable to write exams.

We can't fix everything at once and surely we can't afford the full re-construction of every sidewalk, road and sewer at the same time, but we can selectively re-pave whole sections of road. I'm glad the

mayor decided to order it done and make it a priority!

Yes, it's a bit of a quick fix, but doing nothing is simply not a viable option any more. As a resident, improved infrastructure and roadwork is not only noticeable to the taxpayer, but highly valued.

Thank you, Mayor Stern, city council and the fine Public Works department of Westmount, which does a great job. Keep it up!

Next on the list: The Boulevard!! PLEASE DO SOMETHING as the time has come to conquer this dilapidated artery (summer 2027, not summer 2030)!

DAVID PERLMAN, BELMONT AVE.

WE DON'T WANT TO MOVE FROM
MELVILLE – PLEASE SUPPORT US

I'm Steve Levy, a 73-year-old divorced father of four sons, aged 22 to 28. We are in our 10th year living here at 325 Melville.

Our landlord informed us of his intention to demolish or renovate this five-unit rental building and replace it with a single-family home for their primary residence, therefore EVICTING ME AND MY FAMILY.

My children's schools, workplaces and support networks of family and friends are all located nearby. Based on current market conditions, comparable housing in the area would cost at least double our current rent.

I work from home. My eldest son Jared works nearby and also works from home training AI. My son Jonah is a leather artisan who works from home and exhibits each year at the Westmount artisan fair. My son Mason works from home designing and making clothing for vintage clothing shops, and he also has a dog-sitting

business here in Westmount. My son Max is in political science at Concordia University and also has a part-time job.

We are all members of the YMCA and often play tennis in the park. We support all the local food shops and restaurants in the neighbourhood.

My brother Irwin and his family have been living nearby in Westmount for over 35 years. My other brother Harvey, who passed away in December, and his wife Phyllis moved to a seniors' home here in Westmount a couple years ago. My best friend Elliot and his family bought a condo in Westmount a few years ago, after I convinced them to make the move from Côte St. Luc.

WE DON'T WANT TO MOVE.

There will be a public meeting at Westmount city hall on Tuesday, October 13 at 6 pm to discuss the proposed demolition permit for this building.

Anyone is welcome to attend, speak their mind and show their support.

STEVE LEVY, MELVILLE AVE.

WESTMOUNT AVE. BIXI STAND
RAISES SPECIFIC, GENERAL-
GOVERNANCE QUESTIONS

In the August 18 issue (p. 4), I wrote about the BIXI station installed on my Westmount Ave. frontage, opposite Roslyn elementary. I have since obtained the city's file. It is short.

The station was never meant to be here. Through January, it was planned for Westmount and Lansdowne. In March, after a presentation to elected officials, the councillor for the district asked that it be moved to my corner, because the Lansdowne site sat in front of house entrances and mine, as he saw it, did not. BIXI measured, the city agreed, and it was settled by email. Nobody came to look.

Had they come, they would have seen a driveway a few feet away, a school crossing, a canopy of mature trees over the solar panel, and nowhere for a service vehicle to lawfully stop.

Take stock. The school does not want it: Roslyn's principal has told city officials in person that it adds congestion at the crossing and risk for children. The residents do not want it: neighbours have filed noise complaints, service trucks stop in the roadway, and one servicing came at 1:30 in the morning on a Sunday and woke the street.

The solar panel will never work under those trees, facing north up a hill; it has been disconnected, and BIXI now delivers batteries by hand, which is a strange way to pursue an environmental benefit. The drivers do not want it either: Westmount Public Security has issued tickets to BIXI's own service drivers, payable personally, for

obstructing the driveway while servicing it – the city is fining the operator's employees for doing the job the city's siting decision requires of them. And the station cannot lawfully be restocked, which BIXI appears to have accepted: the re-stocking truck no longer comes. Why is the stand there?

The city's file contains no safety assessment for this location, no policy defining what "in front of a residence" means, and no council resolution authorizing the placement. I am told moving it now requires a council decision. Installing it apparently did not. Why should it take an access-to-documents request to learn how a bike stand was sited?

When I raised these concerns with my councillor, his reply was that I was doing a fine job advocating for myself. He has not answered an email since.

At that site visit, city officials told me five more stations are planned, some in front of homes. I would ask the city to visit those frontages, and to speak to the people who live on them, before the equipment arrives. A perfect catchment on a map has to be balanced against what the site actually does on the ground. That balance was never struck here.

NICOLAS ELLIS, ROSLYN AVE.

WESTMOUNT BEING MATERIALLY
CHANGED WITHOUT NOTICE,
RESIDENT INPUT

Westmount is an exceptional creation, built by the residents for its residents, a 150-year partnership between the community and its civic leaders. This unique relationship is now being torn down brick by brick.

There is an intense, ongoing debate over Mayor Michael Stern's claim that the voices of residents are being heard. Equally troubling are the missing voices from most of council and the city administration.

Here are key events.

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU): The most consequential citywide zoning change in decades was passed on July 7. What are the implications for Westmount? Complete silence at council, no resident input, no information session for residents.

PAC changes: On August 4, council modified the terms under which the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) will now operate, giving it undefined new flexibility. A perfunctory consultation session was held. Major concerns were raised: the increased potential for legal challenges and the uncertainty within the architectural community as to permissible design. Both were summarily dismissed. This by-law was promoted solely as an issue of major legal significance with an urgency to act.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Four councillors did not agree. They proposed a far better approach: Examine the yet unknown implications, while rapidly moving ahead with the planned update of zoning and renovation guidelines. Rejected.

New zoning override: “Framework Resolution – Exceptional Powers in Urban Planning” was approved March 17. It gives council new authority under certain conditions to override local zoning. What does this mean? Total silence from both council and city.

The long-promised Report on Infrastructure: On March 17, Mayor Stern announced that the state of Westmount’s infrastructure would be reported to council in April, then released to residents in May. Where is it? Critical to future financing decisions

is knowing the cost to bring all city infrastructure up to standard including Hydro Westmount.

A contributor recently wrote: “A municipality is not a corporation, nor is a mayor a CEO.” Perfectly put!

When shareholders are not happy with a corporation’s direction, they sell their shares. Selling homes is not that simple. Shareholders can also annually vote to change the board and chairman. Westmount residents can only replace council every four years.

The broken trust between residents and council urgently needs re-building. The future of the Westmount we know and love depends on it.

DENIS BIRO, 5000 DE MAISONNEUVE BLVD., NDG

Accident on Sept. 8 at Sherbrooke and Melville brings out many responders

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A collision between two cars September 8 on Sherbrooke at Melville occurred when one was attempting a left turn on Sherbrooke, Public Security officials said.

Urgences Santé and the fire department also turned up as well as police, who took over the investigation.

Both drivers were described as out of their cars, one complaining of pain in the head and neck, reported as possibly due to the car’s air bag inflating. The other was “suffering shock.” Injuries were described as “minor” and neither driver was taken to hospital.

Both had been eastbound at the time

when one attempted a left turn.

Both cars were towed away at 9:30 am.

Work stopped on Labour Day area of Clarke and St. Catherine

Work was stopped September 7 on Labour Day, a legal holiday, at a construction site at the corner of Clarke and St. Catherine, Public Security officials said.

The work was reported as involving the transfer of debris at the back of a building. The contractor was informed that the work was not permitted on a legal holiday, and was stopped.

Dawson, cont'd from p. 3

‘No handbook’ for healing

Filion said that in the aftermath, they had to undertake a healing process – although “there was no handbook” to go by.

“Our goal was to make sure that students and employees would get back to the college as soon as possible to escape isolation together with friends and peers to share pain and sadness and move on to other phases of their lives,” he said.

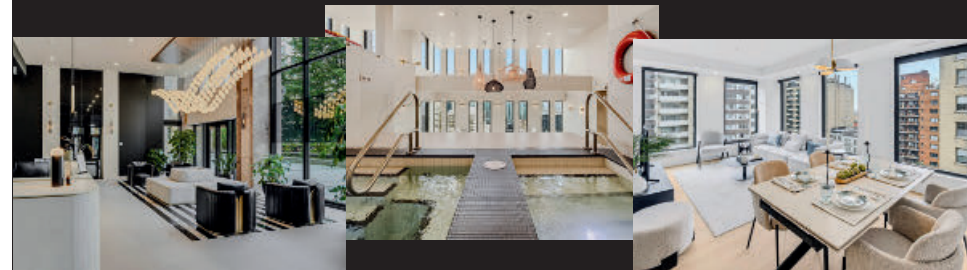
“One of the most difficult moments of that episode in our lives was to lose this young beautiful lady named Anastasia,” said former premier Jean Charest, noting that he spoke on the phone with her parents, Louise and Nelson De Sousa, after the shooting.

He commended them for responding to the tragedy with dignity and generosity.

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Thornhill-Stanton staircase project to last through November

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A project to re-build the public staircase leading up the steep cliff to Thornhill from the top of Stanton St. beside the parking lot behind the city's protective services property is slated to last until the end of November. It was approved at the city council meeting June 2 at a cost of some \$897,000.

The work has been under way since August 11, reducing some parking spaces on both Stanton and Thornhill as required by the contractor.

The work includes complete demolition of the existing staircase, including foundations, walls, steps, guardrails and a lamp-post.

Also included is reinstatement of the existing stones as well as installation of new stones in the retaining walls, installation of new lighting and improvement of the drainage system.

The contract was awarded at the council meeting June 2 to Construction Arcade, described as the lowest compliant bidder in a resolution moved by Councillor Jeff Shamie, whose commissionership includes Public Works.



A major construction project under way at the dead-end of Stanton St. near the parking area used by the city's protective services building involves the public staircase leading up and down the small cliff from Thornhill. "Souriez, les gars!" quipped the worker at left to his colleagues as this September 11 photo was taken.

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Police Report

**Brute force fails in attempt
to steal Honda SUV**

By **MARTIN C. BARRY**

The attempted theft of a compact sport utility vehicle as well as a three-wheeled bike in Westmount last week could serve to illustrate that no one is spared when dealing with determined thieves, even if the theft itself is unsuccessful.

Around 5:30 pm on September 7, according to a complaint filed at the Montreal police's Station 12 on Stanton St., a brute force attempt was made to break into a Honda SUV that was parked outside 4500 St. Catherine St., a block south of Westmount Park.

"There was a witness that was walking in the street and he heard three bangs," said Station 12 community relations officer Cst. Mike Yigit, reading from the incident report.

"When he turned around, what he noticed was a suspect who was trying to break a window of the vehicle," he continued.

When the suspect failed to do so, according to the report, he got into a waiting

vehicle and drove off with two other suspects who were on board.

After so many car thefts in Westmount in recent years involving hi-tech and wireless apps to simply unlock and drive off with vehicles, Cst. Yigit acknowledged it was unusual to see a brute force approach being used.

He said two eye-witnesses to the attempt filed separate reports at Station 12. The suspects were described as three young males wearing hoodies.

Adult tricycle stolen

An adult tricycle parked in the underground parking lot of a building at 4000 de Maisonneuve Blvd. was stolen sometime between 9 am and 9 pm on September 6 in spite of being locked.

The incident report described the bike, whose estimated value was \$2,500, as being specially "adapted," suggesting it had possibly been used by someone with restricted mobility.

"It was left in the parking and it was locked," said Cst. Yigit.



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Remembering Leigh Lerner (1945-2026)

Rabbi brought LGBTQ+ inclusion to Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom

BY JENNIFER BALL

Rabbi Leigh Lerner, whose more than five decades as a Reform rabbi were marked by a deep commitment to Judaism, social justice, religious freedom and building inclusive Jewish communities, died on September 5 in Las Vegas. He was 81.

Temple is located at 4100 Sherbrooke St., corner Wood, and on Tuesday, September 15 between 7 pm and 9 pm a memorial service for him will be held there, as indicated on the synagogue's website.

Grushcow: 'Wisdom, warmth, devotion'

In an email sent to her congregation the week of September 7, current senior rabbi Lisa Grushcow wrote, "It is with profound sorrow that I share the news of Rabbi Leigh Lerner's passing.

"[He] served our congregation for 23 years (1989 to 2012) as senior rabbi. He did so with wisdom, warmth and unwavering devotion.

"After his retirement, he continued in the role of rabbi emeritus with dignity and grace, enabling us to go from strength to strength. He also embraced the opportunity to spend time with his beloved Loren

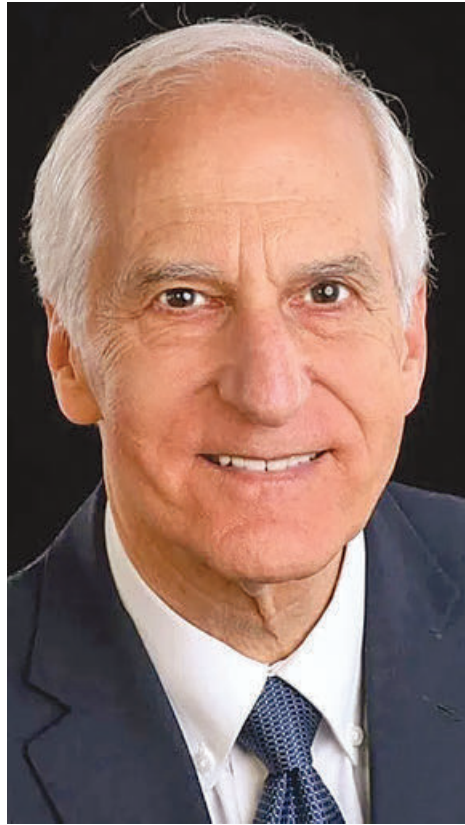


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and their family, and continue to travel, teach, and write...

"[He] was deeply learned, and equally compassionate. He loved Judaism, and he loved this community. He stood with so many of you on the *bima*, under the *chuppah*, and at graveside; he sat with you at hospitals and shivas; he preached and taught with insight and humour; he shared your joys and helped carry your burdens.

"There is so much more that can and will be said in the coming days. Please know we are committed to honouring Rabbi Lerner's memory and legacy at Temple."

Early life

Rabbi Lerner was born in 1945 at Fort Snelling, Minnesota and he received his AB from Duke University. He was ordained by Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati in 1972. He began serving Mount Zion Temple in St. Paul as assistant rabbi in 1971 and became senior rabbi in 1975, serving until 1989. In 1989, he moved to Montreal to become senior rabbi of Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom.

He was a strong advocate for LGBTQ+

inclusion. In 1996, under his leadership, Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom amended its by-laws to include same-sex couples under family membership.

In her email to the congregation, Rabbi Grushcow said she had been in touch with Rabbi Lerner's widow Loren Lerner to convey Temple's heartfelt sorrow and support. Once she knows the date of the funeral, she will also announce an evening of shiva at Temple.

Council, cont'd from p. 2

"I can lose patience," adding "I can do better."

Issues: Argyle, climate, bus route

Close to 20 residents were heard. Their concerns ranged from the recent one-way designation for Argyle Ave., to climate change and a request from a resident of Chesterfield for the city to provide a way for residents without a parking apron to re-charge an electric car.

Also questioned was the recent use by STM busses of Lansdowne south of Sherbrooke, a block not wide enough to accommodate them, explained resident and former mayor Karin Marks.

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Children’s banquet caps another half-year of local sports

By MARTIN C. BARRY

While proud parents sat in the balcony, hundreds of excited children filled the main auditorium of Victoria Hall on the evening of September 2 as Westmount Sports and Recreation marked the conclusion of another spring and summer season with awards for teams and players.

Long tables set up to accommodate the more than 200 young team athletes and their coaches nearly filled the room, as volunteers made their way through a pandemonium of youthful exuberance to serve

pizza, pop and chips.

Mayor Michael Stern and District 7 councillor Matt Aronson handed out some of the trophies and medallions. As always, Sports and Recreation staff ran the event efficiently, beginning just after 6 pm and finishing by 7 pm, as scheduled.

SPORTSMANSHIP & MOST IMPROVED award for BASEBALL CLINIC: Alessandro Di Gregorio, Trafford How.

SPORTSMANSHIP award for INTER CITY BASEBALL: Noah Fox, Whitaker Dow Lindsay, Haowei Zhang.

MOST IMPROVED award for INTER CITY BASEBALL: Alex Mantha, Leo Javier, Alexander Kobelansky.

MOST IMPROVED for FLAG FOOTBALL: Kenneth Simmons, Theo Courey.

Award for FLAG FOOTBALL: Jerry Chien, Kennedy Adam.

Medals to GIRLS U12/16 SOCCER CHAMPIONS: *Team:* CALGARY. Ariella Wilner, Caroline San Gregorio, Elizabeth San Gregorio, Emma Fried, Emma Christiana Voltasio, Erin Eom, Eva Nahorniak, Fallon Wilner, Laurence Renauld, Lilya Ouahid, Malika Al Mohsen, Margaux Himmel, Nguyen Ha Linh Pham, Nilaram Karamikheyabad, Olivia Lee, Raegan Piccioni, Sofia Azana Manrique, Victoria Retter, Viola Bernier. *Coaches:* William Nahorniak & Marta Manrique.

SPORTSMANSHIP awards for GIRLS U12/16 SOCCER: Jiwoo Park, Eva Nahorniak, Jeanne Roscini and Elizabeth Colby.

Medals to BOYS U14/16 SOCCER CHAMPIONS: *Team:* PERU. Adam Schwertani, Arthur Sala, Emile Bouchard, Euibin Jeong, Harrison Francis, Harry Garschagen, Hugo Gibbons, James Burhop, Liam Ross, Lincoln Sala, Paul Mugg, Shea Uttamchandani, Souleymane Traore, Theodore Finch,

William McCutcheon, *Coaches:* Emlyn McCutcheon, Sean Francis & Rishi Uttamchandani.

SPORTSMANSHIP awards for BOYS U14/16 SOCCER: Matthew Gelber, Ivan Malyguine, Souleymane Traore, William Schwartz.

Medals BOYS U12/13 SOCCER CHAMPIONS: (TIE) *Team:* JAPAN & SWEDEN. Alexander Perlman, Alexandre Mantha, Antoine Ghoche, Charles Landry, Charles Davet, Dongjin Shin, Dustin (Zijin), Ge Hogun Lee, Elliott Irvine, Jude Guyot, Felix Lyon Potter, Juki Hasegawa, Jaeyoon Kim, Leo Petruccelli, James RH Brown, Liam MacKinnon, Max Liu, Mackenzie Grant-Jelaca, Moses Hauerstock, Miko Nahorniak, Noah Fox, Nate Cohen, Sander Ellingsen, Oscar Vamos-Darwish, Sidney Shahin, Ryker Burke, Zachary Guay and Tomas Montero Araya. *Coaches:* Andrew Potter & Thibault Javet – William Nahorniak.

SPORTSMANSHIP awards of U12/13 BOYS SOCCER: Noah Fox, Charles Yane, Hogun Lee, William Lewis. *Honorable Mention* (call-ups): Ulises Pastor, Ian Walonoski, Cyril Pelsise-D’Anselme, Luca Falsiroli.

Medals GIRLS U10/11 SOCCER CHAMPIONS: *Team:* MONCTON. Alba Grassi Tropea, Amber Purmal, Elizabeth Harrington, Emma Khazzam, Hayley Frenkiel, Isabella Brown, Julia Camacho, Lara Martin, Lola Garcia-Rejon, Mackenzie Grigsby, Margot Conrad, Morgan Piccioni, Sasha Halton-Kunitzky, Valentina Brown. *Coaches:* Rita Grigsby, Brett Purmal & Mike Khazzam.

SPORTSMANSHIP awards U10/11 GIRLS SOCCER: Xinlin Huang, Jasmine Wright, Reece Doyon, Lola Garcia-Rejon.

Medals BOYS U10/11 SOCCER CHAMPIONS: *Team:* POLAND. Charles Khazzam, Evan Flores, Hisao Canel, Hugo Chemin, Jack Himmel, Jeongwan

Moon, Liam Haffar, Mathys Mossop, Maximilian Fried, Nicholas Finch, Nikan Shayesteh, Oliver Glick, Owen Buntin, Radman Lalehgani and Shay Wiseman. *Coaches:* Michael Mossop & Gabriel Flores.

SPORTSMANSHIP awards U10/11 BOYS SOCCER: Louis Donzé, Olivier Glick, Ian Walonoski, Arthur Chapheau, Noah Himmier, Kieran Tinker.

Medals GIRLS U8/9 SOCCER CHAMPIONS: *Team:* SHERBROOKE. Amélia Nixon, Anabelle Retter, Aoi Tanabe, Clara Smirnov, Ella Camacho, Ella Smirnov, Filippa Lawler, Leigh Schwartz, Lette Belfils, Lilly Watchorn, Maya Vukov, Octavie Smets, Sofia Lafortune and Victoria Labbé. *Coaches:* Michael Watchorn & Tanya De Toledo.

SPORTSMANSHIP awards U8/9 GIRLS SOCCER: Beatrice Garcia-Rejon, Kaia Moosavi, Gemma Gold, Aoi Tanabe, Layla Knecht, Charlotte Rivest.

BOYS U8/9 SOCCER CHAMPIONS: *Team:* AUSTRALIA. Benjamin Singleton, Charles Hebert, Dov Gewurz, Elliot Sharestan, Hamnett Hill jr, Hayne Choi, Holt Lewis, Lucas Doyon, Luke Pathy, Matteo Ferrari-Sabbagh, Milo Bogdaneris, Oscar Row, William Chagnon. *Coaches:* Todd Lewis & Carla Bogdaneris.

SPORTSMANSHIP awards U8/9 BOYS SOCCER: Victor Wagner, Pim Edens, Hudson Shapiro Stotland, Charles Hebert, Cashel Francoeur, Remi Sanders, Emery Morin-Sutton, Adam Zarrabian.

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Above, from left, Mayor Michael Stern is seen here with Noah Fox, Haowei Zhang, Leo Javier and Whitaker Dow Lindsay, winners of Baseball Inter-city Sportsmanship & Most Improved Awards, along with sports coordinator Kai Duenetz.

Below, U12/16 Girls Soccer Team Champions: Team Calgary, from left, top row: coach William Nahorniak, Erin Eom, Emma Fried, Margaux Himmel, Ariella Wilner, Sofia Azana Manrique, Eva Nahorniak, Lilya Ouahid, coach Marta Manrique and sports coordinator Alyssa Sherrard; bottom row: Victoria Retter, Fallon Wilner and Viola Bernier.

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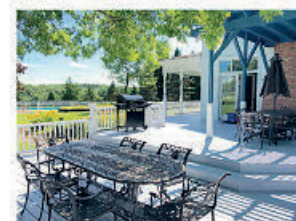
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As LadyLove is in a foster home and not in the cattery at the shelter, please click on the “Fill out the form” black rectangle to open the enquiry page, where you will provide your contact information and family interest in her. The adoption coordinators will be able to tell you more about her and work towards a family placement with you to enjoy this affectionate companion.

Your neighbour,
Lysanne

What a funny beauty! Young LadyLove is in a foster home for the Montreal SPCA, where she is settling in and playing happily as she becomes more secure with the family.

A beautiful white angora with a lovely black cap and large green eyes, she is cuddly and enjoys being petted. LadyLove is a very healthy two-year-old, up to date with her



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being outdoors and is sometimes shy with other dogs. He is a bit selective as he doesn't have regular buddies in a neighbourhood.

By reaching out through the Montreal SPCA website at www.sPCA.com, you can refer to his information page through his identification number, 2000469865. You can then plan your visit as the shelter is open every day, from Monday to Friday from 3 pm to 8 pm, with Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 6 pm. It is located at 5215 Jean Talon St. West, Côte des Neiges, Montreal H4P 1X4.

Balto is waiting for your visit, and the adoption coordinators will be pleased to introduce you while discussing your interest and family plans for integration into your family.

Your neighbour, Lysanne





Social Notes

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Miriam Foundation's golf tourney raises more than \$400k for autism/intellectual disabilities

Held at Golf Saint-Raphael, it attracted not only golf aficionados – and great players! – but athletes.

Noted were **Guy Carboneau** (Montreal Canadiens), **Marc-Olivier Brouillette** (former Montreal Alouettes), and current Montreal Alouettes players **Davis Alex-**

ander, Jerreth Sterns and Tyler Snead.

Foundation board members present were **Pierre-Etienne Simard** (chair), **Joel Paquin** (vp), **Les Erdle**, **Tyna Jallet**, **Nick Meti**, **Dino Farrese**, **Peter Snyder** and **Linda Smith.**

Local res **Mose Persico** was MC and

auctioneer for the live auction. The success of the playful day was driven by the hard-working committee: honorary chair **Nick Loffreda** and event chair **Daniel Ahmarani** worked with committee members **Nadia Champagne**, **Dino Farrese**, **Danny Lazar**, **Alex** continued on p. 14



Event chairs Daniel Ahmarani and Nick Loffreda.



Linda Smith, Guy Carboneau and Susan Alper.



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Meti, Dominic Meti, Nick Meti and Peter Snyder.

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The fun event raised over \$400,000 in support of individuals with autism spec-

trum disorder (ASD) and intellectual disabilities (ID), as well as their families and the professionals who support them.

“Monies raised means more children can access early intervention, more teens can discover their strengths, more adults can build independence, and more families can find the guidance and support they need,” commented **Warren Greens- tone**, CEO Miriam Foundation.



Warren Greenstone, Davis Alexander, Jerreth Sterns and Tyler Snead.

As one of Canada’s longest-running charitable golf events, the Miriam Foundation’s annual tournament remains a cornerstone of the organization’s fundraising efforts. Founded in 1973, the foundation is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to funding comprehensive clinical, educational and leisure programs offered through the Gold Learning & Research Centre.

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