

Second arena info session

Back to the drawing board?

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Citizens called on the city to go back to the drawing board and find more space for expanded facilities during a hard-hitting second information meeting on the arena/pool renewal project April 21 at Victoria Hall.

As a result, the city will be reviewing some aspects of the plan.

Speaker after speaker asked for a larger pool area, a longer second ice rink or an indoor swimming pool for programs that would meet the needs of the next 30 years – even if it means expanding into the dog run to the west, the junior tennis courts to the east or de Maisonneuve and beyond to the north.

“That dog run has to go,” said one dog owner, citing space constraints dogging the proposed \$30-million project. It used

to be near the Westmount Park comfort station.

During a general question period, hearty applause erupted from the audience of some 50 to statements that Westmount deserved a more inspired design for the new facility than “a Laval shoebox” or “a chemical lab on the 40.” And that “even Little Burgundy” had an indoor pool.

“Since you’re spending so much money, you might as well do a complete job,” said Grosvenor Ave. resident Jutta DeMers. “Why not an Olympic-size pool? Why not an indoor pool? It’s preventive medicine,” she added to more applause. (See DeMers’ letter, p. 4.)

Boos broke out when Mayor Karin Marks said that for a number of reasons this council would leave an indoor pool to another council.

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Final green-bin area starts up for kitchen waste, garden debris

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

More than 2,700 Westmount houses will be receiving green bins right up until May 5 when the last sectors come on board with Westmount’s kitchen and garden waste composting pick-up.

The Tuesday green bin collection replaces the traditional garbage pickup that day. Regular garbage disposal will now take place on Fridays only in these particular sectors.

Bluebox curbside recycling continues

on Wednesday.

“It’s really important to put out the green bin exactly where you always place the regular garbage,” said Marina Peter, the city’s environmental coordinator. This is because the same crews will be involved.

There is no compost pick-up for buildings of eight units or more, nor are there announced plans to introduce the program there.

Garden debris

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Sports and Rec awards young athletes



Among winners at Sports and Recreation’s Semi-Annual Awards Night photographed with Mayor Karin Marks were, from left, back row, Chanel Raffele, Jennifer Bramah, Mayor Marks and Alex Gagnon; front row, Salim Habbal, Amanda Emblem and David Layman. Hundreds attended the awards evening at Victoria Hall, April 22. City council members, recreation department staff, parents and volunteers served pizza and drinks to the young athletes. The power outage, earlier in the day, didn’t affect the fun of the event. For list of award winners, see p. 12.

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New library website

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Boutique MacDonald to close, for now

Westmount institution Boutique MacDonald will close its 392 Victoria Ave. location on April 30. It is looking for a new site under the same name, although it has not yet found one.

The deciding factor was a rental increase.

The women's clothing store has been owned by the Angelini family since 1978 and open since 1941. Seamstress Julia An-

gelini arrived in Canada without knowledge of English in 1950 and began working at the store in 1956 at age 27. Her daughters Maria and Domenica now also work there.

Does the staff have a special thank-you message to its Westmount clientele? "Absolutely," Maria told the *Independent* on April 24.

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204 years, two sisters and one Westmount house



From left, Kay Panos and Marie Grivakis at their house in Westmount. Grivakis celebrated her 103rd birthday on April 23. Panos is 101. They live together in a house that Grivakis and her husband built in 1953.

Montreal Children's Library celebrates Earth Day

BY ERIN STROPES

Over 240 participants took part in a day of environmental activities and presentations organized by the Montreal Children's Library on April 18 at the Pepsi Forum.

The afternoon was an initiative of the library's "Science is Everywhere" program and was held in collaboration with the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada.

McGill professor of atmospheric and oceanic sciences Bruno Tremblay told the kids about his experiences studying the polar ice caps in the Arctic, and engaged them in a discussion on ways to reduce human impact on the environment, such

as recycling, driving less and planting trees and flowers.

Later, organizers of Concordia University's Midnight Kitchen told the story of Tom the Tomato, impressing on their listeners how far food can travel to make it to the grocery store, and explaining ways to prevent food waste.

Also participating were Sarah Wilson, who talked about gardening in the city, and illustrator Geneviève Côté, winner of the 2007 Governor General's Literary Award for children's illustrations.

"I was really pleased with how the event went," said Science is Everywhere's coordinator Dana Murchison. "Everyone had fun and got their hands dirty planting seeds and learning about sustainability."

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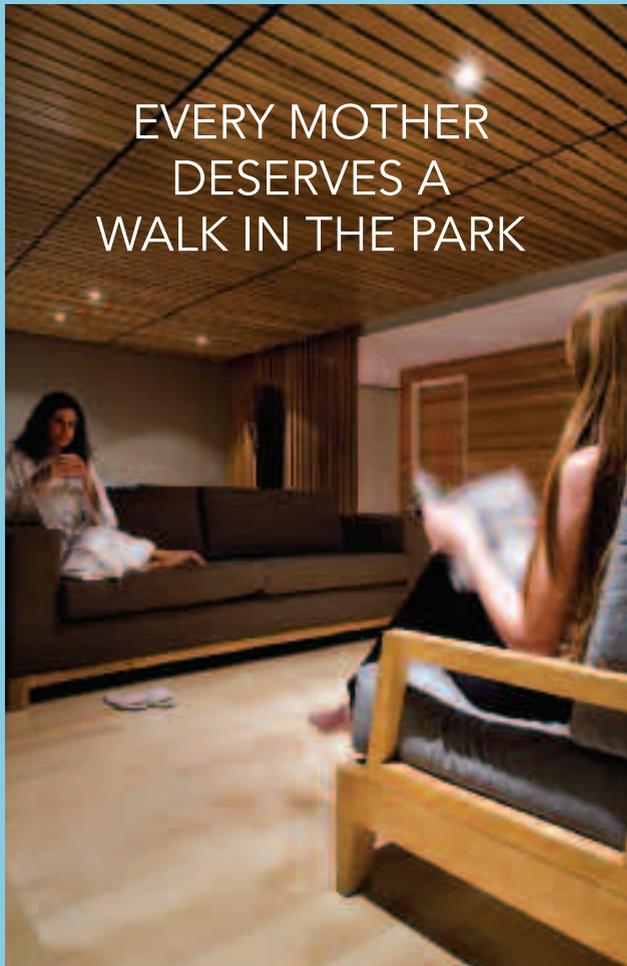
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A large group of Westmounters joined Bronwyn Chester (far left) to hear her talk about the trees of Westmount Park on Earth Day (April 22). She identified 15 native and exotic types of trees that grow in the park, as well as the two former streams that ran there but are now underground.



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Letters to the Editor

THANKS FOR THE KIN-BALLS

Centre Greene would like to express gratitude to the Westmount Public Security Unit for its recent donation. On December 17, 2008, Westmount Public Safety Officers and the recreation department won a charity hockey game 8 to 3, facing off against the Station 12 police de-



partment. This allowed them to raise \$450, which was very generously donated to Centre Greene. With these funds, Centre Greene was able to buy two Kin-Balls. This will provide the children many hours

of entertainment and the opportunity to participate in a new sport. On behalf of all the children, we would like say, thank you!

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DID UNDERDOG GO TOO FAR?

Regarding her Underdog column about Deuce (April 14, p. 18), I can make Fern Breslaw an offer that she won't be able to refuse - a darling little white pit bull puppy, recently rescued by our teenage granddaughter. As she compared pit bulls to teenagers, who are "sensitive souls who get hurt very easily, and who tend to overdramatize everything," our granddaughter has displayed all of these emotions in rescuing this dog. She is also determined that it's a keeper!

Emotions are running high. The family is now faced with trying to reason, using logic, why it would be irresponsible for her to keep this dog. One is courting danger in considering bringing a pit bull into the home. We have to consider the responsibility to one's family, neighbours and friends. I feel that the *Westmount Independent* has acted irresponsibly in printing this article, as it preys on the sympathy of all dog lovers. The *Independent* should investigate why the Ontario government has banned pit bulls in that province.

Rena Watson, Metcalfe Ave.

Fern Breslaw responds: It is understandable that Rena Watson is concerned

about her granddaughter wanting to keep the pit bull puppy. After all, this is the breed with the worst public image and the one that is most often banned through BSL (breed-specific legislation). Pits have been banned in Ontario and are restricted in some parts of Montreal. Unfortunately, there is no evidence to suggest that banning a particular breed of dog reduces the number of bites or incidence of aggression.

In fact, the Netherlands was one of the first places to enact BSL, and it has recently lifted the ban because studies demonstrated that the number of dog attacks did not decrease. The reality is that the problem lies not with the dogs but with their owners. Since the Ontario pit bull ban, the rottweiler is now on the rise. Now these dogs are taking heat from the general public and the BSL supporters.

By punishing a breed of dog and not focusing on responsible ownership, we are not solving the problem. I see unneutered pits being paraded about daily by tough-looking owners who think it is cool to own a tough-looking dog. Owners who support dog fighting or guarding are often abusive and neglectful to their pets.

Pits are sensitive, loyal and reflect what their owners teach them, just like children. The SPCA is constantly struggling to place these dogs as they will not give them to irresponsible owners, while most of the potentially good people with good homes still want nothing to do with them. So, in answer to Rena Watson's question: if her granddaughter is as loving and responsible as she sounds then she is exactly the kind of person who should own a pit. These dogs are in desperate need of help and deserve much better lives than they usually end up living. For more information on pits, please visit www.understand-a-bull.com.

Editor's note: Acting "irresponsibly"? Fern Breslaw is the picture of responsibility. In her columns, she outlines the strengths and peccadilloes of each down-and-out dog, as well as her best guess at what kind of owner and household would be the best match for it. In the piece in question, she was frank about pit bulls' reputation and fighting *potential* (and the reasons for them), but Deuce seems to be the opposite of the stereotype: "He just lay down and took it [i.e. an attack]."

The Ontario government may well have outlawed pit bulls, but all sorts of strange things go on in that jurisdiction (e.g. the government monopoly on beer distribution, aka The Beer Store) and that is hardly determinative of what we should be doing

here. No dog comes with a guarantee, and all owner candidates should ask themselves tough questions about the fit between them and their prospective dogs, but the pit bull is legal in *la belle province* and Quebecers are perfectly at liberty to own (or adopt) one. In our hyper-regulated world, is that such a bad thing?

PROPOSED POOL A JOKE?

At the arena/pool renewal project discussion the night of April 21, one of the architects confirmed that the size of the total pool area remains the same!

Unbelievable.

The proposed changes concern only the pool itself, which will be separated from the children's pool, measure 25 meters in length instead of the present, shorter 25 yards and be widened by two additional lanes, all resulting in reducing the size of the pool deck. What were they thinking?

A brand-new pool is to be built in the 21st century and we are asked to put up with the same crowded conditions in the water and on deck as they exist now? We should continue to put up with allocating one hour, twice a day, for the lap swimmers, with closing the lap pool to the public when the various swim teams show up to practise and with closing the lap pool to the public when competitions are held? Is this a joke or just a bad idea?

I may be old fashioned to think that replacing something is done in order to improve it. Especially when spending \$30-plus million.

And where is the long overdue indoor pool that would address the demographics of this city? This is not a luxury but preventive medicine, and the money should come from the ministry of health instead of constantly stuffing taxpayers' dollars into the bottomless barrel of the health care system.

Speaking of the architectural design: two huge rinks with a little pool stuck in its pocket lacks aesthetic appeal in my mind. But that is a matter of taste. I would have preferred the custom to put out to tender (isn't it free?) for the design/construction of our new sports complex, and the public would then be invited to choose from a variety of architects the most attractive design regarding layout, architecture, cost, environmental applications and technological ingenuity (none of the latter was mentioned as far as I am concerned), instead of the present suggestion, where dogs have more space to run next door than the people lying on the pool deck - and this \$400,000 in design costs later.

JUTTA DEMERS, GROSVENOR AVE.

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Civic Alert

After green bins, much still needed to reduce waste

BY DON WEDGE



The year began well for those who care about the environment. The ready acceptance by council and citizens of the sustainable vision promises much. While it needs official support, its ultimate success will be a matter of personal change.

Interest was shown by the groundswell of residents who took part in the Earth Hour observance on the summit, March 28. The spontaneous turnout surprised the organizers and bodes well for those with concerns about our energy over-use and the enormous footprint that Westmounters must reduce.

Now comes the biggest action since the pesticide ban of 1986 and door-to-door recycling in 1990: completion of green-bin kitchen waste collection to every house in the city.

From next week onwards, in all West-

mount houses, one garbage collection for the landfill will be replaced by a green-bin collection with its contents headed for the compost plant.

The amount of material sent to the landfill should eventually be halved. In fact, for most people it can be reduced by more than 50 percent.

Ensuring such a reduction is among the steps to come in future years as many measures are introduced to meet government targets for reducing the waste sent to landfills. Hopefully, the attention being put on the arena-pool project will not cause further delay to many long-awaited waste reduction efforts.

Expected changes

Here are three developments that can be expected in the next two or three years:

- kitchen waste collection extended to include apartments, where more than half of Westmounters live;
- garbage collection reduced to once in alternate weeks as Toronto is doing;

- a charge for garbage, both to meet growing pick-up and disposal costs as well as an inducement to recycle and compost, but services have to be available first;
- collection of recyclables and compostables offered to the commercial sector, particularly food shops and restaurants.

Council should mandate the Public Works department to plan for those objectives. But there are more disposables problems that are not yet on anyone's agenda – for instance, specialized recovery of diapers, plastic bags and door-to-door pickups of household hazardous wastes (HHW) and used electronics.

The persistence of the plastic bag problem amazes me. Admittedly, the bags are cheap and convenient. Unfortunately, governments have considered them to be below their radar – a position aided by the lobbying from two of the most powerful experts in that art: the food and plastic industries.

But, surely, to end such a damaging product does not need governments. An

outspoken people's lobby could directly demand an end to their free use. Loblaw's last week began a 5-cent charge in a bid to reduce its share of the 2 billion bags used in Quebec each year.

Rather than wait for government action, wouldn't it be better for people to collectively agree not to use them? After green-bin Compost Ambassadors, we need Bag Brigadiers to show the way!

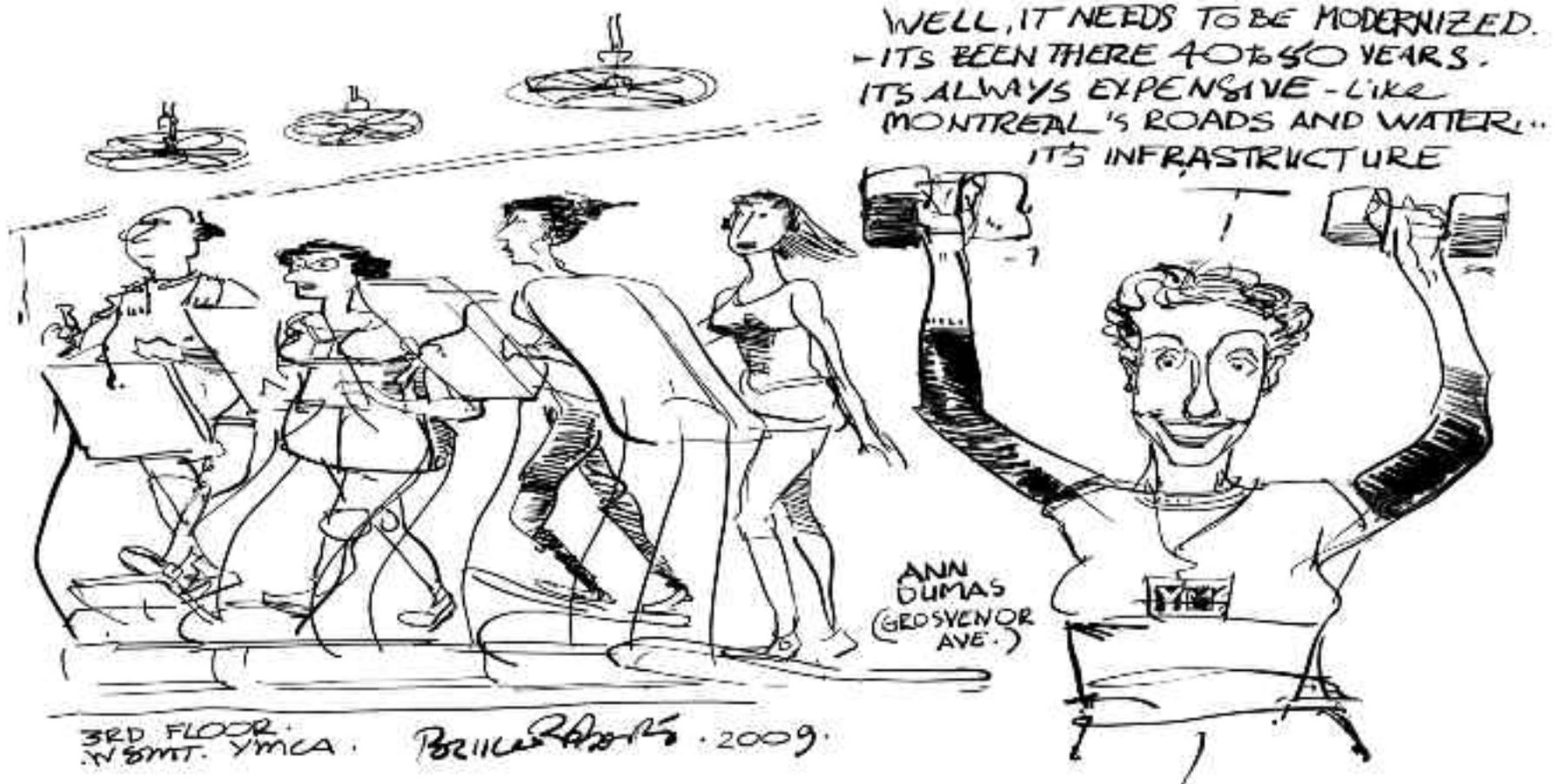
Besides the twice-yearly HHW and e-waste collections – Westmount's next will be on Saturday, May 9 – almost nothing has been done for more than a decade to make sure that such toxic products do not find their way to landfills.

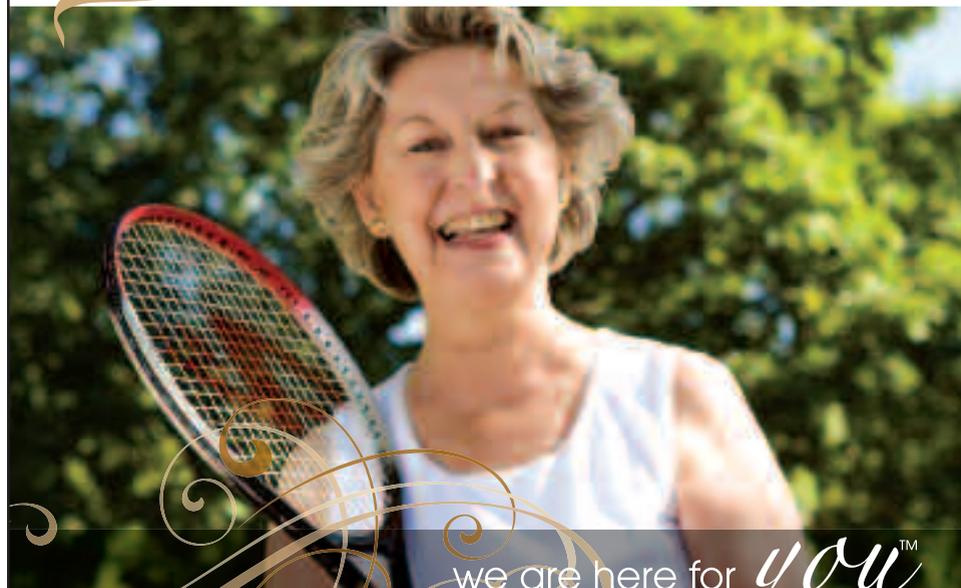
Mobile HHW collection

Last week, Toronto introduced two mobile teams, each with specially equipped trucks, which will collect hazardous and electronic wastes from individual buildings. Westmount's vast tenant population needs its own stimuli to be part of such programs and, *continued on p. 10*

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A green morning in Westmount



Residents of Prince Albert Ave. woke up on April 23 to find green bins on their doorsteps. Most are expected to be delivered by May 5 when the program starts in the final, western portion of Westmount.

Green bins being delivered

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also go alongside the green bin with branches tied securely. Smaller twigs, leaves, grass and other debris may be placed in regular garbage cans or in brown paper garden waste bags. These are

stronger than those made of the compostable cornstarch, she explained.

Information packages are being included in the green bins when they are left at residents' homes by Public Works crews.

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Underdog

BY FERN BRESLAW



Shelters are in many ways like used clothing stores. They're a bit messy, there isn't much put into the presentation of the merchandise and even if you

find a Chanel suit, it won't really look all that good until you take it out of its crumbly context.

Elfi is this week's Chanel suit.

She is a delightful little female Lab whose eyes stop you in your tracks. One shockingly pale, the other dark brown. Like Kate Bosworth – only better. If you saw her in a magazine or even on the street, she would be an attention magnet – the flattery would be incessant.

Yet while she sits surrounded by the heaps of other used and tragic characters, her eye freaks people out. The kids laugh at her and old ladies think she looks creepy and move on to more conservative looking mutts.

Elfi is only about one and a half. She is full of good humour and gets along swimmingly with other cats and dogs. Because she is young and healthy and stuck in a cage all day long, she can be a little excited when taken out at first but will calm down with a bit of time. I feel like I am writing about a fashion find more than a homeless dog this week Perhaps she is a little of

both. Trust me: this girl is gorgeous.

Elfi is dog #937 and can be visited at the Montreal SPCA.



Elfi

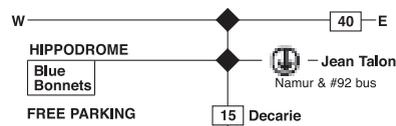
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'Start all over again' on arena/pool plan

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over again because so many compromises have been made," said Henry Olders during one of the breakout workshops that followed. The former president of the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) called the project a "deficit in democracy." Budget and other items, such as giving over the dog run to the project, were "things the population should have had a say in months ago."

City to review plans

Reacting to the meeting the next day, Mayor Karin Marks told the *Independent* that she believed there was consensus regarding the need to increase the size of the pool deck. The building's exterior design would also be reviewed.

Marks said she didn't hear sufficient outcry, however, to extend the proposed 185-foot second rink to the NHL-standard of 200 feet.

She also dismissed calls for an indoor pool saying it would attract too much traffic to the site, require year-round management and that the Y pool was underused.

Difference in tone

Some citizens who had also attended the first information meeting three days earlier noticed the difference in tone between the two events. Not only did the second one start with a general question period based on the opening architectural presentation, but citizens focused more on conceptual areas.

While Jenny Patton (chair of the environment committee of the Healthy City Project) said she would gladly pay increased taxes for "an investment in the future," some expressed concern over costs. One even questioned the need to completely rebuild the existing facility.



One of the questioners, town planner and architect Andrew Hoffmann, proposes Lansdowne as providing a safer main arena entrance and drop-off point than St. Catherine. Hoffmann was in charge of the design for La Ronde.

Expanded pool and deck needs were raised by many. "Packed" conditions at the existing outdoor pool area suggested the need for three pools: one for laps, another for general swimming and one for little children "to pee in."

An indoor pool, they said, could provide year-round exercise needs to an aging population, the disabled, pregnant women and children. Could new technology not be used to open it to the outdoors in the summer?

If the budget did not allow for it to be built now, it was suggested that space be allocated to it, or at least foundations built during the construction period.

"If there is sufficient interest in an indoor pool, then make your wishes known," city director general Duncan

Campbell said.

One person questioned whether a fitness program has been worked out for Westmounters. "We'd like to think the health side went along with the design process." The community's health is singled out as one of the pillars of the city's newly adopted vision statement for sustainable development.

Architect Georges Bulette, who invited design suggestions, appeared favourable to a request for windows in hockey dressing rooms, which were described as "germ havens." He also said he would welcome a mandate to explore the de Maisonneuve entrance to Westmount Park where both pool and rink users want facilities extended.

Diana Hernandez, a new resident, asked what the telephone poll question might be in soliciting citizen approval of a final plan but was told the questions or question had yet to be determined. Would it be, she suggested: "Do we want this plan or do we want an indoor pool?"

She also said she found it "offensive" to learn that the existing 200-foot hockey rink was not allocated for "shared" time to allow for a girls' hockey program. This is being discussed under the proposed facility, which includes a second rink at a smaller length of 185 feet.

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Pied à Terre manager finds her footing

Lori McGuigan has landed on her feet, reported the *Gazette* of April 17. The former manager of the Pied à Terre boutique at Sherbrooke and Prince Albert recently opened Niche Home Décor, a high-end furniture and linen consignment shop. Profits are split 50-50. She has no storefront, but can be reached at 514.482.1742 or 514.924.5129.

Who will pay for the added waste costs?

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even if we cannot justify such a unit of our own, perhaps we could share one with neighbouring municipalities.

Most of these services are going to add costs. When Quebec adopted the concept of polluter-pay, municipalities had claimed that the industries providing the materials for the blue box recycling should pay the total cost of dealing with their end-of-life.

In a remarkable about-turn, Quebec's minister of the environment, Line

Hearings scheduled for former Marianopolis site

Hearings about a development plan for the former site of Marianopolis on Westmount's eastern border will be held on May 4, 5, 11 and 27, reported the April 23 *Gazette*.

The proposed plan calls for 325 residential units and 671 underground parking spaces.

Beauchamp, said earlier this month the polluter-pay concept had to be looked at yet again. Have those industry lobbyists been heard in Quebec City again?

Will property taxes continue to be the only source of meeting these expanding waste costs?

To come: there are many environment issues needing local attention in addition to waste.

Citizen activist Don Wedge's email address is dwedge@sympatico.ca.

Studying sleep



From left, Elizabeth Falco, The Study's head of school; Carmela Mindel, board president, Argyle Institute; Dr. Marcel Baltzan, Mt Sinai Hospital/OSR Sleep Disorders Center; and Jessica Grenier, counseling psychology intern, McGill.

The Sleep Disorder Centre OSR Medical, which has locations around Montreal, is collaborating with two Westmount institutions, The Study and the Argyle Institute, to offer a presentation on sleep.

The speaker is the centre's director, Dr. Marcel Baltzan, who also practices at Mount Sinai Hospital. The event takes place at The Study (3233 The Boulevard, at Braeside) on Monday, May 11 from 7 to 8:30 pm. Admission is free, but donations to the Argyle Institute in support of its

non-profit counseling activities are welcomed at the door. For more information, contact Michelle Bertrand at 514.346.4357 or michellebertrand@mac.com.

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Westmount's athletes recognized

The following athletes were recognized at the Westmount Sports and Recreation's Semi-Annual Awards Night, which took place on April 22 at Victoria Hall. (For photo, see p. 1)

Most improved skating participants

Beginner: Olivia Pittman, Michelle Wang, Amanda Emblem, Elizabeth Tremblay, David Layman, Cyrus Latifi, Axel Salice, Severn Swift, Andy Ke, Salim Habbal.

Junior: Sophie Morin, Amalia Toma

Awad, Ignacio Repetto, Maxime Benrubi.

Senior: Tina Latifi, Vivian Eberle, Anne Sophie Levee, Clara Commier.

Powerskating: Tea Stein-Anderson, Matthew Lindsay.

Indoor soccer sportsmanship awards

Xanthi Dionisopoulos (girls) and Dan Crilova (boys).

Novice house league

Champions: Dragons (Noah Assayag, Luca Domenici, Guillaume Falardeau, Raphael Ferreira, Gabriel Fraser, Ethan Kreuzer, Jackson Labell-Nevard, Patrick Marler, Maxwell Mashaal, Emmanuel Mavridakis, Liam McGregor, Charles Richards, Jack Rubin, Matthew Waxlax, James Wechsler, Paul Westenberg). Coaches: Dennis Cater, John Kreuzer, Andrew McGregor.

Sportsmanship Awards: Guillaume Falardeau, Ryan Santini, Nicolas Pothier, Marcelo Pedroza.

Most Improved Player Award: Tea Stein-Anderson.

Novice inter-city

Sportsmanship Award: Bryan Landsberger.

Most Improved Player Award: Nicolas Huot.

Atom house league

Champions: Avalanche (Helen Bitz, Gabriel Dannenbaum, Tristan Gamache, Eliot Grenier, Caroline Harvey, Spencer Leahy, Dani Maaz, Stefan Robb, Ariel Rosen, Timothy Rylander, Felix Simard, Aidan Walter, Alexander Zagalski.) Coaches: Ed Harvey, Andrew Robb & Doug Leahey.

Sportsmanship Awards: Scott Zidle, Ariel Rosen, Richard Heller, Maxime Bunimovich.

Most Improved Player Award: Slava Jones.

Medals and banners to the Atom "A" inter-city Wings

EHL Season Champions, EHL Playoff Champions, Candiac Tournament Consolation Winner and Pierrefonds Tournament Champions.

Wings (Zachary Rosen, Emmanuel Ferreira, Alexandre Jasmin, Max Shafter, Tyler Grill, Theodore Janson, David Elbaz, Liam Ross, Emmanuel Elie, Alexa Papanastasiou, Jonathan Carr, Robert Renzi, Zachary Filion). Coaches: Dany Filion & Denis Jasmin.

Banners to the Atom "B" inter-city Predators

Season Champions and St-Laurent Tournament Consolation Winner.

Predators (George Pamel, Emily Sarid, Ryan Shiff, Bronte Viens, Liv Stein-Anderson, Evan Norris, Thomas Pineau, Brendan Markland, Olaf Schoningh, Benjamin Lalonde, Nicolas Romary, Drew Anderson, Tom Price, William Biron, Wesley Osterland). Coaches: Matt & Pam Billingham.

Atom inter-city

Sportsmanship Awards: Bronte Viens, David Elbaz.

Most Improved Player Awards: Alexa Pa-

panastasiou, Evan Norris.

Peewee house league

Champions: Scouts (Ryan Alexander, Cameron Anderson, Zachary Claman, Jeremy Friedman, Andrew Hamilton, Christopher Jones, Henry Jones, Griffin Leahey, Cedric Marsan-Lafond, Patrick Mierins-Bourque, Julien Mofford, Cedrik Moore, Jeffrey Morris, Christian Pavlanis, Roxane Pfund, Sebastian Quinn). Coaches: Doug Leahey & Jeremy Moore.

Sportsmanship Awards: Daniel Epstein, Louis Francois Charpentier, Cedric Marsan-Lafond, Yahya Mahrach.

Most Improved Player Award: Devan Kelly-Menard.

Banner to the Peewee "A" inter-city Predators

EHL Playoff Consolation Winners Predators (Adrien Garneau, Liam Pickering, Gregory Ward, Scott Dennis, Tor Stein-Andersen, Reynald Ascencio, Devin Langlois, Jonah Goodman, Jeremy Epstein, Jean-Nicolas Westenberg, Ryan Dimentberg, Matthew Loewen). Coaches: Sean Maislin, Matt Robins, Jason Leopold & Adam Perez.

Peewee inter-city

Sportsmanship Awards: Jean Nicholas Westenberg, Eli Zuckerman.

Most Improved Player Awards: Jacob Meltzer, Adrien Garneau.

Bantam house league

Champions: Leafs (Nicholas Allen, Daniel Benaroch, Carl Bindman, Daniel Capriolo-Morris, Jesse Kaminski, Adam Karpman, Charles Laframboise, Cody Lavy, Charles Marcl, Harry Morris, Luke Rorlick, Stephen Roumeliotis, Sean Segal, Griffin Tajfel, Max Yatrou). Coaches: Dan Kelly & Vincent Pitre.

Sportsmanship Awards: Nicholas Sugden, Max Segal, Charles Marcl

Most Improved Player Award: Jacob Dubrovsky.

Bantam inter-city

Sportsmanship Award: Aidan Meltzer.

Most Improved Player Award: Jesse Gordon.

Banners to the Midget "B" inter-city Predators

EHL Season Champions, EHL Playoff Consolation Winners and Regional Champions.

Predators (Matthew Jablonski, Conrado Hupe Vaz, Callaghan Boshouwers, Tristan Eves, Nikola Papich, Jeffrey Silverstein, Alexandre Lutfy, Anthony Salvo, Oliver Mayers, Jackson Morgan, Tim Feingold, Christian Buchanan, Joshua Adams, Philippe Casgrain, Leo Zuckerman, Benjamin Montreuil, Eric Alexander). Coaches: Simon Rodenchuk & Nick Martin.

Midget inter-city

Sportsmanship Awards: Benjamin Elbaz, Christian Buchanan.

Most Improved Player Awards: Josh Adams, Sky Wittman.

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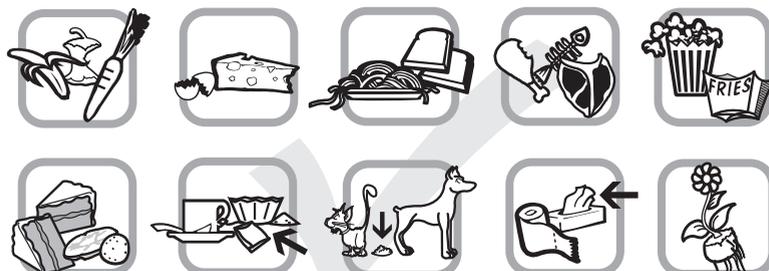
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Westmount Y masters swim team wins provincials



Four of the coaches of the Y masters swim team, from left, Luis Da Costa, Troy Rhoades, Robyn Ouimet (head coach) and Martin Levine, pose with the championship plaque that the team won at the Quebec Masters Swimming Provincials. The three-day meet was held April 17 to 19 at the Montreal Olympic pool, with 640 swimmers from 38 teams competing. The Westmount Y team fielded 69 swimmers. According to the Westmount Y masters swim team, this is the first time that a Canadian Y-based team has won a provincial masters championships.

Westmount Scouts 2nd annual Envirojam

Westmount Cubs, Beavers and Scouts spent two hours cleaning up Summit Park on April 26. About 25 participants pitched in to pick up refuse that was mostly found around the perimeter, but cans, bottles, plastic and the occasional articles of clothing were scattered throughout the park. The youth took the opportunity to enjoy the spring flowers and birds, and reminded dog owners that their pets should be on leashes at this time of year. One Scout leader said that overall the park was much cleaner than in previous years.



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Queen Elizabeth goes to Tuscany



From left: Indie columnist Aurélien Guillory and Tom Pitfield.



From left: Derek Price, John Hallward, Richard Verreault, Merne Price, Karma Hallward, Cynthia Price, Tim Price and Denise Burke-Price.



From left: Westmount Florist owner Christine Pickrell and YMCA executive director Gary White, who explained, "I'm moonlighting." White was drumming with his band The Fundamentals, which provided the music.

The Queen Elizabeth Health Complex, which is located on Marlowe between Sherbrooke and de Maisonneuve, hosted its 6th annual "Under the Tuscan Sun" wine tasting on April 23 at Parisian Laundry on St. Antoine St. just south of West-

mount. Westmounters were very much in evidence at the event, which raised approximately \$75,000. The funds will go toward the purchase of an x-ray machine. The complex's imaging department serves about 30,000 people annually.

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