

To remain: foundations, in-use prep building

City's dilapidated greenhouse ruins to be partially removed for safety

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

After many years of indecision and suggestions for use, the city's unused greenhouses are on the way to being demolished. These are the ones that still stand with broken panes of glass and remnants of what once were exotic plants for display and seasonal planting.

One that is still in use will remain, mainly for preparing the city's spring and fall flower shows, and other display purposes.

The work was approved on a contract awarded by city council September 9 at a total cost of some \$125,545 to Delsan A.I.M Inc.

"It's difficult to explain," stated Councillor Shawn Moss in moving the resolution at the meeting, which describes the

project as the "partial demolition of the production greenhouses." This involves the steel frames that hold the glass.

To be rendered safe

It was further described by Councillor Jonathan Chomski as "inherited from the previous council after years of indecision" and was "a lesson in how we must maintain our buildings." The area must now be "rendered safe."

Standing in overgrown weeds – inside and out – the dilapidated greenhouses were originally part of some six before two were removed in 1994 to make way for expanding the library to the south.

The greenhouse complex was originally created for the city to grow the summer plantings, which, in general, are now purchased *continued on p. 11*

Community picnic, Westmount-style



The city's first known event billed as a "community picnic" took place in warm, sunny weather September 19 in Westmount Park next to the playground and overlooking the lagoon. Families spread out blankets, enjoyed the food and drink that they brought with them and played ball. Even a few ducks joined them.

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Marking birth or adoption

City launches 'Born to Bloom' project for new parents

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city is set to launch a special project this week to celebrate regeneration of the population by offering resident families with a newborn or adopted child a free tree "as a living symbol of growth and renewal."

The tree is to be planted either on private property, where responsibility for its planting and maintenance lies with the

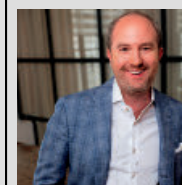
resident, or in a municipal park for which this will be undertaken by Public Works.

The program's aim is to create "a lasting, meaningful memory for families while enriching the urban forest and enhancing the environment for future generations."

Details on website

While the program
was announced by *continued on p. 8*

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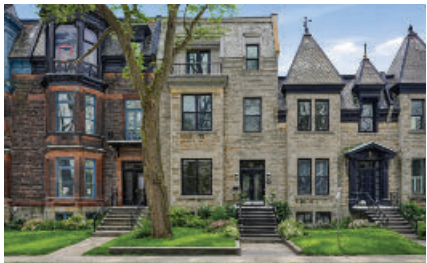
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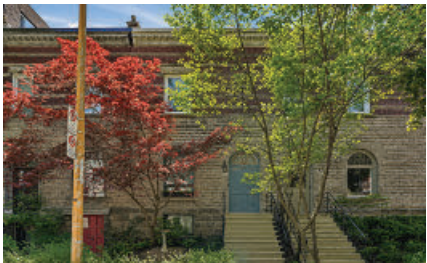
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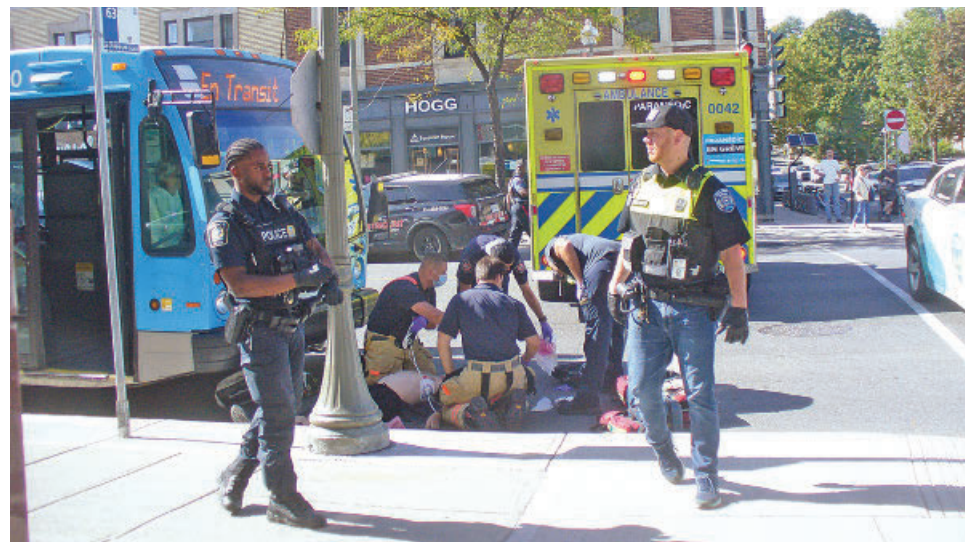
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Man with no pulse falls into Sherbrooke St.



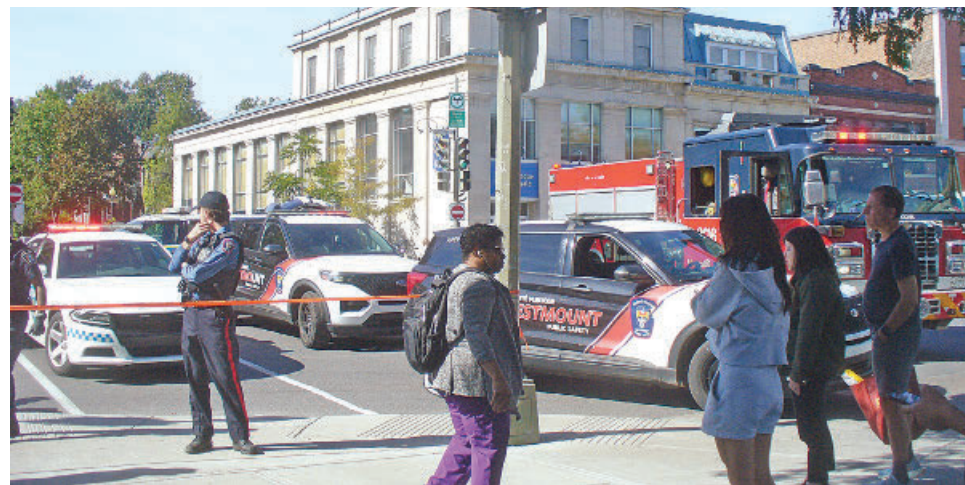
BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A man appeared to have fallen in front of an eastbound Société de transport de Montréal (STM) bus on the southwest corner of Sherbrooke and Victoria September 12.

Westmount Public Security arrived to assist, followed by the security of the STM, and then police and a fire truck. The

responders were seen gathered around the man, administering CPR and working on him for some time while he was being prepared for transport by the ambulance.

Assistant Public Security director Kimberley Colquhoun said she was pleased that the PSO's were nearby and able to arrive on scene quickly to assist, and that STM supervisors were able to start CPR "as the man had no pulse."



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Police Report

Authorities note just one vehicle theft,
but multiple car break-ins

By MARTIN C. BARRY

In addition to reporting the theft of a pick-up truck in Westmount last week, a spokesperson for Station 12 says they noticed a marked increase in the number of vehicles broken into in Westmount during the same period.

Sometime overnight from September 15 to 16, a Toyota Tacoma mid-size pick-up that was parked on Columbia Ave. in lower Westmount disappeared by the time the owner, who is from the US, checked in the morning.

According to the incident report filed at Station 12 on Stanton St., a vehicle-tracking system in the truck failed, either because of a system error or the perpetrator disabled it.

"For some reason, it was inactive," said Montreal police community relations officer Cst. Mike Yigit.

As there was no evidence of forced entry such as broken window glass on the ground where the truck had been parked, it is presumed a wireless method was used

to override the on-board electronic security and engine ignition systems.

Vehicle break-ins

Last week, according to Cst. Yigit, there were at least two vehicle break-ins in Westmount.

However, he acknowledged there may have been more, as not all such incidents get reported by victims if nothing was stolen, although on-board security systems do sometimes record video of attempted intrusions.

In one of the two vehicle break-in incidents, on Sherbrooke St. around 1 pm on September 15, a witness reported seeing two suspects arrive in a grey SUV alongside the targetted vehicle, after which they somehow succeeded in opening the passenger compartment as well as the trunk.

After entering, they left with a handbag, an Apple iPad and a pair of sunglasses, according to a victim's report filed at Station 12.

The second vehicle break-in was on Dorchester Blvd. near Weredale Park road

around 4 pm on September 17.

A report was filed by a witness who saw a suspect breaking one of the vehicle's windows with a brick and then running off.

"When the owner finally arrived, he noticed there was loose change missing from inside the vehicle," said Yigit, adding that it amounted to around \$20.

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PHOTOS: LAUREEN SWEENEY, BOTTOM LEFT, AND D. PRICE.

- ◀ In Westmount Park at Melville and de Maisonneuve, September 13.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MYLO WAS NOT CUDDLY

I went to the SPCA on August 30 to see Mylo (from the Westmount A-dog-tions column "Cuddly Mylo" of August 18, p. 6).

I had to go through the screening, where I was informed that he has high-guarding behaviour for food and toys. He had broken out of two kennels at his original home. All reasons for his surrender. He was at one shelter before being transferred to the SPCA, where at the time of my visit, he had been there for a month. A difficult space for a dog that doesn't tolerate being confined. He will not allow walkers to clip on his leash thus it is left on at all times, hence its presence in the photo.

I was informed that he likes humans, but does not like to be petted, nor is he "CUDDLY" as advertised in his profile. This seven-year-old dog needs a lot of work and love. He requires a very dedicated person who will make time to rehabilitate him so that he can regain some trust, and be able to feel safe to lead a happy life.

The SPCA has maintained its COVID policy that anyone interested in adopting one of their animals should come prepared to take them home. I did not arrive by car. They said he would not tolerate a muzzle to ride the Metro. So, I was not permitted to even see him. I am not in the habit of adopting on a first visit.

Does Lysanne Fowler, who wrote the article, visit each animal she writes profiles for? These huge description errors give false hope for interested adoptees and prolong the animals' stays in a shelter.

[By way of background: I] took my dog (a husky mix) through many training levels and have trained several dogs.

LOUISE CHENEVERT, MONTREAL WEST

Editor's reply: Please also see Lysanne Fowler's answer below. From my non-pet-specialist and editor's perspective, I am happy that you investigated thoroughly before adopting an animal. Any major personal acquisition should be carefully thought out beforehand, and even more so when that "item" is a living animal.

There was wisdom on both sides. I am also happy that the SPCA shared its most up-to-date information with you, upfront, and stood by the protocols that it has found to be prudent. It is exactly what I would expect given its excellent reputation, a characteristic shared by all the shelters that Lysanne chooses to work with.

Pet-adoption columns should also be used as initial guides only, not as sales contracts or warranties, much less as "advertising." Characterizing animal behaviour, which itself is subject to change and variation, is tricky and subjective. To name one past controversy: Some people's dan-

gerous dog breed (i.e. pit bulls), which they would breed out of existence if they could, is another's sweetie-pie. – DP.

Lysanne Fowler's reply: Dear, dear, dear. For anyone who has read this far, let me reassure you that the dog was adopted by a caring family who saw the good in him and he was not returned. So, he is safe and no longer in the kennel where he was met with such judgment for public consumption.

Time goes by, but good values prevail. Let us all remember that the Montreal SPCA was founded on April 5, 1869, 157 years ago this year. It was progressive and followed on British, French and American models and, as such, was the first animal welfare group in Canada. It was focused early on protecting work horses and has expanded to offer protection, shelter, veterinary care, legislative breakthroughs and strong, unflinching enforcement in the face of ignorance, cruelty, exploitation or neglect. Directors, personnel, volunteers, veterinarians, rescues and donors of all types have been the backbone of this institution, of which we should all be very proud. Many, many Westmounters have served, volunteered and donated. They have also adopted repeatedly, from generation to generation.

The SPCA is a rescue organization and, as such, it is a very full, busy and heart-wrenching place. It has kennels for dogs. It is not a home breeder family environment. The situation there is often stressful on the animals as they are picked up as abandoned or left there, and have lost or never had family. In turn, my column features them and other rescues whom I reach out to as a volunteer to support, or who ask us at the newspaper for support with placement and outreach opportunities. There is always contact information and links to more information as available.

Let me be clear. Never do we say no, never do we turn our backs, never do we walk away. Never is it about us. On this basis, as I do not know the person who wrote this letter and I do not know of the real events that might have transpired, I can only suggest that there was an opportunity to adopt any other dog, cat or small animal at the shelter. There was also an opportunity to become involved as a foster, a volunteer or a donor. That would follow in the gesture of compassion, generosity and thankfulness to those in shelter operations who do the constant hard work of saving creatures who have often been abused or neglected and of which some have retreated in their own trauma. It does take a community of kind hands to carry rescues forth to a better life.

We in Westmount all have stories of rescue dogs and cats that we have taken in,

gone to get, picked up, or stood in front of horror to offer a home to. Let those families write, please. Those are the letters to the editor that say proudly, "We are Westmount; We are rescue."

Over the many years of volunteering, most of you have my email, my telephone number and my sms. And we speak on the street as we meet. I have heard from so many of you, with your interest but also with the stories of your families and the love you have to give to our dearest little companions in life. Thank you for all that you do.

SHODDY MANAGEMENT LEADING TO GREENHOUSES' SLATED DEMOLITION

When the city of Westmount finally undertook the renovation of the greenhouse conservatory beside the library, most residents assumed all the greenhouse structures were included. This assumption was understandable since each building was part of the visit – the cactus section, the tropical section, the plantings etc.

When it became clear only the main conservatory would be renovated, the question became "What will happen to the rest of the greenhouses?" Now we know.

A common tactic of shoddy (shady?) management – leave assets to molder and decay until the only option is demolition. It is criminal that there is no plan to rebuild.

Has anyone asked Westmount residents what we think? I, for one, consider the greenhouses part of Westmount's architectural heritage and think they should be rebuilt.

VIRGINIA ELLIOTT, HILLSIDE AVE.

CYCLISTS IGNORE RULES, PEDESTRIANS

Allow me to share my experience with cyclists, all in the space of one hour, yesterday, Saturday [August 30].

I was walking north on St. Catherine across from The Liz [at Claremont]. Vehicular traffic was reduced to one lane on the east side [and going east]. A speeding cyclist came up behind me on the sidewalk. I did not hear him coming. Had I by chance taken one step to my right, he would have hit me. He didn't appear to notice and carried on.

The second experience was at the corner of de Maisonneuve and Marlowe [in NDG]. I was crossing northbound on the walk signal. A man and his two children were cycling west in the bike lane, on a red light, the father telling the children to speed up until he realized he was nearly upon me. He had the nerve to ask "Do you want *continued on p. 8*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

me to stop?” Of course, I said yes, but not without suggesting he should teach his children to look out for pedestrians.

The third encounter was at the corner of Sherbrooke and Claremont. I was crossing diagonally on the four-way walk signal when yet another speeding cyclist side-swiped me as he came upon me from behind. I was not hurt, only truly shocked, as was a lady nearby who witnessed all this. The cyclist continued on his way with barely a glance behind him to see if I was still standing.

It would appear that pedestrians take to the streets and sidewalks at our own risk. My white hair does not deter speeding cyclists.

KATHLEEN DUNN, LANSDOWNE AVE.

DOG OWNERS: BEWARE OF SUMMIT WOODS’ MUSHROOMS

To those Westmount residents who routinely walk their dogs through Summit Woods, you should be aware that even when you abide by the rules around keeping your dog unleashed on both sides of the designated and posted hours (when dogs are supposed to be leashed), the preponderance of wild mushrooms (especially now in the autumn) growing on old logs can have dire consequences for your animal companion.

It’s especially dire for those who flout the rules all the time.

Not all the mushrooms fruiting during this time are poisonous but many of them are. When you keep your dog unleashed, you’re running a great risk. Needless to say, the rules were posted several years ago in an attempt to keep the areas off trail as pristine as possible and to prevent dogs from chasing and possibly harming or harassing the full-time resident wildlife of the forest, which also include migrating birds.

But the significant rainfall this summer has caused an explosion of fungi throughout the woods on both sides of the trail that divides the lower section that borders Ridgewood and the upper section that

straddles Summit Circle. Now, letting your dogs run free is just too much of a risk. Please keep your dogs leashed – for their own sake if nothing else.

EDDIE PAUL, CÔTE DES NEIGES-NDG

HOMEOWNERS SHOULD BE HEARD ABOUT THEIR STREETS

A longer version of this email was sent to the city’s director general, mayor and councillors on September 5

As a 24-year resident of Metcalfe, I am writing about the recent partial changes of Argyle, Kensington and Metcalfe to one-way streets.

What is the likelihood that changing parts of Argyle to one-way traffic will cause motorists to seek other paths to their destinations, with probable traffic increases on Metcalfe, Côte St. Antoine, Mount Stephen, Sherbrooke and Springfield? Can we have access to traffic consultant studies behind this decision?

It seems doubtful that converting Metcalfe to one-way will slow down traffic. Metcalfe was barely a two-way street before the change. Over the years that I have lived here, opposite-direction motorists have slowed to a fraction of the legal speed limit to pass each other as the only prudent way to avoid a collision. And this is still my experience on our other two-way residential streets.

To what extent was this factor taken into account in the decision to create one-way zones? What are the implications of a single street having both one-way and two-way segments? What is the environmental impact of causing drivers to increase the travel distance to their destinations?

My house is directly opposite the Metcalfe entrance to Akiva School. Of the school’s 350 students, it would appear that half come and go on the Kensington side. The remaining half use Metcalfe, and half of them are dropped off on the east side of the street, without their feet ever touching the roadway. This would seem to leave one quarter of the students getting out of their parents’ cars on the west side of Metcalfe

and being escorted by their parents across the street. Over the hundreds of times I have observed this activity, the parents have always been meticulously careful and never once have I seen anything even vaguely approaching a dangerous situation.

It also seems to me that the city has long had the ideal safety mechanism already in place, in the form of a nearby set of traffic lights with a walk signal at Sherbrooke. Walking to Sherbrooke and back would take perhaps one or two minutes more than jaywalking across Metcalfe. This does not strike me as unreasonable.

It leads me to wonder how much responsibility society is obliged to take to protect citizens who do not use all possible caution. As to irresponsible driving and parking by parents, which is common, can’t this be dealt with through enforcement?

[...]

This appears to be about school arrivals and departures, each taking about one half hour, five days per week, 10 months of the year, minus legal and religious holidays. [...] Could there please be some respectful re-balancing whereby the homeowners’ legitimate concerns are sought out and made part of the process?

DAVID H. FISH, METCALFE AVE.

MORE AT STAKE ON ARGYLE ISSUE THAN THE RESULT

It takes a lot to fight city hall. For some residents of Argyle Ave., the past several months have been an uphill battle. We faced an administration that had made its decision, repeatedly dismissed our concerns, evidence and alternatives, and then implemented that decision improperly.

Our fight was never only about the direction of traffic. It was also about due process – ensuring that decisions affecting residents are made properly, transparently and with an opportunity to be heard.

We raised legitimate questions about safety, traffic and winter conditions. We identified gaps in the studies relied upon and alternatives that had not been adequately considered.

Throughout this process, “the safety of children” has repeatedly been invoked as though those words alone settle the debate. Of course, we all support children’s safety. The question has always been whether this

particular configuration actually makes our street safer. Repeating “safety” does not answer the concerns residents have raised or the gaps in the studies used to justify the change.

It has also been deeply frustrating to hear public mischaracterizations, inaccuracies and statements from the mayor that are simply untrue – about the court proceedings, resident opposition, our streets and the process followed. Those in positions of public trust have a responsibility to be accurate and factual. Residents deserve an honest public record.

I am pleased with where council landed and that we will now have the benefit of monitoring and public consultation. I am grateful to councillors Aronson, Kez, Moss, Chadha and D’Amico, who listened and questioned.

Listening to residents, respecting due process and engaging in genuine consultation are not obstacles to governing. They are fundamental to good municipal government.

I hope the councillors who demonstrated those principles will continue to lead by example – and that those who did not will reflect on why they matter.

SOPHIE DYNBORT, ARGYLE AVE.

Born to Bloom, cont’d from p. 1

Mayor Michael Stern in introductory city council comments September 9, its details were expected to be outlined on the city website this week.

The program is available exclusively to Westmount residents, who must submit their request by December 31 of the child’s birth or adoption year.

For 2026, the available species are listed as including the sugar maple (*acer saccharum*), eastern white pine (*pinus strobus*), and white mulberry (*morus alba*). This depends on the availability of species during the year.

Each tree will allow the child’s name to be “featured on Westmount’s interactive urban forest map,” but “no plaques, memorials, or objects may be placed near or on trees planted in city parks.”

WMA cancels meet-the-candidates

Please note that the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) has cancelled its September 23 provincial election meet-the-candidates night at Victoria Hall. – WI.

We welcome your letters

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Clarification

In addition to those council members mentioned last week (p. 10), councillors Paul Levine, Kathleen Kez and Shawn Moss also gave out medallions and trophies to young people at the Sport and Recreation department’s prizegiving event at Victoria Hall September 2. – DP.

Liberal incumbent Maccarone takes nothing for granted in elections

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Almost from the beginning of a recent interview with the *Independent*, Jennifer Maccarone wanted the interviewer to know one thing that she learned as an election candidate.

Regardless of the fact the provincial riding of Westmount–St. Louis has been a Quebec Liberal Party stronghold for decades, she never allows herself to feel too confident when running in elections.

“I never feel secure. We always treat our riding as if we’re going to lose it,” said Maccarone, reflecting a sentiment that has often been expressed by other election candidates.

She said that’s how she and her campaign staff felt prior to the last election four years ago, even though the Liberals easily won in Westmount–St. Louis with a nearly 7,900-vote lead over the second-place Québec solidaire.

In 2018 (her first time in a provincial election), Maccarone won with more than 66-percent voter support. Still, the feeling lingers, she said. “Now and after the campaign, I take nothing for granted.”

Election-outcome jitters aside, it’s evident Maccarone and the Liberals actually



Jennifer Maccarone on September 8 outside her campaign headquarters on Sherbrooke St. a few blocks east of Atwater.

recognize that Westmount–St. Louis is among the island of Montreal ridings where the Liberals have for decades had the assurance of winning – in spite of the party’s massive support deficit in Quebec’s outlying rural regions.

As such, Maccarone and other Montreal

Liberal candidates have been spending campaign time lately in less secure ridings (including in the Eastern Townships and the Mauricie) to boost the Liberals’ chances there.

Although the results of recent polls don’t look promising for the Liberals and

their leader Charles Milliard, Maccarone used a sports metaphor to put an optimistic spin on their situation.

“I think you could compare it to a football or soccer match where there’s four quarters,” she said. “We’ve just finished the first quarter. There’s three other quarters that are coming. So, don’t count us out just yet.”

Homelessness a top local issue

Locally, one of the biggest issues in the past four years – especially in Westmount–St. Louis’s downtown and eastern sectors – has been homelessness.

While homelessness is scarcely visible in Westmount (with the exception sometimes near the city’s eastern limits around Cabot Square), Westmount–St. Louis is the current epicenter of the homeless problem in Quebec, according to Maccarone.

“We have 50 percent of all the homelessness in the province of Quebec in this riding,” she said. The Liberals are proposing the creation of many new housing units every year for the homeless, as well as the injection of \$60 million a year to what is already being received by community organizations tending to the homeless.







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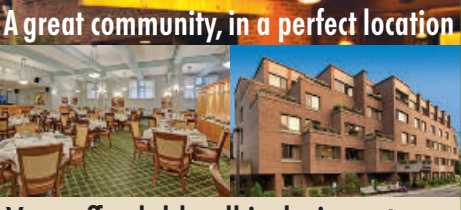
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PQ’s Piscina is from France, but chose Quebec

By MARTIN C. BARRY

Originally from France, the Parti Québécois’s candidate in Westmount–St. Louis, Victoria Piscina, arrived in Quebec six years ago to work in the audio-visual industry.

A post-production manager at a Quebec company in Montreal and a voice-over artist, she now considers Quebec her adopted home, according to biographical information posted on the Parti Québécois website.

“As a new citizen, our candidate for Westmount–St. Louis now wishes to participate in Quebec’s democratic debate to highlight all the reasons why Quebec should become an independent country,” the PQ says in its statement.

For her part, Piscina says, “I settled in Quebec



Victoria Piscina.

because I love its language, its culture and its history. I chose to re-build my life here. France is my country of birth; Quebec is my adopted home.

“I firmly believe that independence will not be achieved solely with the forces of the past, but also with the new voices and energies that reflect the Quebec of today,” she adds.

“There is no better political force to champion the independence project and bring it to fruition.”

The *Independent* made several attempts to reach Piscina for an interview in order to write a longer and more detailed profile.

Although she replied to an e-mail and provided a contact phone number, she did not respond to a voicemail message.

SOURCE: CANDIDATE’S FACEBOOK PAGE.



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A part of the city's greenhouse complex on September 14.

Greenhouses, cont'd from p. 1

already grown as part of various contracts.

Current city gardeners plan and maintain the exotic plants in the conservatory and specific gardens.

Various suggestions have been made for use of the greenhouses, including educational purposes and even renting them out to Lufa Farms, which holds weekly sales of vegetables in Prince Albert square.

Contamination?

One of the obstacles to removing the greenhouses entirely has been reported as contamination of the ground, though no mention of this was made at the council meeting.

Councillor Moss subsequently told the *Independent* that "no soil remediation will be necessary for this project." Testing had identified lead-based paint on certain sections of the roof structure as well as the foundation.

"However, the foundation is not affected by the work as it is not part of the demolition scope. As for the lead-containing materials that will be removed during the partial demolition, they will be handled and disposed of in strict compliance with current environmental standard and regulations."



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Westmount organise un Salon des aînés le 30 septembre prochain, de 14 h à 17 h au Victoria Hall à l'occasion de la Journée nationale des aînés ! Venez découvrir des kiosques d'information, des activités et des ateliers destinés aux aînés. westmount.org/actualites

Rues à priorité de passage

Après leur reconstruction, Murray Hill et Mountain seront les premières rues de Westmount à double sens avec priorité de passage, favorisant une circulation plus calme et sécuritaire. westmount.org/actualites

Démolition partielle des anciennes serres de production

Lors de la séance du conseil du 9 septembre, un contrat a été octroyé à Delsam-AIM pour la démolition partielle des anciennes serres de production. Les travaux débiteront en octobre et dureront de 3 à 4 semaines. westmount.org/actualites

2026 UCI Road World Championships in Montreal

Over 1,000 elite cyclists will be in Montreal from September 19 to 27, causing significant traffic impacts. Plan your travels accordingly! montreal2026.org

Yield Streets

Following their reconstruction, Murray Hill and Mountain will be Westmount's first two-way streets with traffic priority, helping to calm traffic and improve pedestrian safety. westmount.org/news

Partial Demolition of the Production Greenhouses

At the September 9 Council meeting, a contract was awarded to Delsam-AIM for the partial demolition of the former production greenhouses. Work will begin in October and is expected to take 3 to 4 weeks. westmount.org/news

Seniors' Fair

Westmount is hosting a Seniors' Fair on September 30, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Victoria Hall to mark National Seniors Day! All are invited to discover informational booths, activities and presentations on topics geared toward older persons. westmount.org/news

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23 septembre, 19 h, Salle Westmount. Rencontrez des auteurs d'ici pour une soirée littéraire en lectures et en discussions. Mettant en vedette les auteurs Jennifer DeLeskie, Mikhail Iossel, Philippe Mineau et Alice Zorn. westlib.org

Soirée dansante Ballroom Blitz

26 septembre, 20 h, Victoria Hall. Venez danser au son des 16 musiciens de l'Orchestre Ballroom Blitz et de la chanteuse Ruth Damas lors d'une soirée de musique swing et ballroom ! Les billets sont 20 \$ en prévente et 25 \$ à la porte. Bar payant sur place. westmount.org/evenements

Screening—Ninan Auassat: Nous, les enfants

September 23, 7 p.m., Westmount Room. Meet local authors for a literary soirée of readings and discussion. Featuring authors Jennifer DeLeskie, Mikhail Iossel, Philippe Mineau, and Alice Zorn. westlib.org

Ballroom Blitz Dance Evening

September 26, 8 p.m., Victoria Hall. Come dance to live music by the 16-piece Ballroom Blitz Big Band and vocalist Ruth Damas at an evening of swing and ballroom music! Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Cash bar on site. westmount.org/events

Projection — Ninan Auassat : Nous, les enfants

24 septembre, 19 h, Victoria Hall. Découvrez le documentaire vibrant de Kim O'Bomsawin, qui donne la parole à une nouvelle génération autochtone en quête d'identité, de liberté et d'avenir. La projection sera suivie d'une discussion avec des invités, en collaboration avec les RIDM et le Conseil des arts de Montréal en tournée. westmount.org/evenements

Rencontre d'auteur — Gabriel Safdie: Affair with China

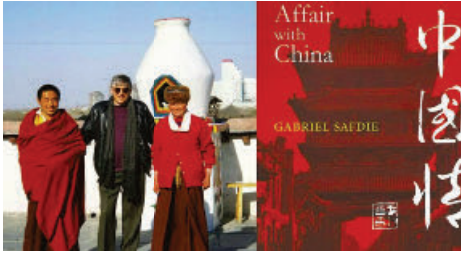
3 octobre, 14 h, Salle Westmount (Bibliothèque). En anglais. Avec Gabriel Safdie, auteur, professeur, photographe et fondateur du Centre des Arts de Stanstead, découvrez un regard personnel et éclairé sur les profondes transformations de la Chine au cours des quatre dernières décennies. westlib.org

Author event — Gabriel Safdie: Affair with China

October 3, 2 p.m., Westmount Room (Library). Join Gabriel Safdie, author, professor, photographer, and founder of the Stanstead Arts Centre, for a personal and insightful look at China's remarkable transformation over the past four decades. westlib.org

Ouvrage de Courage : carrés de couverture (13 ans et plus)

26 septembre, 14 h, Salle Westmount (Bibliothèque). Créez des carrés qui seront assemblés en couvertures pour le projet *Ouvrage de Courage*, au profit de quatre refuges pour femmes du Grand Montréal. Expérience en tricot ou crochet requise. westlib.org



Crafted for Courage: Blanket squares (13 years +)

September 26, 2 p.m., Westmount Room (Library). Create squares that will be assembled into blankets for the *Ouvrage de Courage* project, supporting four women's shelters in Greater Montreal. Knitting or crochet experience required. westlib.org

Québec solidaire's Sylvestre stands by party's pledge to tax the wealthy

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Québec solidaire candidate in Westmount–St. Louis Olivier Sylvestre says he is acutely aware of inequalities that divide the riding, although he aspires to reconcile the discrepancies should he be elected.

Although the likelihood of a Québec solidaire win is slim – the party finished a very distant second (in a field of eight contenders) in 2022 with less than 13 percent support – he said in an interview with the *Independent* that he feels up to the challenge.

“I can say that I’m new in politics but I know my dossiers very well,” said Sylvestre, whose professional background is that of a playwright and literary translator. He said one of the reasons he decided to run for Québec solidaire was the party’s pledge to raise support by the provincial government for professional artists.

Double cultural funding

Among other things, QS promises to double the government allotment granted to the Conseil des arts et lettres du Québec. Sylvestre pointed out that the Conseil serves not only French-speaking members, but also those who are English-speaking



Olivier Sylvestre is running for Québec solidaire in the October 5 provincial election.

and from native groups.

In addition to his background in the literary arts, Sylvestre has a degree in crimi-

nology, which qualified him to work for more than a decade with the homeless and drug addicted around Prince Arthur and

St. Urbain streets in the east-central area of the riding.

“I know quite a lot about the social issues that we face,” he said. “I also know very well the Milton Park area, where there are co-ops and renters and lots of social problems like mental health issues and drug addiction.”

While noting that Westmount–St. Louis is home base for some of Quebec’s most important cultural institutions, including Place des Arts and the Théâtre du Nouveau Monde, as well as more than three dozen video game development companies, he said they are all part of his expertise.

“This is all about me: I’m a culture guy and a social guy.”

One of Québec solidaire’s 2026 campaign commitments is to raise taxes significantly on the wealthy. According to Sylvestre, 90 percent of the province’s residents would see their provincial tax bill drop, while the remaining 10 per cent would see theirs increase.

“I think the people of Westmount would be open to that,” he said. “They want to live in a fairer society. They’ve seen what we’ve had with the CAQ for the last eight years. We didn’t get the services that we paid for, that we were taxed for, if I may say so.”

Staunch nationalist Abi Haila of the CAQ aims to build autonomous, proud Quebec

BY JENNIFER BALL

Karim Abi Haila, who lives in the heart of Montreal’s city-centre, is the candidate for the Coalition avenir Québec (CAQ) in Westmount–St. Louis for the 2026 Quebec general election and he is on the campaign trail championing the CAQ’s achievements and its plan to move Quebec forward.

A 25-year-old Montrealer, he has a BA in political science from the University of Montreal, is a former political attaché at the provincial legislature and currently serves as a media assistant for the CAQ.

Abi Haila told the *Independent* in a September 20 statement that he has always been fascinated by politics and by the impact that those involved in it can have on people’s daily lives. A staunch Quebec nationalist and long-standing activist with the CAQ, he is “standing to promote the values that are dear to me, as well as those of our political party, with the aim of building a more autonomous, more ambitious, more prosperous and prouder Québec.”

Abi Haila’s statement was provided in French and translated with DeepL.

Abi Haila says he chose to represent the CAQ because it was a coalition and, “I share its values and its vision for Québec. I believe in an autonomous Québec that

uses every means at its disposal to protect its culture, its economy and its relations

with other governments, whilst championing a pragmatic vision for a more stable

and resilient economy.”

He was asked which issues he would prioritize if elected to the legislature and he explained that he is attuned to the issues he heard on the campaign trail: “The issue of homelessness regularly comes up in my conversations with residents...

“It is a priority for me, as it is for many Quebecers. If I am elected, I will pay particular attention to this issue, and I am very pleased to see that my leader shares this concern. That is why she has committed to reversing the trend in homelessness. She proposes to tackle the issue by focusing on prevention, support and better coordination of efforts. She intends to invest \$100 million to achieve this.

“It is true that Westmount–St. Louis has been represented for several years by an MP from the Liberal caucus but I will continue to highlight our achievements and our plan to move Quebec forward and build a future that lives up to our ambitions...

“[My] revitalized party is bringing a breath of fresh air to the Quebec political scene thanks to its leadership, its leader, its excellent candidates and a solid plan to protect Quebecers’ wallets, boost our economy, maintain our infrastructure and safeguard our identity.”



Karim Abi Haila, CAQ candidate for Westmount-St. Louis.

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Kamali Nezhad likes Canadian Party’s belief in equal rights, federalism

By JENNIFER BALL

Maryam Kamali Nezhad, the candidate for the Canadian Party of Quebec in Westmount–St. Louis, is an engineer, manager and entrepreneur. From 2021 to 2025, she served as a municipal councillor for the Town of Mount Royal, where, she says, she worked to defend transparency, fiscal responsibility and meaningful public consultation. The experience showed her how decisions made at the provincial level eventually reach people’s everyday lives, whether through healthcare, housing, infrastructure, taxation or public services.

Since 2009, Kamali Nezhad has worked at Hydro-Québec in hydroelectric generation planning and water resource management. She told the *Independent* on September 19 that she was prompted to run in the provincial election because “observing and criticizing decisions is no longer enough – you have to be willing to step forward and take responsibility...”

She said she has spent much of her career dealing with risk, planning and the consequences of delayed decisions and “Problems rarely disappear when they are postponed; they usually become more difficult and more expensive to solve.”



Maryam Kamali Nezhad in Westmount Park on September 20.

The Canadian Party of Quebec approached Kamali Nezhad to run and she said that she took the time to study its principles and platform before deciding. “What convinced me was the alignment on some fundamental issues: a clear federalist vision,

individual and constitutional rights, equal treatment of citizens, and the belief that Quebec can be confident, prosperous and strong within Canada.”

She told the *Independent* she strongly believes that protecting French and Que-

bec culture does not require diminishing the rights of English-speaking Quebecers or other communities. “We should be able to strengthen French while respecting linguistic rights, individual freedoms and the contribution of all Quebecers.”

Natural fit

For her, the combination of rights, federalism, economic responsibility and renewal made the decision a natural fit.

If elected in the Westmount-St. Louis riding, her first priority would be to strengthen Quebec’s economy, because “A stronger economy gives us more capacity to improve public services, invest in infrastructure and reduce pressure on families. That means cutting unnecessary bureaucracy, making it easier for qualified professionals to enter the workforce, improving professional and inter-provincial mobility, reducing barriers to trade and creating a climate that attracts investment and allows businesses to grow.”

She said that healthcare would be an equally urgent priority, including both physical and mental health. “Quebecers need better access to family doctors, specialists, diagnostic services and timely treatment, while preserving universal public funding and increasing the capacity and flexibility of the system.”

Kamali Nezhad wanted those planning to vote on October 5 to know that their votes should never be taken for granted. “Democracy is not only about having the right to vote. It is also about having real choices – different candidates, different parties and different ideas – and taking the time to examine them seriously...”

“An election should never be decided by habit alone.”

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Conservatives’ Diotte aims to reduce government’s ‘overreach,’ liberalize health

By JENNIFER BALL

Guy Diotte, the Conservative Party of Quebec’s Westmount-St. Louis candidate, is an entrepreneur with 25 years of experience in the import/export sector. He describes a career in technical, commercial and entrepreneurial fields, which he contends has enabled him to develop solid expertise in management, business development and customer service. A member of the Quebec Conservative Party since 2021, he is actively involved in it and believes that it can reduce the government’s “overreach” into your life, focus on liberalization of the health care system and develop the energy sector.

On September 20, Diotte provided a statement that explained that he chose to be a Conservative Party candidate because he was introduced to the ideas of smaller government and individual liberties and responsibility by Adrien Pouliot’s interviews, former leader of the Parti Conservateur du Québec.

“When Eric Duhaime became the new party leader, I decided to join the party as a member and to run as a candidate in 2022: I realized that the project of changing the bureaucratic model was now a real possibility.”

If elected as a provincial legislator, Diotte said he will support the economic platform of the Conservatives, which includes a five-year budget reduction of \$47 billion, an increase of the non-taxable basic personal amount from \$18,952 to \$35,242 and a decrease of the corporate tax by 59 percent.

“We would then become the most com-

petitive jurisdiction in North America.”

When questioned on his decision to run as a candidate, Diotte expressed that he believes we need change in provincial leadership. “I was very disappointed by the CAQ. They promised us a new path forward: to move away from constitutional debate and to focus on entrepreneurship and economic growth. The CAQ was supposed to improve governmental efficiency and reduce the size of the public body. Unfortunately, they governed on social division. They increased spending but existing infrastructures are deteriorating

as it is for health and social services.”

Westmount-St. Louis has been a Liberal stronghold for the last three election cycles and Diotte described the party as being “a champion of the status quo regarding our collapsing bureaucratic system...”

“Simple reforms aren’t enough, the Conservatives want to reduce the government’s overreach into your life, the liberalization of the health care system and the development of our energy sector. I’m here to tell you that with the Conservative Party of Quebec, you still have a classical liberal option, who also opposes a referendum.”



Guy Diotte, the Conservative Party of Quebec’s Westmount-St. Louis candidate.

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Cricket's page is available there under his identification number, 10788. Please contact the adoption coordinators at their email, info@spcamonteregie.com, or at their telephone number, 450.460.3075, in order to start discussions about your interest and make arrangements for a visit in foster if all goes well.

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and discussion with the adoption counselors.

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Campeau, Tony Fagnoli, Alexandre Gagnon, Marie-Laure Guillard, Nicole Larocque, Rebecca Murray, and Irene Tschernomor, as well as the Queen Elizabeth foundation's team Éline Lalonde, Alexandra Goldbloom and Marine Baillie.

Highlights included a raffle featuring two economy class return tickets to any Air Canada-scheduled destination in North America, donated by the Air Canada Foundation.

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Randall Kelly and La Biosthétique. Noted guests included Queen Elizabeth executive director **Irene Tschernomor**; board members **Joanne Mastro** (chair), **Tony Fargnoli** there with his wife **Kathie Fargnoli**, **Miriam Green**, and **Joelle Malek**; **Victor Domenico D'Alesio** and his grandson **Victor Rodriguez D'Alesio**, **Andrew Rabinovitch**, and **Debi Rosenthal**, executive director of CURE Foundation. Also seen were doctors **Mark Roper**, **Kirandee Birdi**, **Nathan Hall** and **Eleanor Hew**, as well as **Cynthia Poirier**, **Celia Lareiro**, **Nicole Joseph**, **Elisa Quaranta** and painter **Stuart Dearlove** and his son **Julian Dearlove**. The sold-out evening generated a record net profit of \$155,000 for the Queen Elizabeth Health Complex Foundation. The foundation raises funds to support the Queen Elizabeth Health Complex, a not-for-profit. The organization does not receive any funding from the government and relies on donations and community support throughout the year to fund its medical services and programs.

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