

## Leash law clarified for Summit, closed street

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Despite some apparent confusion over dog run regulations within Summit Woods, dogs are allowed to run free 24/7 in winter while accompanied by a keeper, Councillor Cynthia Lulham, parks commissioner, confirmed last week.

Nevertheless, the city has requested that tickets be issued for dogs found off-leash on the portion of Summit Circle that is now closed to vehicular traffic, she said.

“It’s still a public street, and we’ve been receiving complaints about people being jumped on by big, playful puppies,” she explained. This roadway is not part of the dog run and is used by walkers, joggers and others.

Ongoing issues with dog run signage in the nature reserve came to a head recently after the onset of winter regulations from December 1 to April 1, and with variances between the dog by-law and the city’s long-standing dog run practices printed in the dog owners’ guide and on the city website.

Public safety officers, also caught up in the confusion, mistakenly, they admit, asked at least one Westmount resident December 17 to leash her two dogs in Summit Woods (see letter, p. 4).

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## First Montreal homicide of 2011 happens in Westmount



Clarke Ave. was closed between Sherbrooke and de Maisonneuve the morning of January 13 during a police investigation of the murder of 22-year-old Jason Peagram.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

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## Cyclist count begins as path snow clearing queried

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Snow removal measures on Westmount’s de Maisonneuve bike path came under attack at the January 10 council meeting just as the city launched the first in a series of traffic counts to monitor its winter use.

The bike route is being kept open this winter as a trial based on the understanding it would not receive priority snow clearing, critics were reminded.

Dan Lambert, president of the West-

mount Walking and Cycling Association, told council the trial was undermined by the condition of the bike path and residual snow left after a snow storm that “gives the impression that cycling doesn’t matter.”

Opening the bike path this winter is part of a “slow process” of improving cycling in Westmount, explained Councillor Gary Ikeman, who chairs the city’s *ad hoc* cycling committee.

This year, Westmount was much farther ahead in this respect, ..... even if not up to the stan- ..... continued on p. 19

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# Police have leads in murder of young tenant on Clarke

BY DAVID GOLDBERG

Homicide police say they are investigating leads after a 22-year-old Westmount man was gunned down in front of his apartment building the night of January 12.



Police were called to the scene at 10:25 pm, where the victim, later identified as Jason Peagram, lay outside, just north of de Maison-neuve. One of the first officers on the scene was Station 12's Constable Philippe Tremblay.

"He reported seeing the victim covered in blood and having tremendous difficulty

breathing," said Constable Adalbert Pimentel. "He, along with fellow constable Guerra Lopez, administered first aid to the victim, putting pressure on his wounds to try to stop the bleeding."

Police say the victim was shot in the neck. A witness told police he heard three gunshots. The victim was transported to the Montreal General Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 11:10 pm.

"We did find some shell casings in the area and those have been sent to forensics to be analyzed," said Pimentel. "We also have a witness who told us the suspect may have left in a vehicle."

"It's important for residents to know that this was not a random act of violence. This victim was targeted, and the investigation into this crime is ..... ongoing."

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*This white Cadillac, photographed the morning of January 13, is where police found Peagram slumped over the hood the night before. He was taken to hospital and pronounced dead a short time later.*



Montreal homicide investigators work in cordoned-off area in front of 335 Clarke Ave., January 13, the morning after building tenant Jason Peagram was shot.



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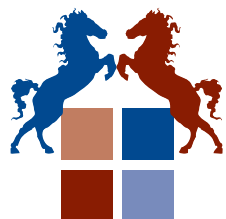
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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## FREE THE DOGS (AND PEOPLE)

It was a bright sunny day, not too cold. A perfect day in paradise.

I headed up to the Summit Woods that morning with my two dogs for a much anticipated hike. While I was observing the sun streaming through the trees onto the well-packed pristine snow-covered ground, my two dogs were having a blast running up and down the pathways greeting other happy playful dogs. Suddenly a Westmount Public Security officer came into view, approached me and requested, nicely enough, to put my dogs on their leashes.

I understand the winter summit dog regulations which “kicked in” in December but fail to comprehend the logic. If certain dogs misbehave why insist that the majority – dogs and owners included – suffer? Logical? I think not.

We welcome canines into our community but when it comes to providing them with ways to fulfill their basic needs, we fail miserably. Exercise and fresh air are necessary ingredients to achieve a healthy lifestyle for dogs, to say nothing of the benefits for ourselves.

This letter is a request to the city councillors of city council to reconsider recent regulations concerning the restriction of our dogs’ activities and re-assess the situ-

ation logically and holistically. Dogs and dog owners deserve better.

CATHERINE ANNE KIERANS,  
GROSVENOR AVE.

*Editor’s note: It is our understanding that dogs can run off-leash in Summit Woods in the winter. See story, p. 1.*

## THANKS TO CITY CREW FOR HELP FREEING CAR

Many thanks and great praise to a crew from Westmount Public Works (probably Roads or Parks division) for coming to my aid: for lifting my car axle off a block of ice [last week]. Without their muscle my car might still be there hung up!

BARBARA WINN, METCALFE AVE.

## ICE RINKS = ICEBERG?

Two issues of the *Independent* have carried incisive articles by Laureen Sweeney about Westmount’s finances: “Resources deployed to arena/pool project” (December 23, p. 6) and last week’s article “Arena/pool to dominate city resources, details show” (January 11, p. 1).

There will be a reduction in capital works, Sweeney reports, “in order to deploy resources to the arena/pool project.”

Citizens got a further glimpse of what this deployment really means at the last council meeting [January 10]. Councillor Tim Price said Westmount will “take a

hard look at how we are operating in the city.” Without a change in external constraints, Price explicitly stated that either taxes will go up, services will be cut or – by implication – both will occur. He also said “we can spend a lot of money and have well-cleared streets of snow,” or “an indoor swimming pool,” adding, “if people want to pay for that.” They are extras, he appears to think, but not the “\$250 per household”\* he estimates as the extra cost for building the arena/pool.

That’s the message: budget austerity everywhere, but not for the arena project. And Mr. Price made his own priorities clear: “Frankly, I am very supportive of the new recreational complex.”

However, one councillor has already told me that no one really knows the true costs of a big “recreational complex” – it could be \$250 per household, or as high as \$500 or \$600. That, I think, is why Mayor Trent indicated at council “our intention to charge those who use the arena for any extra costs entailed.”

The truth is: The arena plan is late because the city has learnt how very, very expensive it will be. And this burden has only begun to harm this city.

Iceberg ahead, Captain Trent! Time to change course, sir!

PATRICK BARNARD, MELVILLE AVE.

*\* Editor’s note: The amount per household is reported as \$200 in “Going underground!” (April 13, 2010, p. 1).*

## WARNING TO SUMMIT GO-ERS OF CAR BREAK-INS

On a sunny Sunday afternoon in December I took my daughter and my dog for a nice walk on the summit.

When I came back an hour later, the rear window of my car was smashed and my purse stolen.

Luckily a few weeks later when the snow melted, my wallet was found (without cash and credit card) and returned to

me (many thanks to Nicola and family Lauder!).

Since this incident I talked to many people who had the same experience, and we realized it must be the work of an organized gang.

So, a big warning: If you go to the Summit, don’t leave anything in your car! Absolutely nothing. Don’t even try to hide it under the seat (that’s what I did). Because apparently they observe us innocent dog walkers every second, just waiting for an opportunity.

I hope to see more police and Westmount security up there in the future to stop these criminals ASAP.

PETRA REICHERT, CÔTE ST. ANTOINE RD.

## NO PROBLEM WITH MENORAH AT CITY HALL

Did anybody else feel a little unnerved reading René le Clère’s letter to the editor last week (“Is city council religious or secular?” January 11, p. 4) or is it just me?

I’m not sure what the issue is. Are we to be worried that Christmas is being ignored and pushed aside with all the Hanukkah hype?

I’m not sure, but I think I see a little more about Christmas in the days leading up to it...I’d say it is fairly well advertised and promoted.

I’d bet most people are not even sure when Hanukkah starts!

If Mr. le Clère wants a “brave baby Jesus” at city hall, he should ask his church to sponsor one.

I believe the synagogue sponsored the menorah to eke out a bit of attention for Hanukkah during the media blitz before Christmas.

Oh, and I’d like to hear from all the people whose lives are being disrupted by the eruv. It’s time we hear from these inconvenienced residents.

PENNY ARSENAULT, ST. CATHERINE ST.

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## QUESTIONING CITY'S MATH

Call me angry! As newly appointed membership chair for the Westmount Reform Alliance Party, one of my responsibilities is to keep track of membership fees. So far, I've only had to keep track of my own \$25 membership purchase.

That's lucky because it gives me time to keep track of our municipality.

As you know, I bumped my head on the menorah at city hall a few weeks ago. Being currently unemployed, I decided to make good on my misfortune. I put in a claim for my injury. Only a claim of \$50 for the gash, I mean for the bruise, okay perhaps a bump, but a nasty one.

There at the hall, I saw a notice for the budget meeting of December 20 at 8:05 pm. It was a strange time to start a meeting, but it caught my attention and so I attended.

Only one fella stood up to comment about the 2011 budget. He said he was a poet. I heard the mayor respond with a sarcastic quip about how he himself could be poet laureate. That's when my attention drifted. Westmount needs a poet laureate like I need a hole in the head. Wait a minute, I do have a hole in my head. So I

paid closer attention.

That's when the poet said the city is cutting the library's budget. I sat up. He said the city was cutting the library's budget by \$20,000.\*

At a time when taxes are rising (more money in city's coffers) they were cutting funding to my beloved library. And there was scarce mention of this in the *Independent*! As I read the city's budget advertisement in the *Independent*, I couldn't believe my eyes. They had cut another \$500\*\* from the library's budget between the meeting and the posted advertisement.

What a relief it was to discover that the advertisement totals did not add up correctly.\*\*\* It's no relief. The Westmount Reform Alliance Party has just saved Westmounters another \$500. Now, maybe we can restore adequate library funding!

PIERRE MASON, SHERBROOKE ST.

*Editor's notes:*

\* to be precise, \$19,500 in the documents distributed at the meeting, 2010's figure of \$2,329,000 minus 2011's of \$2,309,500.

\*\* 2010's \$2,329,000 minus 2011's \$2,309,000 in the December 23, p. 3 advertisement.

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By Laureen Sweeney

# NEWS FROM CITY COUNCIL

## New resto spots opened up on Greene

The rezoning of Greene Ave. to permit the possible opening of six new small restaurants became official at the city council meeting.

No requests for a referendum register had been received following a public consultation meeting November 30, according to city clerk Mario Gerbeau.

The lifting of a longtime restaurant freeze sets out similar criteria as previously adopted for the Victoria village. These set forth a maximum number of food-serving establishments, additional new ones being restricted in size to less than 140 square meters.

Chez Nick and Second Cup are examples of existing restaurants on Greene within this size. “That’s what we’re aiming for,” explains city Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier.

## Tight-lipped on Bixi negotiations

City council refused to be pinned down on bringing Bixis to Westmount by April during a question on the topic during the recent council meeting. Negotiations are ongoing on the issue, explained Mayor Peter Trent.

In November, the city turned down an offer by the Public Bike System Co. to install 15 Bixi stations at a cost of \$609,000 (see November 9, p. 3). Now, noting how the city of Montreal had invested significantly in the company, Trent said, Westmount must ensure it is not getting into “something that is not tenable.”

City director general Duncan Campbell said the subject had been discussed by the council in general committee before the public meeting, and the city would be requesting new figures concerning a minimum number of stations and their locations.

It also needed to ensure these “pods” would not negatively affect people living nearby.

## Traffic master plan

The city’s much-touted traffic master plan is off to a slow start, it was explained at the city council meeting January 10. The terms of reference have been held up by new Quebec government requirements for the awarding of contracts for professional services.

The terms of reference (parameters) are expected to be reviewed by council members in the coming days so the city can go to tender in February, said city director general Duncan Campbell.

“It’s important to define exactly what we expect from the consultants,” he said.

The timeframe was requested by two interested parties: Georgina Smith, on behalf of Lansdowne residents concerned by traffic volumes and Dan Lambert of the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association.

In persistent questioning, Lambert asked why he hadn’t been shown the terms of reference as he had been requesting. Typically, these parameters would include such items as the direction,

objectives, budget and schedules.

He also said his group had spent a lot of time developing a brief on cycling recommendations related to the master plan and had not been given an opportunity to intervene. “Early input is critical,” he said.

“I understand your frustration,” said Councillor Gary Ikeman, “we have been slow getting these terms of reference prepared.”

Mayor Peter Trent said the document would be shared with Lambert once the council had seen it.

And Councillor Cynthia Lulham told Lambert council members had already received a copy of his association’s report. “We’ve seen it. We all know it.”

Public meetings would be held on the master plan so other people could also have input, she added.

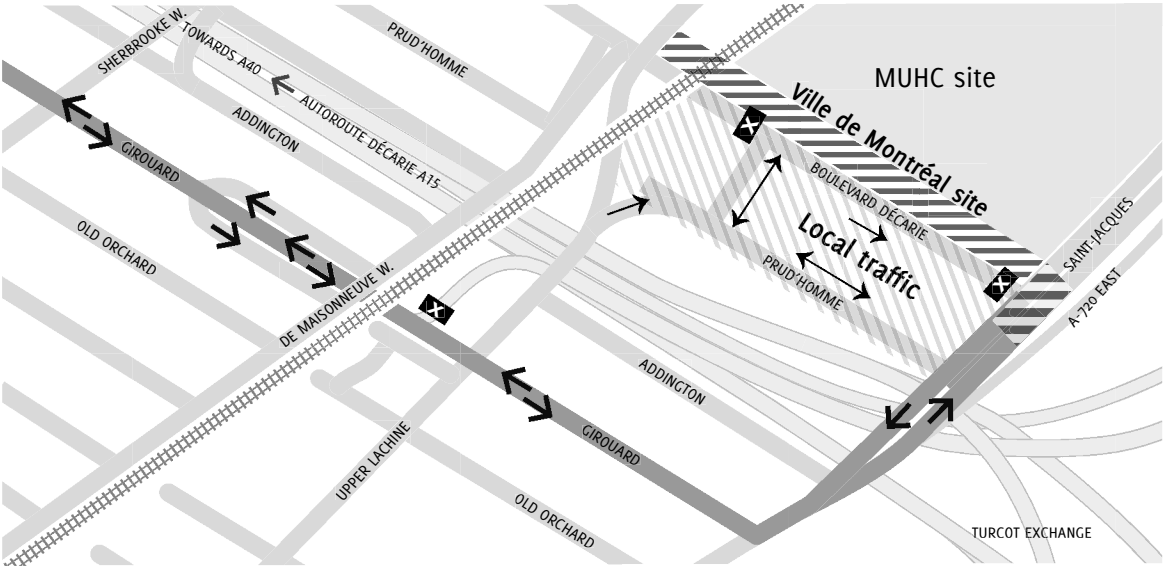
Concerning a different request, Lambert later informed the *Independent* that in June his group had asked the city for some basic traffic data “we had ..... previously confirmed was continued on p. 7

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## slow to start

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available, but our request was refused. Convinced that the city's refusal was in violation of the Access to Information Act, we have submitted an appeal to the Access to Information Commission."

"This is correct," city clerk Mario Gerbeau confirmed, "but I was not supplied with the document he wanted. That was why his request was denied."

## Meter increase to be phased in soon

The city expects to phase in new parking meter increases depending on the type of meter involved, it was reported at the city council meeting January 10. There are some 800 meters to be either adjusted or replaced.

While the hikes to \$2 an hour throughout Westmount were announced December 20, they were officially adopted with a by-law amendment at last week's meeting.

The old rates, unchanged for some 15 years, vary from 75 cents to \$1.25 per hour depending on the sector (see story December 23, p. 1).

The phase-in period is expected to take a few weeks. The newer type of digital meter, such as those already installed on Victoria and Greene, require reprogramming. Older models that do not accept newer coins need replacing. Late last year, the city ordered new meters that will now be installed.

In late 2009, the *Independent* reported that the city was looking at a whole new parking meter system for 2010 (November 10, p. 3), which could include credit card

## Speeding, slippery road questioned

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Street sanding has not been done as well as usual around Clarke and Cedar, a resident told the city council meeting January 10. Speeding in the area was also a serious concern.

"Clarke has been very dangerous... and I fear I'm going to see someone run over," said Madeleine Sperlich of Cedar Ave.

Maureen Kiely, a resident of The Boulevard, reiterated Sperlich's concerns about slippery conditions this winter on Clarke.

Citing a number of schools in the area, Sperlich also asked for police road blocks to deter cars speeding "at 70 km/h" along Cedar. "People who pass through don't live in Westmount," she added.

While director general Duncan Camp-

bell said he was unaware of the snow clearing conditions she spoke of, Mayor Peter Trent addressed the speeding issue on Cedar, as well as The Boulevard, saying it had been "a problem for years and years."

Councillor Patrick Martin, who lives on The Boulevard, also weighed in with complaints about cars speeding through Westmount after closing hour at downtown bars.

Police lieutenant Pierre Liboiron of local station 12, who was attending the meeting, immediately discussed Sperlich's concerns with her outside the council chamber.

For more council coverage, see p. 12, 13.

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In the same article, Gerard Fellerath (of Folklore) and Shelley Kerman (of Lmnop) said that their group, the Sherbrooke/Victoria Merchant Association, wanted parking rates to stay the same and for motorists to be able to top up meters and inherit time from previous parkers.



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# Y takes action after spate of locker break-ins

BY DAVID GOLDBERG

Security measures will be added in the Westmount Y building after a spate of break-ins over the holidays, the Y's director Gary White told the *Independent*.

There were four break-ins at the Y, located at 4585 Sherbrooke St., on January 4. Among the victims was *Gazette* municipal affairs columnist Henry Aubin.

"When I got back to the locker room after working out, there was no lock on my locker," said Aubin. "My initial reaction was puzzlement before I realized what happened, and then I went upstairs to report it."

Aubin had his briefcase, trousers and jacket stolen from his locker, for a total value of about \$400. Another Westmount resident wasn't as lucky.

"The break-ins happened between 6:15

and 7:15 pm," said Constable Adalbert Pimentel. Only two of the four break-ins were reported to the police. "In the other case, a Westmount resident left his lock box key in his trousers, and the suspect used that key to steal the man's wallet and his car keys. He then stole his 2009 Subaru Forester." The lock box is located upstairs from the locker room on the ground floor.

Pimentel said the suspect used metal cutters to cut the locks, and added he would visit the YMCA if requested to do a security evaluation.

White said the Y, with a membership of just over 3,800 as of last December, suffers about three to four reported break-ins a year. Two years ago, one of those victims was former Liberal MP and solicitor general Warren Allmand.

"I remember that someone broke into my locker and stole a few dollars," he said.

For his part, White said "Any time a member reports any belongings stolen, we take it very seriously. We want our members to get healthy and feel good about themselves, and to feel safe."

Upon entering the lobby, the stairs to the locker rooms is on the left, while the lock boxes are to the right. The staff desk is straight ahead, past both those locations.

Many feel one problem with the set-up is it allows almost anyone to take the stairs to the locker rooms if the desk staff is occupied.

"We are going to take measures to make the Y more secure," said White. "We will be installing cameras, but of course we can't have them in the locker rooms due to privacy issues. But they will be outside as a deterrent."

White added they will also be installing a gate with a buzzer at the top of the stairs leading to the locker rooms. That gate will be controlled by the staff at the counter. He also strongly advised members never to leave their lock box keys in their downstairs locker, but rather to keep the key on their person while working out.

"These steps will be taken as quickly as we can make it happen," said White. "We need to get contractors in here, and we have to do the work in a way that respects our members' safety."

Despite his experience, Aubin said he won't stop going to the Westmount Y.

"I'll be back," he said. "I like to work out there."

## Leash laws

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Security director (January 10) said that in his 25 years on the force it was always the policy that dogs were allowed to run off-leash during the winter on the Summit, though he found no provision for this in reading the by-law last week.

Nevertheless, the whole issue of dogs in Summit Woods and signage is currently under review, Lulham told the *Independent*. "We're also hoping to revive the Westmount Dog Owners' Association." This group has become dormant over the past few years.

Under the by-law, all dogs using Westmount dog runs must wear a Westmount dog licence. With the municipal mergers in 2002, licences were made available to non-residents, a policy that has continued after the demerger, she also confirmed.

## Reports of off-leash dogs in parks lead to tighter enforcement

Citizen complaints have led to tighter enforcement of leash laws outside dog runs, according to Public Security officials. Several recent reports cite dogs running free in Westmount Park and the Westmount Athletic Grounds (WAG). The city's leash laws apply year-round.

## Keys found under seat

Public safety officers responded January 7 to a call for assistance when a Westmount woman with limited mobility dropped keys in her car and was unable to retrieve them, officials report. The keys were found under the driver's seat.

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Did we mention how handsome he is? His pale blue eyes are offset by a white face and ruff, while his creamy coat is overlaid with a dark gray saddle.

Kelly is in good health, has been neutered and is up to date on all his vaccinations. He is ready to start his new life. Could it be with you? If so, visit the Underdog Club, [www.underdogclub.org](http://www.underdogclub.org), or call 1.877.43.DOGGY to find out more. You can also send an email to [contact@underdogclub.org](mailto:contact@underdogclub.org)

The Underdog Club is dedicated to helping needy dogs get a second leash on life. Why not consider fostering a pooch like Kelly?

## 2011 a new year for helping the cats



This is the first 9 Lives column of 2011, following an extraordinary 2010. We have presented cats from a number of different rescues and shelters, including Gerdy's Adoptions and Recsues and the SPCA Montérégie. I would like to provide you with contact information for those groups again, so you can speak to them directly if you would like to adopt a cat, make a donation, offer to foster, or participate as a volunteer in fundraising events or adoption days.

Gerdy's Rescue and Adoptions: Please contact Gerdy on her cell phone at 514.203.9180 or email her at [info@gerdysrescue.org](mailto:info@gerdysrescue.org). You can also visit [www.gerdysrescue.org](http://www.gerdysrescue.org).

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SPCA Montérégie: Please contact Cindy Haché at 514.386.5960 or email her at [info@spcamonteregie.com](mailto:info@spcamonteregie.com). Their website is at [www.spcamonteregie.com](http://www.spcamonteregie.com).

I was pleased to hear from neighbours and friends that they had been reading our column and were trying to help by adopting, fostering and getting involved in many ways like donating blankets, food, litter to the shelters, or volunteering their time in photography, writing, website content, translation, attending adoption days, transporting animals to and from the vets, cleaning out their extra items for bazaars and baking delicious goodies for sale at community bake sales.

2011 promises many new opportunities to offer our help. I look forward to hearing about your initiatives.

Best wishes to all my neighbours for health, happiness and success.

*Lyzanne and her pets Suyeung, Emma Rose, Oliver and Maximus.*

## Camera captures more suspicious activity

The city's recently installed surveillance cameras at park comfort stations keep on capturing suspicious activity.

Public Security officials said a group of four youths at the Westmount Park location January 5 at 6:48 pm was suddenly seen entering bathroom stalls in an unusual manner. Patrollers were dispatched to the location to discover freshly written graffiti on the walls. Four suspects were tracked down near the park, and police were called.

On January 7, a group of three teens was seen to be smoking in the same comfort station at 8:45 pm. Public safety officers issued \$68 tickets to two of them for

smoking in a public place. Neither lived in Westmount.

Other graffiti suspects were caught on camera the previous week as was a couple reported in the act of indecent exposure.

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### AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1401

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné à tous ceux qui peuvent être concernés que le règlement n° 1401 intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT MODIFIANT LE RÈGLEMENT SUR LA DÉLÉGATION DE POUVOIRS À CERTAINS FONCTIONNAIRES DE LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT** » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance ordinaire tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 10 janvier 2011.

L'objet de ce règlement vise à déléguer au directeur général le pouvoir de former un comité de sélection avant le début de la procédure d'appel d'offres lorsqu'un système de pondération et d'évaluation des offres est utilisé.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur conformément à la loi.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter ce règlement sur le site web de la ville : [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org) et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 18 janvier 2011.

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law No. 1401 entitled "**BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW ON THE DELEGATION OF POWERS TO CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT**" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a regular sitting held at City Hall on January 10, 2011.

The object of this by-law is to empower the Director General to establish a selection committee where a tender weighting and assessment system is used, before commencement of the call for tenders' process.

This by-law shall come into force according to law.

Any interested person may consult the said by-law on the City's website: [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org) and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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# McKenzie meets and greets at book launch of second novel



Westmounter Catherine McKenzie (left) with her editor at HarperCollins Canada and former Westmounter Jennifer Lambert during the book signing of McKenzie's second novel *Arranged at Chapters*, January 13. McKenzie is the wife of the Independent's publisher.

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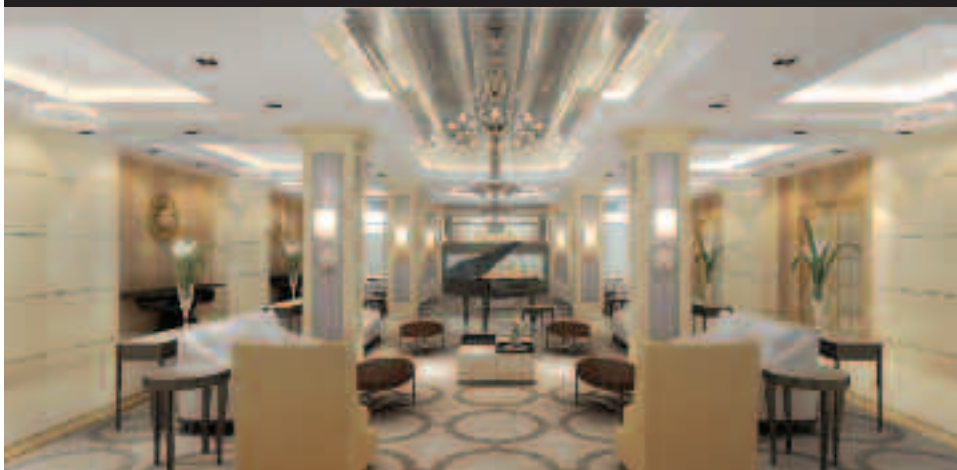


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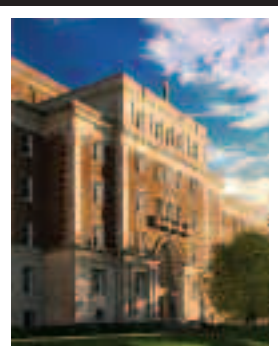
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## Healthy City marks 20th anniversary

# Thompson heads Community Life

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount's Healthy City Project (HCP) celebrates its 20th anniversary this year with news that one of its most dedicated volunteers will be returning to a leadership position.



Tom Thompson

Former city councillor Tom Thompson, who steered the HCP for more than a decade, will now chair the group's Community Life committee. Thompson, who many have said is the reason the HCP continues to exist today, left its helm with his retirement from city council at the last election just over a year ago when he decided not to run for a fourth term.

The announcement of his new role was made at the January 10 city council meeting by Councillor Theodora Samiotis. As environment commissioner, Samiotis replaced Thompson on the steering committee.

"I believe in the role of the Community Life committee and the value it provides in enabling people in the community to share information on the various services and resources available," Thompson told the *Independent*.

"Our goal is to remind citizens how important our community services are in Westmount."

The committee will be compiling these into printed form shortly, he said. The committee will also be welcoming a Rotary Club representative as a member.

The Community Life committee has been without a chairman following the retirement about one year ago of former city councillor Barbara Moore.

## BUILDING PERMITS



### What's permitted

The following permits for exterior construction, alterations and renovation were approved at the January 10 meeting of city council.

- 32 Thornhill:** to build two retaining walls in the back yard;
- 4150 St. Catherine:** to erect a new sign for Bessner Gallay Kreisman;
- 3243 The Boulevard:** to build a second storey addition in the rear yard;
- 4286-4288 de Maisonneuve:** at a Category I building, to replace some rear windows;
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## Westmount Bridge Club's top scores for the fall session

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Naomi Carsley with 5580 points.  
Doreen Landry with 5410 points.



# Bourdon thanked, gets new mandate

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Richard Bourdon, the city's outgoing interim Public Security director, will be contracted to provide transitional support as required for newly appointed director David Sedgwick, it was announced at the January 10 city council meeting.

Bourdon was also thanked by Public Security commissioner Gary Ikeman for ac-

cepting the interim position after the suspension of Richard Blondin and for restoring morale and stability. "We owe a great deal of thanks to him, and he will continue to be available to us."

Sedgwick, who was appointed at the meeting, is



the first Westmount native to hold the top position at the Public Security Unit (see January 11, p. 1). "I thank everyone for the challenge, and I hope to make you all proud," he said.

Richard Bourdon

## Volunteering in and around Westmount

The Westmount Y is looking for adult volunteers (60+) to work with young students on creative writing and reading projects two weekday afternoons from February to April. Contact Tracy Kamel: 514.931.6770, ext. 248.

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Mayor Peter Trent congratulates David Sedgwick, the city's new Public Security director, while Public Security commissioner Gary Ikeman looks on.

## Tipline

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L'objet de ce règlement consiste à augmenter les tarifs portant sur l'utilisation de parcomètres.

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### NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1403

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law No. 1403 entitled "**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 685 CONCERNING PARKING METERS**" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a regular sitting held at City Hall on January 10, 2011.

The object of this by-law is to increase all parking meters rates.

This by-law shall come into force according to law.

Any interested person may consult the said by-law on the City's website: [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org) and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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## Westmount children's library celebrates 100



Storyteller Stéphanie Bénéteau recites a tale during the tea party in the Westmount Room, January 15.

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

A birthday party to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the children's section at the Westmount Public Library was held on January 15 in the room where it all started.

Peter Rabbit and professional storyteller Stéphanie Bénéteau were the guests of honour during a tea party attended by more than 40 children and their parents in the Westmount Room.

The room was the original location of the children's library when it first opened in 1911.

Known since 1995 as the Westmount Room, a few memories of its original vocation remain, such as the coloured tiles on the front of the fireplace illustrating scenes from *Alice in Wonderland*.

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## Club de lecture anglaise

Joignez-vous au club de lecture anglaise le mardi 18 janvier de 19 h à 21 h pour discuter du livre *The Mistress of Nothing* de Kate Pullinger. Info : 514 989-5386.

## Conférence à 14 heures - *Medieval Wonders of the Czech Republic*

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### Le 19 janvier – 14 h

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## LIBRARY Chess Club

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Join photographer Frederic Hore on Wednesday, January 19 at 2 p.m. as he shares his latest adventure touring stunning castles and medieval towns in the undulating farmland of the Czech Republic. Info: 514 989-5386.

## Friday Film Club

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## DATEBOOK

### January 14 – 2 p.m.

Chess and Scrabble Club  
Library

### January 19 – 2 p.m.

2 O'Clock Series  
*Medieval Wonders of the Czech Republic*  
Library

### February 7 – 8 p.m.

Council Meeting  
City Hall

to view an outstanding film and then discuss it afterwards. Age 13+. Info: 514 989-5386. 🌿



## PUBLIC WORKS Christmas Tree Collection

Collection of Christmas trees will continue through the end of the month. Make sure your tree gets composted by placing it right behind the sidewalk at the front of your property at any time. Please remove ALL decorations and wrapping. We also ask you to be patient, as collection is sometimes delayed by snow removal operations. Info: 514 989-5311. 🌿

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## Le 28<sup>ième</sup> carnaval d'hiver Les 3, 4 et 5 février 2011

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\*Billets disponibles au Victoria Hall

**Le samedi 5 février :** Plaisirs givrés au parc Westmount et à l'Aréna

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**Thursday, February 3:** Family Tobogganing (King George Park)  
Comedy & Improv Night (Victoria Hall)\*  
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**Friday, February 4:** Westmount Under The Sea (Victoria Hall)\*  
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# New political entity in Westmount hopes for more dissent

By MARTIN C. BARRY

There's a new political entity on the horizon in Westmount, and it calls itself WRAP – Westmount Reform Alliance Party.

It has four or five members.

"It's really an informal name that we've adopted. It's not a formal party *per se*," said Jack Locke, a Sherbrooke St. resident, who

share their ideology.

However, Locke and WRAP do feel that change is long overdue in Westmount city council, where they would like to hear more dissenting voices. "A little bit of questioning is a good thing. That's kind of why we're doing what we're doing," he said.

In the letter that Pierre Mason, also a WRAP member, sent to the *Independent* (December 23, p. 4), he complained about bumping his head on the Hanukkah menorah on the front steps at city hall. The menorah issue, according to Locke, has a broader implication. While suggesting that the steps should be kept clear of any objects, he said he also found it "curious" that a menorah is displayed at the entrance to a public building.

"The idea of separation of church and state is really important," Locke said. "And it's no particular religion that we're concerned about. Government is supposed to be open to all people of all stripes. Atheists and agnostics – you name it. So to have a menorah when you enter city hall is really kind of not right, and somebody at city hall should have recognized that."

As for the Christmas tree that is put up in the lobby at city hall each year, Locke said this: "A Christmas tree is not so deeply religious as a symbol. If it was a cross, that would be different. If it was a manger that would be a little different, because that's related to the Christian religion. But a Christmas tree – that's not such a big deal."

### Opposes library cut

WRAP is also concerned about a recent budget cut at the library. "I'm sure cutting the budget by \$20,000 will make it more difficult for the people there to do their work," said Locke, who is a published poet and professional writer. "Not only is the library not growing, it's going backwards at a time when taxes are going up. They're not making the library a priority this year, which I think is a shameful situation."



Left, Jack Locke, spokesman for the fledgling Westmount Reform Alliance Party and Pierre Mason, membership chair.

is a spokesman for WRAP. "It's just a small group of people who are concerned."

Locke, who recently moved to Westmount from eastern NDG, is a self-described political junkie.

Three years ago, he ran unsuccessfully for the right to represent the Green Party of Canada in the riding of Westmount-Ville Marie. In 1992 when he was living in Alberta, he was a runner-up in the Calgary mayoralty election. He was also an outspoken environmentalist in that oil-rich province.

With two words in WRAP's name seemingly alluding to the conservative and now defunct Reform Party of Canada and Canadian Alliance parties, Locke maintained that WRAP doesn't necessarily

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# St. Stephen's new pastor is a former rock 'n roll drummer

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Nick Brotherwood, who became the new pastor of St. Stephen's Anglican Church on January 1, is known for his work with young people in Montreal's downtown core.

Less well known is that this parish priest was a professional drummer for a rock 'n roll band during the 1970s in his native England. And he has never lost the skill.

Before turning his life considerably in a different direction, Brotherwood toured the European circuit during the '70s, playing in what he calls "minor league" rock bands. Those times were "wild enough," he conceded, without going into detail.

"I grew up in a practising Christian

family in England," he said. "But as a dutiful teenager I rebelled against that because you had to in the '60s."

Setting out at around the age of 20 on a trek to free himself from the "constraints of Christianity," Brotherwood gave himself the condition that he would do it with "some kind of integrity" so that it wouldn't be merely a reaction to his upbringing.

While playing in nightclubs in France and Spain in 1970, he decided to purchase and read the New Testament written in modern English. "It felt as though I was reading it for the first time," he said, "and I was finding myself beginning to agree with what Jesus was saying."

But then he had a real problem. "What do I do? Good grief. I didn't want this to happen, but it had happened." Gradually



Nick Brotherwood became the new pastor of St. Stephen's Anglican Church on January 1.

## In Other Words

For story, please  
see paper copy.

he abandoned rock and roll, grew closer to the Anglican Church and was ordained a priest in 1983.

Brotherwood and his wife Sue led a team that founded a new church called Emerge, focusing on 18- to 25-year-olds in downtown Montreal.

He was also the Anglican bishop's spe-

cial emissary to young adults in the Montreal diocese for the past seven years.

Brotherwood is no stranger to St. Stephen's, located on the corner of Dorchester and Atwater. From 1989 to 2002, he was assistant, then associate and finally the priest in charge at the church.


## PSOs: Keep garage doors closed

Public safety officers have been carrying out crime prevention night checks of garage doors while on patrol. At least two were discovered open, according to reports.


At one address on Côte St. Antoine near Claremont, the resident could not be contacted at 10:46 pm so patrollers left behind a night check advisory. A few hours later at 3:38 am, a resident of Bellevue was contacted successfully and closed the door.

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AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné par la soussignée, trésorière par intérim de la Ville de Westmount :

QUE le rôle général de perception des taxes pour l'exercice financier 2011 sera déposé à mon bureau situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount le 20 janvier 2011; et

QU'il sera procédé à l'envoi des comptes de taxes dans le délai imparti.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 18<sup>e</sup> jour de janvier 2011.

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**2011 COLLECTION ROLL**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, Interim Treasurer of the City of Westmount:

THAT the general collection roll of taxes for fiscal year 2011 will be filed at my office located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount on January 20, 2011; and

THAT the tax accounts will be mailed within the allotted time.

GIVEN at Westmount this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2011.

Annette Dupré  
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Date: **Thursday January 27**

Time: **3:15 pm**

Location: **Dining Room**  
**at Place Kensington**  
**Seniors Residence**  
**4440 Ste Catherine St. W.**



## Ville de Westmount City of Westmount



### AVIS PUBLIC ASSEMBLÉE PUBLIQUE DE CONSULTATION PROJET DE RÈGLEMENT 1399 MARDI, 25 JANVIER 2011 – 19 h

À TOUTES LES PERSONNES INTÉRESSÉES PAR LE PROJET DE RÈGLEMENT N° 1399  
INTITULÉ « **RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1305  
SUR LES PLANS D'IMPLANTATION ET D'INTÉGRATION ARCHITECTURALE** »

**AVIS PUBLIC** est par les présentes donné par le soussigné, greffier de la Ville de Westmount, de ce qui suit :

1. Lors de sa séance ordinaire tenue le lundi 6 décembre 2010, le conseil a adopté par résolution le projet de règlement n° 1399, intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1305 SUR LES PLANS D'IMPLANTATION ET D'INTÉGRATION ARCHITECTURALE** ».
2. Conformément à la *Loi sur l'aménagement et l'urbanisme* (L.R.Q., chapitre A-19.1), une assemblée publique de consultation aura lieu le **mardi 25 janvier 2011 à 19 h**, à la salle du conseil de l'hôtel de ville de Westmount située au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest.
3. Cette assemblée publique de consultation a pour but d'expliquer le projet de règlement n° 1399 dont l'objet vise notamment à inclure de nouvelles exigences et diverses recommandations en matière de développement durable, de façon à :
  - intégrer une nouvelle section concernant les panneaux solaires et les toits verts;
  - introduire l'utilisation des murs de soutènement en sol renforcé végétalisés;
  - recommander l'utilisation de revêtements semi-perméables pour les entrées;
  - recommander l'utilisation de revêtements perméables durs pour le remplacement des aires de stationnement existants;
  - encourager l'utilisation de réservoirs, tels que des barils pour récolter l'eau de pluie et d'autres collecteurs d'eau bien intégrés à l'aménagement paysager;
  - permettre l'utilisation de matériaux recyclés et certifiés écologiques favorables à l'environnement;
  - modifier la section de l'équipement mécanique – acoustique du site afin de refléter les récentes révisions du *Règlement sur le bruit* (1387) et supprimer la référence du bruit maximal permis le jour et la nuit;
  - modifier la section concernant les clôtures autour des piscines à la suite d'une révision de la réglementation provinciale en matière de sécurité qui imposent que toutes les nouvelles piscines résidentielles soient complètement clôturées pour empêcher l'accès.
4. Au cours de cette assemblée, la personne qui préside expliquera le projet de règlement et entendra les personnes et organismes qui désirent s'exprimer.
5. Le projet de règlement ne comporte aucune disposition propre à un règlement susceptible d'approbation référendaire.
6. Le projet de règlement s'applique à l'ensemble du territoire de la Ville de Westmount.
7. Toute personne intéressée peut consulter ce projet de règlement et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 18 janvier 2011.

**Mario Gerbeau**  
Greffier de la ville

### PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING DRAFT BY-LAW 1399 TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED BY THE DRAFT BY-LAW NO. 1399  
ENTITLED “**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 1305 ON SITE  
PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMMES**”

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given by the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Westmount, of the following:

1. At its regular meeting held on Monday, December 6, 2010, Council adopted by resolution the draft By-law no. 1399 entitled “**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 1305 ON SITE PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMMES**”.
2. In accordance with *An Act respecting land use planning and development* (R.S.Q., chapter A-19.1), a public consultation meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Council Chamber of Westmount City Hall located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West.
3. The purpose of this public consultation meeting is to explain the draft By-law no. 1399, the object of which is, among other things, to include new requirements and recommend various sustainable initiatives as follows:
  - to integrate a new section on solar panels and green roofs;
  - to introduce the use of engineered vegetated retaining walls;
  - to recommend the use of semi-permeable paving for driveways;
  - to recommend the use of permeable hard surfacing for replacement of existing parking aprons;
  - to encourage the use of cisterns, rain barrels and other water collectors well integrated into the landscaping;
  - to permit the use of recycled materials and other materials that are environmentally positive;
  - to modify the section of Mechanical equipment/Site acoustics to reflect the recent revisions to the *Noise By-law* (1387) and remove the reference to maximum permitted noise levels at day and night time;
  - to modify the section concerning Swimming Pools Enclosure as a result of a recent revision to the provincial requirements for safety, all new residential swimming pools must be fully enclosed to prevent access.
4. During this meeting, the person presiding will explain the draft by-law and will hear every person or body wishing to express an opinion.
5. The draft by-law contains no provisions making it a by-law subject to approval by way of referendum.
6. The draft by-law concerns the whole territory of the City of Westmount.
7. Any interested person may consult this draft by-law and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, January 18, 2011.

**Mario Gerbeau**  
City Clerk



# Driveway snow builds up on bike path

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dards Lambert was looking for, he said.

Mayor Peter Trent also told critic Marilyn Gillies that the trial winter use would not be a fair one if the city “artificially” cleaned the bike path in a way that could not be sustained in future years.

Once the city has cleared the bike path after a storm and the snow dumping chute it uses in the Sud-Ouest borough is closed, it cannot necessarily remove more snow that may be shovelled onto it from individual driveways, explained director general Duncan Campbell.

Jean-Pierre Picard, president of the Westmount Municipal Association, asked if the city had any recourse against people who dumped snow from driveways onto the street or, in this case, the bike path.

“We do have recourse if we catch the individual dumping it,” Campbell replied. Municipal courts require this red-handedness, he explained.

While no mention was made of the traffic counts during the council meeting, Campbell later told the *Independent* they would be ongoing throughout the winter to better plan the future of the bike path. The counts would be taken at different times and locations.

## Eight cyclists on the path

Eight users were recorded in one hour between 9:30 and 10:30 am during the first count taken January 7 just west of Atwater. “That was just a sampling,” Campbell said, “a snapshot in time that is not necessarily representative.” Residual snow had been cleared from the path but Dawson College was still closed for the holidays.

Trent said at the meeting he had noted that the bike path through Westmount Park had actually been cleared before the pedestrian one, and “I think you would agree that pedestrians (should) get priority.”

A list of city snow clearing priorities includes fire routes, school zones, sidewalks, bus stops and commercial districts.

To a complaint that snow had been piled up on the bike path at one point, Councillor Kathleen Duncan pointed out that this had been done at various locations throughout the city. “It was made clear that the collection of snow would not change” with the opening of the bike path for the winter, she said.

## Waiting for dumping access

The practice of stockpiling snow takes place while the city is waiting for sufficient amounts to be taken to the snow chute

and costs for opening it for Westmount are warranted.

After light snowfalls such as those being experienced so far this winter, there is likely to be some snow in the eastbound lane of the bike path just as there is in the gutter along most streets, Public Works director Marianne Zalzal told the *Independent* the next day. This is spilled over from the sidewalk plow. The bike path is still available to cyclists, however, and with smaller numbers using it in the winter, there should be enough space to go around any residue that remains.

Zalzal said more cleaning of the bike path was to be carried out January 11, and a sidewalk plow was seen that afternoon.



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- *Romeo & Juliette*, a bilingual adaptation of Shakespeare’s famous play, runs at Marianopolis College’s new Blackbox Theatre on January 19, 20 and 21, 7:30 pm. Admission: 5\$ (tickets available at door) or reserve: intercegeptheatre@gmail.com.
- Westmount Public Library’s 2 O’Clock Series presents “Discovering the Czech Republic” with **Fred Hore**, 2 pm. Register at the circulation desk 514.989.5299.
- George Wall Shakespeare Lecture on *Richard II*, 7 pm at the Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. Cost: \$20 Info: 514.935.7344.
- Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom’s Dine and Discover Series 2011 begins with “Fostering Jewish Identity” with **Saul Carliner**. Reserve: Rosie at 514.937.3575, ext.

213 or info@templemontreal.ca.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

- Scottish bard Robert Burns’ birthday celebrated with **Ray Baillie**’s slide presentation on his book, *Scottish Imprints in Quebec*. 12:30 pm at the Atwater Library.
- New date: **Sheryl Constantine**’s vernissage at 4300 de Maisonneuve, 6 pm to 9 pm. Refreshments. Info: 514.303.3801 or www.sherylconstantine.com.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

Public consultation on inclusion of **sustainable initiatives** in Urban Planning legislation, 7 pm, city hall.

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# Peagram grew up in Westmount

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Peagram was a student at NDG’s Lower Canada College from 2000 to 2005, where the school’s Dawn Levy remembered him as someone who was well liked and outgoing.

“He began in grade 7 and was here right through graduation from high school,” said Levy, now the director of the school’s pre-university program. “Jason was a leader in the school community. He played football and rugby, was involved in service programs for the community, and there were never any problems with him while he was here.

“His death is a shock, and it’s a tragic loss for his family and our school community.”

Police said Peagram had no criminal record.

Peagram was the son of Kathy and her husband, the late Edward Peagram and brother to Kelly, Kimmy, Kortney, Kerry and Justin Peagram.

Growing up, the victim lived on Dorchester

in Westmount at one time.

A funeral was to be held Monday, after press time, at the Ascension of Our Lord Church in Westmount.

# Missing teen found, driven home

A worried woman called Public Security January 8 at 2:25 am when a 17-year-old failed to arrive home on Olivier Ave. Noting a description of the young man, patrollers searched the area and spotted him walking north on Greene at de Maisonneuve. He was escorted home, and the incident was reported to have been a misunderstanding over his whereabouts.



## Ville de Westmount City of Westmount



### AVIS D’ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1398

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné à tous ceux qui peuvent être concernés que le règlement n° 1398 intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1303 CONCERNANT LE ZONAGE - ZONES C5-24-12 ET C5-24-14 (RESTAURANTS) ET ZONES C5-24-12, C5-24-13 ET C5-24-14 (ALIGNEMENT DE CONSTRUCTION)** » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d’une séance ordinaire tenue à l’hôtel de ville le 10 janvier 2011.

L’objet de ce règlement consiste notamment à :

- permettre l’usage « restaurant » jusqu’à concurrence d’un maximum de six établissements pour chacune des zones C5-24-12 et C5-24-14, la superficie de chaque établissement devant par ailleurs être de moins de 140 m<sup>2</sup>;
- prévoir une disposition de concordance afin de remplacer l’expression « C5-24-04 » qui apparaît à la liste 1 (sous-section 5.2.3) par « C5-24-12, C5-24-13 et C5-24-14 » qui prévoit les éléments d’un bâtiment qui peuvent empiéter dans l’alignement de construction.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur conformément à la loi.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter ce règlement sur le site web de la ville : [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org) et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 18 janvier 2011.

Mario Gerbeau  
Greffier

### NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1398

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law No. 1398 entitled “**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW (1303) – ZONES C5-24-12 AND C5-24-14 (RESTAURANTS) AND ZONES C5-24-12, C5-24-13 AND C5-24-14 (BUILDING LINES)**” was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a regular sitting held at City Hall on January 10, 2011.

The object of this by-law is, among other things, to:

- allow the use “restaurant” provided a maximum of 6 establishments is permitted in zones C5-24-12 and C5-24-14 and each is limited in area of less than 140 square meters;
- provide for corresponding modifications by replacing the expression “C5-24-04” in list 1 (subdivision 5.2.3) with “C5-24-12, C5-24-13 and C5-24-14” which indicates the parts of a building that may encroach on the building line.

This by-law shall come into force according to law.

Any interested person may consult the said by-law on the City’s website: [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org) and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, this January 18, 2011.

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# Canadian Friends of Hebrew University honour Munroe-Blum



*Social Notes  
from Westmount  
and Beyond*

VERONICA REDGRAVE

The Montreal chapter of The Canadian Friends of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem held a fundraiser late last November, co-chaired by Westmounters **Carole** and **Yves Fortier**, and **Blema** and **Arnold Steinberg**, chancellor of McGill University. As Yves Fortier was out of town, the Steinbergs co-hosted the elegant affair, held in honour of Westmount resident **Heather Munroe-Blum**, principal and vice chancellor of McGill.

**Menahem Ben-Sasson**, president of the Hebrew University presented Munroe-Blum with the prestigious Scopus Award, the highest award that the “Friends” can bestow. The founder of the Canadian Friends, former Westmounter the late **Allan Bronfman**, was represented by his grandson **Paul**, who with his wife **Judy**, was there with their children Alexandra and Andrew.

In the beautifully decorated dining room at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, each guest received an envelope containing lupine flower seeds from the Biblical Garden on Mount Scopus Campus in Jerusalem.

Noted at the elegant dinner were Westmounters Israeli consul general **Yoram Elron** and his wife **Vered**, **Julia** and **Stephen Reitman**, **Penny Rudnikoff** and **Jeremy Reitman**, **Sylvia** and **Lou Vogel**, **Evelyn Schachter**, **Karen Brojde** and hubby **Ryan Moskovic**, **Amy** and **Michael Kornik**, **Jewel** and **Paul Lowenstein**, **Bernice** and **Morton Brownstein**, **Andrea** and **Eric Maldoff**, **Roslyn** and **Harvey Wolfe**, **Terry** and **Sam Minzberg**, and **Donatella Tampieri** and her husband **Allen Nutik**.

Also seen in the chic crowd were Westmount residents **Carol Koffler**, **Irene** and **Stephen Lipper**, **Anna Brojde**, **Shirley Goldfarb**, **Milly Lande**, **Lois** and **Bernard**

**Shapiro**, **Christine** and **Herschel Victor**, **Samantha Rachel Mintz** and husband **Justin Vineberg**, **Vivian** and **Howard Stotland**, and **Merle** and **Bernard Stotland**.

**Monette Malewski**, president of the Westmount-based Montreal chapter of Canadian Friends, concluded the evening by explaining the importance of the four ongoing innovative projects in collaboration between McGill and Hebrew universities: epigenetics, water management and food security, law and human rights, and international business.

Donors chose one of the projects for their donation. The event raised \$1.5 million.



Arnold and Blema Steinberg



Menahem Ben-Sasson and Westmounter Heather Munroe-Blum



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## First year, first 100 toys



Co-organizer Chelsea Lax ready to drive some of the toy drive loot to recipients just before Christmas.

Photo courtesy of Tania Kalecheff

“The Toys for Tots” campaign organized by Re/Max Westmount agents Tania Kalecheff and Chelsea Lax in December amassed over 100 gifts for Sun Youth.

A gift wrapping get-together was held just before Christmas at the Re/Max office on Greene Ave. to get the toys ready for delivery.

“We would like to thank the Re/Max agents from both Greene and Monkland

who participated in this drive,” said Kalecheff, “as well as the merchants who helped make it a success; in particular (on Greene Ave.) Galerie de Bellefeuille, Coral Montreal, TD Canada Trust, the Bank of Montreal and (on Victoria Ave.) Art Rebel and the staff of the *Westmount Independent*, who not only contributed financially but let Westmount know about our toy drive.”

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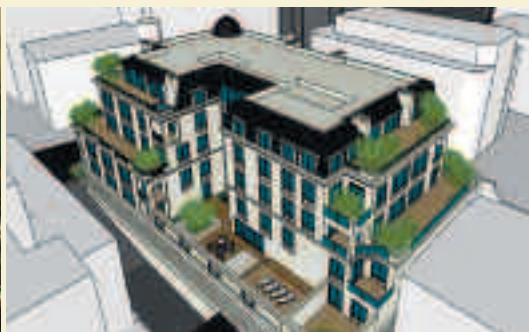
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